



# Ruff Notes

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## What's Happening in November

11-3 Board Meeting 7 PM  
11-4 Deadline for all MBDTTC Awards  
11-15 General Membership Meeting  
11-18 Watsonville Final Classes  
CGC Test Watsonville  
Ruff Notes Deadline  
11-19 Final Classes at Pet Pals  
11-20 Capitola & Salinas final class

## Upcoming Shows & Trials

11-1 & 2 Fresno DTC Agility Trial  
11-8 & 9 The Bay Team NADAC  
Agility Trial  
Sierra Toulumne KC (M-BF)  
11-15&16 Simi Valley KC AKC Trial  
11-22&23 San Joaquin KC  
Bradshaw  
Newf. Club of Amer.S.S.  
11-29&30 Salinas Valley KC (M-BF)  
Sacramento DTC VST  
San Mateo KC (M-BF)

## From the Presidential Kennel:

It's hard to believe it is time for another edition of Ruff Notes—boy, is time flying! I lost almost two weeks of “regular” time by going to the Doberman National Specialty in Colorado Springs; it was a lot of fun, but I'm going to be playing catch up with work and school for awhile yet. The Obedience Trial portion of the National was a little eye opening for me, and I've got to tell you that the ring was definitely not up to MBDTTC standards. Like the Conformation ring, the Obedience rings were in a “ballroom” of the hotel, but can we say “small ballroom”? Let's put it this way: they fit the two rings in the ballroom and that's about it---the ring entries were the two doors, and the steward's table was right beside the entrance. Worried about your dog leaving the ring? No problem----there's nowhere to go! Spectators were limited to peeking in through the doorway, a rather hazardous place to hang out due to the crowded condition of the hall. But Rumor finished her CD (yea!), so I'm content.

## **Presidential Kennel Continued**

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America has three Top20 events: conformation, obedience and, the most recent addition, Agility. One of the Top20 competitors in Agility was a truly amazing woman: armless, she ran the course in bare feet, directing her dog with voice, foot and body language. (I wish that I had my Top20 catalog so that I could give you her name, but it “walked” away from me during Top20 Conformation...grrrrrrrrr.) I am still in awe of her performance...I couldn't have even executed her first move, which was leaving her dog at a sit stay with a foot signal. I guess that I'll have to order a copy of the video so that I can force it on people...they were a very special team, and one that I won't be forgetting soon. Although they didn't win the competition, they did have the whole audience on its feet. Speaking of winning, guess what organizers did to fill time while the scores were being tabulated? The Top20 competitors were divided up into two teams and they ran Agility relay races: jumps, weave poles and a tunnel at the end to get them headed back to the right direction. Wouldn't that be fun to do at the Fair demo....?

Classes are back in session, and kudos are owed to the volunteers who show up to do Registration and Leashes & Collars at our three training locations each session: you guys are great, and we couldn't do it without you. Thanks also go out to Marilyn for running the Board meeting in my absence---extra kudos for setting a new record for the shortest club meeting ever....we'll have to make you run EVERY meeting ;)

## **November Birthdays**

### **FURRY**

- 11-10 Sara Strametz-Root CDX, NA, NAJ Golden Retriever, age 8
- 11-11 Cirrus Force, Dalmatian, age 1
- 11-11 Lexi Schmitt TDI, Beagle, age 8
- 11-17 CH. Harley Mitchell, Smooth Coat Fox Terrier, age 8

### **NOT SO FURRY**

- 11-4 Margaret Gnehm
- 11-7 Elisabeth Lambert
- 11-11 Lisa Barry
- 11-22 Amanda Nie
- 11-23 Bette Garcia
- 11-28 Dennis Vierra

# BRAGS

## From Judy Force :

**Piper** got qualifying scores in open obedience both Sat and Sun this last weekend San Lorenzo and Fremont Dog Training Clubs and so she got her CDX title Also, on Saturday, (San Lorenzo Dog Training Club) Finnegan got his third qualifying score in Utility Obedience with a score of 181. So he got his UD title.

**Piper** got her championship a month ago and her road dog title 2 years ago, so she qualifies for the Dalmatian Club of America versatility title. This is the CPC (Conformation Performance Certificate).

