

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015

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CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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Dr. Austin Komarek, Animal Chiropractor, RETURNS January 12!

Piggybacking off of his last lecture to the club, Doctor Austin will be presenting animal chi-

ropractic to the group in a hands on demonstration. This is most helpful for those dog owners who- have never seen animal chiropractics in action.

Using his own dog, Bloom, Austin will be showing the group how he examines a dog and how he adjusts a dog. Austin will be discussing with the club what normal biomechanics looks like while he is working with the animal.

As always there will be time for a question and answer session following his demonstration.

Austin looks forward to seeing you all soon!

Where's Rawldo?

He's hiding somewhere in the clubhouse. Be the first to find Rawldo then (before or after the general meeting and presentation) turn him into Sue Osborn for a PRIZE!



Do More With Your Dog in 2014! New Year's Resolutions for Dog Owners

Has your dog forgotten his manners or gained some holiday weight? If your New Year's resolution includes making healthier choices, chances are your dog could benefit from the lifestyle change as well. The American Kennel Club offers the following tips on how owners can start the year off right by resolving to do more with their dogs in 2014.

Young and old dogs can learn new tricks. Start your puppy off on the right foot with a training class. Training classes teach basic manners and socialization needed to help both dog and owner to be a responsible member of society, not to mention that training is a great way for dogs to bond with their owners.

Train for competitive events. Agility, Obedience and Rally competitions are a fun and rewarding experience for all dogs. You'll meet new people with a similar love for dogs and watch your pup grow into a well-behaved, even tempered, physically fit companion.

Get Fit with Fido. Obesity is a major problem not only for humans, but for canines too. Daily walks are a great way for both dogs and owners to drop those extra holiday pounds.

Dogs love helping others. Dogs are invaluable in providing service to humans—visiting the sick, helping the disabled, locating missing persons, and much more. There are many ways dog owners can put their special skills to use in service to their community.



TRAINING SESSION 1, 2015

January 5 – February 13

Week off: February 16

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of each month.

6:45 pm Jumpers

/Foundation Skills* Laura

Tuesday

11:00 am Adolescent Dog** Marilane

NEW:

4:30 pm **Beginning Freestyle** Judy

5:30 pm Freestyle Drill Team* Judy

6:30 pm Musical Rally Challenge* Judy

7:30 pm Good Manners 2 Vange

Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Marlene

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Marlene

5:00 pm Adolescent Dog (Overflow) Lea

6:00 pm Puppy Lea

7:00 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane

8:00 pm Puppy (Overflow) Marilane

Thursday

Daytime Rally (all levels)* Mary

5:30 pm Rally (all levels)* Mary

7:00 pm Good Manners 1 Vange

RETURNING:

8:00 pm **Tricks and Games** Vange

Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 1 (Overflow) Mary

*Continued Class

**Puppies younger than 5 months may



TRAINING SESSION 2, 2015

February 23 – April 3

Week off: April 6

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of each month.

6:45 pm Jumpers/Foundation Skills* Laura

Tuesday

11:00 am Adolescent Dog** Sandy

4:30 pm Beginning Freestyle* Judy

5:30 pm Freestyle Drill Team* Judy

6:30 pm Musical Rally Challenge* Judy

RETURNING:

7:30 pm Sampler Class Laura, Mary & Judy

Wednesday

RETURNING:

9:00 am Beginning Novice Marlene

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Marlene

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Marlene

5:00 pm Adolescent Dog (Overflow) Lea

6:00 pm Puppy Lea

7:00 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane

8:00 pm Puppy (Overflow) Marilane

Thursday

Daytime Rally (all levels)* Mary

5:30 pm Rally (all levels)* Mary

7:00 pm Good Manners 1 Vange

8:00 pm Good Manners 2 Vange

Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 1 (Overflow) Mary

*Continued Class

**Puppies younger than 5 months may be included at the instructor's discretion.

FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, GO TO
nvdtc.org/events

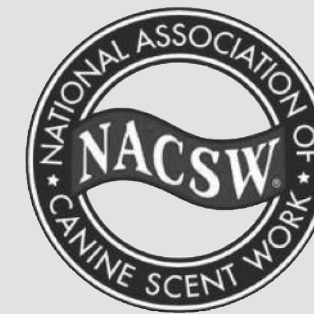
Also check out www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com, www.k9wag.com,
www.aocnc.org and www.k9cpe.com
for additional details on listings and for
information on additional
conformation shows, obedience and agility
trials, tracking tests, field trials, etc.

