

# Ruff Notes

## January 2025



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### January 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful group of dogs we had earning titles in 2024! The awards came out beautiful again this year. It is so nice to see all the different events our dogs participate in. A huge congratulations to Imo Lawton for her dog's amazing accomplishments this year. It was



particularly nice to hear the pride in their dog's efforts as each dog owner described what they competed in and the titles that were earned.

It was an awesome party to celebrate our year together as a dog training club. Thank you for everyone that came and celebrated these accomplishments. The setting was warm and perfect for our gathering. The food was delicious and the company was gracious. A big thank you goes out to all those that donated to our silent auction. Next year I have to be better at watching my own bids! I loved seeing everyone participate in our coloring contest - especially the spouses!

Besides the things our dogs completed, we also take the time to acknowledge some of the human's efforts on behalf of the Club. This year I am proud to recognize Lynn Schmitt for everything she has done for MBDTTC over her many years as a member. Many of you will recognize her as the one that awarded your dog their CGC title. She does even more behind the scenes. She was an important liaison for us with the fairgrounds during the fairground's leadership turmoil. She attended their meetings and reminded them of the history of our partnership with them over the years. Lynn has also served as our connection to AKC and everything on the legal end. I thank Lynn for her support.



Our next Board meeting is Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> 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



# 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

January 18, 2025  
2:00 PM  
Aptos Grange  
2555 Mar Vista Drive  
Aptos, CA.



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## ***Obedience & Rally Update***

*from Michael Bashista, Matches and Trials Chair*

### **New Panel Jumps**

For dog safety the AKC requires replacement of wood or metal panel jumps by June 2025. The new jumps are constructed of PVC to break away easily. We ordered jumps in late October to get in a 6-week waiting line at Max 200. They have arrived for our training classes, obedience workshop, and annual Obedience and Rally trials. We would like to find a home for the old ones. Contact Michael at [michael@bashista.com](mailto:michael@bashista.com).

Also, a set of panels was ordered for agility. The present PVC jump is 4 ft wide and the AKC recommends 5. Since we rent our equipment, it is important that our equipment meets AKC regulations. All arrived in 3 boxes.

### **New Workshop Date**

We were able to change our date with Manzanita Park. The new date, Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>, is the weekend before our Obedience-Rally trials. Fewer events. More parking.

## Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc. Gifts from the Heart Project from past years



**2017**  
Club President Donna Gorman with Vet Client who had 2 older dogs and a cat that needed medications.



**2018**  
Club President Luane Vidak, Amanda White with Jean the pup, Michelle Presse, DVM, DACVIM, and Sarah Weagle



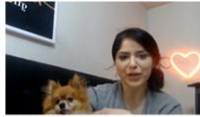
**2019**  
Our Club collaborated with Birchbark and Dr. Judy Force to help pay for dental services.



**2020**  
Dr. Stephen Kaiff with June who had been hit by a car. The Birchbark Foundation also contributed to the surgery and medical attention June needed.



**2021**  
Our partnership with Birchbark this year helped a small dog named Tuffy who was rushed to the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist.



**2022**  
Surgery for 10 year old Bear's broken leg and jaw was done by Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist. Birchbark contributed to the surgery too.



**2023**  
Sunshine (far right) received surgery for a pyometra from Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist



**2024**  
Our donation to the Birchbark Foundation and helped with the treatment for a 5-month French Bulldog named Amiri. He suffered a left proximal tibial fracture. His broken leg was repaired at the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital.

We need your help in determining where our donation will go this coming new year, 2025. Do you know a Clinic or Veterinarian that can use our support? Let a board member know.

For the past 20 years in memory of Marilyn Runyan, a long-time member, the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club has made a monetary donation to a local Veterinarian Clinic or Foundation on behalf of a Recipient/Pet Owner as our "Gifts from the Heart Project". In the past our donations have paid for services, lab work, surgery, and medicines. Our donation is usually presented around Valentine's Day.

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December 20, 2024

On Wednesday, following 40 minutes of floor debate, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Beagle Brigade Act ([S. 759](#)) to support U.S. detection dogs.

The Senate passed this measure in November. The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

AKC has been pleased to advocate over several years for passage of this measure to provide permanent funding to support the training of U.S. agricultural detection dogs.

The Beagle Brigade Act provides statutory funding authority for the National Detector Dog Training Center operated by U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS). The center, located in Newnan, Georgia, trains dogs to inspect passenger baggage, cargo, mailed packages, and vehicles to detect foreign pests and diseases that threaten domestic agriculture and natural resources.

The USDA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection use approximately 120 detector dogs throughout the country. The majority of the USDA's specially trained dogs who train at the Newnan facility and go on to work at airports and other ports of entry are Beagles, thus the name "Beagle Brigade".

AKC thanks Congressmen Sanford Bishop and Senate sponsors Warnock, Ernst and Crapo for their leadership on advancing this important measure.

To learn more about the Beagle Brigade, visit <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/meet-the-beagle-brigade/>.

To learn more about the [AKC Detection Dog Task Force](#), and AKC leadership in the area of protecting and advancing detection and other working dogs, visit [www.akc.org/edc](http://www.akc.org/edc) or <https://www.akcgr.org/issue/78550/>.



# MEMBER BRAGS



**Lacie** and I went to Del Monte KC. We completed Excellent Containers and Excellent Buried. We got our 2nd exterior Q there too..... (Reena Walton)



A few weekends ago, when it was storming and there was a tornado in Scotts Valley, Soleil, Rhyme and I took part in a scent work trial in Marysville where it was also storming with 20-30 MPH wind gusts. And we were rewarded for being brave, crazy dog sport lovers.

