



Ruff Notes

May 2004

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What's Happening in May

May 1&2 - VST set up and Test

May 3 – Board Mtg. 7PM, 1st Nat'l
Bank, Watsonville

May 11, 12 & 13 – Classes start in
Watsonville, Soquel, Capitola &
Salinas

May 18 – Conformation Classes start

**Ruff Notes Deadline –Note new
editor is Bob Hupp**

May 22 – General Mtg. at Pam's park
(see article)

In Remembrance of Christopher

CH Regency's Most Happy Fellow CD
AX, NAJ, Canadian CD
October 18, 1989,--April 13, 2004
.....a little guy with a big tail wag.

Luane and Anita Vidak

AOCNC Time

Just a reminder that a nice afternoon is in store for all MBDTTC members and their trainees.

The Annual Interclub Competition is set to go on Sunday, June the 6th at Cal State Hayward.

Monterey Bay will be hosting a Utility ring. (We will bring: jumps, 3 stewards, table chairs and canopy for our ring. AOCNC is providing all else.)

This year there is really something for everyone. COMPETITIVE CLASSES aimed at the Interclub ranking and awards: NOVICE,

OPEN, & UTILITY obedience classes;
NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES: Pre-Novice and the 3 levels of Rally.

Additionally we will be able to enjoy the COMPETITIVE JJW Agility classes.

All scores in the competitive classes will count for our club rankings in both Obedience and Agility. Currently enrolled trainees are invited to join us in showing at the event...their score will count in our ranking.

As usual, it's POT LUCK Lunch time....with participants bringing enough to share with other members and with the judge of our ring.

If you have any questions, wish to enter or to come to cheer us on, or to steward in our Utility Ring please contact Tammy or Luane.

Hope that this year we can make an outstanding presentation. Usually the clubs can count on Monterey Bay dogs to earn enough points to score in the top 2 or 3. First place is not out of the question, by the way!

From the Presidential Kennel

I have spent more than a few odd moments pondering the difficulties of finding volunteers for our plethora of club jobs. (Do I get an extra 20 points for using the word “plethora” in a sentence?) Surely there is something that we can do to make volunteering more attractive. Working (read: volunteering) members already get training discounts, but only at our Watsonville location as our agreements with the other facilities don’t allow us that kind of leeway. Once, in a moment of insanity, I came up with the idea of offering Club “Titles”: maybe CME or Club Member Excellent for members that volunteer at three events during the club year; CWE or Club Worker Excellent for members that chair an event and work at two others; maybe something else for folks that serve on the Board and Chair an event and so on. You get the picture. We could offer patches and maybe rouse everyone’s competitive spirit. I’m telling you, it was a great idea at three o’clock in the morning... Ok, so maybe working people titles wouldn’t work, but there must be some way to encourage volunteers. If people are unwilling to commit to major roles because of the responsibilities involved, maybe we need to look at restructuring our event process. Is there some way to spread out the load? What if we had an event committee that worked on all of our trials/workshops? Or is the problem that we are all over-stretched in our professional and personal lives and have nothing more to give on the weekends? I’d welcome an insight that you all might have.....solutions, especially!

Lest I seem ungrateful, THANK YOU to all of you folks who do regularly volunteer! We have a hard working core of folks that always seem willing to chip in to get the job done....the next time you see them working hard at an event, take a moment and tell them “thanks” for all of their efforts.

I hope to see lots of you at the May general meeting. Just a short while ago I popped in one of our Video Yearbooks, hoping to show Dill to my Border Collie addicted sister. I had forgotten some of the fun things that we used to do: dunking for hotdogs, recalls through fields of toys....it looked like we were having a good time. I bet that my Sizzle would be a world-class hot dog dunker....anybody up to the challenge?

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 **Mary and Amanda Nie** :

Northern Calif Dachshund Club Specialty Shows April 3 &4

Amanda showing **CH Gerwood** was **Best Junior Showman** both days, and showing **Luna** won

Best Longhair in Futurity and 2nd to her sister Crystal in 6-9 puppy both days. **Mary** showing **Crystal** won the 6-9 months puppy class both days and was BOS-Sweeps both days.

Mary showed **George** to WD one day for a **4 point major!**

From **B.G.:**

At SVSSC Dixon CA 3-27-04, **Mike**, in Novice B had a score of 175, taking 4th Place for his 6th Leg.

From **Bob Hupp** :

My girl, **Stella**, became more formally **TNT'n K-Way's Frozen Starlight CD HCTs TT CGC** at the Yosemite Kennel Club show on Sunday where she scored a 190 1/2 getting her 3rd and final CD leg and earning 4th place in the process. She celebrated by coming in season the day after the show. This makes 6 out of her 8 littermates to finish their conformation titles.

At Saturday's Chief Solano Kennel Club show, my girl, **Stella**, earned the last major required for her AKC championship officially becoming **Ch. TNT'n K-Way's Frozen Starlight CD HCTs TT CGC.**

This makes 6 out of her 8 littermates to finish their conformation titles. As of right now, she is the only one with an obedience title as well..

Merlot got her first two points in conformation and placed 3rd in the Puppy Working Group at the Yosemite Kennel Club show on Saturday.

It was a good weekend all the way around.

From **Christa Cordtz** :

April 10 -Borzoi Club of No. Ca. Specialty show - 93 entries and 18 Specials.

Hooligan won his 5th first Award of Merit and daughter **Deva** took her very competitive Bred- by class. Mom was proud because they both behaved in a dignified borzoi manner(probably the heat).