ROCKY'S TITLES! By Marcie Neller

Rocky and I received our NW3 and NW3-V title at Boulder Creek, CA, on Dec 7th. This is with the National Association Of Canine Scent Work. NW3 is the highest title level.

Now I can continue to compete at this level towards an elite title. Which means I have to pass a total of three. NW3-V title means that I have passed three vehicle searches at three different NW3 trials.

This was my third NW3 trial and I feel very fortunate to have passed, as many teams can take five or more trial attempts before they get a passing score.



To pass at the NW3 level, the dog has to find all the inaccessible hides, which can be up to three in an area, the number of hides is unknown and you have to do it in usually less than 3 minutes. There are four elements, 3 interiors, an exterior, 5 vehicles and all types of containers with distractions (food and toys).

Rocky is having so much fun doing this and I am having a great time trying to keep up. What's great about this sport is that any dog and person can have fun doing it and the training is as much fun as trialing.

Happy sniffing, Marcie and Rocky

PICTURE THIS

"It's early Sunday morning, the grass glistens with dew and fog still lingers in the air. A figure clad snugly in jacket and cap follows quickly as a dog strains at the end of his leash. The dog's nose is to the ground as he intently searches for that certain scent."

This is a scene that you might view at our 4th annual Variable Surface Tracking test being held on Sunday, March 8, 2015. Have you ever wondered what tracking is all about or what a tracking test is like? Here is your chance to find out and have fun doing it.

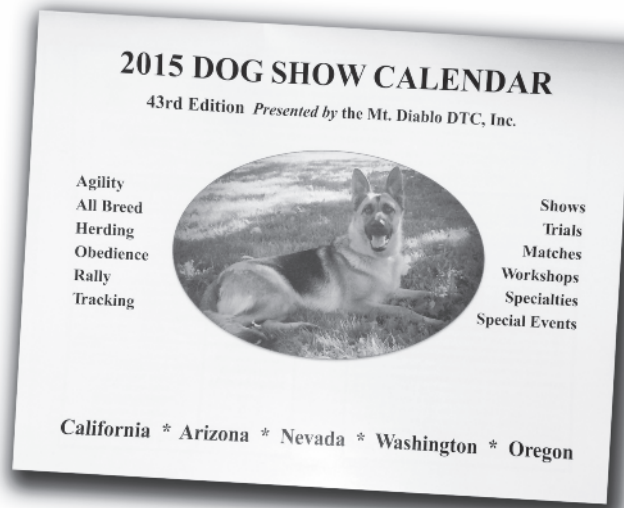
A tracking test is a fairly short event, usually lasting about half a day, but requires a lot of preparation and work in the background to keep it running smoothly. It begins the day before the test when the judges go to the site, Yountville Veterans Home, to plot the tracks for the test. On Sunday morning, the activities start early. The judges and the tracklayers arrive to start the process of laying the tracks. After the tracks are laid and the mandatory one hour waiting period has passed, the test is ready to begin. Each track is run individually with both judges observing and if completed correctly the dog and handler PASS.

Our tracking test committee has most



of the preparations already covered for this year's test, but they are in need of some drivers to help transport spectators to vantage points where they can observe the test. They are looking for someone who has a vehicle that can transport 3 to 4 passengers to help minimize the number of vehicles needed. The test coordinator will communicate with the vehicle driver by walkie talkie with instructions of when and where to go. As you can see, this is a fairly simple job, but is a very important one too and would give you the opportunity to see a tracking test firsthand. And you would be invited to attend a no host luncheon at the end of the test to talk with judges and exhibitors.

If you are interested and have two hours on Saturday, approximately 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, to become familiar with the Veterans Home grounds and then on Sunday 8:30 am to 12 noon for the test, please contact Debbie Crain at 224-9170 or email her at 26crain@gmail.com for more detailed information. Come and join in the fun and support the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.



The 2015 Dog Show Calendar is now available for purchase for only \$8.

Limited supply.

Pick yours up at the office today!



It's not too soon to start thinking about gathering together **RAFFLE ITEMS** for our trials!

