



Ruff Notes

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What's Happening in April

April 4-5

Board Mtg. at the 1st Nat'l. Bank
in Watsonville. 7PM

April 4-6,7 & 8

Easter Bonnets, Watsonville,
Soquel, Capitola and Salinas

April 4-15

Ruff Notes deadline

April 4-27, 28 & 29

Final Classes in Watsonville,
Soquel, Capitola and Salinas

Upcoming Shows & Trials

April 3&4

Davis DTC (Abbott) AG
San Joaquin DTC TD/TDX
San Lorenzo DTC Obed. Workshop
Yosemite KC (ONO) Trial

April 10 & 11

High Dessert Agility Club AG
NorCal Golden Retriever Club AG
Sacramento KC (MBF) Show
Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods ED

April 17&18

Oakland DTC TDX
Sacramento DTC VST
Chief Solano KC (MBF) Show

April 24&25

Gavilan KC (MBF) Show and Trial GSD
Club of Sacramento Valley SS
Mt. Diablo DTC Trial
Sacramento DTC AG

I used to look at (my dog) Smokey and think, "If you were a little smarter you could tell me what you were thinking," and he'd look at me like he was saying, "If you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to."

- Fred Jungclaus

From the Presidential Kennel

I'd like to start by thanking all of those who showed up for the General Meeting this month. Special thanks go to Fred, Anita and Luane for answering our desperate phone plea as we tried to get together a quorum. I guess this club works for food...we'll have to bear that in mind while organizing the May meeting!

The Tracking Test is coming up on May 1 and 2, and I'd really like to encourage all of you to go take a peek. With the VST you'll actually get a chance to see what tracking looks like. If you have Internet access, the Moraine Tracking Club has a very nice brochure that they put together to aid them in recruiting tracking locations. It provides good overview of what to expect from the event, and is available for download on the web at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/4425/brochure.htm>.

Although the Obedience Trial is a couple of months away, some positions need to be filled now. I'm especially worried about finding someone to take care of Trophies, as we'll need to list our awards information in the premium list. I begged for help at the General Meeting but struck out on all counts, so I'll have to work on my act a bit. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please give me a call or e-mail. And here I'll insert a very big thanks to Linda Lang for volunteering to be Chief Ring Steward! Yea, Linda! See, I DID get your phone message, even if I haven't managed to return your call yet...

Speaking of volunteering, and sometimes it seems like that's ALL that I do, be kind to the Nominating Committee if they come knocking on your door. It's a hard job, and it can be pretty discouraging when folks flee at the sight of you. Hear them out, be friendly, and then say what you have to say. Please consider making it a "yes" instead of a "no".

Once again, here's your list of upcoming events and VOLUNTEER opportunities:

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

See you next month.....

-Tammy Del Conte

BRAGS

From **Lin Harbertson** :

Eclair Lure Coursing March 14th Northern California Ibizen
Coursing Club, Hollister 2nd place. 15 points towards her Field Championship.

From **Crissy Hastings-Baugh** :

Logan had a Double Q at Mt Diablo and earned 4 Standard legs (2 at Sun Maid and 2 at Mt. Diablo)

Gracie earned 4 Double Q's! with a 2nd place in Standard and a 4th place in JWW at Sun Maid.

Her lowest % was 74 in Standard on 3/6 at Sun Maid!

From **Mary and Amanda Nie** :

Feb 15, 2004 Santa Clara Valley KC

Amanda Showing **CH Gerwood** (ML Dachshund) in Open Junior Showmanship won first in her class. The next day they were 3rd in classes of 8 & 7 competing.

Mary showed "**Jack**" to Best of Winners for his last point to finish his Championship--YEAH!!!!

so he is now **CH Glenavan From A Distance ML**

March 9-13th at the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty Show:

"**George**" was 2nd in an Open Mini dog class of 10

"**Crystal**" was 2nd in a 6-9 month bitch class of 14

"**CH Tigger**" won an Award of Merit at the host show with more than 80 Champions competing and

"**CH Simon**" won an Award of Merit at the National with more than 100 Champions competing

and Amanda showing **CH Gerwood** won their Open Junior showmanship class both days!

