



July-August 2018



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## NVDTC Newsletter

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Linda Luchsinger, President  
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**At Large Board Members:**

Marilane Bergfelt, Tandi Blonigen,  
Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio

**AOCNC REPS:** Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

**BUILDING:** Maria Giaccio

**MEMBERSHIP:** Carol Coawette

**NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE:** Sue Osborn

**OFFICE:** Sandy Bonifield, Vange Leonis

**PUBLICITY:** Tandi Blonigen

**TRAINING:** Marilane Bergfelt

See last page for contact information for above members.



**MAY 14TH AKC  
NOVICE TRICK  
TITLE EVENT A  
SUCCESS!**

This Novice Trick Title event was open to all club members and current students. Everyone who brought their dog to participate passed! This was a very fun event, so much so that another trick title event is in the works, and will give those who want to try for the next trick title level the opportunity— so start practicing!

See page 5 for a list of teams who passed the Novice Trick Title, a link to requirements for the next level up (the AKC Intermediate Trick Dog—TKI title), and photos from this event.

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**OPEN HOUSE AT THE CLUB  
SATURDAY, JULY 14th  
1 TO 4 PM**

To celebrate the newly painted 13 foot high mural at the clubhouse and to welcome the community to our dog training facility, we are holding an OPEN HOUSE on July 14th! The public is invited to come by to talk to trainers, learn about classes our club offers, pick up information about dogs and training, enjoy refreshments, see the mural in person and meet the artists, Sue Osborn, Sue de Mille, and De Brilz!

If you are available to help on the day of the event or beforehand or have ideas and input for the open house, email Sue at [sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org).

**NOTE: If you are able to attend the open house (and we sure hope you do) PLEASE leave your dog(s) at home.**



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100% of proceeds  
benefit Napa Valley's  
pets and their people.

## Sunday, August 5

Oxbow Commons • Downtown Napa  
Registration and festivities begin at 7:30am • Walk start is 8:30am

### Move Your Paws For The Cause!

A short stroll through Downtown Napa that goes miles and miles for the animals.

- 1 Register to walk (with or without a pooch) as an individual or a team . . . get a t-shirt and an awesome goodie bag!
- 2 Raise funds for the animals . . . earn prizes and awards for your efforts!
- 3 Have a blast at the Walk for Animals . . . with music, contests, give-aways, and fun for all!

> Get started here [napahumane.org/walkforanimals](http://napahumane.org/walkforanimals)

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where compassion lives



## AOCNC Summer Workshop July 29, 2018

Every year, the Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California (AOCNC) puts on a Summer Obedience and Rally Summer Workshop! This year the workshop will be on July 29th at CalState East Bay.

This is a great opportunity for you to proof your dog! With NVDTTC being a member of AOCNC, this summer workshop is open to all of NVDTTC's trainers, trainees and club members!

Bring a dish to share! There will be a potluck lunch to enjoy. Visit [aocnc.org](http://aocnc.org) & click on big blue button at left for flyer about potluck.

Details about the workshop can also be downloaded from the AOCNC website ([aocnc.org](http://aocnc.org)). Deadline is 6:00 PM, July 19, 2017 (or earlier if ring limits are reached).



## NVDTTC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for AOCNC's SUMMER WORKSHOP

(Thank you to those who have already volunteered!)

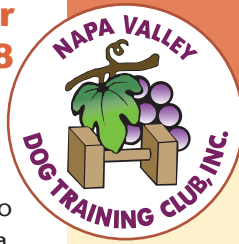
By volunteering on behalf of our club to help out in NVDTTC's ring at the AOCNC Summer Workshop, you are giving yourself a great opportunity to learn more about rally and obedience! No experience required as all volunteers will be shown what to do. If you are available to help out, email Sue at [sueann@napadogtraining.org/](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org/).

Sue Osborn, AOCNC Representative

**ALSO, one more AOCNC representative is needed to help coordinate activities between NVDTTC and other member clubs of AOCNC and to attend AOCNC quarterly meetings. Contact Sue Osborn for more info.**

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## Thank you from Tiffany to Donna

I really want to thank you for everything you do in our scent work class. With my Ruger being a reactive dog, it has always been a challenge finding things that he can do and be confident while doing so. He really loves attending class and gets extremely excited when he sees me getting everything together to leave for class. He enjoys his obedience class but the enthusiasm he displays for obedience class isn't anywhere near how excited he is when he knows we are going to nose work.

