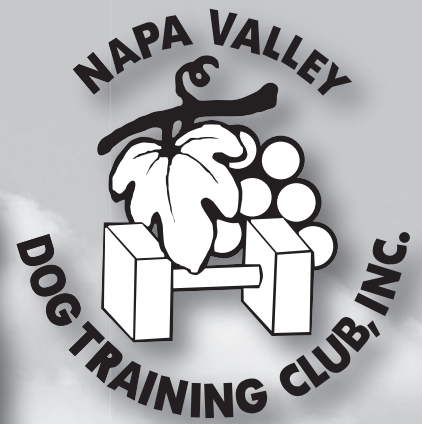


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Clubhouse Gets a Makeover

by Teresa Russell

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus...and he visited the Napa Valley Dog Training Club on Saturday, December 17! Santa's big helper is Rich Smith, who, together with Mrs. Santa's Helper, Beth Schutz, started cleaning up the club on Friday. By Saturday morning, when the rest of the volunteers appeared, the entire west wall had been dusted, scraped, and given two coats of semi-gloss white paint. Amazing!

Mary Ash and Sandy Bonifield, two club stalwarts, immediately set in sweeping up the dried paint overspray. Karen Jackson took up the Oreck vacuum cleaner (product placement) and started cleaning up whatever the brooms left behind. Teresa Russell used a smaller hand-held vacuum to begin cleaning up the years of dust and crud that had accumulated on the great blue Club banner that had hung on the wall since we first moved in.

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Photo by Jim Spiva (sans hammer)



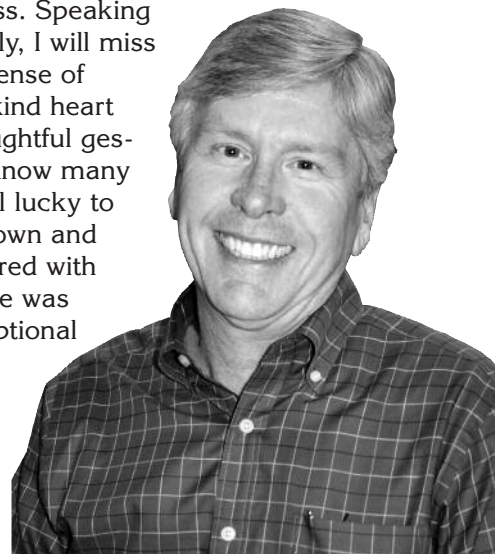
Remembering Gary

by Marilane Bergfelt

On Sunday, October 30th, some 50 people met to honor and celebrate Gary Walker's life at the Napa Valley DTC. Folks shared stories of family vacations, golfing, cycling and of course, dogs and dog training. There were pictures of Gary and his many passions, plus many beautiful pieces of pottery Gary had made. Attendees were welcomed to take home a piece of Gary's art and remember his many, many talents.

Thank you to all the club members who attended, those who brought refreshments to share, and especially thanks to Gary's close friends and Sandy Bonifield for organizing this gathering.

I know many of us will miss Gary. He was a wonderful addition to our club and his absence has left an emptiness. Speaking personally, I will miss Gary's sense of humor, kind heart and thoughtful gestures. I know many of us feel lucky to have known and volunteered with Gary—he was an exceptional friend.



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Clubhouse Makeover
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The cleaning started at 10:00 am and the hardy crew did not quit until 3:00 pm except for lunch which was delicious, particularly after all the physical labor. Dusting off the overspray, re-taping the chewed up duct tape, hanging the mirrors, re-hanging the banner and the bulletin board and the cleaned up fans, using extra long poles to pull down some of the drool-like dust twirls that descended from the steel beams overhead and replacing burnt out lights was the order of the afternoon. (A long day deserves an even longer sentence.)

Thanks again to Rich Smith for his donated labor and expertise. Thanks also to Beth for having the foresight to marry him and bring him to the club. Thanks to Mary, Sandy, Karen and Teresa for coming down to help brighten and improve our training facility. Happy New Year to all and to all a happier, cleaner 2012!

