



Ruff Notes

October 2004

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October Events:

- 10/4 Board Meeting
- 10/5 Conformation Classes start
- 10/19 Ruff Notes Deadline

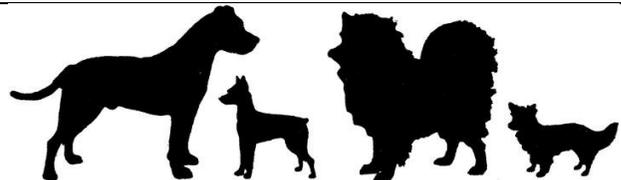
November Events:

- 11/1 Board Meeting
- 11/9 Awards Deadline
- 11/16 Watsonville Final Classes
- 11/16 CGC Test Watsonville
- 11/17 Soquel/Pet Pals Final Classes
- 11/18 Capitola/Salinas Final Classes
- 11/20 General Membership Meeting
- 11/23 Ruff Notes Deadline

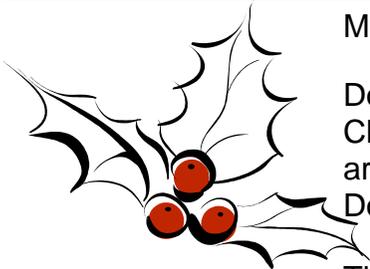
December Events:

- 12/6 Board Meeting
- 12/7 Intersession
- 12/11 Christmas Dinner
- 12/14 Intersession
- 12/21 Intersession
- 12/21 Ruff Notes Deadline

Welcome to a slightly late and really "rough" version of Ruff Notes! Best wishes go out to former editor, Bob Hupp, who has either moved out of state or been kidnapped by aliens. Your guess is as good as ours. Bob leaves behind a vacant seat on the Board (Director of Publicity) and the editorial reins of Ruff Notes. There is NO TRUTH to the rumor that editing Ruff Notes can lead to your expulsion from the state of California---Marilyn Runyan was editor for many, many years and still lives at the same address. Anyone wishing to prove this out by VOLUNTEERING to take on Ruff Notes is more than welcome.



MBDTC's Christmas Party: **Chairperson: Betty "BG" Garcia**



Don't forget to mark down on your calendar Dec 11th for our Christmas party at Green Valley Grill. I will be sending out flyers around the end of October with all the information for the Dinner, Doggie Gift Exchange and Silent Auction.

The cost of the Dinner will be around \$30.00 per person.

AKC and AKC/CAR Continue to Assist Animals Affected by Hurricane Charley

[Tuesday, August 31, 2004]

Updated Information - 9:10 AM, 8.31.04

The American Kennel Club (AKC), through its affiliate organization AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC/CAR), continues to work closely with The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs (FAKC), to make supplies and offer other assistance to the areas still affected by Hurricane Charley.

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FAKC President Diane Albers is working diligently to help establish a new temporary shelter in Arcadia, FL. The temporary shelter, initially established in Wauchula, has moved to Arcadia because Animal Services in Wauchula is now fully functional again and there is still a great need in the Arcadia area. If you have questions about drop off locations or needed supplies, please call Diane Albers directly at 800-597-2987.

"While Hurricane Charley may be long gone, the needs of the animals remain and AKC is committed to supporting the areas in Florida that were hit hard," said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC president and CEO. "We are monitoring the situation 24-hours a day and we are able to mobilize supplies quickly as The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs identifies areas with the greatest needs."

Donations of water, microchips, scanners, crates, a water purifier, space blankets, leashes, collars, fencing, batteries, flashlights and film have been made by AKC and AKC/CAR to various locations in the Florida area. Additionally, supplies are being made available by various companies - *The Hartz Mountain Corporation* is sending large donations of flea and tick spray, flea and tick shampoo and hundreds of dog collars; *Cherrybrook, Inc.*, provided crates, space blankets, ex-pens, collars, leashes, fencing at a special AKC rate; and, *Purina*, continues to make large deliveries of dog and cat food.

Donations

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, you may send it to the **AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund** at the address below. Contributions made to **AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund** are used to immediately purchase needed equipment and supplies and deliver them directly to contact centers. *Please note on the check that monies should go towards helping the victims of the Florida disaster.*

AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund
American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue - 4th Floor
New York, NY 10016-2401

AKC/CAR is a permanent charitable fund which provides resources, support and other assistance to not-for-profit animal shelters and similar not-for-profit organizations providing care for domestic animal orphaned or displaced as a result of natural or civil disasters.

You may also send tax-deductible donations to:

The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs
c/o Diane Albers
401 Cardinal Oaks
Lake Mary, FL 32746

From: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2189



San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.
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RALLY WORKSHOP
Fun Runs
AT CAL STATE HAYWARD
Sat., October 30, 2004
9:00 – 2:00
Practice, Practice, Practice

This workshop will be set up so participants can get in as much practice as possible on Novice through Excellent exercises. You will be able to run the courses as many times as time permits. Some of the exercises on the courses will be changed during the day to give you practice on as many exercises as possible. Bring your lunch and join us for a day of Rally fun.

If you're interested in practicing your judging skills let me know.

Entries limited to 40 handlers
Entry fee: \$25 (\$30 day of workshop if space available.
Call the day before to see if there's room.)

