

# Ruff Notes

## April 2025



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### April 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the new title holders for the trick dog titles they earned at our March general meeting. Reena and Mona and their dogs Lacey and Theo gave us a wonderful demonstration on how to train your dogs for the Intermediate level tricks. If you are ready to have your dog earn a title, Reena will be evaluating dogs on Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at our classes in Crosetti Hall at the fairgrounds. Send an email to [montereybaydog@gmail.com](mailto:montereybaydog@gmail.com) to get on the list!



Our club t-shirts are coming soon! Look for an email with a survey for you to complete to let us know what Style, color and size you want for your free club issued t-shirt. A sizing chart is included in the

survey for your assistance. You may choose to add to your order additional t-shirts, Polo Shirts, or Ball Caps. All you have to pay for is any additional orders you submit. We are excited to have the new attire for everyone.

Our next general meeting will be our annual Morris Animal Foundation Walk May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the parking lot near Kohl's at 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. Look for more details to follow on the walk and our meeting afterwards. This is [our fundraiser website](#) or scan this QR code in your phone



The Study's purpose is to identify the nutritional, environmental, lifestyle and genetic risk factors for cancer and other diseases in dogs. There are close to 1,000 dogs actively participating. A Golden Age Sub-Study has been added to track changes in our dogs related to arthritis and cognitive ability.

**Please share this information with your dog friends so we may have a successful fundraiser for a valuable study.**

Happy **Easter** from our bunch!  
Hug your dogs and cherish every minute we are privileged to train them!

Terri Gregson, President



## Calling Scent Trial Volunteers

Our April 26-27 trials at the Watsonville Elks Lodge need volunteers. Unlike our prior one-day Detective trial with very limited entries and one judge, this trial will be two days, four judges, and four classes.

We need a timer and steward for each judge. Morning hospitality and lunch setup need one or two people. With Masters in the AM, Novice in the PM Saturday, and Advanced in the AM and Excellent in the PM Sunday, you are NOT expected to be there all day or both days unless you want.

Handlers entering can volunteer in the premium. (The premium is available on our web site and via AKC.)

Email [michael@bashista.com](mailto:michael@bashista.com) to volunteer and include a preference if you have one.



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

# Scent Work Trial

## April 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

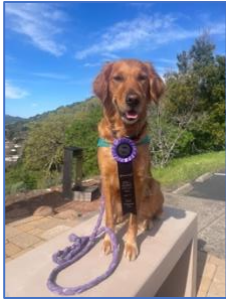
Elks Lodge  
121 Martinelli Street  
Watsonville, CA  
Volunteers needed and appreciated  
Contact Michael Bashista







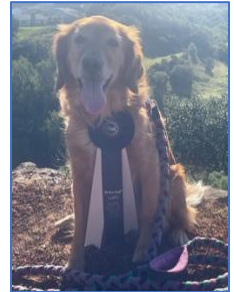
# MEMBER BRAGS



The girls and I escaped our reality for a day and headed to San Rafael to compete in a nose work trial at the end of February. Both dogs did their thing and earned a title each.

First up was Rhyme who was entered in the Level 1 Container element trial. She found all the hides (4) to earn her title.

Then in the afternoon it was Soleil's turn who sniffed her way thru her 5th Elite S trial where she found 7/9 hides and earned enough points to easily earn her Elite S title with points to spare..... (Michelle Pessel)



**Caleb** earned his CDX with a second Open leg (with a 192.) and his 3<sup>rd</sup> leg with a 191 from our annual Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club show..... (Stacy Thompson)



**Jerry** earned his CD title in Obedience and his Rally Excellent title at the Bakersfield trial. (Craig and Judy Simberg)

### **Coalition for Agility Reporting on Incidents and Safety (CARIS)**

We are pleased to announce that the following Agility organisations – American Kennel Club (AKC), Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), Canine Performance Events (CPE), Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC), Royal Kennel Club (RKC), UK Agility International (UKI), United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) – have committed to providing research information to the Canine Sports Science Consortium (CSSC) research group (Drs. Arielle Pechette Markley, Abigail Shoben, Melody Moore Jackson, Rachel Olson).

This initiative is designed to provide the first worldwide collection of evidential data to aid organisations in understanding the associated risks with the sport of Dog Agility in its various formats. All of the above-named organisations share the objective of providing evidence-based data to support the ongoing welfare of our dogs and to provide unbiased, independently researched information to owners / handlers.

The Canine Sport Science Consortium research group is a group independent of the above-mentioned Agility organisations and are committed to providing 'open source' published research based on the data provided.

The start point for this first research project of its type is to collect data on contact obstacle performance namely, the A-Frame, Dog Walk and Teeter / See Saw. Judges and Trial Secretaries / Show Organisers will be invited to complete 'incident reports' with the aim of understanding the relationship between obstacle performance, the total number of runs per course and recorded incidents. Data collection will take place over a six-month period, the details of which will be provided by your national governing body and / or Agility organising body.

This level of cooperation between Agility organisations is unprecedented and we hope it will continue beyond this initial research project.

More information on the project can be found here:

<https://www.caninesportsscience.org/post/coalition-for-agility-reporting-on-incidents-and-safety-caris>



# Happy Birthday Wishes



4/1/2021	4	Lily Belle	Mixed Breed	June Laman
4/7/2020	5	Zsuzsi	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
4/7/2012	13	Miles	Clumber Spaniel	Donna Starr
4/8/2013	12	Duchess	Beagle	Lynn Schmitt
4/8/2018	7	Annie	Anatolian Shepherd	Edie Losch
4/20/2021	4	Cairo	Miniature Schnauzer	Imo Lawton
4/22/2020	5	Caleb	Australian Shepherd	Stacy Thompson
4/24/2013	12	Sunny Skies	Australian Shepherd	Candice McLaren
4/25/2012	13	Zsophie	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
4/26/2016	9	Tula	German Shepherd	Carol Canaris
4/27/2020	5	Jerry	Golden Retriever	Judy & Craig Simberg

\*\* 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!

4/6	Dale Noble
4/23	Linda Coleman
4/26	Barbara Gibson



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WANT A GOOD DOG?  
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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