Since taking your class I've noticed his confidence in new locations is slowly getting better.

Ruger is learning new places can be rewarding as opposed to being scary. I feel it's also helping me learn to trust my dog more and be a better handler for him. Since taking class and trusting him on a long line and allowing him to go further than normal, I'm seeing the lack of reactivity while searching. This is resulting in less leash reactivity. We're finding our balance and working better as a team. Not saying that we weren't close or bonded before, but this has definitely made us a better team. I appreciate all the work you are doing with us more than I could explain.

Thank you again!  
Tiffany Wilson



**Ruger at a friend's house, a place he's never been before wherein he met someone new. When asked to do a search, he did so without hesitation!**

## Are You Interested in Scent Work?

by Donna Golemon

Are you interested in scent work? Do you have Tuesday mornings free? If so I am trying to get enough people for a Tuesday morning class starting in session 6, (September). If interested, email me to let me know if you'd like a Tuesday class at 8:30 AM or 12:30 PM—[donnagk9@gmail.com](mailto:donnagk9@gmail.com).

What is a scent work class? Your dog learns to find essential oils, birch, anise and clove, just like dogs trained to find drugs. With



scent work, dogs are always rewarded when they find the odor. This is a class for dogs of all ages and all sizes. No other training is needed. However each dog has to remain in the car until it is their turn. Each dog will have 3 or 4 turns per class. If your dog has issues with other dogs, this is not a concern as only

one dog works at a time. However dogs cannot be people aggressive. Class duration is 60 minutes to 90 minutes. This is not a one session class but a continuing class. For more information email me at [donnagk9@gmail.com](mailto:donnagk9@gmail.com).

*Note, you can do this for fun, trialing not required.*

## Dog Trekker Resource

by Vange Leonis



Dog Trekker is a great resource for people or families that want to do things or go on adventures with their fur kid. My senior dog, Sadie, and I are interested in trying out the Western Railroad Museum. I've also been on the Skunk Train, which is lots of fun.

I would like to put together day trips for people who are interested in sharing adventures with their friendly fur buddy. If you are venturesome and this piques your interest, leave me a message at the club by calling (707) 253-8666.

All Aboard! Summer awaits!

Thanks,  
Vange, NVDTTC trainer

More information about Dog Trekker:

<https://dogtrekker.com/>



**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[nvdttc.org/registration.htm](http://nvdttc.org/registration.htm)

**Questions?**

**Call us at 707-253-8666**

**CLASS FEES** for Puppy, Novice, GM, Ado, Agility,  
Rally, Tricks & Games, & Sampler Class:

**\$125**

Seniors & Juniors: \$10 Discount

Rescue: 1x \$10 Discount

**CLASS FEES**

for Specialty Classes (i.e., Freestyle  
and Musical Rally):

**\$135**

No Discounts

**Classes less than 6 weeks are  
prorated for cost and vouchers.  
Please call the club for details.**

Download Class Registration and more:

<http://www.napadogtraining.org/index.htm#classinfo>

**Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 months**  
**Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year**  
**Good Manners: 1 year+**

**Members can earn vouchers to  
offset the cost of classes.**

Details:

[www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm](http://www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm)

**You can receive discounts  
for taking multiple classes  
in the same session.**

Details:

[nvdttc.org/pdfs/](http://nvdttc.org/pdfs/)

[NVDTTC\\_FeesDiscountsVouchersAllowances.pdf](#)



