

Ruff Notes

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August 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is impossible to thank Michael Bashista, Linda Lang and all the members and non-members that worked so hard putting on our obedience and rally workshop and the two obedience and rally trials. All 3 events were very successful. It is so wonderful seeing everyone doing their part to keep our club going and offering wonderful opportunities to bay area handlers and their dogs get ready to and then compete. Check out the brag section in this Ruff Notes to see some of the accomplishments of our members.

This brings me to an important topic - Brags. I recently had a member tell me that their brag was not an important one and they may not submit it. They further explained that this brag was with the person's first dog to enter the competition ring and it was their first leg ever. This is the most important brag you will ever have. Starting your journey is challenging and the fact that you were successful makes it doubly worth celebrating. Every leg of every title no matter the level is a demonstration of the time and effort spent training and developing the bond with your dog. Let us know about it so we can share in your fabulous accomplishment.

Also, brags are NOT just for those title legs. You might brag because your puppy has successfully been potty trained. You could brag because your dog earned an age milestone like their first birthday. You could brag because you had a wonderful run in agility even if you did not qualify. Embrace the time you have with your dog and the relationship you have developed. Treasure the moments that make you appreciate your dog's relationship with you and BRAG.

As always, we encourage you to attend our monthly Board meetings the first Monday of the month via Zoom at 6:30 pm. It is a great way to have a say in where we put our efforts and how we spend our money. We want to know your opinions. We won't know without your input.



Hug your dogs and cherish every minute you are privileged to have them with you!

Terri Gregson, President

Monterey Bay Dog Training Club

Saturday, September 20th

Picnic with our dogs at Scott Park, Watsonville

Would your dog dive for a hot dog in a bowl?



3101 Freedom Blvd,
Watsonville, CA.

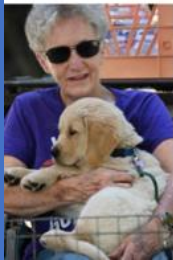
Bring your own lunch and join us at the covered picnic area.
Bar b ques are available, bring charcoal if you want to heat something up.
Club will provide water and desserts.

Dog games and lots of fun. **Did we mention dog prizes too?!**

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM



Have you ever played
Potato relay?



Upcoming Obedience & Rally Weekend

Opening soon is a 3-trial weekend of obedience and rally trials. On September 27th and 28th, San Lorenzo DTC, Fremont DTC, and San Mateo DTC will hold trials at California State University East Bay. You can find the premium and information on each club's web page.

It Takes a Small Village

from Michael Bashista, Chair

It's a cliché but true, for the club to host our annual Rally and Obedience trials.

Beginning with our judges Sammantha Williams, Donna Meade, and Lizanne Kaiser who accepted the workload of judging both our trials. As Chair, I know most of the background tasks that need to be filled and no tasks are more important than those our Secretary, Karey Krauter, has. Some of the tasks can arise last minute and some even during the day of the event.

All the ring stewards are recruited by Linda Lang. No easy chore. Stewards contribute greatly to each class running smoothly and quickly. Many of our stewards return each year.

Awards were the responsibility of Carol Davis. This year she and member Imo Lawton also setup the AM Rally rings before the judge arrived only to learn that our morning Rally judge sent the wrong course maps! The ring still opened on time.

Nothing would have occurred if Hans VanDijk had not delivered the trailer to the field Friday. Friday's setup crew included Carol Davis, Barbara Skaggs, Diana Galvan, Edie Losch, Marilyn Warter, Reena Walton, Dale Noble, Linda Lang, Karen Azevedo and her grandson Dante, and me. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

Stewards were Lynda Rogers, Dale Noble, Linda Giattino, Diane Kipnis, Pinkie Terry, Denise Panzich, Judy Sauve, Rich Torres, Karen Schwindt, Denise Weatherwax, Steward Gibson (in charge of the practice ring), Reena Walton, Wendy Hess, and me. Linda Lang managed the steward assignments throughout the day.

I cannot overlook Candice McClaren who drives from Santa Cruz with lunches selected earlier from a menu she sends to everyone. Audrey Lanas and Imo Fukutomi annually organize our Raffle. Sure were a lot of items this year. Michelle Pressel provides the popular judge thank you gift: a clipboard with a judge's dog picture on the front. (It immediately became judge Donna Meade's favorite and used in the Rally ring. Her dog passed away last year.)

And at the end of the day the ring down and packing the trailer included Marilyn Warter, Michelle Pressel, Barbara Skaggs, Dale Noble, Karen Azevedo, Rich Torres, Linda Lang, me, and a few others.

By 6 PM Hans was pulling the trailer away and the field looked like no event took place.

If you volunteered and I missed your name, let me know and I will get it in next month's "Ruff Notes". If you did not read your name, consider having me include it next year, July 25, 2026.

PS - Congratulations to club members who earned legs or titles. Look for their posts in the Brags.

TRIAL HIGH SCORING DOGS – HANDLERS

Obedience AM

High Scoring Dog HIGH TIMES RAISE THE ROOF
UD PCDX BN. Susan Westover 199

High Combined Scoring Dog VCCH OTCH3
EMBERAIN WINTER COMING HOME UDX5 OM9
RN SH MXS MJS. Cynthia Hult 386

Obedience PM

High Scoring Dog OTCH EMBERAIN WITCH WAY
TO COPPERTOP OM1 RE TDX JH. Terry and Steve
Southard 200

High Combined Scoring Dog HIGH TIMES RAISE
THE ROOF UD PCDX BN. Susan Westover 387.

Rally AM

Club member Carol Davis swept all four with

CH SHADOWLEND'S BLACKFIRE'S AIN'T SHE
SWEET CD PCD BN RE.