There are bins in the foyer at the clubhouse where you can drop off your raffle donations.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:37 pm
Board members present: Linda Luchsinger, Sandy Bonifield, Sue Osborn, Deassa Binstock, Gerry Glantz, Marilane Bergfelt, Lori Jackson and Karen Jackson.
- II. MINUTES** – Gerry Glantz
A. M/S/C to approve minutes as published.
- III. TREASURERS REPORT** – Lori Jackson
A. CD: \$11,832.06
B. Savings: \$8,500.33
C. Checking: \$1,310.02
D. Drop interest bearing checking account and go to straight business checking
E. Put stop payment on check for utilities that was lost.
F. Transfer enough from savings (6,000) to cover bills.
G. M/S/C to accept as presented.

- IV. BOARD REPORTS**
A. Presidents Report – Linda Luchsinger
1. Board Award for this month went to Teresa Russell who has held many offices over the year and is always willing to step in and help when needed.
B. Vice Presidents report – Sandy Bonifield
1. Dr Austin Tumerik will be talking at our January meeting again and will have his dog to use for demonstrations.
C. Office – Sue Osborn
1. Sue thanked the Ladies working in the office during week off, Medori, Carol, and Margretha.
2. Mary Ash and Linda Wargo also came in to help out.
3. Sue is looking for more workers after the Christmas break.

- D. Training – Marilane Bergfelt
1. Session 1 is set
2. Sessions 2 and 3 are waiting for a couple of issues to be resolved.
- E. Building – Debbie Payton
1. Ross fixed the heater
2. Jim bought a new hose but it has also disappeared.
- F. Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn
1. Deadline for the Newsletter is the 20th.
- G. Publicity – Deassa Binstock
1. No report.
- V. AOCNC** – Mary Ash/Gerry Glantz/Sue Osborn
A. Sunday, February 1st is the Winter Workshop and NVDC is sponsoring the Rally Ring. If you would like to help please contact Mary Ash.
B. Application for Workshop is on our website and on aocnc.org

- VI. HOSPITALITY**
Volunteer for the January Meeting -
- VII. SUNSHINE** - Deassa Binstock
A. No Report.

- VIII. OLD BUSINESS**
A. Club Service Award – Jim Spiva passed out applications for nomination for this special award and asked they be returned as soon as possible.
B. Awards Dinner
1. Planning committee needed: Linda Luchsinger and Carol Coawette volunteered to help
2. Suggested dates are February 21st or 28th.
3. Linda Wargo is handing the awards and the deadline will be mid January.
C. We have had an offer to team up with Oakland DTC to do special 3 day seminar with Sylvia Bishop from England in April. It is still in the planning stages but should offer us a nice profit. More information coming later.

- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
A. Vange showed us a custom made toy for dogs.
- X. BRAGS**
A. Stephanie Meinhardt got her MACH. Christy Rose and Linda Kennard also shared brags. Marilane shared a people brag, her son is coming home and then leaving for Spain.

XI. ADJOURN 7:00 pm and proceeded with the Christmas Potluck.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerry Glantz

