

# Ruff Notes

June 2003

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## What's Happening In June?

- 1 AOCNC Interclub Match
- 2 Board Meeting
- 14 Agility Trial
- 14 Judges Dinner
- 15 Agility Trial
- 17 Ruff Notes Deadline
- 24 Watsonville Final Classes
- 24 CGC Test, Watsonville
- 25 PetPals Final Classes
- 26 Capitola and Salinas Final Classes

## Local Shows in June

- 7 & 8 Contra Costa KC (MB-F)  
High Dessert Agility Club
- 14 & 15 MBDTC AKC Agility Trial  
Truckee Meadows DTC Agility  
So. Coast Agility Team NADAC  
Chico DF (MB-F)
- 21 & 22 Wine Country KC (MB-F)  
Deep Peninsula DTC AKC Trial
- 28 & 29 Napa Valley DTC AKC Trial  
Long Beach KC (Bradshaw)

## Paws For The President

Dear Members and Friends

First, many thanks to Luane for putting together our first Variable Surface Tracking Trial held at California State University Monterey Bay on May 4. With 11 entries and 4 dogs/handlers drawn to participate, the day went well and the weather cooperated – for once!!! Thanks to her crew – Anita, Lynnette, Linda, Marion, Jerry Dudley, Kim, Tammy, Judy McLeod, the Del Conte family and friends, and Sue. Thanks again to all for coming out!

Coming up – June 14-15 the Agility Trial so rev your engines for a fun weekend and an opportunity to share our dog interests with the public! Call Marion and Michael to offer your support and help!

Workshop along with our Annual Meeting on June 28 and the Obedience Trial August 3 joining together with Salinas Dog Training Club.

What we need are volunteers to help with all of these events – so don't be shy – Join in to make them memorable events!

## - BRAGS -

SYLVIA HOLDERMAN :

"Target," Ch. Meadowoods Close Encounter CD JH, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, owned by my son David and co-owned and bred by me went Best in Show at the Klamath Dog Fanciers on May 10 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Target is a littermate to my Zippy and Noreen Silva's, Wind. He finished his championship at 8 months and went BIS at 8 years from the veteran class and is from one of the most versatile & multi titled litters in the history of the breed.

LINDA LANG :

On May 10th Tyler received an Award of Merit at the LA Golden Retriever Specialty.

DENISE PANZICH:

At Sequoia Kennel Club on May 10, Jade took Reserve Bitch, on May 11, Jade took Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex over her specialty sister.

MICHELLE MADAN :

Here is a brag from one of our trainees Michelle Madan. She is a young girl handling her own longhaired Chihuahua "RSC Madero's Magic Melody" in our conformation class. At Gavilan KC on April 26th she went Winners Bitch and Best Opposite for her 1st point!!!

## NEW TITLES

There were no new titles submitted this month.

## HOT DOG AWARDS

This month's Hot Dog Awards run from April 16 through May 20.

### TRIAL HOT DOG

This month's Trial Hot Dog award goes to Carol Davis and Sugar for their 191 score at Oakland DTC.

### AGILITY HOT DOG

This month's agility Hot Dog award goes to Chrissy Hastings-Baugh and Logan for their 97% score at Redwood Belgian Terv.

## Dog Friendly

Cruz Car Wash located at 2731 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. Is under new ownership and is making it a point to be dog friendly. They have fresh water and free dog cookies for their patrons. Shampoo-Chez has even held a dog wash there!

**MBDTC's 1st VST.....Luane Vidak**

We hosted a wonderful event. Many nice comments following the test were forwarded to us. We had 11 entries for the 4 tracks that we planned for.

As luck would have it, there were No passes. The test that the dogs encounter is a very complex scent pattern, complicated by air currents, surface changes, temperature differences on the ground and at various levels in the air and the lack of vegetation on almost half of the track. The passing rate since the VST has been in existence is estimated to be between 3 and 4%. It's hard, but it's doable; and that's what makes it such an addictive challenge to both dog and handler.

We had 30 people in attendance the day of the VST test. Members attending to view the test were: Michael Bashista, Mary Bettencourt, and Betty Garcia. We had eight unentered interested parties.

Our club members in charge of working were:

Lynn Schmitt, Sue Adams, Judy Neilson, Kim Sutherland, Anita Vidak, Luane Vidak, Linda Lang, Marion Bashista, Lynnette VanEppsSmith, Tammy DelConte, Judy McLeod, and Dolores Tate. I am especially grateful for the enthusiastic efforts of each person who was on task because they represented MBDTC to the tracking community so beautifully.

Non Members working: Jerry Dudley, Susan Needleman, Walt and Ressie DelConte and Ken and Greta Justus (HAM radio). The HAMs have NEVER missed one of our tracking events. Susan was also extremely helpful at the pre-test match, and Jerry has been one of the chief organizers of our past TD/TDX events.

**A Note From The Visiting Editor**

As you have no doubt noticed, this month's Ruff Notes looks very different. The reason is that Marilyn is away on a much-deserved vacation and I foolishly said I'd do this issue. Well, after many technical difficulties and several failed attempts (Just how many ways can one loose a computer file?) you have the result. Starting with the August issue, Ruff Notes will have a new editor (probably me!) and will no doubt undergo further changes. Please bear with me as I figure all of this out.

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## Happy Birthday !

