

Ruff Notes

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August 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another busy trial season has come and gone. We received some wonderful compliments and thanks from participants. We earned that praise because of the attention to detail from our members to put on a quality workshop and trial and to the hard-working volunteers. We are proud of the venues we offered and I thank all of you that make it possible.

It was particularly heartwarming to see so many of our members and students attending and competing with their dogs. Congratulations to all that earned obedience and rally legs! We will have a lot to acknowledge at our annual awards luncheon next December.



The August Blast from the Past of MBDTc (photo below)

This picture was taken at our Agility Trial in 2006. Look at all those smiling volunteers. Look close and you will see people you know! Just seeing those canopies makes my fingers hurt. Glad we have easy up canopies now!

60 Words MBDTc Memories

Unfortunately, this section is blank this month. Please help the club honor our 60 years and tell us about one memory you have from something you attended or participated in while a member of MBDTc. What about something you did with your heart dog?



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 19th
Picnic with our dogs at Scott Park,
Watsonville

3101 Freedom Blvd,
Watsonville, CA.

Bring your own lunch and join us at the covered picnic area.

Club will provide water and a cake.
Dog games and lots of fun.
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Celebrating 60 years!




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

Have you ever played Potato relay?



Obedience and Rally Trials 2026

Well, the club put on another successful trial, thanks to the judges, many stewards, the annual raffle gurus Audrey L. and Irene F., and our honorary "lunch lady", Candice Mc. From the organizational perspective Michael B. was chair, Linda Lange chief ring steward, and Karey Krauter, secretary. Their roles begin months and sometimes a year before the trials.

Those dogs and handlers successful in the ring will have their achievements in the Brags section. Unfortunately, there will be no brags from the Open A ring morning or afternoon. The marked catalogs are at <https://www.bumpsays.com/Home/mbdtc>.

The club would like to hear your thoughts on holding just one trial on Saturday or separate trials on Saturday and Sunday. The major challenge facing a trial on two days is volunteer recruitment.

Scent Work Trials Nov 14-15

All is a go as we return to the Watsonville Elks Lodge. Judges are Suzanne Edholm, Jill Kessler-Miller, Pam Mason, and Wendy Spraglin. Some of you will note that Jill is from Aptos and Pam lives in Santa Cruz. Novice and Advance Saturday and Detective and Master Interior Sunday. Premium will be available later this month with the opening date of Oct.7. Hope you all get in.



BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



Trent earned his first leg in Open Jumpers agility in June 2023. He earned his second leg in June 2024. He earned his final leg July 4th at the Shetland Sheepdog Agility trial. It was a beautiful, clean run..... (Terri & Garth Gregson)



Eddie and I finally decided to step into the Novice B Obedience ring at the Del Monte Kennel Club show, HE DID US PROUD, he took 1st Place both days with scores of 198. We celebrated by sharing a strawberry sundae. Here he is finishing the last little bit with his new toys for 1st Place.....who said #13 was unlucky??;-)

Eddie has a brag, from our own MBDTTC Trial on July 25. He finished his CD with 1st Place and a score of 195 ½. Here he is with all his ribbons, new toys and a new medallion..... (Linda Lang)



Lacie and I tried Master level scent work for the first time on July 3rd. We qualified in Master Containers and Master Exterior..... (Reena Walton)



Holly did her very first Obedience trial at our MBDTTC Saturday, July 25. We did Rally Novice and Beginner Novice obedience in which she earned 4 out of 4 possible qualifying scores with 2nd and 4th placements in RN, and 1st and 2nd place in BN with scores of 190 and 186. I was so proud of her.

On July 3rd, Holly also earned her Master Container element title (SCM) at the MBASWC trials at San Carlos School..... (Denise Weatherwax)



MORE BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!

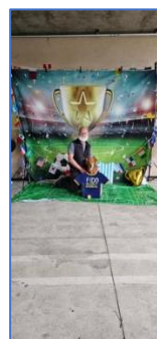


Miss "**Frannie**" (Glenavan Curtain Call ML) the longhair dachshund won Winners Bitch and BOBOH for a 5-point major on June 6, 2026 under Susan St. John Brown at the Woodstock dog show in Woodland.

What a special win that was! She has 3 points to go towards earning her championship title.

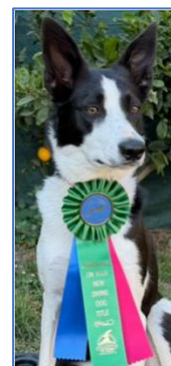
This is her 3rd. Major since showing her. No singles. We have a show coming up on 9/12 (Sir Frances Drake) in Woodland, fingers crossed..... (Wendy Hess)

Jerry earned his Flyball Dog Champion (FDCH) title at LA Mirada.....(Craig & Judy Simberg)



First leg, novice, **Strider**, Saturday afternoon.....(Diana Galvan)

August first at Gold Country's NADD event in Lone, Lobukhali earned her first title, Dock Senior and has 2 jumps toward her Dock Master. Her personal best is now 20'7".....(Christina Binns)





Happy Birthday Wishes



8/3/2012	14	Zest!	Whippet	Dale Noble
8/9/2015	11	Haley	Miniature Schnauzer	Karen Azevedo
8/12/2020	6	JoJo	Longhair Dachshund	Wendy Hess
8/13/2020	6	Inja	All-American	Christina Binns
8/17/2018	8	Lucy	German Shepherd	Irene Fukutome
8/21/2012	14	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!

8/28	Imo Lawton
8/29	Craig Simberg
8/31	Garth Gregson



BirchBark Expands "Senior PetAid Program"

Two years ago, BirchBark established its [Senior PetAid Program](https://www.birchbarkfoundation.org/senior-petaid) providing "preventative veterinary care for pets living with their guardians in affordable senior housing." With additional funding support they are now expanding the program to assist "senior pets of any financially qualified guardian, regardless of age". Information on the program is available on BirchBark's website at <https://www.birchbarkfoundation.org/senior-petaid>.



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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

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