## Training Session 5

**July 30 – August 31, 2018**

**(No classes during week off between sessions: September 3 – 8)  
(Classes are for 5 Weeks unless noted otherwise.)**

**Monday** (Monday classes run for 3-Weeks: Class dates: August 6, 20, and 27)

5:30pm Puppy Playtime (up to 5 ½ months of age) Vange

6:30pm Small Dog Social Vange

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Adolescent Dog Sandy

11:00 am Puppy Sandy

12:00 pm Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow) Marilane

2:00 pm Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching Judy

4:30 pm Puppy Freestyle Judy

5:30 pm Drill Team (continued class) Judy

6:30 pm Musical Rally Challenge Judy

7:30pm Scent Work (continued class) Donna

**Wednesday**

9:30 am Good Manners 1 Marlene

10:30 am Good Manners 2 Marlene

5:00 pm Adolescent Dog (overflow) Marilane / Donna

6:00 pm Puppy Marilane / Donna

7:00 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane / Donna

8:00 pm Puppy (overflow) Marilane / Donna

**Thursday**

10:30 am Rally (all levels - continued class) Mary

10:00 – 1:00pm Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White on selected dates

5:30 pm Rally (all levels - continued class) Mary

7:00 pm Good Manners 1 Mary

**Friday**

6:15 pm Beyond Basics Linda

7:15 pm Good Manners 1 (overflow) Linda

View all 2018 sessions at: [nvdttc.org/pdfs/2018CalendarForTrainingSessions.pdf](http://nvdttc.org/pdfs/2018CalendarForTrainingSessions.pdf)

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Unless noted otherwise, all sessions  
run 6 weeks, one time per week at the  
day & time shown for 50 minutes.

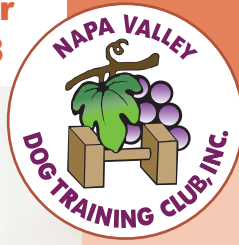
If there are other classes you are interested in,  
sign up on an interest list.

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

**Receive a \$10 discount for a regular six-week  
class if you are a senior (60 and over), a junior  
(10 to 17) or if your dog is a rescue. Discounts  
are prorated for shortened sessions.  
No discounts for specialty classes.**

**(A rescue discount can only be used once. One dis-  
count per class.)**

**Schedule subject to change.**



June 11, 2018 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)

### Novice Trick Title Event from page 1

#### CONGRATULATIONS to all the teams passing AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN)!

- Anne Moya and her Silkie Terrier, Teddie
- Christine Rose and her Boxer, Cosmo
- Lea Ronald and her Standard Poodle, Sam
- Linda Luchsinger and her Cocker Spaniel, Lola
- De Brilz and her Leonberger, Mina
- Michelle Antonio and her Boxer, Bo
- Carole Coawette and her St Poodle, Jacques
- Mary Ash and her Aussie, Kitt
- Tandi Blonigen and her German Shepherd, Gemma
- Sue Osborn and her GSP, Dakota
- Donna Golemon and her Aussie, Nickel

#### Link to AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) Requirements:

[http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/TKI-June\\_2018.pdf](http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/TKI-June_2018.pdf)



More novice trick title event photos:  
[nvdtc.org/photos.htm](http://nvdtc.org/photos.htm)



#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- After everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, and dessert for NVDC's annual pizza party, President Linda Luchsinger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood. Absent: Tandi Blonigen

#### II. SECRETARY, Sue Osborn

- Minutes: M/S/C to accept minutes from the May 14, 2018 general meeting as published online with one change: Under item III, remove note stating Stefanie Meinhardt was absent.
- The club received a thank you card from Michelle Antonia about the novice trick title event. Michelle included a \$10 donation to the club. Copy of her card is posted on bulletin board.

#### III. TREASURER, Stefanie Meinhardt

- Checking: \$35,164.65 as of 5/31/18.
- Money Market: \$22,264.60 as of 5/31/18
- Paypal: \$433.84 (non-transferred funds for accommodating refunds) as of 5/31/18.
- An itemized financial report was passed around to general membership.

#### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger

No Report

#### V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sandy Bonifield

- Tonight's meeting event was a pizza party.
- Mary Ash and Joy Wood volunteered for hospitality for July general meeting.

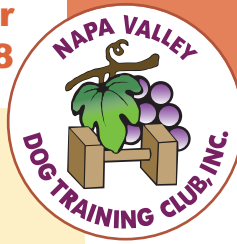
#### VI. MEMBERSHIP, Carol Coawette/Sandy Bonifield

- MSC to accept Jackie McGrath as a new member. Jackie has a new puppy, an Irish Terrier, named Tierney.
- MSC to accept Deassa Binstock as a member who is unable to attend a meeting because of her very busy schedule. Deassa has been a member for many years and has already filled out an application and paid dues.

