

# Ruff Notes

## December 2024



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### **December 2024 PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Our November Thanksgiving meeting was a great success. We held it at the Live Oak Grange. This was a new location for us and we found out that we can have dogs there – Good to know for future events. The food was great - we have some talented chefs in our group for sure. Dr Judy Force was a very informative and interesting speaker. We submitted questions to her ahead of time so she was able to tell us everything we need to know about our dogs’ teeth. She even brought toothbrushes for our dogs.

At the meeting Mona Nakashima volunteered to head a group to work on our club clothing. If you have time to help us with this, please reach out to Mona. We are excited to get a club item for everyone.

Next is our annual Xmas/Awards luncheon. We will be at a new location for us – The Watsonville Elks Lodge. We know the food will be awesome and the Silent Auction is always fun. It is a nice opportunity to recognize what our handler/dog teams have accomplished during the year. But the most important part is spending time with our friends. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Our next Board meeting is Monday December 2nd via Zoom at 6:30. An email is sent out each month with the Zoom directions and the agenda. Come join us anytime!

Hug your dogs and cherish every minute we are privileged to train them!  
Terri Gregson, President



**Annual Awards  
Luncheon  
Saturday,  
December 7<sup>th</sup>  
12 to 3:00 PM**

Lunch Catered by D'la Colmema \$25.  
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Don't miss our famous Silent Auction!

Location:  
Watsonville Elks Lodge  
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by November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **November 17<sup>th</sup> Scent Trial**

*from Michael Bashista, Scent Trial Chair*

Many exhibitors and their dogs left with green ribbons and socks in their hands.

In the morning Detective class, five of twenty dogs Qualified. Most if not all the teams enjoyed the popular search area where we were last April, hosted by Socksmith in Santa Cruz. Marion Bashista and Kiara took third.

The afternoon Master Interior had twenty-two entries and fourteen Qualified. Almost 65%! Marion, Dale Noble, and Linda Lang from the club Qualified. Linda and Dale have additional news in the Brags.

Judge Suzanne Edholm, Secretary Teresa Locatelli, and stewards from the club – Laureen Yungmeyer, Irene Fukutome, Lynda Rogers, and Mona Nakashima – were our stewards and timers.

Next up, our April 26-27 Scent Trial, this year hosted by the Watsonville Elks Lodge. Thanks to club member Rich Torres and Elk who arranged the opportunity, many more dog/handler teams will be able to participate. And, therefore, more stewards and timers.

## 2024 Scholarship Recipient



**Dylan Caro**  
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### Education

Campolindo High School  
Moraga, CA

BS, Biology  
UC Santa Cruz

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UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

### Scholastic and Prior Honors

Cum Laude, Dean's Honor March 2018-  
June 2019

## Monterey Bay Dog Training Club Scholarship

Dear Donors,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to my education. This scholarship goes such a long way in helping me pursue my goals and dreams as a future veterinarian and I am so grateful to have received this scholarship.

This scholarship will allow me to go through veterinary school with less financial stress hanging over me and alleviates my loan burden now and into the future. Having less financial burden and less loan worry, I can put my focus where it should be— my education here at UC Davis. Furthermore, because I am able to better focus on my education with less financial worry, I can better prepare myself for the advanced training, an internship and residency, that I hope to pursue. Indeed, I am currently thinking about pursuing a specialization in surgery. On top of school, I work under a local veterinary surgeon in Sacramento. There, I have seen the lives of so many patients impacted for the better through surgery, including; repairing of broken limbs, surgical intervention to treat laryngeal paralysis in a Labrador and a severe prolonged recurrent ear infection that was painfully bothering a poor basset hound for over a year and a half. It is my dream to one day provide a similar service and help alleviate the suffering of our beloved canine and feline companions.

Lastly, this scholarship has shown me how much of an impact giving can make in someone's life. As a veterinarian I hope to similarly give and help those around me who want to make a positive impact on the world. I hope to do this through mentorship, always bringing a positive attitude to work, uplifting those around me and maybe one day providing financial assistance to those in need through scholarships as well.

Thank you so much for this scholarship. Throughout this school year, I will be even more motivated to learn as much as possible, study incredibly hard and be the best vet student I can be knowing I am supported by such generosity.

