



Linda Wargo, President  
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Lori Jackson, Treasurer  
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**At Large Board Members:**

Donna Golemon  
Karen Jackson  
Roxann Gracia

**TRAINING CHAIR:** Donna Golemon

**OFFICE:** Mary Ash

**BUILDING:** Karen Jackson

**MEMBERSHIP:** Carol Coawette

**VOUCHERS:** Lori Jackson

**NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE:** Sue Osborn

**BUILDING USE:**

**Groups:** Carol Coawette

**Members:** Donna Golemon

**SUNSHINE:** Debbie Hilton

See last page for contact  
information for above members

*Past newsletters:*

[nvdtc.org/club\\_newsletter](http://nvdtc.org/club_newsletter)

January-February 2024

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2024**

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## NVDTC Newsletter

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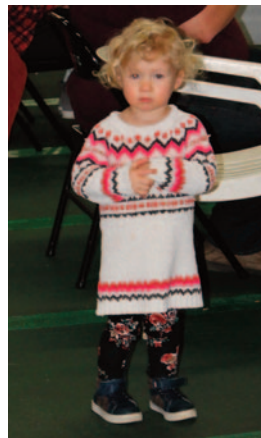


### Bobbie Honsvick Honored with Lifetime Membership

A long time, contiguous member, Bobbie has helped behind the scenes in many ways. We appreciate her dedication and lasting impact on our club. Congratulations!

Presented with heartfelt gratitude, this Lifetime Membership certificate honors Bobbie for unwavering dedication since the very beginning of the Napa Valley Dog Tracing Club. As a founding member and an active member over the years, she has graciously managed our office, setting class schedules, signing students up, and maintaining all required paperwork. Bobbie has volunteered tirelessly at countless club trials embodying the spirit of camaraderie. Her culinary prowess, a cherished addition to our potlucks, symbolizes the warmth she brings to our canine community.

### CHRISTMAS FUN!



**More Christmas on page 7**



## Pawsidential Woofs and Tails

Happy New Year everyone! Thought I might be a bit of an unknown to some of you so thought for this first Pawsidential Woofs and Tails I would fill you in.

Basic bio: Eldest of seven children. BS Math Ed and MS Management/Organization Behavior.

Retired Navy Captain (25 years). Adjunct Professor of Quality Management, Quality Management Consultant. Manager for US Mint SF Packaging and Inventory Departments. Currently retired.

Active in dog training and dog sports since 1997 with cockers and goldens. My main sport is agility, and I have competed successfully in many different venues. First person in the club to achieve the AKC Master Agility Champion (MACH) title, with my cocker, Cruiser. Have gone on to earn multiple championships in different venues with both my cockers and goldens.

Also currently competing in scent work with multiple dogs, and have also trained /competed in obedience, rally, barn hunt, tracking, and canine freestyle. Even got a chance to do some hunt training with one of my cockers! And my cocker, Hef, and I were members of LAPS until I had to retire him.

I love training with my dogs, and really love that their strengths and desires have led me into so many different

dog sports and to meet so many wonderful people.

As president I hope to apply my skills and those of the wonderful board members to continue and also improve on those things that support our mission:

“To Promote responsible pet ownership by offering classes for the community in dog obedience and handling; to educate our members about responsible ownership of dogs; to advocate for the protection and well-being of all dogs; and to adhere to the guidelines of the American Kennel Club in our activities.”

I will try to be as transparent as possible with all of you. Please feel free to email me at [president@nvdtc.org](mailto:president@nvdtc.org) any time with suggestions, issues, or even just to let me know what is working well. I will try my best to ensure you get a timely reply even if it is just “I’m working on it.”

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the January 8th meeting. Remember membership renewals are due. Also a reminder that January is National Train Your Dog Month and Marilane has sent out an email asking for things to share on our social media. Check it out on page 6!

Linda Wargo, President



## New Board Member

Roxann Gracia has joined the new Board for 2024 after being a member of the Club for approximately 10 years.