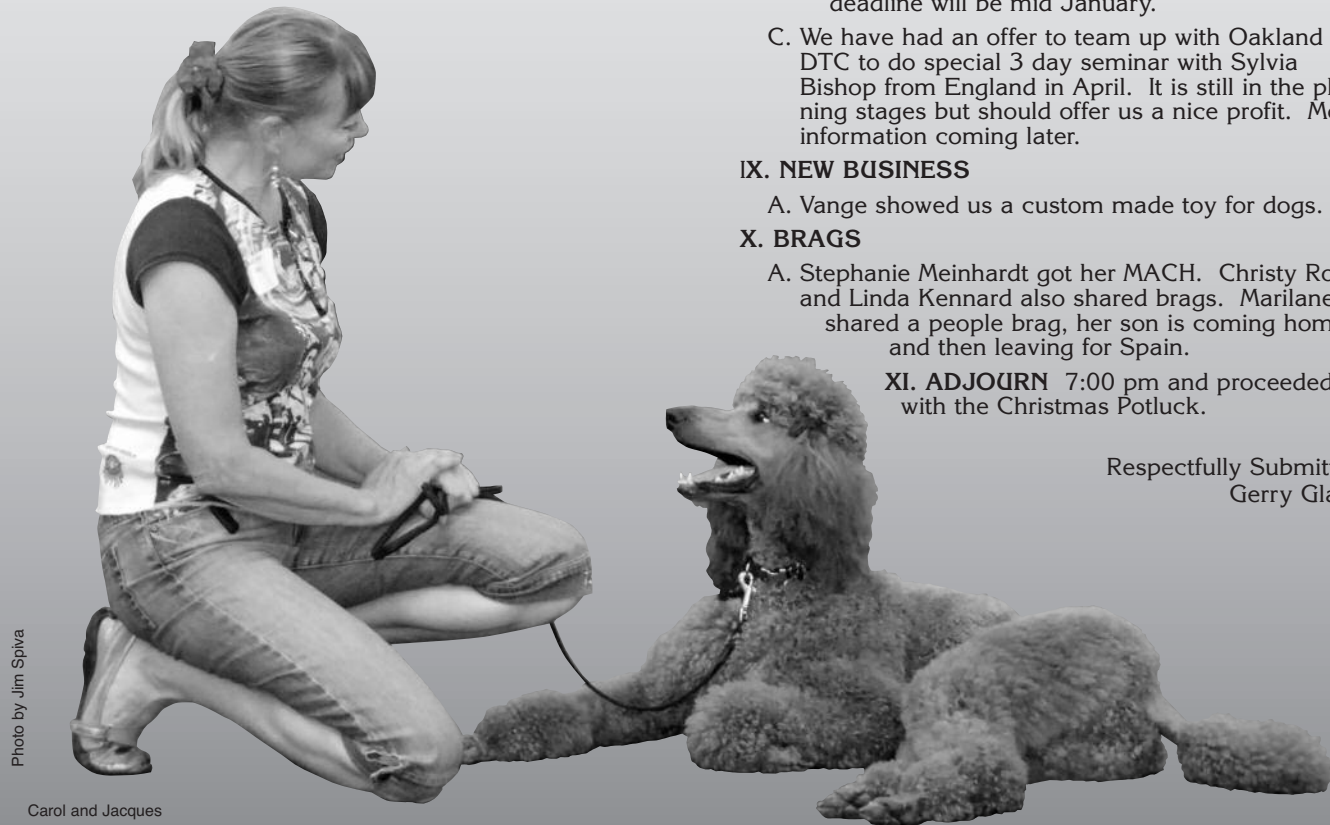


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Carol and Jacques

- WHO DOES WHAT:**
- President:**
Gerry Glantz
 - Vice President:**
Linda Wargo
 - Treasurer:**
Sandy Bonifield
 - Secretary:**
Kimberly McMaster
 - Past President:**
Linda Luchsinger
 - AT LARGE**
 - BOARD MEMBERS:**
Marilane Bergfelt
Carol Coawette
Sue Osborn
Debbie Payton



- AOCNC REPRESENTATIVES:**
Mary Ash
Gerry Glantz
Sue Osborn
- MEMBERSHIP:**
Linda Wargo
- SUNSHINE:**
Deassa Binstock
If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or has experienced a loss, please let Deassa know!
- CGC:**
Jim Spiva
- Newsletter & Website:**
Sue Osborn



5 THINGS YOU MAY BE DOING TO MAKE YOUR DOG MISBEHAVE

Source: AKC

You're not giving him enough exercise:

If you're gone 12 hours a day, and your dog's walk consists of a quick dash into the backyard, you're not providing your pet with adequate opportunities to use up all his energy. Instead, the excess will go into chewing your shoes, stealing your food, or scratching your walls. As the old saying goes, "A tired dog is a good dog."

You haven't trained him enough:

It sounds like a no-brainer, but if your dog's training stopped after he learned to sit, lie down, and go to the bathroom outside, you need to up your game. And don't believe what they say: You can teach an old dog new tricks. Try to introduce a new command a week, and practice old ones with him. Besides being able to understand what you want him to do, the mental work involved in him learning commands will tire him out as well.

You're reinforcing his bad behavior:

If your dog is barking for attention, how do you respond? Do you yell at him to stop? Guess what? You just gave him what he wanted. Or if he steals a hot dog roll off the counter, do you yell at him then watch, defeated, as he eats it? Again, you're letting him know his bad behavior paid off. Think about what your dog is trying to accomplish when

he's misbehaving and don't allow him to be rewarded for it. Instead, give him an opportunity to succeed (for example, tell the begging dog to go to his place and lie down, and give him a treat when he does).

