



July-August 2015



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## NVDTC Newsletter

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## Getting the Job Done

The transformation taking place at the Napa Valley Dog Club between the end of May and June 8 was absolutely astounding. First and foremost, before going into details, THANK YOU to the following folks for finding time to help with the building re-design. The work would not have been completed without their efforts!

**Our Members:** Pat Martin, Marlene Soldavini, Bobbie Honsvick, Anita Boyce, Lori Jackson, Chris Mayer, Vange Leonis, Anne Moya, Lynda & Katherine Rhyno, Roxann Garcia, Lea Ronald, Cheryl Meyer, Deassa Binstock and Nick Warnock.

**Our Family:** Mike Bonifield, Robert Osborn, Stan Soldavini, Carl Luchsinger, and Ben & Nathan Bergfelt.

**Our Board:** Deb Payton, Linda Wargo, Sandy Bonifield, Sue Osborn, Gerry Glantz, Carol Coawette, Linda Luchsinger and Marilane Bergfelt.

The building redesign involved the construction of a wall to split our training space in half; a tough decision in response to a challenging rent increase; a decision made bittersweet when our neighbors, SC Fabrications, told us they were looking to expand their space and asked if they could take over half of ours.

An extra week was added to our normal one week break between class sessions to accomplish what seemed undoable. The proposed work schedule was daunting.

Downsizing involved reorganizing, removing what was unnecessary, taking down fans, mirrors and signage, moving everything out of the area being taken over, and storing items off site. This in itself involved numerous work hours and a great deal of dedicated time put in by club and family members.

Before construction on the wall began, electrical work to move ceiling lights, reroute power and install new switches had to be

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Karl Luchsinger cleaning rafters covered in years of cobwebs and dirt!

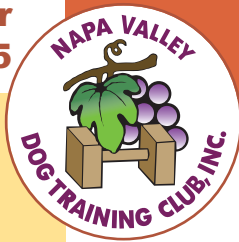
24 volunteers worked over 440 hours between mid-April & June 7, 2015.

And approximately 130 hours provided by members of the general membership.

A total of \$1,364.17 was donated in time and materials by Robert Hansen and Mike Bonifield.

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## Kick off your summer with this paw-tastic family event!

There will be a Community Block Party at Pet Food Express in Napa on July 11th from 11 am to 2 pm. Enjoy the company of Napa Humane Mobile Adoption, Golden Gate German Shepherd Rescue, Loving Animals Providing Smiles (L.A.P.S.), and the California Highway Patrol.

*There will also be a photo booth, raffle, games, and prizes.*



## Agility worker raffle items needed.

Drop off dog related or non-dog related items in the bin marked "RAFFLE" located at the clubhouse.



## SUPPORT OUR AUG. 15 & 16 AGILITY TRIAL—LEND A HELPING HAND!

To make a successful and happy agility event for the workers and exhibitors, we need volunteers!

If you have not already signed up to help for the trial, the sign-up list for workers is posted at the club.

If you are available, help is needed for the following: 1) Picking up some equipment from the Napa club to take to Petaluma, 2) Setting up, 3) Working the agility trial itself, 4) Taking down the agility equipment, and 5) to bring items for the worker's raffle.

The jobs for Saturday & Sunday are: 1) Gate Steward, 2) Scribe, 3) Timer, 4) Scribe Runner, 5) Pole Setters, 6) Chute Fluffer, and 7) Leash Runner. NOTE: We really need workers for Sunday, especially for Open & Novice exhibitors who run between 11:00 & 2:00.

If you have any preferences for the above jobs, just write your preference on the sign-up sheet next to your name. I will write your name in that slot at the fairgrounds.

On Friday at 10:00 am, if anyone can load tables, ribbons, etc. at the club and then transport them to Petaluma, add your name to the list.

Set up time on Friday will be 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Petaluma Fairgrounds (new location). You can come in to park inside the fairgrounds.

For Saturday & Sunday you can park on the grass behind the row of canopies.

Sunday we also need help to take down the agility equipment to return to Lynda Tjarks' trailer and, lastly, take the tables, ribbons, etc. back to the club.

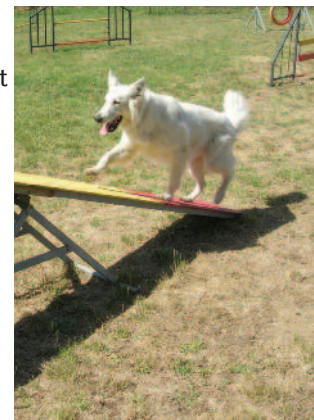
IN ADDITION: For **HOSPITALITY**, if anyone can bring diet sodas (Pepsi, Coke, or 7 up) or Starbucks coffee for Saturday & Sunday mornings, just sign and thus indicate on the list.