AM Rally

High Combined Scoring Dog 200
High Triple Combined Scoring Dog 300

PM Rally

High Combined Scoring Dog 200++
High Triple Combined Scoring Dog 29

In Memoriam

MBDTC lost two long time members this past year. The Club dedicated this year's Obedience and Rally Trials in their honor. Thank you to June Laman and Luane Vidak for writing Sylvia's and Bruce's stories.

Remembering Sylvia Holderman



Sylvia lived her 86 years growing up in Los Gatos. As a teen, she had her own horse and buggy. After marrying Dale Holderman, they moved to the Santa Cruz mountains with their three children and lived there ever since.

Sylvia kept horses but also loved dogs, especially Chesapeake Bay Retrievers. She became a well-known breeder of quality Chesapeakes in the Bay Area and in the Eastern US. Sylvia and her son showed her dogs, excelling in Conformation and Obedience trials. She was a well-known member of the American Chesapeake Retriever Club and MBDTC. Her greatest joy was helping novice dog owners train their dogs. Her home and training ring were available to anyone wanting to learn. She is deeply missed.

-June Laman (MBDTC member and Sylvia's close friend.)

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Remembering Bruce Kennedy



Bruce Kennedy and Labradors go back a long way. Bruce and I had litter mates decades ago. As a result, we became good friends and over the years enjoyed getting various brothers/sisters together for fun, training or celebrating their birthdays!

Bruce and his latest Labrador, Rudy, worked thru various AKC titling opportunities: Hunt tests JH, Rally RF, Obedience CDX, CGC, and Trick dog TKN. All the while working as a team on the family properties and running a very large pear/prune orchard in the Santa Cruz Mtns. They were an inseparable pair.

He trained in Capitola and Watsonville and participated in meetings and in our annual Morris Animal Assn. Walk Fundraisers. At trials, he was found helping with set up/take down for countless club events.

He passed away unexpectedly in May. His memorial service was attended by many members expressing condolences to his family that attest to the fondness we held for him.

Rudy continues to live at the family home with Tony and his wife, good friends of Bruce.

-Luane Vidak

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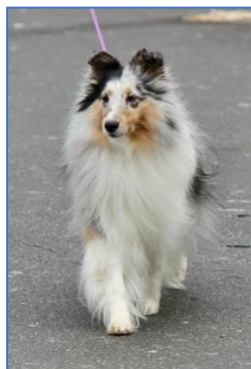
BRAGS BRAGS BRAGS!



ZSusie Q got her last leg in Open A and Strider got his Beginner Novice title at Del Monte KC. (Diana Galvan)



Swindler completed his RN with a score of 100, 97, and 90 at the Del Monte Kennel Club at 7 months old! Placing 1st on Friday, and 2nd Saturday and Sunday in Rally Novice A.. (Alexis Honig/Trainee in Watsonville classes)



Lacie and I went to DMKC Scent Work Trial on 7/5/25. We were in all 4 Excellent classes. We Q'd in all but Containers, where the handler called a wrong alert on a box next to a scented box. But we did get our 2nd Q in Excellent Interior. We need 1 more Q in Interior to get our overall Excellent title.

On 7/11/25 we went to DMKC dog show and were in Advanced B Rally. It was a large, very talented group. Lacie and I were among a group (6) who all got a perfect score of 100 points! I was thrilled as I have been competing in obedience and Rally for 39 years and this is the first perfect score I have gotten with 8 dogs. We came close multiple times but this was a first! (Reena Walton)





MORE BRAGS



At the July 5th Del Monte Kennel Club Trial in Monterey, **Holly** sniffed her way to legs in Excellent Container and Buried. It was her 2nd trial at the Excellent level. We are still working toward an elusive Q in Excellent Interior..... (Denise Weatherwax)



On July 12, 2025, **Finn** got his second Utility A leg at the Del Monte Kennel Club trial.

On July 26, 2025, Finn got his third Utility A leg, earning his UD title, at the MBDTC trial.. (Barbara Skaggs)



Rhyme has had a busy month, earning 2 new titles. First we went up to Ferndale for the Lost Coast trial where she earned her Novice FAST and Open JWW titles. Then we went to our annual obedience trial where she earned 2 legs towards her CD.. (Michelle Pressel)



The BRAGS Continue!

Billy finished his BN at our show on Saturday with a 2nd place and a 4th place. His first leg was at Hayward with a first place. Here he is resting after his exertions.. (June Laman)



Frannie (Glenavan Curtain Call ML) pictured here with Zoe Baker taking BOW at Del Monte kennel club on Saturday July 12 by judge Richard Todd Jackson. Her first points for a 3-point major!..... (Wendy Hess)

On 7/26 at the MBDTC Trial, **Eddie's** 1st time in the ring picked up 2 Beg. Novice legs and 2 Rally Novice legs collecting two 3rd place ribbons and two 2nd place ribbons.

Rainy Q'd in Rally Advanced and **Maddie** picked up her 1st 2 legs in Rally Advanced with 1 placement. We came home with lots of new toys!!!..... (Linda Lang)





Happy Birthday Wishes



8/3/2012	13	Zest!	Whippet	Dale Noble
8/12/2020	5	JoJo	Longhair Dachshund	Wendy Hess
8/17/2018	7	Lucy	German Shepherd	Irene Fukutome
8/21/2012	13	Oliver	Miniature Wire-haired Dachshund	Karen Schwindt

** If we've missed someone or your information needs to be updated, please contact Marion Bashista at marionb@bashista.com with your changes. Thanks!

8/11	Phil Kipnis
8/28	Judy Force
8/28	Imo Lawton
8/29	Craig Simberg
8/31	Garth Gregson



Congratulations! New CGC

from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair

Congratulations to this dog and handler who earned their CGC title. Well done!



Michelle and Astra





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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

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