

Ruff Notes

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November 2023 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have to admit that once again I said to myself "this may be the last year that I take all the effort to bring the equipment to Sunshine Villa because it doesn't seem like we have enough attendance to warrant that effort". Boy was I wrong! There were 20 dogs including 11 different breeds and 17 people. We hadn't been at Sunshine Villa in a few years and they were thrilled to have us. I heard someone say, "I don't know who enjoyed the visit more, the residents, the people or the dogs." The variety of skill level was perfect. This year we added a small rally course and scent work. It is heartwarming to see how well the dogs did together and the residents were amazed that the dogs had not previously been all together and behaved so wonderfully.



Another wonderful success was our fundraiser for Gifts from the Heart. Cat Cervantes from willowstudios.online volunteered her time and brought two different backdrops to take the pictures. She went through quite a few different dogs and owners. We raised \$800.00 this year. In my memory, that has to be a record. I know there will be some beautiful greeting cards going out for 2023 and a happy dog and owner next Valentine's Day.

Unfortunately, the Board decided to cancel our November general meeting. With hosting a scent trial in the month, along with Thanksgiving, we were not able to find a time without significant number of Board members unable to attend. Since we get together in December for our annual event, we will focus our efforts on making that time special to make up for missing November. Mark your calendars now for Sunday December 10th.

Look in this Ruff Notes edition for pictures of our new MBDTC aprons. Our volunteers will be easy to recognize at our events wearing our round logo or Ruff himself. We copied the idea from Countywide Dog Training Club. The aprons have pockets so they are functional too.

Two reminders for your action items:

1. Vote for the annual Sportsmanship and Phoebus awards by copying this link into your browser:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8V5GMXK>
2. Gather your donations for our silent auction at the Annual Awards Luncheon. This is a fundraiser for our awards. We have new awards and I think you will be very pleased with them.

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

We need your Silent Auction donations for the Awards Luncheon.



Bring them to class, or drop them off to Audrey Lanas at 402 Bellevue St.
Santa Cruz or text her at 831 419 5639

Donations needed by December 7th



The yearly awards are supported by your donations to our Silent Auction.

Handmade items, Jams and Jellies, make fabulous items for the auction. Dog items and treats are always appreciated by our best friends. (no rawhide please)



DEADLINE - Awards Submission

from Denise Weatherwax

Remember -- the deadline to submit titles earned by your dog is this coming Sunday, November 5th. Use this link to access the Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSRRD6C>

And while you are at it, please consider sending your choices for the annual Good Sportsmanship and Most Improved (Phoebus) awards at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8V5GMXX>

Alternatively, you may send information on titles earned to Denise Weatherwax dweatherwax@gmail.com. Call if you have questions. 831-359-1758.

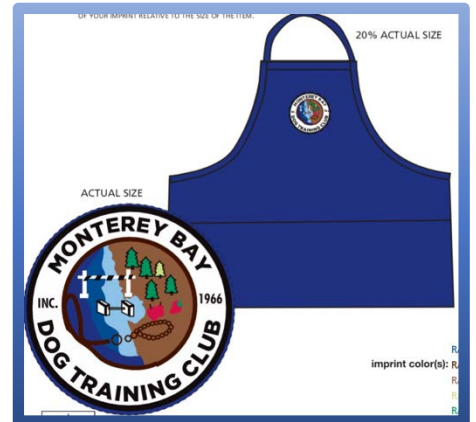
Please watch your email and Ruff Notes for details on the date, time, and location of the luncheon.

Denise Weatherwax is heading the Awards committee; she is searching for an assistant to learn the volunteer position. Job consists of assisting in the collection of titles and digital photos from members and ordering ornaments. Basic skills in computer use, email, and Internet are required.

****NEW** MBDTC Aprons**



As referenced in Terri's President's Message for this month, here's a closer look at the Club's aprons. They should be shipped shortly and ready for use by volunteers at the next Club event.



Holiday Photos



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Holiday Photo session last week. We raised \$800 for our Gifts from the Heart program toward one dog in need come February. A huge thank you goes to photographer Cat Cervantes of Willow Studios who donated her time and equipment to take photos for us this year.



Thanks to Linda Lang, Irene Fukutome, Lynda Rogers, and Janet & Roger Wolverton for opening the building, carving out a spot for the photos, taping up the backdrops, and helping people take pictures of their dogs.



Scenes from Sunshine Villa





MEMBER BRAGS



At the three shows in Hayward this past weekend, **Zsuzsi Q** qualified once in Novice, once in preferred Novice, twice in Rally novice, and three times in beginner novice. She also NQ'd three times, my fault 😊....(Diana Galvan)

Garth and **Trent** earned their Rally Advanced B Title

9/30/2023	San Mateo Dog Training Club	89	
9/30/2023	Fremont Dog Training Club	98	
10/1/2023	San Lorenzo Dog Training Club	100	3rd



Trent and Dawson earned their Fit Dog Bronze (FITB) Titles by taking independent walks for 8 weeks and swimming this summer.... (Garth and Terri Gregson)



Booyah completed his Novice Agility Dog Title and even got his first leg in Open Agility. He also finished his Novice FAST title at the Dell Valle Harvest Moon Classic. He earned over 150 points towards his FAST Cat title and was especially fond of the swim feature at the end or the run on Sunday. The sliding skid into a huge puddle was greatly appreciated. He hopes that is added at all FAST Cat competitions in the future. (Pam Fugitt-Hetrick)



Archer, at Gavilan KC, was Select on Sat. and Best of Breed on Sunday. He is also a birthday boy this month..... (Dale Noble)



November Birthdays



11/3/2013	10	Forest	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Sylvia Holderman
11/8/2021	2	Markley	Golden Retriever	Kathy Fujita
11/8/2021	2	Dawson	Golden Retriever	Garth & Terri Gregson
11/8/2021	2	Eddie	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
11/15/2009	14	Sophia	Goldendoodle	Cathy Vanderbilt
11/20/2017	6	Maddie	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
11/20/2020	3	Lacie	Shetland Sheepdog	Reena Walton
11/25/2019	4	Archer	Whippet	Dale Noble
11/26/2021	2	Zazy	Standard Poodle	Hillary Nestlerode
11/28/2020	3	Jewel	German Shepherd	Laureen Yungmeyer

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

11/19	Janet Wolverton
11/20	Diana Galvan
11/22	Michelle Pressel
11/24	Laureen Yungmeyer



SAVE THE DATES

November 11 – CANCELLED
 November 19 – Scent Work Trial
 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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We are pleased to announce the new AKC Fetch titles!

For information [click here](#).

Key dates for the new AKC Fetch program:

October 2023

Materials are posted on the AKC Fetch page. You can begin reviewing the modules:

- Overview of the program
- Setting Up AKC Fetch Courses (the test area)
- Judge and Participant Guide
- Videos of the tests in action – COMING SOON

December 1, 2023

- You can access the training and apply to become an AKC Fetch judge in AKC Canine College

January 2, 2024

- You can begin applying to hold AKC Fetch tests. AKC Fetch is an official event like a conformation show or obedience trial and judges/clubs will submit an Event Application. CGC Evaluators may also set up Fetch tests as long as they complete the training and submit an Event Application. Event applications must be submitted 1 month before the AKC Fetch tests.
- Remember that dogs must earn all 4 titles in order, so if you are offering Fetch testing in the early part of the year, you may want to only offer Novice testing.

February 2, 2024

- The first Fetch title tests will begin.




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

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