Her animal experiences include 3 horses, (one dearly cared for 31 years), 3 cats, two Labrador Retrievers, a ShihTzu, three miniature dachshunds (although one not so miniature), a Terrier mix, a Chihuahua mix and currently two Portuguese Podengo Pequeno dogs.

Roxann has dabbled in beginning agility, taken Puppy, Adolescent, GM1 and GM2 classes (at least 20 times with various dogs), Obedience classes, Rally classes, Dog Dancing classes, taken classes at Marin Humane, Napa Humane and private lessons off site, and most “recently” (last 5 years) fell in love with Nose Work (aka Scent Work). Her current 3-year-old Podengo earned 14 titles this year. Most times she just enjoys spending the day with the dogs walking at the Marsh, around Kennedy Park or around the College. She has had 3 rescue dogs, currently one with disability.

Spending 40 years as a pharmacist working in variety of settings from acute care to residential care to retail, and she has written several complete policy manuals. These include for Clinic Ole, Sutter Solano Hospital, Department of Veterans Affairs at the Sacramento level and for a local small business,

Family Drug. Serving as chairman on multiple committees, manager in all these settings and being instrumental in implementing new computer systems and methodologies in all four facilities, she brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board. The Club welcomes her addition to the Board!







## 2024 Training Session 2

**February 26th through April 6th, 2024**

**All Standard Classes run for 6 weeks for \$150.00 unless noted otherwise.**

**Class payment & shot records due February 19th, 2024.**

**Registration for 2024 Session 2 classes is ONLY accepted between Jan. 22nd and Feb 12th.**

**Except for continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY: **707-253-8666****

**Schedule subject to change.**

### Monday

9:00 am

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

10:00 am

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

11:00 am

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

1:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm

**Monday - 5 Weeks\***

**2/26, 3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1**

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

### Tuesday

10:00 am

**Good Manners 1**

Mary

11:00 am

**Good Manners 2**

Mary

12:00 pm NOON

**Canine Good Citizen (CGC)**

Mary

**TUESDAY**

**FREESTYLE**

**from Judy Gamet**

[www.dogscandance.com](http://www.dogscandance.com)

3:00 pm

**Private Coaching**

4:30 pm\*\*

**Musical Rally &**

**Grade 4 Combo**

5:30 pm\*\*

**Dogs can Dance Grade 5  
(Intermediate)**

6:30 pm\*\*

**Creating /Filming Routine**

7:25 pm\*\*

**Intermediate Freestyle**

### Wednesday

9:00 am

**Puppy**

Carol

10:00 am

**Adolescent Dog**

Carol

11:00 am

**Puppy**

Sandy

12:00 Noon

**Adolescent Dog**

Sandy

5:00 pm

**Puppy**

Carol

6:00 pm

**Adolescent Dog**

Carol

**Puppy:**

12 weeks to 5 1/2  
months

**Adolescent:**

6 months to 1 year

**Good Manners:**

1 year+

### Thursday

10:30 am

**Rally**

**All Levels**

Mary

11:30 am

**Rally**

**Overflow**

Mary

5:00 pm

**Rally**

**All Levels**

Mary

6:00 pm

**Rally**

**All Levels**

Mary

**MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE  
\$10 DISCOUNT PER CLASS**

**6 Weeks of Standard Classes:**

**\$150**

**(\$60 max in coupons)**

**\*5 Weeks of Standard Classes:**

**\$125**

**(\$50 max in coupons)**

**\*\*6 Weeks of Freestyle Classes:**

**\$150**

**(\$30 max in coupons)**

**Scan QR code for most current  
digital version of this schedule.**



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**\*\*\*For all freestyle classes, register with Judy: [judy@dogscandance.com](mailto:judy@dogscandance.com) • (707) 449-1715**



## — BRAGS 1 —

*Braggs are also in general minutes—see page 8*

### Carol Coawette



#### Louie:

Louie was busy in November & December after no trials for 6 months.