**RAFFLE** items are needed for the worker's raffle. Dog or non-dog related can be brought to the club.

Club members who work will receive worker raffle tickets, vouchers, breakfast, and lunch!

Thank you in advance for all the help you can provide to make our agility trial a success!

Lori Jackson,  
Agility Trial Chairperson



**AGILITY Trial**  
Saturday, August 15, 2015  
Sunday, August 16, 2015

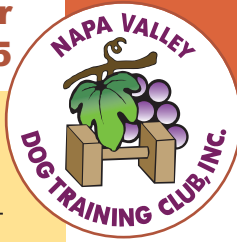
Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds -Petaluma  
Closing Date July 29, 2015

Save  
these  
dates!

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accomplished. Before completion of the wall, a new entry door had to be installed. Contractors to do all this work had to be lined up, connections had to be made, all of which was basically spearheaded by Marilane Bergfelt.

After all the electrical was finished, rafters cleaned, the wall completed (in lightning speed), and the new entry door installed, the day of the biggest push, June 6, arrived. The new space HAD to be made ready for classes starting the following week. Sixteen people (club and family members) showed up to totally rock the place! From 9:30 to 1:30 there was a buzz in the air as everyone went to work moving training equipment, chairs, old mats, crates, toys, and cupboard storage from the middle of the floor where all had been gathered and wrapped in plastic while the wall was built. An assembly line was set up to clean grimy fans. Dusty and dirty equipment was moved outdoors to be power washed. The mirrors were reinstalled on the new wall. Seldom used items were stored behind protective plastic on metal shelving. Signage was rehung.

And the following week, classes for session 4 successfully started as planned!

The real hero in all of this was Marilane Bergfelt who diligently kept the process moving forward, spending hours to coordinate and meet with contractors, volunteers and our neighbors. Next time you see her, be sure to take the time to thank her!

View building transformation photos online at:  
[www.flickr.com/gp/107416216@N05/P2a190](http://www.flickr.com/gp/107416216@N05/P2a190)



## JUNE 20, 2015 OBEDIENCE TRIAL



We held our small but successful Obedience/Rally Trial on the PSI grounds on June 20, 2015. The weather was lovely and we had many compliments on our venue. I would like to thank all the members and family members who came out to help, set up, work the rings, provide hospitality, repair jumps, get judges and ring stewards and take everything down and put back in its proper place. Without all of you this trial however small would not have been possible. I tried to write down all the names of those who showed up:

Linda Wargo, Mary Ash, Joy Wood, Sue Osborn, Sandy Bonifield, Lori Jackson, Karen Jackson, Roxann Gracia, Christine Martin, Jim Spiva, Margie Vulk, Chris Mayer, Christy Rose, Charlie Rose, Carol Coawette, De Brilz, Wes Brilz, Lynda

Rhyno, Gerry Glantz, Brandon Sivongxay, Anita Boyce, Marlene Soldavini, Bobbie Sundrud, and Diana Martin.

Our next event is the Agility trial in August in Petaluma. I would sure like to see such a nice turn out of help for this event as well. It takes a village!!!

Linda Luchsinger, Trial Chair





## Marlene's Session 4 CGC Class

On May 20, 2015, Jim Spiva, Mary Ash, Vange Leonis, and Sandy Bonifield were on hand to assist Marlene Soldavini in conducting a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) exam for eight students in her Wednesday morning CGC class. Of those eight students, three passed! Mellene Miller handling Gracie, Mary Ash handling Pie, and Pat Noble handling So-phie now have their CGC title on their companions! Congratulations to all!

The AKC's Canine Good Citizen program is recognized as the gold standard for dog behavior. In CGC, dogs who pass the 10 step CGC test can earn a certificate and/or the official AKC CGC title. Dogs with the CGC title have the suffix, "CGC" after their names.

NVDTC offers CGC classes throughout the year. If you are interested in taking this class, call our office (707-253-8666) to sign up on an interest list.