6-2 Stacy Thompson  
6-6 Linda Harbertson  
6-8 Nancy Lewis  
6-17 June Laman  
6-18 Lynn Schmitt  
6-19 Kim Sutherland  
6-24 Michael Bashista  
6-27 Carolyn Meyer  
6-30 Denise Panzich

## Something for breeders to consider:

Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.  
Bloodhound + Borzoi = Bloodybore, a dog that's not much fun.  
Pointer + Setter = Pointsetter, a Christmas dog.  
Kerry Blue Terrier + Skye Terrier = Blue Skye, a dog for optimists.  
Pekingese + Lhasa Apso = Pekasso, an abstract dog.  
Irish Setter + Springer Spaniel = Irish Springer, a dog fresh & clean as a whistle.  
Collie + Malamute = Commute, a dog that goes to work with you.

## Furry Birthdays In June

6-1	Paco Lambert, CDX, CGC, NAC (Terrier Mix)	Age 14
6-1	Chance Fenoglio, CGC (Lab Mix)	Age 7
6-1	Rosita Lambert, CD, NAJ, CGC (Chihuahua)	Age 4
6-1	Dustin Hastings, (Sheltie)	Age 16
6-2	Toledo Devlin, CGC, (Siberian Husky)	Age 4
6-6	Int. Ch Hoshi Howton, (Akita)	Age 6
6-7	Abby Sutherland, CGC (Old English Sheepdog)	Age 5
6-11	George Nie,( Mini Longhaired Dachshund)	Age 1
6-11	Buddy Root-Strametz, CDX, OA, OAJ	Age 7
6-20	Willie Mitchell, (Sheltie)	Age 8
6-20	Hailey Griffith, CD (Corgi)	Age 9
6-22	Ch Shalla Adams, (Siberian Husky)	Age 10
6-25	Johnny Barry, (Golden Retriever)	Age 5
6-25	Candy Terry, CD (Labrador Retriever)	Age 5
6-28	Dharma Barry, (Golden Retriever)	Age 5
6-30	Sugar Davis, UD (German Shepherd)	Age 8
6-30	Razz Strametz, CD, NA, NAJ (Sheltie)	Age 4
6-30	Fargo Strametz, HT (Sheltie)	Age 4

## Flying High

So you don't have a pocket dog and you need to fly your fuzzy friend somewhere? Check out this new airline called COMPANION AIR. Rumor has it that it may be a much more dog friendly, albeit more expensive, experience. You can find out all of the details at [www.companionair.com](http://www.companionair.com) If anyone tries them, drop me a note and I will let everyone know how you liked it. Thanks to Luane for bringing this company to our attention.

## AOCNC Report

Submitted by : Luane Vidak

Interclub Competition will be held Sunday June 1 at Hayward. MBDTC is hosting an Open Ring. Stewards for the event are Lynnette VanEpps-Smith, Stacy Thompson, Bruce Kennedy and Luane Vidak. Anita Vidak will be working on the Agility Tote. Luane will also be working on setting up a Silent Auction with gifts offered by a former Capitola Student, Anne Putko, with proceeds slated to support Morris Animal Foundation.

We have one utility, 3 open dogs, and 1 novice dog entered in the competition.

The quarterly July meeting will be held in Fremont with Fremont DTC hosting. Coming up in October is the Presidents' Brunch honoring the presidents of the member clubs of the AOCNC. It's hoped that each club's president will be in attendance.

## Ask Abby and Annie

Tips, Treats, Questions

Note: The purpose for this column is to share little gems we all learn along the way with our dogs. Everyone reading this has some cool trick or tip that they've learned, whether it's a grooming product, new treat or a way to finally get your pooch to sit still while you do there nails. This column will only work if you participate. I'll get you all started *this time*.

Tip: If your dog hates having their nails trimmed, or if you find that the nails are rough after cutting, try using an emery board designed for acrylic nails. Get the coarsest one that you can find. Most dogs will tolerate and learn to like the filing. It absolutely doesn't hurt or pinch.

Treat Tip :

If your pooch is a total chowhound try giving them plain unsalted rice cakes for snacks. *They\_* don't think rice cakes taste like packing material, in fact they think they're giant cookies.

## WE NEED YOU !!!

There are many jobs that are going unfilled or being done by the same small group of people. Please consider doing what you can to help out. Some of the jobs that need doing are : Fair Chair for 2004, Vice Pres. and Recording Secretary for the coming term and someone to tow the obedience trailer to the workshop and trial (this will require a ¾ ton pick up). I know that we are all busy and there never seems to be enough hours in the day, but that's true for every single one of us. The club needs more volunteers if it is to continue to run. Please do what you can.

## ***Membership Renewal 2003 – 2004***

Membership dues for 2003-2004 are now being accepted. In order to maintain membership, we need to receive your dues no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, though we would very much appreciate receiving them in June. The club year runs July 1 through June 30.

One person membership - \$24

Two person membership (receiving one copy of Ruff Notes - \$36

Junior Membership - \$12

**In order to complete your renewal, you also need to complete and attach the Directory Information Sheet and the Committee Preference Sheet.** Please also complete the Doggie Birthday Sheet.

From Kathie Haines :

Astro Haines, therapy dog extraordinaire was called by God to share his love in Heaven. His brother, Poindexter, is carrying on his therapy work at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

(I miss him so much... and he is missed at the hospital.)

On a lighter note: I have been certified by Therapy Dogs International as a therapy dog evaluator.

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