



Ruff Notes

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What's Happening in December

12-01 Board Meeting at 1st Nat'l Bank, 7 PM

12-07 MBDTTC Holiday Awards Dinner at Severino's, Aptos

Upcoming Shows & Trials

12-01 San Mateo KC (MB-F) #2
12- 6&7 Valley Hills Obed. Club AKC Trial and Agility
12-12 Shoreline DF (Bradshaw)
12-12&13 KC of Palm Springs Agility
12-14 Long Beach KC (Bradshaw)
12-27&28 High Desert Agility Club, Agility Trial 1 & 2

Please note that I have a new e-mail address. My old one will be forwarded for 30 days. The new one is: kim_sutherland@earthlink.net .

From the Presidential Kennel:

Those of you who didn't attend our November general meeting missed out on some great food, and some important club business: Having had over a month to review it, members present voted unanimously to accept the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with the Fair for our use of the building. Thank you, Dennis, for all of your hard work! The group also voted to extend membership offers to two prospective members---not a bad night's work for a two-hour meeting, with dinner, to boot!

If you weren't there, you also missed out on our Intersession update: to be brief, barring intercession by an exceptional individual, there won't be one. Period. Early plans had been to have an Agility Workshop, but the Chairs for that one had to drop out due to conflicting dates. I've sought out a few other people, with negative results. This may be a good wake up call for us as a group: sometimes, if no one steps up to the plate, an event can be lost.

Presidential Kennel Continued

I know that a lot of us may actually welcome having a break from activities over the holidays, but that break will cost us an estimated \$3,000 that we have included in our present budget. Where would that money have gone? Philanthropies. It has already been suggested that we should send money to the fire victims in Southern California, which we might have easily done if we hadn't just lost our projected Intercession profits.

I'd be the last one to try to "force" anyone to take on a job, but at some point we're going to have to do **something** to re-animate our volunteers, or risk burning out the few faithful who continue to do the same jobs, year after year, rather than see events go without leadership. Is this Luane's third year in a row doing the Tracking Test? I know that 2004 will be the Bashistas' second year in a row for the Agility Trial, and I can't keep track of how long Dale Root's been pulling secretarial duty for the Trial. Is there some way that we can make the work load less threatening for event chairs? Are we trying to do too many things with too few active members? If anyone has any ideas about getting our MBDTTC workforce up and motivated, I'd love to hear them.....please! And HURRY---we still need an Obedience Trial Chair, and an Obedience Workshop Chair, and volunteers for Agility, and the VST and.....

On a more positive note: Kudos to Ann Terry for taking on CGC duties for another year! <applause> <applause> Ann will be looking for someone to train to take over the CGC chair next year, so if you're interested let her know.

See you next month, same page, and hopefully with some GOOD news for a change!

Ruff Notes Classified Ads

Look for a new feature in the January issue of Ruff Notes – Classified Doggie Ads. We will be accepting a limited number of business card size want ads from members and the general public. The cost will be \$3.00 per issue for members and \$5.00 per issue for the general public. Please submit your ad and forward me a check made out to MBDTTC, for the proper amount, by the regular Ruff Notes deadline (Dec.23rd). All ads should be dog related and will be subject to review for content. MBDTTC is not responsible for any part of any transaction resulting from the ads. The proceeds, from the sale of the ads will be used to offset the cost of printing and distributing Ruff Notes.

BRAGS

From Christa Cordtz

Harlow got her second major at the Borzoi Club of Ca. supported entry (Antelope Vly.K.C.Nov.2) from the Bred-by class by going WB and BOW over multiple professionally handled dogs and Specialty winners. Having been only shown nine times, she has 2 majors, 2 major reserves, and needs only a few singles to finish.