2012 TRAINING SCHEDULE
All 2012 Sessions are 6 Weeks

- Session 1**
January 9 — February 17, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF
- Session 2**
February 27 — April 4, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF
- Session 3**
April 16 — May 25, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF
- Session 4**
June 4 — July 20, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
- Session 5**
July 30 — September 7, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF
- Session 6**
September 17 — October 26, 2012
NO BREAK BETWEEN SESSION 6 & 7
- Session 7**
October 29 — December 14, 2012
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING

TRAINING SESSION 1
2012

Subject to Change

Jan. 9 through Feb. 17

Monday

5:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

ALL MONDAYS

6:00 pm Competition OB - Interm Teresa

Selected Dates & Times - TBA

7:00 pm Competition OB - Adv Teresa

Selected Dates & Times - TBA

Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Lea

6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Lynda

7:30 pm Puppy (0-6 mo) Lynda

Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim

11:00 am Good Manners 2/CGC Marlene

5:30 pm Puppy (0-6 mo) Marilane

6:30 pm Reactive Dog Deassa

7:30 pm Jumpers 3 Laura

Thursday

9:00 am Rally (Novice) Marlene

10:00 am Rally Mary

11:00 am Rally Mary

5:30 Rally Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Teresa

Friday

6:00 pm Advanced Agility TBA

7:15 pm Intermediate Agility TBA

Week off between session 1 and 2:
February 24 to 27

Class Fees:

Members & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

TRAINING SESSION 2
2012

Subject to Change

February 27 through April 6

Monday

5:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

ALL MONDAYS

6:00 pm Competition OB - Interm Teresa

Selected Dates & Times - TBA

7:00 pm Competition OB - Adv Teresa

Selected Dates & Times - TBA

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5:30 Rally Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Teresa

Friday

6:00 pm Advanced Agility TBA

7:15 pm Intermediate Agility TBA

Week off between session 2 and 3:
April 9 to April 13

****Prerequisite:**

Must have completed Jumpers 3 or equivalent.

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list by visiting the NVDTTC clubhouse office.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Service Award:

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong for over 35 years. In 2001 the NVDTTC Service Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions. This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner in February, 2010.

Nominations:

Any member is welcome to make a nomination, and a member may nominate multiple people each year. Nominations must be given in writing and must include the contributions of the nominee.

Criteria for the NVDTTC's Service Award:

- 1) Nominee must be a current club member and in good standing.
- 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTTC's bylaws and rules.
- 3) Nominee has contributed to the overall well-being and growth of the club.
- 4) Nominee represents the club in a professional and positive way.

Voting:

The Selection Committee is made up of past Service Award Recipients: Laura Ecklin, Marlene, Soldavini, Lynda Rhyno, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, Mary Joy Davis, and Anita Boyce. Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

Your name: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Contributions: _____

Contributions include but are not limited to: Office(s) held; Board/Chair position(s) held; committee(s) worked on; projects for the club; help at the clubhouse/classes/events, etc.

Return the completed form by **January 16th** to Laura Ecklin or Marlene Soldavini.

c/o NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558
or leave in thier box at the club.

**A VERY
SPECIAL
AWARD!**



Photo by Margretha Lane

Dogs Can Dance presents:

**Dancing for Smiles:
Freestyle for Therapy Dogs**

Two Great Workshops!

Saturday, January 21, 2012

at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club
68 S. Coombs Street, Napa, CA

Workshop 1:

An Introduction to Canine Freestyle

10:00am – 12:30pm

Working Spot \$45

Auditing without dog \$25

Discover WHY all dogs love canine freestyle!
Learn the basics of canine freestyle set to music.

Warm ups, stretches, two routines and how to select music for your dog.

Workshop 2:

**Dancing for Smiles: Freestyle
for Therapy Dog Teams***

1:00 – 4:00pm

Working spot \$45

Auditing without dog \$25

Discover tools for creating group routines and individual choreography for therapy dog routines. Create many uses for freestyle during therapy dog visits.