From **B.G.:**

Mike CD

3/6 Sun Maid Kennel Club Novice B 175 3rd leg New Title CD

3/13 Fresno DTC Novice B 182.5

3/14 Fresno DTC Novice B 187 4th Place / High Sheltie

From **Bob Hupp** :

1. 1st leg -- Novice B, at Golden Gate Kennel Club show. Score 189 for 3rd place

2. 2nd leg -- Novice B, at Samoyed Club of Central Arizona, Score (whispered) 177 for 3rd place.

Both of these were with **Stella** although for the second one she may have been replaced by her evil twin.

April Birthdays

Furry

4-01 **Noah** Thompson CDX, MX, MXJ, CGC, Aussie age:7

4-03 **Sage** Smith CGC, HT, Sheltie age: 5

4-04 Ch.**Spring** Holderman CD, Chessie, age:6

4-04 Ch.**Curry** Holderman NA, NAJ, Chessie age: 6

4-04 Ch.**Willie** Laman CDX, NA, Chessie age:6

4-30 **Kidwell**Tate CD, Lab age: 5

Not So Furry

4-11 **Anita** Vidak 4-14 **Debbie** Nelson

Hot Dog Awards

This month's Obedience Hot Dog Award goes to **Spirit & Carol Davis** for their score of 192 in UA at Sun Maid KC.

This month's Agility Hot Dog Award goes to **Gracie and Crissy Hastings-Baugh** for their %74 at Sun Maid KC.

New Titles

Mike Garcia CD
CH Glenavan From A Distance ML
(**Jack Nie**)

Conrratulations!

One More Brag

From Carol Davis :

On March 7th & 8th, at Sun Maid KC,
Spirit had a 192 for 2nd place and a
191 for 1st place

Wanted: New Editor

As many of you already know, I will be moving to Bellingham Washington in a few months. We are building a house. This forces me to give up doing Ruff Notes as of the June issue. If you are interested in taking it on, please let me know. It has been my pleasure to be the editor for the last several months.

Kim Sutherland

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VST Test May2, 2004

All members are invited to attend our 2nd VST Test which is scheduled for May 2, 2004 at the CSUMB at old Fort Ord. A no host luncheon will be planned at a near by restaurant on Sunday at the conclusion of the event. Reservation and luncheon selection will be taken Sunday morning and called in to the restaurant by 10:30AM. Contact Anita Vidak for information.

Members who offered to help with the presentation of the tracking test will be receiving information shortly. We sure appreciate having you hop on board for this event.

A VST track-laying practice is scheduled for Tuesday April 20 and/or 27 for those who have never done a VST track and for those who feel a brush up would be beneficial. Luane will be contacting those who offered to lay track.

Judges for the test are: Dan Lawer and Ralph Swingle.

Rules for Non-pet owners who visit and like to complain about our pets:

Via: The Internet

1. They live here; you don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. I like my pet better than I like most people.
4. To you it's an animal. To me he and/or she is an adopted son and/or daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and is speech challenged.
5. Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug using friends, don't drink or smoke, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results.

OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY JUNE 26th at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

I still need more people to judge and steward and generally help. Please contact **Judy Force** to volunteer. Thank you!!! (831)768-7148 or

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Ask Abby and Annie

Here's a tip from **Judy Force** :

To get Pine Pitch out of doggy feet and coats rub peanut butter into the pitchy area and then wash with any soap or dog shampoo and water. You don't have to cut it out!

And another from **Sandi Pensinger** :

Please check the fresh dates on the products you feed you pets. Some feed has been found to be as much as 4 years past it's fresh date. The dogs that were fed that feed became severely ill and required hundreds of dollars of vet care. The food was a common lamb and rice formula, sold through a major pet food chain store.

Finally from **Pam Strametz** :

Be very careful when feeding your dogs 'greenie' type treats. If they get a large piece stuck in their throat the treat can become like cement and adhere to the esophagus. There is a sad story on the Internet of a Chihuahua puppy that died. If you have a dog who chews aggressively, USE COMMON SENSE. Any treat can become a hazard if eaten too quickly. Know your animal.



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