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## What's Happening in March

- 3-1 Board Meeting, 7 PM at  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank,  
Watsonville
- 3-9 Watsonville Classes Start
- 3-10 Pet Pals Classes Start
- 3-11 Capitola and Salinas  
Classes Start
- 3-15 General Membership  
Meeting at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank,  
Watsonville, 7PM
- 3-16 Conformation Class  
Starts
- 3-23 Ruff Notes Deadline

## Upcoming Shows & Trials

- 3-6&7  
Sun Maid KC of Fresno- (MBF)  
Show & Agility  
Napa Valley- DTC TD
- 3-13&14  
Fresno DTC- Trial  
Sacramento Valley DF- B-OC Match
- 3-20&21  
Canine Agility Team of Fresno-  
USDAA Agility  
Peninsular DFC (ONO) Show  
County-Wide DTC- Trial  
Davis DTC- TD/TD
- 3-27&28  
Mt Diablo DTC- Obedience Seminar  
Agility Club of San Diego- Agility  
The Bay Team- NADAC or CPE-AG  
Santa Clara DTC- TD/TDX  
Kern County KC- (Brad) Show

“He is your friend, partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat if his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion”

- Anonymous

# From the Presidential Kennel

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Another AOCNC workshop has come and gone, and I'm pleased to report that MBDTTC's Utility ring received many pleasant comments from exhibitors. Thanks go out to our Judge, Dale Root, and stewards Betty Garcia, Judy McLeod and Lynette Van Epps-Smith. Kudos also to Delores Tate, Steward in Waiting---it's not often that we have enough volunteers to turn someone away!

The Nominating Committee is out and about recruiting for next year's board positions. The hunt for volunteers is becoming so arduous that we had trouble even finding folks willing to participate on the committee. If BG, Pam or Kim comes to you to discuss a board position, please LISTEN before you bolt out the backdoor. Remember that this could be your golden opportunity to participate in the running of your club. Have you ever sat around on Tuesday night, grouching that things should be done a NEW way instead of the way it has always been? Take on a Board position and you might be able to make it happen. If you, or someone else that you know, have a secret desire to be Director of Training or Treasurer, let the nominating committee know---you'll probably make their day!

Here's a list of upcoming club events, with lots of opportunities to participate as a volunteer:

Variable Surface Tracking (VST) May 1 & 2 @ CSUMB Chair: Luane Vidak  
Agility Trial June 12 & 13 @ Sky Park Chair: Marion & Michael Bashista  
Obedience Workshop June 26 @ Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Chair: Judy Force  
Obedience Trial August 1 @ Manzanita Park Secretary: Dale Root Chair: Tammy Del Conte

We've also had a request for help from Dog Training Club of the Salinas Valley, where they are recruiting ring stewards for their May workshop. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-6 at Spreckles Park. If you'd be interested in stewarding, please contact Kelly Smick at 449-5400 or [kjgs65@msn.com](mailto:kjgs65@msn.com). This event is held the Saturday of our Tracking Test weekend, so be careful not to double book yourself.

That's it for this time----happy volunteering!

# BRAGS

From **Lin Harbertson** :

N.C. Irish Wolfhound Club Oakley Lure Coursing Sunday  
February 8

**Eclair** 4th place

Blue skies, cold winds, an ideal coursing day. All the dogs ran clean and fast and a very good time was had by all.

From **Cindy Snow** :

**Shantye** and I are now officially part of the Churchill County Hospital Pet Therapy program. **Shantye** was certified by Therapy Dogs International at the 2003 Keesie National Specialty and she is very much looking forward to her new career...being petted.

From **Linda Lang** :

On Jan. 25th **Tyler's** son **Higgins** became his first titled offspring by getting his TD on his first attempt.