#### VII. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- OFFICE**, Sandy Bonifield
  - While Sandy was on vacation, Mary Ash, Donna Golemon and Marilane Bergfelt covered office.
  - Office is now covered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. More help could be used for other days.
- TRAINING**, Marilane Bergfelt
  - Classes are full.
  - There is a shortage of assistants, typical at this time of year.

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## Reminder About Year End Awards

**Before we know it, our annual year end celebration banquet for members who earn titles will be here!** Everyone who is applying for an title award needs to fill certain requirements—**don't be caught off guard**, start planning now to make sure you have met the minimum requirements shown below:

- Attend a minimum of three (3) Club General Meetings in a calendar year
- Be a current member in Good Standing with the Napa Valley Dog Training Club (NVDTC) and American Kennel Club (AKC)
- Participate in at least one NVDTC sponsored activity for a minimum of four (4) hours in a calendar year. NVDTC sponsored activities include:
  - A] Helping as a club officer, board member &/or committee chair,
  - B] Helping at Club Trials, Fun Days &/or Show & Go's,
  - C] Helping at AOCNC events while representing the NVDTC,
  - D] Helping at Canine Good Citizen (CGC) off-site evaluation events,
  - E] Helping with Club Workshops &/or Seminars,
  - F] Helping with Publicity &/or Community Outreach (examples: Booth at Walk for Animals; Speaking to other organizations about the NVDTC, etc.)

## What kind of a dog doesn't bark?



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3. Until some items are worked out with online registration & Dog Biz Pro rosters, Marilane is recommending using the office printed rosters.
- C. **PUBLICITY**, Tandi Blonigen - Absent
  1. Tandi is working with Napa Valley Register on a bid for a regular ad.
  2. She is also working on facebook links for sharing our information.
- D. **BUILDING**, Maria Giaccio
  1. AT&T is in process of fixing a non-working office phone line.
  2. Maria thanked mural artists Sue Osborn, Sue de Mille, and De Brilz for all their work on the mural and gave each artist an orchid as a thank-you gift. Sue de Mille will received hers later as she was not able to attend tonight's meeting.
- E. **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
  1. The July-August newsletter will be published at the end of June. Submittal deadline is June 20, 2018.
  2. Class descriptions are now more accessible on the website.
- F. **VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING (VST) TEST**, Linda Wargo
  1. A committee has been formed and judges have been selected.
  2. A chairperson has not yet been appointed.
  3. The 2018 tracking test is scheduled for second week in March hopefully at the Yountville Veteran's Home.
- G. **ASSOCIATED OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AOCNC)**,  
Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
  1. Next AOCNC quarterly meeting is July 8th, hosted by Vallejo Dog Training Club in Benicia.
  2. The AOCNC July Summer workshop is July 29th. Sandy Bonifield volunteered to help. More volunteers are still needed.
  3. AOCNC's nose work seminar is September 23, 2018 at Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club

### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

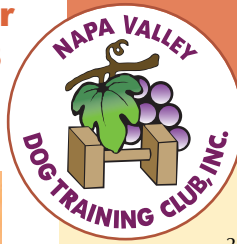
- A. **Online Registration:**
  1. Because of late registrations, some classes did not show all students on Dog Biz Pro rosters. Students were told to come to class without signing up online thus classes were overpopulated.
  2. There is now a mailbox outside the clubhouse (#7) set up just for checks for online registrations.
  3. Donna Golemon thanked everyone for working with the new online system and going online to register.
  4. Current students who did not register online will be entered into the Dog Biz Pro system by Donna and given a password, which they can change once they sign into their account.
  5. Donna will set up a meeting between those involved with online registration to review process.
  6. Carol reported a number of people said the online registration system is awesome.
- B. **AKC Nose Work Trial:**
  1. Meeting was held and tentative dates for trial will now be sent to AKC for approval; February or March of 2019 are possible months for this trial.
  2. For trial to be a success and run smoothly, a lot of volunteers will be needed.