His list of accomplishments in 3 trials: Novice level - HD; Container; Buried; Interior; Exterior Titles and overall

Novice AKC Scent Work Title.

He won High in Trial Combined at Gurneville and won 1st Place HD & Exterior; 2nd Place Container & Exterior and

3rd Place in Interior three times. He also has several Elite Novice legs. Whew!

#### Pierre:

Pierre has earned several Elite legs in Master AKC Scent Work and won 2nd and 4th place in Master Container after a 6 month break from trials. He missed getting another Detective leg by one hide—so close!

### Sue Osborn



#### Morgan & Brooklyn

Morgan earned her CGC title on December 7th and Brooklyn earned her Barn Hunt Novice title in 2 trials on December 2nd with a first place and a second place ribbon!

### Dena Parrish

### Tony Belt



#### Bebe:

On December 3, 2023, in Rancho Murieta, Bebe earned her:

Master Level Container (4th leg toward Elite)

Master Level Exterior (2nd leg) with a 4th Place

Master Level Buried (3rd leg) for a Master Element Title in Buried —Good Girl!



#### Tzoey:

Tzoey completed her Rally Intermediate title on October 21st in Santa Rosa.





## — BRAGS 2 —

### Chriss Bradley



October 21st



November 26th



December 3rd

#### Toby:

On October 21, at Sycamore Lanes in Lodi, Toby earned two double Q's in Urban Locating (UL) 2 and 3. These go towards his next Championship Title in UL. Toby says: "I love the rats best, Mama."

On November 26, 2023, at Dream Big in Lodi, Toby earned his 3rd leg (and Master Element title) for Master Buried to achieve his overall Scent Work Master Title! Winner Winner, Prime Rib Dinner!

On December 3, 2023, at Rancho Murieta, Toby earned a Master Container (Elite) leg with a 3rd place! He also earned a Master Buried (Elite) leg. This is an Equestrian Center and Toby was also able to ignore all the horses that trotted by. Good Boy!

### Donna & Scott Albini

#### Gabby:



Gabby received her first leg in Rally Novice, under judge Geri Lopez, on October 21, 2023 at the Harvest Moon Classic in Sonoma County with Scott handling.

Breezy received her Trick Dog Novice title on October 9, 2023 and her Trick Dog Intermediate title on November 20, 2023, under evaluator Pat Moffitt, with Donna handling.

**Have BRAGS?**  
**Submit them to**  
**[brags@nvdtc.org](mailto:brags@nvdtc.org)**

#### Breezy:



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December 11, 2023 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes:  
[napadogtraining.org/meeting/](http://napadogtraining.org/meeting/)



[www.nvdtc.org/meeting](http://www.nvdtc.org/meeting)

## National Train Your Dog Month

We want YOU and YOUR DOG to help our club celebrate National Train Your Dog Month in January 2024 on Facebook! Share the fun you are having together by sending...

1. A fun photo of your dog learning, exploring, performing and/or competing. It can be a picture of your pup with his/her newest ribbon, one with your dog having a new adventure or a photo of him/her resting after a successful training session.
2. Include a few sentences to describe the photo OR
3. Send a training suggestion, the title of a new or favorite book, or link to a website / podcast / Facebook page that you enjoy and want to share with others.

The more items we have, the more posts we will create to celebrate NVDTC Members and their Wonderful Companions.

Where to Send:

Marilane at [bergfelt@comcast.net](mailto:bergfelt@comcast.net)

**Deadline:**

**Accepting post ideas thru January 25, 2024.**

Background: The National Train Your Dog Month was established in 2010 by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers. The month serves as a campaign to promote the importance of dog training, how it benefits pets and their owners everywhere, and to remind new owners that, like children, dogs need socialization and schooling to become well-behaved companions.



