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# TATTLE TAILS



club newsletter

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## Dancing with the Dogs!

by Teresa Russell

On June 5, 2010, a group of NVDTTC members and their dogs performed at the Imagine! Dancing Horses Horse Show and Equine Extravaganza in Auburn. Led by Vange Leonis and her Corgi Radar—our group presented a line dance to the music "If Bubba Can Dance." To make a long story short, we were a hit! Upon entering the horse arena in predetermined columns to twangy country music, we were greeted with thunderous applause. What an energy boost that was! It was impossible to keep a wide grin off all of our faces.

The dogs took all the noise and smells in stride. Vange had practiced us and practiced us 'til we were confident in our moves. We had also gotten there early and practiced a run through on the horse arena floor. We were able to watch some of the other "acts," particularly the dancing Friesen horses, which are gorgeous black Dutch horses with unusually long flowing manes and tails that brush the ground. These powerful horses are related to draft horses but are extremely agile and graceful.

The event was a fundraiser for Horses for Healing, which is dedicated to "enhancing the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of special needs individuals and their loved ones through involvement with horses." The event included a Food Court, Silent Auction, Raffle, face painting, and pony rides. It sold out and there was standing room only.

Vange put together our dog dancing act upon invitation

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NVDTTC'S ANNUAL BARBECUE — SEPTEMBER 13!**

More details in the August newsletter



## CANINE SWAP MEET

by Teresa Russell

**Has your furry partner outgrown his baby collar?**

Would you like to find a new home for that 500 sized crate now that you've downsized from German Shepherds to Border Terriers? And how about that reflective bandana that you won in a raffle and really never intend to use?

**Well, COME ON DOWN to the NVDTTC Dog Swap Meet at the regular August General Meeting, August 9th.**

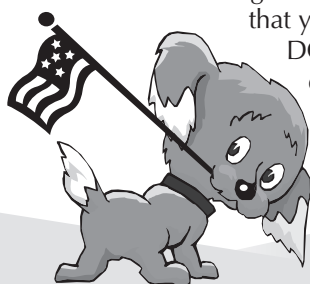
There will be tables set out so that you can place your swappable items for review by all. After a short business meeting, we can meander up and down, looking for bargains or "Free to Good Home" items.

If you have something valuable that you would prefer to sell, just put a price on it. We talked about a fifty/fifty split (you/club) for sold items but common sense is the best rule for these situations.

Basically the Dog Swap Meet gives you a chance to give away dog related items that you aren't

using and possibly find something that you can use. **ITEMS FOR**

**DOGS only please**—no quirky wedding gifts or grandma's hand knitted socks!



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### Officers

**President:** Mary Ash  
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**Past President:** Laura Ecklin

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Janet Davis  
Gerry Glantz  
Lynda Rhyno  
Teresa Russell

Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



# TRAINING CLASSES

Subject to Change

To view the 2010 schedule on a full year calendar, visit the classes page on the [napadogtraining.org](http://napadogtraining.org) website.

## Session 4 ~ 2010

June 28 through August 13, 2010

Week off between sessions 3 & 4: June 14-25

### Monday

5:30 p.m. Conformation\* Michelle

### Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Good Manners 1 Lynda

6:00 p.m. Puppy Lynda

7:00 p.m. STAR Puppy Laura

8:00 p.m. Good Manners 2 Laura

### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. CGC or Novice Obed. Marlene

10:00 a.m. Good Manners 1 Marlene

11:00 a.m. Good Manners 2 Marlene

6:00 p.m. Advanced Agility Katherine

7:00 p.m. Jumpers 3 Joy

### Thursday

10:00 a.m. Rally Mary

11:00 a.m. Rally Mary

6:00 p.m. Rally Mary

7:00 p.m. Rally Mary

### Friday

6:30 p.m. Puppy Marilane

7:30 p.m. GM1 Linda

Week off between sessions 4 & 5: Aug 16-20



### Class Fees (7-weeks):

Members\* & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

All sessions run 7 weeks, one time per week at the day & time shown for 50 minutes.

Please call the club at

**707-253-8666**

to check class availability and to register.