Trainee, Sharon Kroeger's Borzoi, **Tracer** earned his 3rd CDX leg on Sunday at the Sacramento K.C. with a score of 188.5

More Brags

From **The Bashistas** :

At the Nor Cal Golden Retriever trial on Saturday April 10th, **Merlin** and Mike earned their first Novice Standard and JWW legs with a second and third place. **Kelli** and Marion earned their first Open Standard leg with a first place. On Sunday **Merlin** and Mike earned their second Novice Standard and JWW legs with two, second places. **Kelli** and Marion earned their first Open JWW leg with a second place. **Merlin** and Mike were 4 for 4 in their debut agility trial.

From **Sandi Pensinger** :

Capi won Agility High Point Champion at the Southern California Jack Russell Terrier Trial in March.

Tempe won Go to Ground Champion at the Southern California Jack Russell Terrier Trial in March.

General Meeting Time

The May general membership meeting has been **CHANGED** to **Saturday, May 22** due to a conflict with the Del Monte Kennel Club agility trial--some of our members will be involved with helping put the trial on and/or showing in the trial.

We will be meeting at **10:00 at Pam's Park in Watsonville** for run-throughs in obedience and perhaps some agility jumps if that can be arranged also. Is anybody interested in arranging for doggie games??

There will be a potluck BBQ with hamburgers being prepared by Linda Lang. The charge will be \$1 per hamburger, and you need to NOTIFY Linda as to how many you would like to have. Catch her at class or call her at 724-2776 or e-mail her at LSLang@sbcglobal.net.

There will probably not be a program. **The meeting will begin at 1:00.**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. The March general membership meeting almost did not happen as only 9 members showed up. One member arrived a little late (we were thrilled to see her). We had to place numerous calls to get three more members to come so that a meeting could be held. We have 65 adult members (plus 2 junior members). It shouldn't be that difficult to get a MINIMUM of 13 adult members to turn out!!!
- Marilyn Runyan

May Birthdays

Furry

5-2 **Gemini** Bettencourt CGC, Pug- Age 11
5-5 **Meadow** Holderman, Chessie- Age 2
5-5 **Caper** Root-Strametz, Golden- Age 5
5-6 **Ch. Twig** Holderman, Chessie- Age 4
5-20 **CH. Sophie Nie**, Long-Haired Mini Dacshund -Age 9
5-23 **Kelli** Bashista CDX,NA, Lab- Age9
5-28 **Katelyn** Nelson CD, CGC, Newfoundland- Age8
5-30 **Rumor** Del Conte, Doberman- Age 9
5-31 **Dot** McLeod, Border Collie- Age5

Not So Furry

5-17 **Tammy** Del Conte
5-24 **Donnelle** Richards
5-23 **Mary** Benttencourt
5-28 **Betty** Gidding

Hot Dog Awards

No scores were submitted this month. You can't win if you don't send in your numbers.

New Titles

Stella Hupp is now : **Ch. TNT'n K-Way's Frozen Starlight CD HCTs TT CGC**

Congratulations!

Dani Nelson has a new address

Please make a note in your directory. You can contact Dani at:
(831) 761-5545
135 Little Corral, Corralitos, Ca. 95076

Ruff Notes

Welcomes New Editor

Bob Hupp has graciously volunteered to take over for me as editor of Ruff Notes. He will be starting with the June issue. Bob has written club newsletters before and will, no doubt, do a great job for MBDTC. His contact information is:

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The girls, Hank and I will be moving to Washington the 1st week in July.

We will miss you all very much!
- kim sutherland

Due to the large number of inserts and flyers in this month's issue, I was not able to include the usual number of articles. If I missed an entry from anyone, please re-send it to Bob, for him to include in next month's issue. Also, please accept my apologies if I skipped you this month. -kim

Proposed Slate of Club Officers for 2004-2005

Well, B.G and her merry band of nominators did it! Here's the proposed slate of officers for next year:

President: Tammy Del Conte

Vice President: Judy McLeod

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Dalton

Corresponding Secretary: Margaret Gnehm

Treasurer: Marion Bashista

Director of Training: Richard Torres

Director of Membership: Betty Garcia

Director of Publicity: Bob Hupp

Director of Matches and Trials: Michael Bashista

Thanks to all of you. Your participation is so important and so very appreciated. Tammy's right, we don't exist without volunteers. Thank you for making this huge and valuable commitment to our club.

For Sale:

Raw Goat Milk For Sale

Stacy Thompson has raw goat milk, for pet consumption, for sale at \$4.00 a gallon. She says many breeders feed it to their pregnant bitches. Contact her at:
(831) 768-5632

Ask Abby and Annie

Dear Readers,

This will be our last column for a while. Mom and Dad and me and Sis are moving to Bellingham, Wa. We want everybody to know how much we have loved being part of MBDTC. We have all learned a lot and treasure the friendships we have made. Mom says we will like Bellingham. We will have 5 acres to play on and our very own dog wash and kennel room. We are a little worried about the bears and the mountain lions that live on our mountain. Mom says we're not allowed to play with them. Sissy (Abby) thinks having a bear for a friend will be fun. She thinks bears will like agility. I don't think they'll like obedience training, though!

We will miss writing our column. Maybe Bob will let us send him one once in a while. It's really nice of him to take over Ruff Notes for Mom. I promise I won't growl at him anymore.

The best piece of advice that we can give you is to love and respect one and other. Accept everybody as you find them and remember to have fun along the way.

XOXOXO,
Abby and Annie



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