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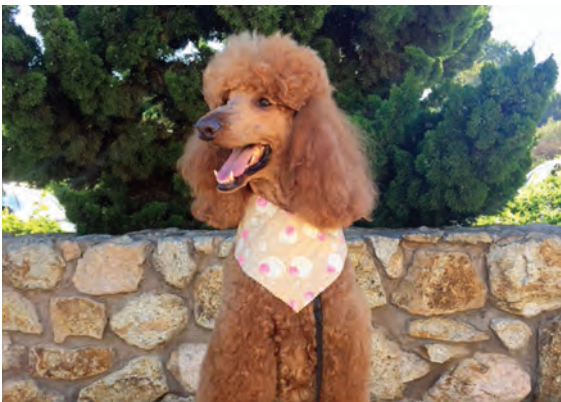
## BRAG PHOTOS:



Linda's Mike, Bill, and Happy,



Sue's Brooklyn



Carol's Jacques



Donna's Nickel

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3. Once dates are confirmed, Linda Luchsinger will send out a sign-up sheet along with a save-the-date flyer plus have it published in the club newsletter.
  4. Donna announced people are welcome to come to Tuesday evening scent work class to watch what nose work is like.
- C. **Snake Aversion Clinic, Fred Presson:**
1. Marilane has been communicating with Fred Presson and reported he prefers to do a clinic outdoors.
  2. If clinic cannot be held in our building we would need to rent an outdoor place to host a clinic. Marilane, instead, is looking at the possibility of our club helping Fred by promoting the clinics he has going in our community.
- D. **Group Building Use, Policy Additions:**
1. Date for use must be booked 14 days prior to holding event.
  2. If event is cancelled within seven calendar days of date scheduled, there will a charge of 25% of the rental fee.
  3. Sue Osborn will include the above additions in the group building use packet.

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Walk for Animals:**
1. Board agreed to be part of Napa Humane's Walk for Animals August 5, 2018 event.
  2. Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, and possibly Vange Leonis, will be involved. More volunteers appreciated.
- B. **Napa Valley Antique and Vintage Show:**
1. Benefit for Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS).
  2. June 29-30 and July 1, 2018 — includes a silent auction on Saturday, June 30th.

### X. BRAGS

- A. Linda Wargo: 1) **Mike:** Earned two SDS advanced nose work legs at the JMD trial—Mike 15 years and 9 months old; 2) **Jive** earned his first Novice Rally Q at the Mount Diablo DTC trial; 3) **Bill** finished his AKC Premier Agility Dog title at the Two Rivers Agility Club trial AND 4) **Doc's You Had Me At Hello (Happy)**, sable cocker spaniel puppy, joined the family.
- B. Sue Osborn: On May 19 & 20th at Coyote Hills Kennel Club show, **Brooklyn** took Best of Winners and Best of Breed Owner Handled first day. On second day she was Best of Winners, Best of Breed, and Best of Breed Owner Handled for a 4-point major, her first major. At Woofstock Show on June 9th, Brooklyn went reserve to a five point major. Brooklyn now has 10 points.
- C. Carol Coawette: **Jacques** received his Novice Trick Title.
- D. Mary Ash: **Kitt:** 1) AKC Nose work Trial Friday, May 25th - Title Novice Interiors, 1st leg Advanced Containers. 2) ASCA Obedience Saturday, May 26th - 1st leg Beginning Novice with a 1st place and 2nd leg Beginning Novice with a 3rd place. 3) ASCA Rally Sunday, May 27th - 1st leg Rally Novice with a 1st place and 2nd leg Rally Novice with a 3rd place. 4) AKC Rally Intermediate 1st leg with a 3rd place at MDDTC Trial on June 10th.
- E. Donna Golemon: 1) **Nickel:** First leg AKC novice interior, May 26; First Leg AKC novice exterior, May 26; AKC Novice Trial Title; and 2) **U-be:** 2nd Leg AKC novice for interior, exterior and buried, May 19; Title AKC Novice Interior; 1st Leg AKC Advanced Interior, May 26; 1st and 2nd Leg AKC Advanced containers, May 25/26.

### XI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted by  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

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



Submission deadline for the  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018 newsletter  
is August 20, 2018.

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



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**Scheduling of Board Meetings:**  
Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FIRST* Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m except for the month of December.

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



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the latest news & photos:  
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