## Check out these upcoming training opportunities

### NEW TRAINING CLASS: Out and About – Session 6

This 6-week training class taught by Vange Leonis is designed for people interested in traveling with their dog or simply enjoying all a dog friendly community offers. All classes are taught inside the dog club with mock settings. Classes include the following:

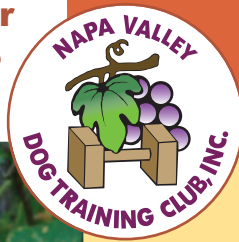
- Proofing your dog to common situations that may be found in a neighborhood.
- Learning etiquette for outdoor dining at dog friendly restaurants.
- Shopping at dog friendly retail stores or sidewalk displays or just window shopping.
- Understanding the difference between a service dog, a therapy dog, and a pet dog.
- How to transport your dog in the car or on a plane.
- And Much More

### NEW WORKSHOP – Parade Team — 2-hour workshop. Date TBA

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Holiday Parade in the community? With this workshop you and your dog/people friendly animal can join the Napa Valley Dog Training Club Parade Team. The workshop will be taught by Judy Gamet from Dogs Can Dance. Dogs and handlers will learn basic marching skills and have fun being part of a dog team representing the club at holiday parades and events.

GRADUATES! Photo from Session 3 Tuesday morning classes - Photo provided by Sandy Bonifield





## Pet First Aid & CPR Workshop

November 7, 2015

9 A.M at the NVDTC Clubhouse



Stefanie Meinhardt's Ekko

Ekko earned her Open Agility title on 4/25/15, making her official name Vintage Dragam Tuzes Ekko JH OA OAJ.

Her unofficial name however, will always be "Hekko," as her comedic runs the following day proved. Regardless what happens, she always has fun running agility!

## Where's Rawldo?

He's hiding somewhere in the clubhouse. Be the first to find Rawldo and turn him into Sue Osborn for a PRIZE! Rawldo likes to hide on the day of the general meeting.

Look for a clue in this newsletter to find out where he will try to hide on July 13th.



4-hour hands-on workshop • Cost to be announced.

**NO DOGS ALLOWED – MANNEQUINS ARE PROVIDED**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, participants will know:

- Prior planning & preparation necessary to respond effectively covering the following:
  - o Resources
  - o Equipment
  - o Normal Vital Signs
  - o Emergency Action Steps
- How to resolve a choking emergency
- When and how to administer CPR
- How to control bleeding
- How to treat burns
- How to care for suspected strains, sprains and fractures
- What to do in the event of poisoning or a snake bite
- How to care for sudden injury or illness

*Participants should be at least 12 years old*

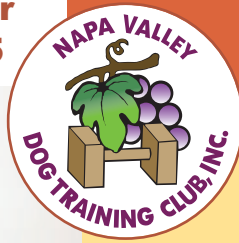
*Participants should be able to undertake moderate physical activity*

*This workshop is put on by "Pet First Aid & CPR classes by Peter Pay, Need to Know Training" and brought to you through Vange Leonis, NVDTC Trainer.*



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June 8, 2015 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes are  
available online at:  
[napadogtraining.org/meeting/](http://napadogtraining.org/meeting/)



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

### I. Call to order:

- A. 6:30 by President Gerry Glantz
- B. Board members present: Gerry Glantz, Linda Luchsinger, Marilane Bergfelt, Carol Coawette, Debi Payton, Sandy Bonifield, Linda Wargo, Sue Osborn

### II. MINUTES

- A. Correction of May minutes under new business #9 – remove the word NON to avoid confusion in the sentence. MSC for correction.

### III. Treasurer: As of 6/8/15

- CD 11840.94
- Checking 5043.51 (rent for June has been paid)
- Savings 5361.55

### IV. Board reports:

#### A. President, Gerry Glantz

- 1. Secretary position has been assumed by Linda Luchsinger
- 2. Gerry introduced the new decreased space. The Building has been remodeled and cleaned and ready for use.

#### B. Vice President: Linda Wargo

Membership: Sara DeCrevo and Pauline applied to be new members. It was MSC to accept them.

#### C. Office: Sue Osborn:

- 1. Office staff are Carol Coawette, Margretha Lane, Kathrine Rhyno & Melene Miller. Kathrine and Melene will be trained by Sue this week

**D. Building: Marilane Bergfelt** gave a detailed report of what had been done in the remodel. [Editor's note: See attached report on online version of minutes:

[www.nvdtc.org/meeting](http://www.nvdtc.org/meeting).] Marilane was thanked for heading up the project and the workers who helped were also thanked.