For more information contact

Joanne McGrail - 415-334-0866 e-mail jomcg@mindspring.com

Mail entry to Joanne McGrail, 575 Junipero Serra Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94127

 Handler's Name

 Phone

 Address

 e-mail

Rally Experience (circle one) just beginning
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I agree to hold SFDTC, its members and CSUS harmless from any claims for loss or injury which may have alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by acts of my dog or dogs while in or upon the show or obedience match grounds. Parents are responsible for their children.

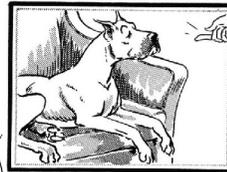
 Signature

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Happy October Birthdays to:

Luane Vidak (October 3)
Dolores Tate-Delgado (Congrats!) (October 18)
Cheryl Dalton (October 23)
Maxine Gomez (October 30)

Happy Birthday to all of our furry friends as well---unfortunately, I couldn't steal their birthdates from the Directory!



INTERSESSION

All Aboard..... for RALLY! Dec 7, 14, 21. 7-9PM

Effective Jan.1, 2005 dogs earning legs at AKC Rally Trials count toward titles.

Dates: Tuesdays in December. Dec 7, 14, 21. 7-9PM

Location: FAIRGROUNDS 2601 East Lake Ave Watsonville, CA Crossetti Building

Instructor: Bea Moore. Golden Retriever Fancier who shows in Conformation, Obedience, Hunt tests, Tracking tests and Rally....She is an accomplished instructor and has completed many titles in these areas with her various Golden Retrievers and currently instructs Rally Classes.

Requirements: Dogs must have a minimum of 12-16 weeks of formal Obedience training. Dogs must be in crates while handlers are doing walk-throughs.

Registration Closing Date: November 30, 2004

Early Registration Fee per dog/handler : \$60 Early Registration Fee until November 15

\$75 Fee November 16-30th.

\$55 currently enrolled trainees of MBDTc due by November 15th

\$50 for MBDTc members

Questions: LUANEMV@CS.COM

Send entry and fees to Luane Vidak 1016 Green Valley Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076-0614

Checks payable to: Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc. (MBDTc, Inc)

Registration and any other information will be sent by Email if address is legibly written. Please send a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like written confirmation of enrollment.

Handler's Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ ZIP _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name w/ titles: _____ Breed: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Check one: General, Trainee, Member

From the Presidential Kennel

Kudos to all of our members who made it out to the Santa Cruz County Fair to participate in MBDTC's Fair demos---special thanks to Michael Bashista for stepping forward and organizing the event. What would we do without the Bashistas? Marion and Michael serve on the Board, chair Agility, provide support to the Agility classes at American Sporthorse, and still find time to volunteer for even more work at every club event. I am in awe.

Luane Vidak is chairing our Intercession this year: 3 days of Rally-O training with Bea Moore, December 7, 14 and 21. Rally-O becomes "official" in January 2005, and we need to begin discussions now on how and when to add it to MBDTC's event schedule. We already have a "thin" volunteer core---if you haven't noticed, the current trend is for members to just keep repeating the jobs they did in the previous year. This isn't happening because folks are gluttons for punishment, but instead because "fresh" volunteers just aren't stepping forward. Will adding Rally-O be the straw that breaks the camel's back, or will it just be another class added to the Trial? Come to Intercession, read up on Rally-O and help us make the right decision.

To start you off, here is the FAQ sheet from AKC's Rally-O page: **Rally FAQs**

1. What is Rally? Rally is a new dog sport that is sweeping the nation. It was created to promote a positive relationship between the dog and its owner. Animation and enthusiasm throughout the performance is encouraged. Emphasis is on *fun* and *excitement* for the dog and handler, and the spectator, by providing a more "natural" approach to the performance.

Each team is judged on the execution of a single, continuous performance of numbered exercises on a course, uninterrupted by orders from the judge. Many of the exercises are derived from "doodles" people use when training for Obedience.

Perfect heel position is not required but you must maintain a loose leash at all times. Harsh verbal or leash corrections are not tolerated.

2. Can you talk to your dog during the exercises? *Yes!* You can talk to your dog, use praise and body language throughout the performance.

3. Who can do Rally? *Anybody!* Rally was designed with the average pet dog owner in mind, as a way to introduce them into the world of dog sports and for people to just have fun with their dogs. Whether you've just completed your CGC or are looking for something else to do, or you want to hone up on your obedience skills, Rally has something to offer you and your companion.

4. Will this help my dog to compete in regular Obedience? Rally is a wonderful sport for dogs and handlers who experience "ring stress", or for whatever reasons, would not be successful in traditional obedience. The Novice level is all on leash, you are allowed to use multiple hand and verbal cues, and you can talk to and encourage your dog throughout the performance. This makes it a great place to work through both of your ring nerves and to have some success in the ring.

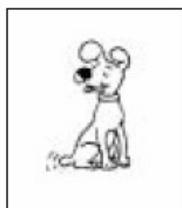
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5. Can beginners do Rally? *Absolutely!* Rally makes a great entry-level class for both obedience and agility. But don't be fooled! Rally can still be a challenge. You must work closely as a team as you negotiate the course, heeling from sign to sign and performing one of the many different exercises. Some are quite complex (there are 50 different exercises to choose from).

For more information, go to AKC's web site:
http://www.akc.org/dic/events/rally/index_rally.cfm

Many Thanks to Carol Davis and Mary Bettencourt for placing the Watsonville, Santa Cruz and Salinas ads. Extra kudos to Carol for finishing up our business with the Marin Calendar!



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