## 2010 TRAINING SCHEDULE TO THE END OF THE YEAR:

Session 4: June 28 — August 13, 2010

Session 5: August 23 — October 8, 2010

Session 6: October 18 — December 10, 2010



## **Canine Freestyle: Building the Relationships**

A Two Day Seminar presented by  
**The Gold Coast Guild**  
of the Canine Freestyle Federation  
**September 11 and 12, 2010**

Napa Valley Dog Training Club  
68 Coombs Street, Building "N" • Napa, CA

*Presented by Kristin Sicotte of Minnesota*

*Beginning through experienced freestylers welcome!*

**Saturday, September 11:** The Building Blocks of Choreography  
It's all about the dog and your journey together ...

- Discovering how movement talks
- Creating sentences and phrases
- Technical execution and the performance space

**Sunday, September 12:** Movement as a Means of Expression

- Developing the team
- Artistry is relationships
- The joy of freestyle: celebrating and sharing

*This seminar is very interactive. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to develop phrases that you may be able to use in your own freestyle routines!*

NOTE: You may choose to attend Saturday only, but Saturday attendance is a pre requisite for attendance on Sunday.

## **Can Dogs See in Color?** by Dr. Dawn Ruben

Dogs do see in color, but their perception of color is not the same as it is for people. They cannot distinguish between red, orange, yellow or green. They can see various shades of blue and can differentiate between closely related shades of gray that are not distinguishable to people.

When comparing dog and human vision, people are better at depth perception, color perception and seeing minute details of an object. Dogs are better at seeing in dim light, responding to an image rapidly and detecting the slightest motion. They also have better peripheral vision.

In a 1995 study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, researchers dissected canine retinas and found many color-sensitive cones that indicated that there was at least an anatomical potential for color vision in dogs. The researchers also used behavioral discrimination testing and electrical photo tests to determine the light wave-

lengths that stimulated these cones. The dogs in the study could not differentiate between middle-to-long wavelengths of light, which to people appear as green, yellow, orange or red.

Dogs are able to differentiate between various shades of blue and violet, shades that people cannot tell apart. It is theorized that people have a yellow pigment in the lens of their eye that blocks short wavelengths (blue) light and significantly reduces sensitivity to violet and blue light. Dogs do not have this yellow pigment and therefore can see very subtle color changes.

If you are feeling curious, you can try testing your own dog to see if he can tell one shade of color from another. First, try to teach your dog that a blue towel always elicits a positive response. Then put out a green, a red and a blue towel and see if they pick the right color. This is a very crude test but it may work.

source: [www.petplace.com](http://www.petplace.com)



# 6/14/10 NVDTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Janet Davis, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, and Teresa Russell.

## II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the May 10, 2010 general meeting as published in the June newsletter with the following corrections: change to Joan Bird and Pat Martin for hospitality (VIB), and change to Amy Herot (IXA1B) for nose work seminar.

## III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Chase Checking: \$10,152.78
- B. Napa Community Bank CD: \$11,590.05; Accrued interest: \$19.35
- C. Chase Money Market: \$8,944.99
- D. M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

## IV. BOARD REPORTS

### A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT— Nothing to report

### B. SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS, Sandy Bonifield

- 1. Mary Ash and Sandy are looking into having a police dog for a future presentation.
- 2. Amanda Vance is available and willing to make presentations
- 3. If you have ideas for speakers, let Sandy know.

### C. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

Teresa Russell will write an article for the dog dancing performance at the Auburn horse show and Gerry Glantz will write an article on scoring for the AOCNC Interclub Competition for the July newsletter.

### D. OFFICE, Lynda Rhyno

- 1. Sign ups are coming in for session four.
- 2. Office is staffed for session four except for Friday, there will be a new person to train for Friday night.
- 3. Lynda will pick up calls at club during two week break.

### E. TRAINING, Teresa Russell

- 1. Lynda Rhyno has been approved as a permanent trainer for Puppy and GM1.
- 2. Joan Bird has been approved as a provisional assistant for Puppy and GM1.
- 3. Marlene Soldavini has been approved as a rally instructor.
- 4. NVDTC is always looking for new assistants and trainers.

## F. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis

- 1. Because of short notice, NVDTC did not participate in the recent Napa Humane Society's Pet Adoption Day held at the Napa Premium Outlets.
- 2. If anyone hears of events wherein NVDTC can set up a table or if your vet does not have NVDTC brochures, let Janet know.

## G. BUILDING, Gerry Glantz

- 1. Do not call Gerry when the back bank does not work. It is a breaker; it just needs to be turned back on.
- 2. Jim Spiva put in new bulbs on bank of lights by office and they still did not work. Sandy Bonifield will call Bob Hansen with Cal West Electric to either put in a new light or new ballast depending on what is needed.
- 3. Circuit breaker room light is out again. Bob Hansen can check this too.
- 4. Stan Soldavini fixed the broken big ladder and jump. Mar Soldavini fixed deadbolt at entry.
- 5. Rich Smith and Beth Schultz will move all agility equipment and paint the wall during break. Rich will be asked about hanging mirrors as well.