From **B.G.**:

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**Mike** ..... Novice B 189 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg

**Alex & Mike** Brace 188 1<sup>st</sup> Place

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## March Birthdays

### Furry

- 3-4 **Jiffy** Vidak VCD2, JH, AX, AXJ, TDX, Labrador Retriever, Age 6  
3-7 Ch. **Gerwood** Nie, Mini Long Haired Dachshund, Age 5  
3-9 Ch. **Lexus** Nie, Mini Long Haired Dachshund, Age 4  
3-9 Ch. **Mercedes** Nie, Mini Long Haired Dachshund, Age 4  
3-10 **Dusty** Gnehm, Australian Shepard, Age 9  
3-16 **Jade** Panzich, Pug, Age 3  
3-16 **Blondie** Cordtz, CD, Borzoi, Age 6  
3-17 Mach **Jasmine** Hetrick CD, HS, Sheltie, Age 10  
3-19 Ch. **Squeak** Nie, Mini Long Haired Dachshund, Age 7  
3-25 **Tess** Hetrick AX, OAJ, PT, Sheltie, Age 6  
3-27 **Annie** Sutherland CGC, Old English Sheepdog, Age 3  
3-30 Ch. **Barney** Nie, Mini Long Haired Dachshund, Age 10  
3-30 Ch. **Hailey** Nie, Mini Long Haired Dachshund, Age 10

### Not So Furry

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3-11 <b>Jane</b> Devlin   | 3-20 <b>Peg</b> Martini |
| 3-15 <b>Carol</b> Howton  | 3-23 <b>Yvette</b> Cook |
| 3-19 <b>Hazel</b> Welborn | 3-25 <b>Mary</b> Nie    |

## Strange Human Tricks

While sitting down, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand.

Your foot will change direction and there's nothing you can do about it!

## New Members

Please add to your Club Directory:

### **Robert Hupp**

Birthday- July-23

107 Green Valley Road

Freedom, CA 95019

Home Phone – 831-234-4700

Breed: Samoyed

### **Fred Jones**

Birthday- June 5

21 Feliz Drive

Watsonville, CA 95076

Phone- 831-763-2387

Breed: Standard Poodle

## **A New Lease on Life (Well, at Least Class)**

After 4 years of effort, on Tuesday, Feb 10, the club entered into a 12-year agreement with the fairgrounds to rent the existing facilities on Tuesday evenings. Dennis Vierra was president when the negotiations began and has guided them ever since.

Signing on behalf of the fairgrounds, actually the 14 District Agricultural Association, was Judy Panick. Also present at this auspicious event were, Marion Bashista, Tammy Del Conte, Dani Nelson and Fairly Wonderful Dennis Vierra.



Huge thanks go out to Dennis and all of you who helped in this long, long process. Well Done!

## **In Memory of Skittle, CD, U-CD, NA, NAJ, CGC 1989-2004**

For Skittle- a brave, wild soul found by two classmates running down a county road near Davis, California. Your happy enthusiasm allowed us to try for the first time in life, the sports of Obedience and Agility. You and I competed as a team for 9 years. You tolerated a thousand training fads. You humored my dabbling in tracking, and seriously saved me twice by truly tracking us home. You happily bounded through the deep Wyoming snow while I slid along on skis. You put up with vet school labs and parties. You saw me through my first two jobs, my life in Oregon, the start of my own business. You were my running partner, my (horseback) riding partner, and my confidant through many boyfriends. You kept a watchful eye on every cat I've ever owned. My love for you is true, and everlasting.

- Anne Terry

## Ask Abby and Annie

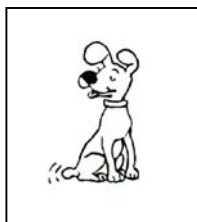
Dear Abby and Annie,

One night I was outside, minding my own business to be sure, when a very pretty black and white kitty came into our yard. I, being the protector of all that I survey, immediately began to chase off the intruder. The kitty must have had a secret spray gun under his pretty black and white striped tail, because as I got close to him, he squirted me with the foulest smelling perfume I have ever smelled. I tried frantically to rub the stuff off of me. I ran past Mommy. She started shrieking and tried to rub it off on the couch, the bed, the walls etc. Mommy was so mad, she tried to paint me red with this funny juice, but I still stink. Now Mommy says I have to sleep in my crate, far away from her. Do you have any advice to make Mommy love me again? Yours,

Stinky

Dear Stinky ,

That was no kitty. That was a Pepe le Pew, better know as a #\$\$%##\*\* skunk. Try taking a bath (yes, a bath) with this: 2 Cups fresh hydrogen peroxide, ¼ Cup Baking Soda and 1 Tb. Dawn dishwashing liquid. Wash rinse repeat. Don't get it in your eyes!!! Your Mommy should be back to snuggling you close, very soon. In the future leave all kitties alone. – Abby and Annie



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