**E. Publicity Carol Coawette** – Reminder of the August 2 Walk for Animals to benefit the Humane Society. Vange, Carol, Lynda Rhyno, Marlene and Sandy will have a table set up to let people know about our club and help with minor problems. This is to be held at the Veterans Park from 7am to noon.

#### F. Training: Marilane Bergfelt –

- 1. Marilane has been in touch with 2 new trainers. One local and one from Sacramento who is an independent trainer, has her own insurance and students. ML will continue to be in contact for potential classes to be taught.

**V. Newsletter:** the deadline for the next newsletter is June 20. Linda Luchsinger will make copies and mail to the few members without computers.

#### VI. AOCNC –

- A. Summer workshop is July 26 at Cal State Hayward. Entries are still open and are at the Club. Entries should be mailed to Noel Pilat. AOCNC is discussing the September Seminar.

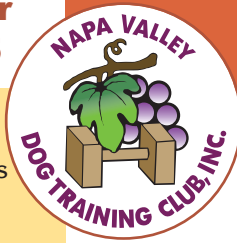
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**VII. HOSPITALITY** June meeting refreshments were provided by Christina Martin and Gerry Glantz. July refreshments will be provided by Nick and Haley Warnock.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Obedience Trial: Linda Luchsinger – Entries are closed. We have 27 obedience entries and 11 rally entries in the AM show. We have 24 obedience entries and 9 rally entries in the PM show. We requested a few more obedience stewards and food donations. Trucks are needed to load up the equipment on Friday June 19 at 4:00pm and set up the grounds.
- B. Agility trial: We need permission from County Wide DTC to have the trial in Petaluma (venue change) before getting final approval from AKC. Mary Ash will contact Lori Jackson regarding this issue.
- C. Building Usage: Pat Martin has been working on this plan. It was tabled to next meeting when Pat can be present.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vange inquired about an email database. Sue responded she is working on it.
- B. LAPS is holding a screening event open to the public for anyone wanting to see if their dog might qualify for a therapy program. This is free and will be held at our building on June 27. From 10 to 1pm

**Adjourn 7:20**

**Check out our highlighted classes for session 5:**  
**INTRO TO RALLY**  
**on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 AM**  
**and**  
**ADVANCED OBEDIENCE**  
**on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM!**

With the warm weather, Rawl/Do is going to get as close as he can to something cool.

## SESSION 5, 2015

**July 20 – August 28**

**Week off: August 31**

### Monday

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

6:15 pm	Jumpers/Agility*	Laura
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### Tuesday

10:00 am	Adolescent Dog	Sandy & Kim
11:00 am	Puppy	Sandy & Kim

4:30 pm	Intermediate Freestyle*	Judy
5:30 pm	Freestyle Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Lynda & Katherine

### Wednesday

9:30 am	Good Manners 1	Marlene
10:30 am	Good Manners 2	Marlene

### RETURNING:

11:30 am	Intro to Rally	Marlene
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5:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Kim & Marilane
6:00 pm	Puppy	Kim & Marilane
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
8:00 pm	Puppy	Lea

### Thursday

Daytime	Rally (all levels)*	Mary
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5:00 pm	Rally (all levels)*	Mary
6:30 pm	Good Manners 2	Linda L.

### RETURNING:

7:30 pm	Advanced Obedience	Linda L.
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### Friday

6:00 pm	Good Manners 1 (Overflow)	TBA
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## CHANGE IN CLASS DISCOUNTS:

**Effective Session 5**  
**Senior: \$10 per class**  
**Junior: \$10 per class**  
**Rescue: 1 time \$10 per one class.**

### \*Continued Class

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list.

Visit or call the NVDTTC office to have your name added.

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## Member Recommended Online Reading Topics:

Go to [www.nvdtc.org/readinglist](http://www.nvdtc.org/readinglist)  
or click on a headline below to read  
more about the following topics:

### Golden retrievers studied for clues about cancer

Read about study by scientists about this breed  
to find out why their lifespans are becoming  
shorter and why they have higher incidences of  
cancer.

### Meet the three newest breeds to be recognized by the AKC

The breeds include two herding dogs from  
France and the U.S. and a sporting dog from  
Italy.

### Dog club survival

What's with dog shows? Clubs are failing; costs,  
corruption, expenses soaring...

Submission deadline for the  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 newsletter  
is August 20, 2015.

Send to: [news@napadogtraining.org](mailto:news@napadogtraining.org)

Next  
General Meeting  
JULY 13, 2015 • 6:30 PM

Leave YOUR dog 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 edition!

email to: [news@napadogtraining.org](mailto: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.



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