You don't know your dog's breed:

This goes hand-in-hand with #1. If you have a Border Collie who is terrorizing your home, but you give him a walk each morning and night, you might think you've fulfilled the exercise requirement, right? Wrong. While a twice-daily walk might suffice for a breed like a Greyhound or a Labrador Retriever, Border Collies were bred to work and need opportunities to run and "do a job." A fast-paced game of fetch should do the trick, but sports like agility offer the kind of structure and exercise this breed needs (and you can earn titles and ribbons in the process!).

You're dealing with an adolescent:

OK—this one isn't necessarily your fault, but the way you respond to it can make a difference in your dog's behavior. Like humans, dogs go through a rebellious "teenager" (around 5 months to 18 months). During this time, they'll often test their owners, seeing what they can get away with. Being firm and consistent with your training will help establish boundaries. And be patient! They'll grow out of it.

Some Valuable Lessons Dogs Teach Us

Looks can be deceiving.

Don't judge a book by its cover; a very big man or woman can be hiding inside any body.

Allow fresh air and wind in your face whenever possible.

Dogs truly do know how to live in the moment. Don't stick your head out the car window, but do try to appreciate the spring smells and fresh air. Dogs aren't thinking about tomorrow, they are excited for this very moment all the time. You can be too.

Be loyal.

If only we could all be the person our dogs think we are. When you think you've lost everything, take a good look around, I guarantee your dog will still be there, full of love and admiration.

You are never too old to play.

Life is short, so have fun and stop taking everything so seriously.

When loved ones come home, always greet them.

Take an opportunity every day to tell those who mean the most to you that you are happy to see them.

Avoid biting when growling will do.

Stand up for yourself, but no need to be unnecessarily aggressive or harmful.

Show compassion.

Dogs are kind souls, full of compassion and love. In times you are upset, your dog is the first one to cuddle and comfort you.

Things don't matter.

A dog can have the best time with an old worn out ball. You can find joy in small things. Lose your obsessions over materiality.

Go for walks every day.

Dogs are oddly excited by going for walks whereas some days you feel you have to convince yourself to go. Appreciate the opportunity to get outside and be within nature; take in the smells, sights and feelings.

Read more:

<http://www.care2.com/greenliving/15-life-lessons-dogs-teach-us.html#ixzz3NKWs79A2>



Are you available to work in the office on Wednesday evenings?

Duties include answering phones, taking messages, signing up students, equipment sales, and paperwork.

Special bonus: Lots of doggy love & kisses!

(Oh and you earn vouchers too!)

CONTACT:

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Napa Valley Dog Training 2014 Club Service Award:

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong since 1970. In 2001 the NVDTC Service Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions. This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner in February, 2015.

Return the completed form by January 16, 2015 to Jim Spiva.

752 Tobin Dr., Vallejo, CA 94589
or leave in Jim Spiva's box at the club.

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 NVDTC's Service Award:

- 1) Nominee must be a current club member and in good standing.
- 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTC'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:

Jim Spiva, Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Laura Ecklin, Marlene Soldavini, and Lynda Rhyno. 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.



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Next General Meeting
(January 12, 2015)
Dr. Komarek
returns for a
hands-on demo.

Leave YOUR dog at home.



2015 SESSION SCHEDULE

SESSION 1: Jan 5 - Feb 13 — Week off: Feb 16

SESSION 2: Feb 23 - April 3 — Week off: April 6

SESSION 3: April 13 - May 22 — Week off: May 25

SESSION 4: June 1-July 10 — Week off: July 13

SESSION 5: July 20-Aug 28 — Week off: Aug 31

SESSION 6: Sept 7 - Oct 16 — Week off: Oct 19

SESSION 7: Oct 26 - Dec 11 — Week off: Nov 23*

*Thanksgiving week mid session

Congratulations to recent Board Award Recipients!

NOVEMBER: **Debbie Crain**

DECEMBER: **Teresa Russell**

The Board Award recognizes a member on a monthly basis; someone who has been paramount in making the club a better place by what they have done latterly. Unlike the annual Service Award wherein recipients are selected by general club members, Board members make the choice for Board Award recipients—hence the name, Board Award.

If you send a photo of YOUR dog (ε name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!

news@napadogtraining.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the **FIRST** 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.

Submission deadline for the MARCH/APRIL 2015 newsletter is February 20, 2015.

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