**Prerequisite required for Workshop 2:
freestyle experience or "An Introduction to
Canine Freestyle" workshop.*

Registration forms are available at:
www.DogsCanDance.com

Click on Workshops and Classes,
Look for "Napa"

Make Checks payable to: NVDTTC

Mail registration forms along with your check
to:

Marilane Bergfelt, 3366 Twin Oaks Drive,
Napa, CA 94558
(707 265-6642)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, and Beth Schutz.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the November 14, 2011 general meeting as published online.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Rabobank CD: \$11,745.58
- B. Rabobank Savings: \$7,680.94
- C. Rabobank Checking: \$6,004.10
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.
- E. Lori requested everyone to turn in bills for yearend accounting.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. BUILDING, Teresa Russell
 - 1. This Saturday on December 17, Rich Smith and Beth Schutz will be cleaning the west wall and removing items in readiness for painting, they will start at 10:00 a.m. and are looking for volunteers.
 - 2. There is a Dancing For Smiles dog-dancing workshop on January 21 at the clubhouse.
- B. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield
Class registrations are down. Tell your friends to sign up for upcoming classes in 2012.
- C. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz
 - 1. Next quarterly meeting, a presidents' appreciation luncheon, has been scheduled for January 7, 2012.
 - 2. Sign up sheets for the AOCNC February 5 workshop are now up for people to sign up to help out. NVDTTC is sponsoring the rally ring(s) at the workshop.

V. HOSPITALITY

- A. Tonight was the annual Holiday Potluck. A big thank you to everyone for the good food they brought.
- B. Linda Luchsinger and Sandy Bonifield have volun-



Photo by Jim Spiva

teered for hospitality for the January general meeting.

VI. SUNSHINE

A card has been sent to Bobbie Honsvick's granddaughter, Heather.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2011 Obedience and Rally Trial, Mary Ash
Final accounting not available yet, waiting on billing from Vallejo Dog Training Club.
- B. Massage Night 2012, Vange Leonis
Date has been set: Thursday, February 23 from 6 to 7:30. Details will be in the newsletter.
- C. Year End Banquet
 - 1. After Teresa Russell and Margretha Lane presented a variety of possible venues, MSC to hold a luncheon banquet on February 25 at Chardonnay Golf Club.
 - 2. Year End Awards: Plaques can go in Linda Luchsinger's box. Cut off date is December 31, 2011. Forms are available on the website.
 - 3. Service Award: Form is available on the website or nominations can be emailed to Laura Ecklin and/or Marlene Soldavini.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- New Rally Signs Required by AKC
 - A. MSC to allow Mary Ash to spend up to \$100 for new sign sets, and new stickers for use on existing signs, for club to start using in January.
 - B. New rally rules go into effect April 1.

IX. NEW MEMBERS

None

X. BRAGS

Karen Jackson, Joy Wood

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary



Photo by Jim Spiva

WHO DOES WHAT:

**President &
AOCNC REP:**
Gerry Glantz

**Vice President &
MEMBERSHIP**
Linda Luchsinger

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary,
Lynda Rhyno

**Past President &
AOCNC REP:**
Mary Ash

At Large Board Members:

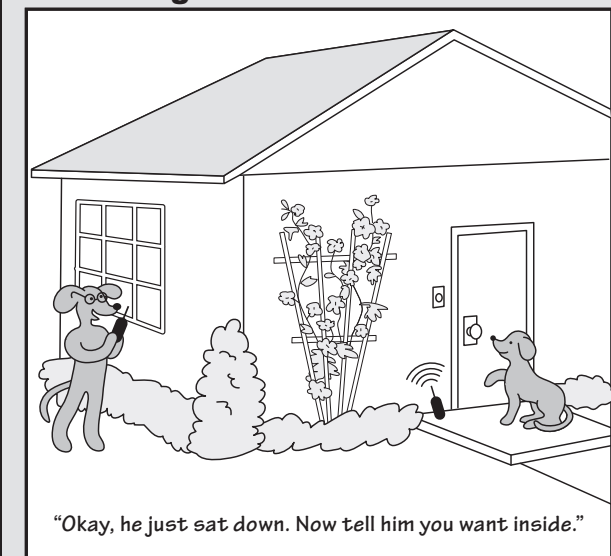
Sandy Bonifield
Heather Kearn
Christy Rose
Beth Schutz

**NEWSLETTER,
WEBSITE & AOCNC REP:**
Sue Osborn

SUNSHINE:
Mary Joy Davis

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Geek Dog



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AOCNC ANNUAL ALL-BREED OBEDIENCE and RALLY WORKSHOP

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5, 2012
COW PALACE, DALY CITY

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 or earlier if ring limits are reached. Day-of-match entries will be accepted only for dogs already entered and if there is space available.