## V. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- A. The AOCNC Interclub competition was held June 13, 2010.
  - 1. There was lots of shade and grass at the park where it was held.
  - 2. Scoring was confusing. Gerry will write an article for the newsletter on how scoring is determined.
  - 3. Gerry will also check into having AOCNC rules and regulations for shows put on the AOCNC website.
  - 4. The food was incredible; there was a great potluck.
- B. A seminar put on by AOCNC is coming up in September. Gerry will have more details later.

## VI. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thank you to Joan Bird & Pat Martin for tonight's goodies!
- B. July volunteers: Chris Meyer and Mary Ash.

## VII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Sunshine was extended to Mary Ash and Roberta Sendry.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Obedience/Rally Trial, Mary Ash, November 6, 2010
  - 1. Gerry Glantz is working on judges, still need two more, Vallejo has all of theirs.



**For upcoming events  
go to [nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)**

*Also check out [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com),  
[www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com), [www.k9wag.com](http://www.k9wag.com), and  
[www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) for additional details on  
listings and for information on additional  
conformation shows, obedience and agility  
trials, tracking tests, field trials, etc.*

**Remember to check  
[AOCNC.org](http://AOCNC.org) for  
upcoming events as well.**

**NVDTC Agility 2010 Trial  
August 21 & 22**

Dixon

**PREMIUM NOW AVAILABLE at [nvdtc.org](http://nvdtc.org)  
Closing date: August 5, 2010**

**NVDTC Obedience & Rally  
2010 Trial  
November 6**

Vallejo

**Closing date: October 20, 2010**

**See [nvdtc.org](http://nvdtc.org) for more trial details.**

2. Forms are online with AKC (will need login ID to use).
3. Date has been officially changed by AKC from June to November.
4. Gerry has already asked several people about judging for next year.
5. Floor mats have not been ordered yet, order is ready to go—still need to remove desk out of space where they will be stored.
6. Vallejo will let NVDTC use their wheel if NVDTC is interested.
7. Mary will post the obedience/rally sign up sheets after the agility trial sign ups are taken care of.

B. Agility Trial, Mary Ash, August 21–22, 2010

Mary Ash has Okayed the draft for the premium.

C. Nose Work Seminar

1. Sign ups have come in and the seminar looks like it will fill. There are still a few spots for both days if anyone is interested.
2. M/S/C to schedule a Level 2, Introduction to Odor Seminar.
  - a. Mary Ash plans to present flyer for Level 2 at the first seminar.
  - b. Instructor would be someone who has trained with Amy Herot. Amy is doing the first seminar.
  - c. The dog entered in Level 2 must be the same dog as entered in Level 1.
3. Mary Ash emailed form for first class to all club members. Everyone attending the seminar will be sent details.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Used Equipment Exchange:

- A. Scheduled for the August general meeting.
- B. Teresa will write up an article for the July newsletter about swapping or selling used dog related items.

**X. NEW MEMBERS—None**

**XI. BRAGS—**Mary Joy Davis, Diane Parness, Linda Wargo, Margretha Lane, Karen Jackson, Christy Rose, Lynda Rhyno, Mary Ash, Kathrine Rhyno, Pat Martin, Marlene Soldavini, Pat Martin, and Teresa Russell and Vange Leonis for Auburn dog dancing.

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:38 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

# AOCNC InterClub Competition Scoring

By Gerry Glantz



The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California began to emerge in April of 1945, when the Mt Diablo Obedience and Training Club challenged the San Francisco Dog Training Club to an obedience match, in which five dogs from each club not having their C.D. titles were to compete against each other. This first match took place on November 4, 1945 in Walnut Creek. This first match was the beginning of the current InterClub Competition now held each summer.

As the years passed, the event evolved. In 1946 the first trophies were offered as prizes. In 1947 the first dinner was held in conjunction with the competition. The following year, it was agreed to open the competition to other organized clubs and on October 3, 1948, the Inter-club competition was born.

Until 1950 the Mt Diablo club and San Francisco club had alternated hosting the new competition, but at this point it was suggested that other clubs could share in the hosting duties and in November of 1950 the Oakland Dog Training Club volunteered to host the 1951 meeting. At that competition, finally held in January of 1951, seven clubs were represented.

Over the years as AOCNC became more formally organized with a Board of Directors and Bylaws and Regulations, the number of affiliated

clubs also grew. Today there are 18 member clubs in northern California. Any member or trainee of an affiliated club is eligible to compete in the InterClub Competition as a member of that club's team.