Sincerely,

Dylan James Caro



# MEMBER BRAGS



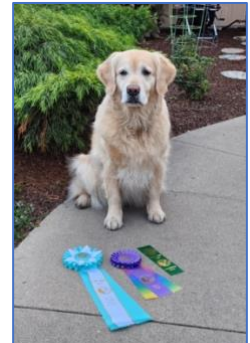
**Connor** got his 3rd leg for his Excellent Rally title with a score of 95..... (Judy Force)



At Fresno DTC's agility trial Nov. 1--3 **Maddie** completed her OAP title, picked up a couple Open Jumpers legs and a Master FAST leg, **Rainy** picked up an Ex. FAST leg.

At Our own MBDTc's Scent Work Trial on Nov.17 **Rainy** picked up her last Master Interior leg to not only finish that title, but to also finish her Overall Master Title!!!

In My Wildest Dreams I never thought that we would go so far, my heart is FULL!!! It's been a great year with new Agility, Obedience, Rally and Scent Work titles....(Linda Lang)

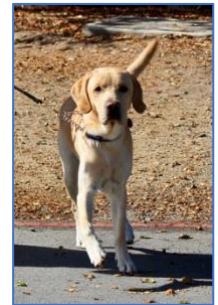


*Ambermist Raindrops On Roses  
"Rainy" CD BN RI NF NAJ NJP  
OFP RATN SWM SHDN NWI TLI  
ULI SDI CGC*



**Kiara** earned her 3<sup>rd</sup> Scent Work Detective leg and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at our Trial on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She also earned two Master Interior Qs toward her Elite title. One at our Trial and the second at MBASW's November 2<sup>nd</sup> trial.

**Trane** had his maiden voyage into Scent Work at MBASW's November 2<sup>nd</sup> trial earning Qs in Novice Containers and Interior along with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Interior.. .....(Marion & Michael Bashista)



**Rhyme** and I headed to the NW2 in Paso Robles on Nov 12th where she found all the hides and earned her NW2 title and was 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. She also earned 2 element placements and earned the distinction of pronounced in 3 out of 5 searches. I am really proud of how she worked, especially when she was struggling to find the elusive 3<sup>rd</sup> hide that eluded a lot of other teams..... (Michelle Pressel)





## MORE MEMBER BRAGS



**Strider**, 6 months old, passed the CGC test. What a good puppy - thank you Linda Hoff Siegel... ..(Diana Galvan)

At we recently returned from Tucson AZ. Jerry competed in dock diving , rally, and obedience. We bombed in obedience, but he did GREAT in dock diving and rally. **Jerry** took 1st place in air retrieve and hydro dash, earning him an invite to this year's Regionals. He also earned his title in both disciplines. He earned his Rally Advance title with a perfect score!!  
.....(Craig & Judy Simberg)



Wren finished her Master interior at our test on Nov 17th.....(Dale Noble)

# ***Congratulations!*** ***New CGCs***

*from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair*

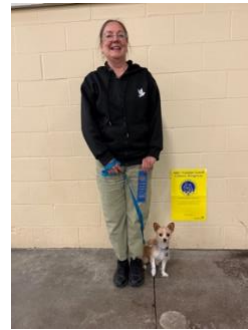
Congratulations to these dogs and handlers who earned their CGC titles. Well done all!



*Molly*



*Sagen*



*Caleb*



*Vic*



*Jake*



*Penelope*



*Jasmine*



*Strider*



*Rafa*



# December Birthdays



12/1/2015	9	Trent	Golden Retriever	Garth & Terri Gregson
12/1/2015	9	Rainy	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
12/1/2011	13	Tom	Golden Retriever	Judy & Craig Simberg
12/1/2018	6	Finn	Golden Retriever	Barbara Skaggs
12/1/2019	5	Poppy	Mix	Lynn Steele
12/8/2013	11	Crystal	Schipperke	Carol Davis
12/8/2021	3	Booyah	Border Collie	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
12/14/2017	7	Dottie	Standard Poodle	Diane Kipnis
12/16/2021	3	Sunny	Standard Poodle	Diane Kipnis

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

12/1	Carol Davis
12/14	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
12/15	Elizabeth Manning





## Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc.

Our guest speaker will be Jill Kessler-Miller, M.S., CPDT-KA  
Expert Witness in Dogs

Jill has trained, handled, and titled in Conformation, Obedience, Schutzhund, Agility, Rally, Barnhunt, Scentwork, and Nose work. She is an AKC Scentwork Judge and is knowledgeable in dog behavior, animal rescue work, dog aggression, and other animal related topics.

Bring your questions to this great meeting

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