Download flyer and registration from www.aocnc.org

Dogs Can Dance Workshops

by Judy Gamet

January brings several Dogs Can Dance Workshops to the Bay Area. Stepping Out: Preparing for Performance transforms you into the handler that you always wanted to be, in just 3 hours! Sunday afternoon, Jan 8, at San Lorenzo Dog Training Club from 2-5 pm. I am only allowing 8 working teams, but auditors are unlimited. If you are thinking of coaching the sport of freestyle, you do not want to miss this workshop! Although the workshop exercises are geared toward the sport of freestyle, handlers in both obedience and rally will greatly benefit.

<http://www.dogscandance.com/classview.php?key=165>

Fax or mail your registration in today!

Two other workshops are being presented in Napa on Jan 21. An Introduction to Canine Freestyle will be taught in the morning, followed by Dancing For Smiles: Freestyle for Therapy Dog Teams in the afternoon. See page 4 in this newsletter for more details.

The regular classes for the New Year are also up on the website.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

www.DogsCanDance.com

MASSAGE NITE

Thursday February 23, 2012

At the Napa Valley Dog Training Clubhouse

6 pm – 7:30 pm

REFRESHING • RELAXING • REJUVENATING



Bring a canine friend and join us for a special evening dedicated to unwinding.

Refreshing: we will start with an assortment of fruit and cheese to give us strength and your choice of coffee, tea, or organic flavored water to quench your thirst.

We will turn down the lights. Dogs and handlers will be on mats on the floor. Small dogs can be massaged on a mat on a table. Very anxious dogs will be provided an extra quiet place to relax. Jim Spiva from NVDTC will play background harp music to set the mood.

Relaxing: Kay Lafranconi of Belly Rub, LLC, (www.belly-rub.com), a Certified Small Animal Massage Practitioner (SAMP), will provide us personal instruction on canine massage techniques.

MASSAGE THERAPY is recommended for ALL dogs especially those that are:

- young dogs • senior dogs • therapy dogs •
- dogs with health issues • anxious dogs •
- dogs recovering from injuries •
- in training i.e. rally, obedience, agility •

Rejuvenating: Leave your worries at the door and restore your heart and soul.

Bring a comfortable mat for you and your canine partner.

FEE: \$5.00

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Member Appreciation Banquet

Cost: \$33.00 per person

Menu

- ✦ NY Steak w/Merlot reduction sauce
- ✦ Maple glazed breast of chicken
- ✦ Grilled vegetable fettuccine
- ✦ Salad and Boston Cream Pie

WHEN:

Feb. 25, 2012

Lunch 12:00pm

WHERE:

The Chardonnay Golf Club
Hwy.12, Jamison Canyon

Napa

RSVP:

by Feb. 13, 2012

see below or

email: terrus1637@gmail.com

SEE YOU THERE!!



Name _____ Circle Choice: Steak Chicken Vegetarian

Name _____ Circle Choice: Steak Chicken Vegetarian

Place RSVP and check in T. Russell's mailbox in club office.
Questions? Call the Clubhouse to leave a message for Teresa: 253-8666

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Napa, CA 94558

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED AT OUR OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS IN NOVEMBER!**

Jim Spiva took some great photos! Go to the "Photos" page on the NVDTC website to check them out.

**Next
General Membership
Meeting
Monday, Jan. 9, 2012
6:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse**



Photo by Jim Spiva

**No
dogs
at the meeting.**

**FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS
GO
TO
nvdte.org/events**

Also check out
www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com,
www.aocnc.org and
www.k9cpe.com for additional
details on listings and for
information on additional
conformation shows, obedience
and agility trials, tracking tests,
field trials, etc.

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members
and, except for December, are scheduled the
fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date
and location of meeting. Minutes from board
meetings are posted at the club.

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**Submission deadline for the
March/April newsletter is Feb. 20.
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