**Rhyme** qualified 4/4 runs in Excellent and earned 2 first places (Containers and Exterior) and High in Trial overall for Excellent.

And **Soleil** found all the hides to earn her 8th Detective Q with the fastest time, earning a blue ribbon to go with her pretty Q ribbon.

**Soleil** and I earned her 9th Detective Q at the MBASWC trial on New Year's Day. She did an amazing job, finding 10 hides in 4:18 mins for a 1st place finish. I love following her around and watching her search. She makes it so easy to call ALERT ALERT ALERT!!!

**Rhyme** also competed at the MBASWC New Years trial and earned 3 out of 4 Qs. The future looks bright with her and I look forward to us becoming a stronger and stronger team. .... (Michelle Pressel)



**Theo** won Excellent Combined High in Trial at the Del Monte KC scent work trial on 12/8/24. He also earned his SWE title on 1/1/2025..... (Mona Nakashima)



## MORE MEMBER BRAGS



**George** got his Scent Work Novice Title on 12/7 in Salinas and High in Trial for Novice A that day. He got his Handler Discrimination Novice Title on 12/31 and the first-place ribbon that day. So proud of my boy 🐾!..... (Marilyn Warter)



**Kiara** finished her Master Buried title and with that final Q completed her overall Master Scent Work title along with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in Master Interior. She also earned her 4<sup>th</sup> Scent Work Detective Q at MBASW's New Year's trials on December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At the same trials, **Trane** earned Qs in all four Novice Scent elements with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Novice Exterior and 4<sup>th</sup> place in Novice Interior. .... (Marion & Michael Bashista)



### SAVE THE DATES

- January 18 – General Meeting, Aptos Grange
- March 15 – General Meeting, Location TBD
- April 26 - 27 – Scent Trial, Watsonville Elks Lodge
- May 17 – General Meeting and Morris Animal Foundation Walk
- June 13 – 15 – Agility Trial, Manzanita Park
- July 12 – Annual Meeting, Location TBD
- July 19 – Obedience & Rally Workshop, Manzanita Park
- July 26 – Obedience & Rally Trials, Manzanita Park

## ***Annual Awards Luncheon***

The Club's Annual Awards luncheon was held at the Watsonville Elks Lodge this year. We've heard great comments from many members about this year's event.

Much gratitude and thanks to Rich Torres for making this wonderful facility available to us. Rich made the event warm and inviting, providing the Club with many amenities like those festive tablecloths and holiday music. Hopefully, we can return in 2025.



# 2024 MBDTC Annual Award Winners

## 2024 Club Awards

<i>Award</i>	<i>Winner</i>
President's Award	Lynn Schmitt
Board Appreciation Award	Craig Simberg
Sportsmanship Award	Craig Simberg
Most Improved, in honor of Phoebus CDX	Zsuzsi Q & Diana Galvan

## 2024 Recipients of Perpetual Award Plaques

<b>Award</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Handler</b>
Handler with Most Trial Placements	Cairo & Austin	Imo Lawton with 71 points
High Aggregate Score, Degree in 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 Trials	Cairo – CD 588.5	Imo Lawton
2 Degrees (Titles) in 12 Consecutive Months	Cairo – CD, CDX, UD	Imo Lawton
High Combined, Open & Utility		Not awarded this year
Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)		Not awarded this year
Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)		Not awarded this year
Highest Scoring Jr. Handler		Not awarded this year
High Combined (Open & Utility)		Not awarded this year
AKC 200		Not awarded this year

## 2024 ORNAMENT AWARDS

Member	Dog	Titles
Marion Bashista	Kiara	SIEE
Carol Davis	Miko	CH, RN B
Carol Davis	Crystal	RM6, RA6
Pamela Fugitt-Hetrick	Booyah	XF, OA, FCAT, FTI
Pamela Fugitt-Hetrick	QT	FCAT 7 & 8, T2B 3, MJS, MXB
Diana Galvan	Zsuzsi Q	RI, RA, TKI, FDB
Garth Gregson	Trent	RE, FITS
Terri Gregson	Dawson	FITS, CCA
Linda Lang	Rainy	NJP, NFP, OFF, CD, RI
Linda Lang	Maddie	NJP, NFP, OFF, NAP, EFP, CD, RI
Linda Lang	Eddie	CCA
Imo Lawton	Cairo	PCD, CD, CDX, PCDX, UD
Imo Lawton	Austin	RE, RM, RAE
Mona Nakashima	Theo	SCEE, SBE, SEE, SHDE, THDN, FITB
Dale Noble	Archer	RN, CH, DCAT, TKN
Dale Noble	Wren	CD, NFP, TKI, SCM
Dale Noble	Zest!	TKN
Dale Noble	Zing!	OA
Michelle Pressel	Rhyme	SWN, SWA, BN, NAJ, SWE
Lynda Rogers	Black Pearl Leo the Lion	CH
Craig Simberg	Jerry	RN, RI, BN, AJ, HDJA
Barbara Skaggs	Finn	TKI
Stacy Thompson	Caleb	CD
Reena Walton	Lacie	SHDA, SIA, SBA, SCA, SEA, SWA
Denise Weatherwax	Holly	SWN, SHDN, SWA
Laureen Yungmeyer	Jewel	CD, SWN, SWA, FDC





# December Birthdays



1/1/2011	14	Snoopy	Havanese	Marlene Majewska
1/4/2012	13	Tack	Border Collie	Yvette Cook
1/4/2022	3	Kitt	Schipperke	Carol Davis
1/9/2021	4	Miko	Schipperke	Carol Davis

\*\* 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!

1/1	Bruce Kennedy
1/6	Kathy Fujita
1/12	Denise Weatherwax





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