Because of the unique structure of this event, each club team competing against the other club teams, the scoring is different than the usual Obedience or Rally Trial. The object is to determine which club is ranked highest in each of the following areas:

Club with Top 2 Novice  
Club with Top 2 Open  
Club with Top 2 Utility

Combined score to top 2 Novice,  
top 2 Open and top 2 Utility in each club  
(called INTER-CLUB scores)

Six highest scores from any class for each  
club (called INTER-CLASS scores)

Scoring for Obedience and Rally are done separately so the winning club could be the same or different for each venue, depending on the score tallies. The winning club for 2010 was the OAKLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB. Congratulations, Oakland! To view a complete listing of the scores, go to [www.AOCNC.org/](http://www.AOCNC.org/).

## Top Rare Dog Breeds



### Catalburun

A Turkish Pointer, readily identified by its "split-nose."

### Mudi

A Hungarian herding dog of superior herding quality!

### Thai Ridgeback

Introduced into the United States back in 1994, this breed has been rising in awareness and popularity ever since.

### Norwegian Lundehund

Also known as the "Puffin Dog", this little hound was kept by the Vikings and used as an agile hunter.

### Carolina Dog

Known as the "American Dingo", this breed has been genetically linked with primitive dog breeds such as the Australian Dingo and New Guinea

Singing Dog.

### Tibetan Mastiff

Direct descendent from the original Mastiff dogs of ancient times.

### Azawakh

This sighthound is very rare outside of it's native Africa, but is finding favor in the United States, where between 100-200 dogs are said to live.

### Otterhounds

This noble hound breed can be traced back to the 1100's.

### Stabyhoun

Considered a national treasure in the Netherlands.

### Chinook

This rare dog is the direct descendent of one famous sled dog, named Chinook.

The name of the dog from The Grinch Who Stole Christmas is Max.

The Dalmatian dog originates from Dalmatian coast of Croatia.

The Pug dog is thought to have gotten its name from looking like the pug monkey.

The Beatles song "Martha My Dear" was written by Paul McCartney about his sheepdog Martha.

The name of the dog on the Cracker Jack box is Bingo.

Source: [www.doghouse.com](http://www.doghouse.com)

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# Dancing with the Dogs! *Continued from page 1*

by Judy Gamet of *Dogs Can Dance*. The owner handler teams included Karen Jackson and her Golden Maddie, Sue Osborn and her German Shorthaired Pointer Dakota, Katherine and Lynda Rhyno with their Aussie Storm and white Poodle Bridget, Kathleen Sutherland with her Greyhound Tuxedo, and Teresa Russell and her yellow Lab Perry. For the dance, we were joined by three members of the Vallejo DTC: Trish Iriye, Lynne Dilsaver, and Michelle Antonio and their dogs: a little Terrier cross, a Greyhound, and a white Chihuahua cross.

A teenage girl come up to Vange Leonis before the performance and asked, "What time do the dogs dance? Because I came to see the dogs dance." We fulfilled her wish and had an enjoyable time doing it!



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



A group photo after dress rehearsal at Napa's Sunrise Park. Not pictured: Trish Iriye

Photo courtesy of Teresa Russell



Up to a thousand attendees! Photo by S. Osborn



Practicing in the arena

Photo by M. Barkley

Additional photos posted at [www.napadogtraining.org](http://www.napadogtraining.org)

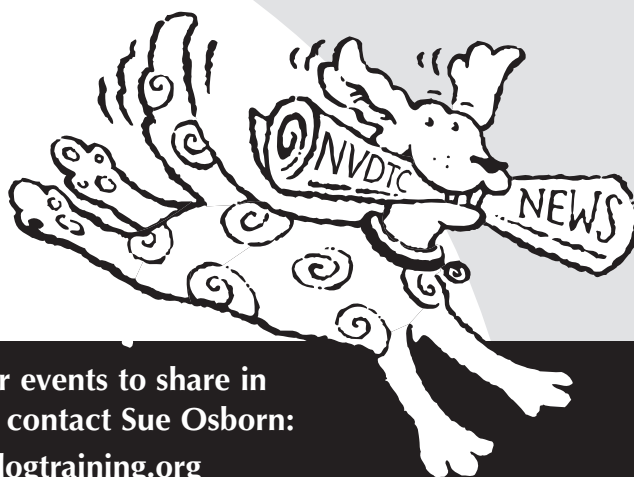
**Next General Membership Meeting:  
Monday, July 12, 2010  
6:30 p.m. at the club • NO DOGS!**

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Except for December,  
Board meetings, open to  
all interested members,  
are scheduled the fourth  
Monday of the month at  
6:00 p.m.

Call 253-8666  
to verify both date and  
location of meeting.



If you have articles, stories or events to share in  
the NVDTC Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:  
[NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org](mailto:NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org)

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

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**Tracking:** Debbie Crain

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