

# Ruff Notes

## October 2024



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### October 2024 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our annual picnic was a wonderful success. We approved our new by-laws and welcomed two new members, Marilyn Warter and Gail Mahood. We also had our first visit from our newest dog, Kilo.

The Dog Olympics were terrific and every dog went home a winner with a prize. If you weren't able to attend this year, we hope you put it on your calendar for next time.

This month we are bringing our dogs to visit the residents at Sunshine Villa in Santa Cruz. These pictures are from our first visit in 2013 and then in 2015.



We missed some years due to COVID, but otherwise we have made this an annual tradition.



Please consider bringing your dog and brightening the hearts of the residents. The time and date have changed: **Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**. All dogs are welcome. The residents love to meet them all.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our next general meeting in November. Dr Judy Force of Dentistry for Animals in Aptos, along with a colleague, will be making a presentation. She has let us know we can submit questions ahead of time. Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30

Our next Board meeting is Monday October 7<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



# Mark your calendar for our next General Meeting

**Monterey Bay**  
Dog Training Club, Inc.



Join us Saturday, November 9 from 2:30 PM to 5 PM Live Oak Grange (NOT Aptos Grange) with guest speaker and Club Member, Dr. Judy Force, Veterinary dentist.

Advance questions are welcome.

Live Oak Grange  
1900 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA  
95062

# The Holiday Awards Luncheon is coming up and we need your donations for the Silent Auction



The yearly awards are supported by your donations to our Silent Auction. Handmade items, Jams and Jellies, Paintings, make fabulous items for the auction. Dog items and treats are always appreciated by our best friends. (no rawhide please) Bring them to class or contact Audrey Lanas at [lulu2lanas@aol.com](mailto:lulu2lanas@aol.com)



## **Annual Awards Are Just Around the Corner**

*from Denise Weatherwax*

It has been a long-time tradition of MBDTC to honor all dogs earning AKC titles at our Annual Awards party with a custom ornament featuring a photo of your dog and titles earned the previous year. It's not too soon to start gathering info about the titles your dog earned from Nov.1, 2023 - Oct.31, 2024.



Certificates and logo ornaments commemorate the Most Improved Dog & Handler and Good Sportsmanship, which are voted on by the membership, and the President's Award and Board Appreciation for exceptional contributions and/or long-term volunteer service. We will be asking in a separate survey to nominate a dog/handler team that you feel has made big improvements this past year, and to submit a name of a member whom you feel consistently demonstrates good sportsmanship.



Also, there are several perpetual award plaques to recognize particularly difficult achievements, such as the UDX, OTCH, perfect 200 score in regular obedience, High Combined in Open and Utility, and more. Refer to your MBDTC Policy Handbook for a complete list.



We use an email survey to gather information about any AKC titles earned by your dog since last October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please use the survey you will receive via email to submit information and send a digital photo so the club can recognize your dog's accomplishments, and everyone can share the joy. Please watch your email for instructions and a link to the online form.

The MBDTC Annual Awards Luncheon will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Elks' Lodge in Watsonville. Stay tuned for details.

Denise Weatherwax is heading the Awards committee; she would greatly appreciate an assistant so call or email her if you might be interested. 831-359-1758 or [dweatherwax@gmail.com](mailto:dweatherwax@gmail.com)



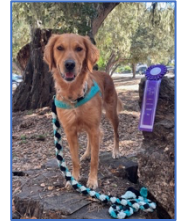
# MEMBER BRAGS



The girls and I went up to Eureka for the Labor Day weekend for a scent work trial and then competed in our local trial the following weekend. I am so very very proud of my girls.

Between the 2 trials, Rhyme finished 5 titles, Excellent Buried, Containers, Interior and Exterior and finally her overall Excellent SW title.

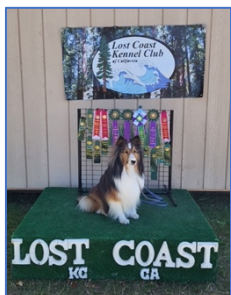
Soleil earned 3 detective legs, earning placements in all of them and 2 Master Buried Qs and Master Interior Qs..... (Michelle Pressel)



Lacie and I received an Invite to Novice division to the AKC obedience classic in Florida!! ( we won't be going, but nice to get invited!!).... (Reena Walton)

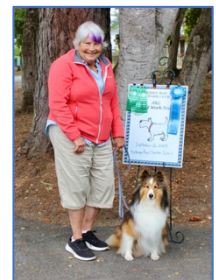


Holly and Denise had a 3-day Labor Day Weekend Scent Work trial in Eureka, CA, with Lost Coast Kennel Club. Holly earned new titles in Advanced Container, Exterior, and Buried.



She earned her SHDN title in one weekend, and placed 2nd in all three HD searches. We had never tried Handler Discrimination before. We unfortunately failed to get even a single Interior Q the entire weekend -- all due to the handler error -- incorrect calls.

The following weekend we made up for it at the MBASWC trial in Pacific Grove, going four for four in Advanced, and finishing Holly's SWA title. One of the judges commented that they enjoyed watching her work. I'm so proud of how she seems to enjoy her job.....(Denise Weatherwax)

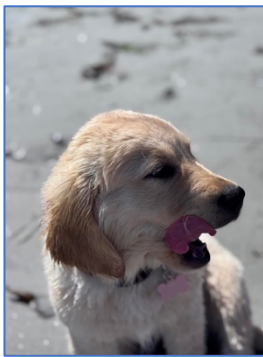




# MORE MEMBER BRAGS



George had a great first scent trial in September. He found scent in all five elements. He got a 1st in exterior, a 2nd in handler discrimination, and a 4th in container, AND he got Combined High in Trial for Novice. So proud of my boy!! Thank you to Pam Mason the scent instructor who gave George a good foundation and to our current instructor Jill Kessler-Miller who has the difficult task of making me a handler. George is quite talented...I'm a work in progress.....(Marilyn Warter)



Linda Coleman and Todd Hoff welcome their new Golden Retriever puppy, Tigiana's Cruise Control, AKA Kilo!! We're looking forward to starting classes soon! .....(Linda Coleman)

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# October Birthdays



10/3/2015	9	Bolt	Border Collie	Yvette Cook
10/17/2014	10	Joker	Dalmatian	Judy Sauve
10/18/2016	8	Ella	Labrador Retriever	Barbara Gibson
10/27/2018	6	Abby	Schipperke	Carol Davis
10/27/2020	4	Theo	Swedish Vallhund	Mona Nakashima

\*\* 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!

10/3	Edie Losch
10/3	Luane Vidak
10/9	Mona Nakashima
10/21	Judy Simberg
10/24	Terri Gregson



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**WANT A GOOD DOG?  
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

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