From Crissy Hastings-Baugh

Frenso DTC Nov.1

Logan-ExB Stand-SCT:78/183yds time:62.13 Q, 79%,
ExB JWW-SCT53/173yds time 52.42 Q 98%-Double Q

Gracie-ExB Stand-SCT:71/183yds time 52.01 3rd place-Q 73%
ExB JWW-SCT:49/173yds time 39.89 81%-Double Q
Fresno Nov.2

Logan-ExB Stand-SCT:74/172yds time67.23 Q 90%
ExB JWW-SCT:43/139yds time 42.11-Double Q 97%

Gracie-ExB Stand-SCT68/172yds time 55.08 Q 81%
ExB JWW-SCT:40/139yds time 31.40 Double Q 78%

Last month's brags should have included 5 double Q's for **Logan** and 2 for **Gracie**. **Gracie** also had a 1st and 4th place plus a score of 68% at the Weimaraner show. If this weren't enough for me to forget, they also took 1st place in Brace at SSCNC !

From Carol Howton

Rosie went Winner's Bitch and Best Op at the Sacramento Valley show to get her Championship with 4 Majors!

Not to be outdone, **Woody** went Best of Winners for 2 Majors in his first weekend out!

Jessica and Pam Fuggit-Hetrick are headed to the Nationals.

December Birthdays

Furry

- 12-01 Tristan Martini CDX, TDI, CGC, Labrador age –10
- 12-02 Lucy Cordtz UDX, NA, NAJ, Borzoi age –14
- 12-08 Chalice Harbertson, Borzoi age – 1
- 12-10 Kopper Torres, Basenji age 14
- 12-10 Abby Lewis, Pembroke Welsh Corgi age –5
- 12-11 Mike Garcia CGC, Sheltie age – 9
- 12-14 Chloe Majewska, Shih Tzu age - 13
- 12-24 Belle Harbertson VCD2, CDX, OA, OAJ, TD, JC, Borzoi age – 6
- 12-24 Éclair Harbertson CDX, OA, OAJ, JC, Borzoi age –6
- 12-25 Hunter Torres, Basenji age -4
- 12-31 Harley Strametz-Root CDX, Sheltie age - 15

Not So Furry

- 12-01 Carol Davis
- 12-14 Pam Fugitt- Hetrick
- 12-16 Sue Adams
- 12-26 Debbie Green
- 12-26 Judy Nielsen

A Dog's Pet Peeves from The Recall Bulletin

1. Yelling at me for barking...I AM A DOG!
2. Taking me for a walk and then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is it, anyway?
3. Any trick that involves me balancing food on my nose.....Stop it!
4. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that firm handshake thing, yet.
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake-fetch-throw. You fooled a dog! What a proud moment for the top of the food chain.

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New Titles

Champion Rosie Howton

Hot Dog Award

This month's award goes to Crissy Hastings-Baugh and **Gracie** for their score of 73% at Fresno DTC.

Big Dumb Weenie Award

This month's award goes to yours truly for forgetting that Crissy had sent me her Hot Dog Award scores last month, I just plumb forgot that I had them. My apologies to Crissy and Gracie. They would have won, had I counted them. I guess that we should amend November's winners to: Crissy and Gracie *and* Marion and Kelly. So sorry!!!

kim

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!

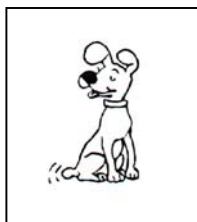
Ask Abby and Annie

Abby and Annie's Scump-deli-itious Turkey Meatballs

1 Pound **lean** ground turkey or chicken or beef
3-4 slices stale whole grain bread, torn into bits
½ teaspoon garlic powder, NOT garlic salt
2 tablespoons dried parsley
1-2 tablespoons honey
2 eggs or ½ cup egg beaters

Beat the eggs and combine all ingredients well. Shape into small (1 inch) meatballs and place on a cooking sprayed broiler pan. Bake 30-45 minutes at 350 degrees. Meatballs should be quite firm. Cool and feed to your very special dog or cat. Keeps for 1 week in fridge or months in the freezer. For the adventurous, try adding some grated carrot, chopped walnuts or apples.

Taste tested and approved by the Two Cute Girls themselves. Happy holidays from Abby and Annie !



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