Both **Piper and Finnegan** got their third legs and titles in novice agility jumpers this weekend (and 2nd and 3rd place behind Marion's **Kelli**) and **Piper** got her first leg in open standard agility. AND In the AKC match at Del Valle **Cirrus** got best of breed and her brother, **Thunder**, got best of opposite sex and then **Cirrus** went on to get group 1 !!! I know it was only a match but I was thrilled! :-)

## From Jane Devlin :

Brag: **Riff Raff** and Jane Devlin- Riff Raff got his AX on 10-4 at the Mission Trail Poodle Club Agility Trial, with a 1st place, score of 100, and a course time of 55.99 out of 64. He also got 1st place, and a 2nd leg in Excellent Jumpers, score of 100!

## From Linda Harbertson :

Here's another Agility brag for **Belle**:

Mission Poodle DTC Saturday October 4 Belle Excellent Jumpers 2nd leg and 2nd place score 91. NCWhippet Coursing Club October 12 **Belle** got 3rd place and some more points towards her ASFA coursing title.

## From Marion Bashista:

**Kelli** earned her NAJ title on Friday October 17th at the Border Terrier of the Redwoods agility trial with a score of 100 and a first place in Novice B Jumpers.

## More Brags

### From Mary and Amanda Nie :

Dachshund Club of California:

9/13/03

**Glenavan From A Distance ML "Jack"** was RWD to the Major (Judge Barbara Powers)

Dachshund Club of Santa Ana Valley:

9/14/03

**Glenavan Flamboyant ML "George"** Best Of Variety Sweeps (Judge Sheri Setser) and RWD to the Major (Judge Midge Martin)

**CH Glenavan Reminiscent ML "Tigger"** was Best Of Variety and **BEST OF BREED!!!!** (Judge Midge Martin)

EAST BAY DACHSHUND CLUB:

10/18/03

**Glenavan From A Distance ML "Jack"** WD, BW for a 4 point major!

(he now needs one single point)

Del Valle DC 10/19/03

**Amanda Nie** showing "**Gerwood**" was 2nd in Open Junior Showmanship out of 14 competing

So far this year Amanda and I have finished 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS on our Miniature Longhaired Dachshunds and Jack will be the 7th! What a fantastic year!!!

### From Carol Howton :

My new Parson Russell Terrier; **Woody** won a group 2 at his first sanctioned Fun Match. Del Monte Kennel Club.

**Rosie** won a 3 point major and Best Opposite Sex over specials at Del Valle, Oct. 20.2003. She now has 3 majors, 14 points and just 1 point to get her championship !!!

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## **New Titles**

**Piper Force CDX  
Finnegan Force UD  
Kelli Bashista NAJ  
Riff Raff Devlin AX  
Rumor Del Conte CD**

## **Hot Dog Award**

This Month's award goes to  
**Kelli Bashista**  
With her score of 100 and 86% at  
the Border Terriers of the  
Redwoods Agility Trial

## **~Dog Park Info**

.....Luane Vidak

### Dog Parks

Meeting you are invited to attend

A designated area by a public agency is a validation of the importance of dogs in our lives and is something that in concept needs support even if personally we would use it rarely or not at all.

Listed below is information on a meeting scheduled by the Group Of Interested Dog Owners who are working to establish the 2 parks in the Watsonville area: one is at the soon to be completed Franich Park on E. Lake Avenue and the other is at Pinto Lake County Park where we have held our Obed Trials in the past.

Both city and county Parks and Rec. Departments are looking favorably at the projects. The County showing great enthusiasm right from the beginning.

Fence building is the responsibility of the Dog Owners with all other responsibilities being taken on the Parks and Rec. Departments.

At a recent MB board meeting I suggested that MBDTC fully endorse the proposal with hefty contributions to help in making this grass roots effort a reality. All donors will be publicly acknowledged for their donation.

### **WATSONVILLE DOG PARK MEETING**

**Wednesday November 12 @ 7pm**

**Steve DuFour's House**

**18 Longview Drive**

**Watsonville**

**724-6321**

# How Many Dogs does it take to Change a Light Bulb?

Submitted by Trainee Trish Duarte

1. Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
  2. Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
  3. Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
  4. Rottweiler: Make me.
  5. Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
  6. Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!
  7. German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
  8. Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
  9. Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb.
  10. Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
  11. Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.
  12. Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....
  13. Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?
  14. Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...
  15. Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.
- The Cat's Answer: "Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"
- ALL OF WHICH PROVES, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WHILE DOGS HAVE MASTERS, CATS HAVE STAFF.

