

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
General Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2025

Board Members in attendance: **Officers** – Linda Luchsinger – President, Adrienne Amdahl – Vice President, **Members at Large** – Sandy Bonifield, Vange Leonis, Debbie Hilton, **Past President** – Linda Wargo. A list of the 24 General Members in attendance is available in the club office.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm

It was noted that Dena's brag from the May meeting was not included in the meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the May 12, 2025 meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded. All present voted Aye, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Vange Leonis

Checking: \$26,277.41 @ 5/31/25
Savings: \$22,370.25
CD: \$21,383.19
April P&L: Net profit of \$101.69

Vice President – Adrienne Amdahl

Six people completed the membership process and were unanimously voted into the club by the membership this evening. Our new members are: Pat O'Brien, Miranda Clark, Andrea Carlson, Brenna Meko, Jena Knoblock and Candy Dusky. These 6 brings our total membership number to 53.

Office – Sandy Bonifield

Session 4 started today and sign-ups for session 5 will open on June 23rd

Training – Linda Luchsinger

The Training Committee met and set session 5, 6 and 7. Scent work classes are cancelled for session 5 only due to the summer heat. New for session 5: on Monday we will be offering a trick dog class at 10 am and 11 am and a GM1 class at 6pm.

Publicity – Vange Leonis

Our first guest speaker of the year will be presenting tonight. Suzie Yokomizo of Canine Academics will be speaking on canine behavior modification.

Building – Debbie Hilton

Debbie is continuing work on the purging and shredding of old Club records.

Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is June 22nd.

Hospitality – Debbie Hilton

Tonight's tropical theme décor is thanks to Debbie Hilton and our refreshments were provided by Linda Luchsinger and Sandy Bonifield. Sara DeCrevel and Pauline Seago volunteered to provide refreshments for July's meeting.

Old Business

NACSW Trial – presented by Anne Stanley

90 teams and handlers entered our scent work trial was held May 31st and June 1st at Napa Valley College. Because of the dedication of all involved the event was a huge success for the Club. The total revenue for the Club from the event was \$8301.59. A full written report from Anne is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

New Business

Dena has made covers for the front of the kennels to help reactive dogs. She is being challenged by how to secure the Velcro. Dena has placed a clipboard looking for opinions on if this project would be useful for you and your dog(s).

Braggs

Roxann Gracia – Tanner trialed in North American Dog Sports on May 18, 2025 in Loomis. He did 6 searches in Urban Locating and 3 searches in Challenge Games for a total of 9 searches and 9 qualifying. He received 1 third place, 1 fourth place and 1 fifth place. On May 27th he passed is Canine Good Citizen Test (AKC). On June 1st at our NACSW trial in Napa he placed 1st out of 50 dogs in Interior AKC Scent Work.

Linda Wargo - Sonny finished his AKC Advanced Interior title and Ziji finished her AKC Excellent Interior and Containers title.

Dena Parrish – In the last 10 days Zoe has been to 3 trials and got triple Qs in all three.

The next General Membership meeting will be held July 14, 2025 at the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Amdahl

NVDTC/NACSW trials report

June 9 2025 | Anne Stanley

Most important thing: The event was a great success, and that's because the club members and scent work students came together to make it happen.

Next most important thing: The event netted more than \$8,000 for the club

Thanks

Special thanks to all the club members and scent work students who volunteered. This event would not have been possible without their help; it demonstrates how the Napa Valley Dog Training Club comes together to make these projects possible.

We also thank:

- Napa Valley College, Samantha Maddox, and the college police department for the generous use of great facilities.
- Frye's Printing and Kelly Johnson
- Chandon and Rachel Adler
- Napa Valley Chocolate Co. and Dodi Vincent

Recognition goes out to:

Karen Jackson, our hospitality manager – and who made sure everyone was happy, well-fed and hydrated through long days

Debbie Hilton, our grounds manager for the event

Linda Wargo, our containers manager – who went far beyond the call of duty to step in to offer extra help, especially in the weeks leading up to the trial

Sharon Leos, who managed more than 200 hours of volunteer time, more than 20 volunteers on each day of the trial and walked an estimated 22

miles or more over the event weekend – all with kindness, patience and smiles.

Brags: (I think I got everyone, but am not 100% sure – anne)

Our scent work students, most of whom also volunteered, did very well in the competition.

NW2, 42 teams

Carol Coawette and Pierre did very well with a score of 90, no faults and a total time of 8 minutes 56 seconds. For the containers element, Carol and Pierre placed second out of 42 teams, with a time of 24.45 seconds.

For the NW1 trial, 50 teams

Title winners:

Chris Mayer and Pepper

Patricia Sattui Nolan and Harper

Sarah Marriott and Odi

Element achievements:

Containers - **Patricia and Harper** in first place

Interior - **Roxann Gracia and Tanner** in first place

Vehicles - **Neanna Gracia and Tucker** placed fourth

Overall

In the overall placement for NW1, our own **Patricia and Harper** came in second!

Accolades:

We received many thank you notes from our competitors, as well as commendations from the judges and officials. Here are a few:

From our NACSW Certifying Official:

Anna and Donna,

Thank you so much for having me be the Certifying Official for your Inaugural NACSW Trial. I want to thank you and all your volunteers for

putting on a great trial. You and the volunteers, and in particular, Sharon, your VC, were so helpful and pleasant. They made my job so much easier. I appreciate how hard you and they worked to make the trial a pleasant experience for the competitors. Even though you were learning as you went, you all coped very well and remained pleasant and helpful throughout. I have received many compliments from competitors that the trial was well run and they really loved the site. So, thank you for having me. I had a great time.

Karen Connell, CNWI
NACSW Certifying Official



Dear Donna and everyone at NVDTTC,

Just writing to thank you for a lovely trial - one of my very favorites - at a beautiful location. It was beautifully run with every consideration to us competitors and our dogs, and I specially loved seeing so many friendly dear faces ... Clue and I had a wonderful time in the NW2 trial. His tail is still wagging from all the attention he got!

Congratulations on a beautiful weekend of trials and hope you will keep hosting. It was such a treat

Thank you
Ida Alamuddin and Clue



Dear Anne and all the volunteers,

I wanted to thank you for your kindness that you and all the volunteers showed today. It was so nice of you. Today, Bennie due to his medication, became overheated. You all were prepared to handle it in a very professional way. I can't thank you enough. He is now back to his old

vivacious self. What could have been a disaster, ended up being a little blip.

Thank you again,
Kathryn Boeddiker and Bennie



Thank you all for the hard work yesterday!
The location was awesome! Many thanks to all that volunteered! The CO and judges were excellent! We had a great time, earned our NW1 and were done by 3:30.

Judy Newman
ORO Bostons
Browns Valley, CA



Sharon,

Thank you so much for your time! I dedicated 1 day but you and the other key organizers dedicated months of your time to make this happen. You, Anne and Donna were the visible faces, but I know there were many other unsung heroes who gave weeks and months of their time. Not only for the benefit of the participants but for the benefit of the club. Thank you to all of you!

Dena