- I Call to Order at 7:15 pm
- II Call for additions or changes to agenda. – no additions or changes
- III Approval of November 13, 2023, General Minutes – minutes approved as is.
- IV Treasurer's Report – Lori Jackson
  - a Business Checking Account \$15,082.45
  - b Business Savings Account \$20,596.79
  - c Certificate of Deposit \$22,336.89, has expired, Lori to set up again, for a duration that is getting the highest rate.
  - d Current Profit and Loss Statement: for the month not received yet, Information just given to Linda.
- V Board, Committee and Chair Reports
  - a Mary Ash -President,
    - i New Board Members – Linda Wargo, President, Karen Jackson, and Carol Coawette were nominated to the board at the last board meeting. New board member Roxann Gracia was nominated and accepted a position on the board, so she will be a member at large.
    - ii Year End Awards Requirements – you needed to attend 3 general meeting to receive a plaque.
    - iii Thank you to Scott Pommier, Don Niemann, Judy & Bruce Phillips for donations to club.
  - b Vice-President Carol Coawette – nothing to report at this time.
  - c Membership/Vouchers, Lori Jackson – 2024 Membership Renewal Reminder, membership renewal is by February
  - d Office, Mary Ash – Registration is now closed, except for puppy. The puppy classes will remain open until 2 weeks before classes start. It necessary at that time it will be decided is the classes will be held, if low in numbers.
  - e Training, David LeCount – we have a new provisional instructor Jennifer Vaughn has been approved to teach puppy, adolescent and GM1 after her provisional is complete.

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## Therapy Team Handling Skills Class to Start in February

Submitted by Gwenn McKenzie, LAPS volunteer

How's that New Year's Resolution working out? Lose 5 pounds at the gym? Cut back on caffeine and carbs? Walk your dog every day, rain or shine? Volunteer in the community while spending time with your well-trained people-friendly pup?



Well, we might be able to help with that last one. You're definitely on your own for the caffeine thing.

Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) has been training volunteers and their pets to perform high-quality and meaningful animal-assisted interactions at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club for the better part of the past 20 years. A number of past and present LAPS members are active in the Club, and for good reason. Two decades of experience has taught us that well-trained handlers and pets are central to providing safe and effective service to clients of all ages.

LAPS will hold their Spring 2024 Therapy Team Handling Skills Class starting February 17 here at the Club. You can learn more about Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS)

and the work we do by visiting our website:

[LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org](https://www.LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org) or following us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles](https://www.facebook.com/LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles) to see what our members and their pets are doing in the community. Download the class flyer for details on registering for the class.

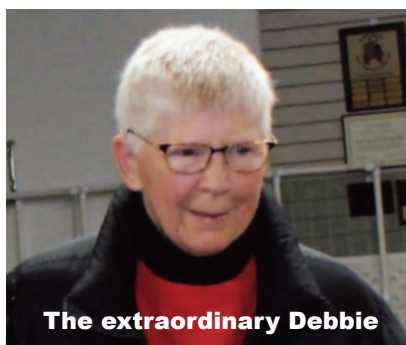
The LAPS Training Class focuses on hands-on practice involving volunteer "clients" in various settings. You and your dog, working as a team, will learn the best ways to engage a client in meaningful interactions. For the right person who has the time and motivation to devote to this work, and who has a people-friendly dog with solid basic obedience skills, this is a very rewarding volunteer career.

For any further questions, please email our volunteers at [info@LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org](mailto:info@LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org) or call LAPS at 707-265-6642.

**Left to Right photos: Jennifer & Elliot get the Halloween treatment Vange and Bixby roleplaying during class with LAPS volunteers Lee & Mini practice "paws up" and the all-important "watch me." Cindy and Princess Bloomie practice with wheelchair patient**

## Christmas Potluck & Gift Exchange

The club's December Christmas party was held on December 11th. This is always a great time to share special dishes with one another and to have fun coming up with a different and unique gift to be the one everyone wants (this year's gift exchange was once again the very popular "steal" game). A HUGE Thank you to Debbie Hilton for all her behind-the-scenes work to make the clubhouse SO festive! Thank you too to Dena Parrish for helping her bring it all altogether. Visit NVDTC's Facebook page for more photos!