## Christmas Silent Auction - Chairpersons: Debbie Nelson & Betty "B.G." Garcia

Hi everyone. We know the clubs Christmas Dinner is 2 months off, but Debbie and I would like your help in making the Silent Auction a great one. Even if you're not going to be there, you can still help by donating an item(s). Please contact Debbie or me at class, or if you like you can call me at 831-722-1748 to let me know that you will be donating something and I will make arrangements to have it picked up if you can't bring it to class.

Please let us know if you are going to bring or donate something.

We appreciate your help.

B.G.and Debbie

**HO - HO – HO** It's that time of year again where we gather together for our annual Christmas Awards Dinner.

**Sunday, December 7**

No-host cocktails 5:30 Dinner at 6 p.m. Price \$35.35 (inc. tax/tip)

**RESERVATIONS BY NOVEMBER 26, 2003: Lynn Schmitt 688-1414**

Join together to review the past year's events and recognize the many awards earned by our members. We will have our Silent Auction arranged by Betty Garcia and Debbie Nelson. Get in touch with these two collaborators to let them know if you will be donating an item, which you may bring to the dinner that evening to drop off with them prior to. More importantly, be prepared to bid to round-out the fun-filled evening. We will again have the Dogie Gift Exchange. Participating is lots of fun but is also optional. In order to receive a gift for your dog, you must bring a gift to share. Gifts should have an approximately value of \$7.00.

**At the request of the members, no rawhide please!**

### **HOLIDAY PRIME RIB BUFFET**

**Roasted Prime Rib of Beef**

**Stuffed Chicken (prosciutto/basil champagne cream sauce)**

**Hors d'Oeuvres: Imported Cheese & Cracker Display**

**Seasonal Mixed Greens with three dressings; fresh spinach salad with mandarin oranges and walnuts in poppyseed dressing, mixed vegetables in garlic butter, fettuccine Alfredo, roasted red potatoes, assorted rolls and butter, French roast coffee, decaffeinated coffee, herbal teas, and a dessert buffet. HmMMMM**

## **November General Meeting**

Please put the **November 15** General Membership Meeting on your calendar. The meeting will be at First National Bank in Watsonville (across from Saint Patrick's Church in Watsonville).

This is our annual Thanksgiving potluck meeting. We are working on getting someone to provide the turkey or ham and asking everyone else to bring a potluck dish to share. Volunteers to bring the main dish will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to a potluck dish, you need to bring your own beverage, plate, napkin, and silverware.

The dinner will begin at 7:00 with the meeting to follow. You will be contacted by phone and e-mail (if available).

Please contact Marilyn to let her know you are coming--either respond by e-mail ([mrunyan@cruzio.com](mailto:mrunyan@cruzio.com)) or phone (722-1621) or by responding to the phone committee when you are contacted. We need to make sure we have a quorum and that we know how many to expect.

## Ask Abby and Annie

Well, here I was looking up a yummy doggie meatball recipe to put in this column, when the barking started. Thinking it was the UPS man, I tried to ignore the girls, but they were going nuts. Turns out that there was a little girl in the street plaintively calling for her dog. The girls wanted to help look, so I let them out onto our 2<sup>nd</sup> story deck to have a look-see. They ran out onto the deck and Annie started running around frantically. Next thing I knew, she was herding an injured pigeon *into* the house! Now, I love animals, but I don't like anything that flutters so I was not a happy camper. I put both girls on a down, which Abby held but Annie was just too excited to let her bird get away. I finally herded the *girls* outside. That left me inside with the dreaded fluttering thing. Remembering that Hank had raised pigeons while growing up in Brooklyn, I called him at work. He helped me to gently get the bird outside, onto the deck.

The story doesn't end there, however. In the morning the bird was gone from it's temporary coop on the deck. Hank went to look for it and found it down by the pool. Knowing that our neighbors have a cat that loves to kill birds, I got dressed and went to check on it. There was the cat -10 feet from the pigeon. Now, the pigeon is in a dog crate, with food and water and I still don't have time to find my recipe for doggie meatballs. Well, at least this pigeon won't be some cat's Thanksgiving dinner.



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