

Ruff Notes

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December 2023 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sorry that I did not take any pictures while I visited our scent trial this past November at the SockSmith warehouse and offices in Live Oak. Our new aprons looked Fantastic! We offered Detective and Master Interior classes. The participants and dogs all enjoyed this new location. The SockSmith even donated a pair of socks to each participant. Thank you to Michael Bashista for finding this location and organizing this event after we lost our previous trial site.

Next up is our annual Christmas/Awards luncheon. This is not just to recognize what our member/dog teams have accomplished in the past year. This is an opportunity to acknowledge all the efforts each of our members have done throughout the year. We don't offer classes or trials or any event without members volunteering. There is a vast amount of work done by the Board members, but each member that volunteers is significant. This year at our luncheon I will be recognizing even the smallest, yet significant effort of our members. It is often the behind the scenes effort that carries the largest impact.

I hope you join us so your effort can be identified. I thank all the members that have been there when the club has needed them.

On a sad note, Stewart Gibson let us know that he had to let Harper go on Thanksgiving day. We all know how devastated he and PK are and our thoughts are with him. The heartbreak is the price we pay for the privilege of having these wonderful animals in our lives. As proof that life goes on, we welcome Trane, Michael and Marion's new Labrador, into the MBDC family.



Lastly, I want to wish all our members a healthy and happy holiday season.

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

**Don't miss our best and last get-together this year,
Our Annual Awards Luncheon**
Sunday, December 10, 2023 12:00 to 2:30 PM



The Awards Luncheon will be held at the Kathleen A. King Community Room, 85 Nielson St, Watsonville, CA 95076 (adjacent to the Watsonville Community Hospital). \$25. per person, Reena will collect money or check at the Luncheon. Lunch will be catered by D'La Colmena Marketing and Catering.

**Please RSVP by November 27th to Reena Walton
via TEXT at: 650 207-2042**

Don't forget we need your donations for the Silent Auction.



Scent Work Trial in Santa Cruz ***From Michael Bashista***

We hosted our Fall trial at SockSmith on Thompson Rd in Santa Cruz. Not being able to offer Detective or Master Interior at DogGone Dirty Dog because of space limitations, we offered both on Nov 19. Exhibitors were happy to have two large spaces for their dogs to explore.

Becki Pesicka, our judge, stayed with Jill Kessler-Miller, another judge, who lives in Aptos. Teresa Locatelli, our secretary, lives only a few miles away for SockSmith. Lynda Rogers, Dale Noble, Irene Fukutomi, Sara Matson, and Marion Bashista were volunteers. Hank Tushar, Director of Operation for SockSmith, was our host.

Each exhibitor picked a free pair of socks, provided by the club, and were able to purchase 5 pair for \$20; great stocking stuffers (no pun intended).

Our Spring trial, April 27-28, may return to SockSmith. Director of Matches and Trials, Michael Bashista, has contacted another local site that would permit us to offer trials both days with larger entry limits. January's Ruff Notes will have information on our Spring Trial.

Canine Respiratory Disease

Many of us have already heard about the mysterious canine respiratory disease that has been spreading nationwide. If you have not, there are many resources out there providing information on the illness. Here are a couple to start with:

- [Cornell University Richard P. Riney Canine Health Center](#)
- [UC Davis Veterinary Medicine.](#)



MEMBER BRAGS



During the three-show weekend, **Zsuzsi Q** and I got our third leg in Beginner Novice, and in Novice Rally, and our first Leg in Preferred Novice. The big rosette is for having the highest score in Preferred Novice. We also got the lowest score in Preferred Novice because we are the only ones who qualified! But maybe that can remain unsaid. Zsuzsi Q got her third leg in Novice in Hayward November 5 at the Vallejo DTC trial and now has a CD.
 😊.....(Diana Galvan)



Napa, CA. **CH Black Pearl Leo the Lion, RI, BN, CGC** won Best of Variety at the Wine Country Kennel Club Dog Show on Saturday, November 11, 2023. On this day, Leo earned his AKC Championship title. Congratulations Leo!

I want to thank the show groomers, professional handlers, and our breeder for their help along the way. I've learned how to be a responsible dog owner and how to care for Leo from all the wonderful people I've met at dog shows. I now know how grooming Leo keeps him in good shape and good health. Thanks for all the lessons on the road to Leo becoming an AKC Champion..... (Lynda Rogers)



Jerry ROCKED at North America Dock Diving Nationals in Missouri. He qualified for FINALS in Air Retrieve Junior Division and placed 2nd at the Championships!!! So Proud!!!!..... (Judy & Craig Simberg)



Congratulations! ***New CGCs***

from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair

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



Sabrina and Skye



Lisette and Bouha



Cielo



Linda and Fin



Pearl



December Birthdays



12/1/2015	8	Trent	Golden Retriever	Garth & Terri Gregson
12/1/2015	8	Rainy	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
12/1/2011	12	Tom	Golden Retriever	Judy & Craig Simberg
12/1/2018	5	Finn	Golden Retriever	Barbara Skaggs
12/1/2008	15	Emma	Clumber Spaniel	Donna Starr
12/1/2019	4	Poppy	Mix	Lynn Steele
12/1/2013	10	Diamond	American Staffordshire	Hillary Nestlerode
12/8/2013	10	Crystal	Schipperke	Carol Davis
12/8/2021	2	Booyah	Border Collie	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
12/14/2022	1	Chip	Standard Poodle	Hillary Nestlerode

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

12/1	Carol Davis
12/14	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick



SAVE THE DATES

December 9 – Awards Luncheon and General Meeting
 January 20 – General Meeting
 March 16 – General Meeting
 May 18 – MAF Walk and General Meeting



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