**The extraordinary Debbie**





### MINUTES from page 6

- f Publicity –
    - i Approval of Kiwanis Club Class Gift Certificate
    - ii Submittal of Napa Valley Register Press Release – suggest made to also submit to the Press Democrat.
  - g Building – no repairs needed at this time, tapping of the mats is on-going.
  - h Newsletter/Website, Sue Osborn
    - i January/February Newsletter Deadline: December 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - i Hospitality
    - i Tonight, Christmas Party Potluck/Gift Exchange – Hosted by Debbie Hilton and Dena Parrish
    - ii January 8, 2024, hospitality will be done by Roxann, Chris, and Linda
  - j Sunshine – Nothing to report.
- VI Old Business
- a Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award – Lea Ronald, not present, but it was stated that the nominations are due by January 15.
  - b Year End Awards – Linda Wargo, award information is due by January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- VII New Business,
- a LAPS approved use of building for 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13 and 7/20 in 2024
  - b Via email: JMD Dog Sports approved use of building for March 24, 2024
- VIII Brags,
- a Title, Sue, and Brooklyn Novice Barn, with a first and second place
  - b Title, Sue and Morgan earned their CGC
  - c Title, Linda, and Happy scent work NSCSW NW1
  - d Title, Donna, and Trap AKC Scent Work Advanced Interiors
  - e Title, Mary, and Cort AKC Scent Work Advanced Interior, Exterior and Containers
  - f Title, Anne, and Fig AKC Scent Work Three Advanced titles and a HIGH IN TRIAL
  - g Title, Anne, and Gershwin AKC Rally Novice
  - h Title, David and four of his dogs earned their CGC, was also at an AKC Conformation show and he was awarded a Sporting Group 3
  - i Title, Carol, and Louie AKC Scent Work Novice interior, exterior, containers and buried giving him, his Novice Overall Title, also received High in Trial, Combined (This included Handler Discrimination)
  - j Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Golemon, Secretary

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**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION IS  
ONLINE!**  
*Renew today!*

### 2024 Membership

Deadline for dues is February 1, 2024

Hardcopies are at the clubhouse and the digital version (for current members only) is on our website under "Membership."

### Year End Awards Requirements

The Year End Awards form in the November-December newsletter was incorrect about requirements for receiving an award for 2023. The requirement has been corrected (as emailed to all members on 11/14/23) to state anyone who is applying for an award must have attended at least three general meetings in 2023. There is no requirement to participate in any events.

**Deadline to submit a form to receive an award is January 8th, 2024.** You can download form by going to:  
[nvdtc.org/pdfs/YearEndAwardsForm.pdf](https://nvdtc.org/pdfs/YearEndAwardsForm.pdf)

### Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award:

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.

**Deadline to nominate a member for the 2023 service award is January 15th, 2024.**

You can download form by going to:  
[nvdtc.org/pdfs/ServiceAwardNomination-Form.pdf](https://nvdtc.org/pdfs/ServiceAwardNomination-Form.pdf)





## Congratulations to our 2023 Session 7 graduates!



Wednesday 9 AM Puppy



Wednesday 10 AM Adolescent



Wednesday 11 AM Puppy



Strengthening the Basics



Wednesday 12 PM Adolescent



Wednesday 5 PM Puppy



Wednesday 6 PM Adolescent

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## Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters?  
Missed that announcement about rattlesnake aversion or an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access recent emails sent out from NVDTTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the  
MARCH/APRIL 2024 newsletter  
is February 22, 2024.

Send submissions to: [editor@nvdttc.org](mailto:editor@nvdttc.org)

### Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FOURTH* Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are available at the club.

**Next Meeting:**  
**January 8, 2024**  
**6:30 PM at Clubhouse**

*Leave dogs at home.*



Do you have a special  
or cute dog picture  
you'd like to share?

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

Email to:  
[editor@nvdttc.org](mailto:editor@nvdttc.org)



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