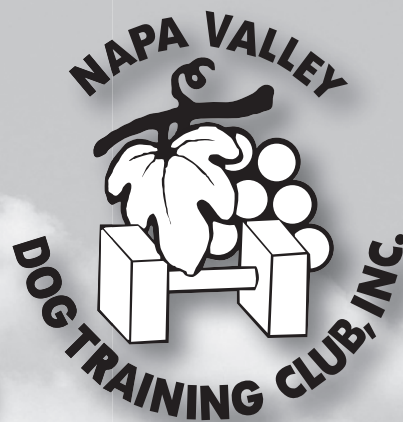


March–April 2013

TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge™!

by Judy Gamet



Precision of Rally + Joy of Musical Freestyle

We were locked in “The Zone.” What an incredible experience!. It was a warm spring morning on a field in Vallejo. As I walked the Rally course, my confidence was growing with every exercise. This course featured our best exercises. We were going to “own” that rally course. Indeed we did. What made it special was the flow at which we were moving, oh, and yes, music was playing!

It has been my goal as a canine freestyle coach, to bring that experience to every team. The joy shared between my dog’s heart and my own will be with me forever. That experience gave birth to the Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge™. Dogs Can Dance® is well known as one of the cutting edge positive titling venues for the sport of canine freestyle worldwide. My respect for the sport of rally is evident in all of the Dogs Can Dance Classes. Now is your chance to share this joy.

Saturday, March 16: a 90 minute Introduction to Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge™ will be held at Napa Valley Dog Training Club. Learn the beginner basics of both sports and run through two different MDRC courses. The cost of this Introductory Class is just \$10! The first 12 working teams to register will be awarded the working spaces, all others will have the option of auditing. Questions? Contact: ChallengeInfo@DogsCanDance.com

Registration forms are available by visiting www.DogsCanDance.com click on Workshops and Classes, look for Napa! Deadline to register is March 10!

A Dog Dancing & Rally FrEe Show and Go



Also on March 16 is an opportunity to practice under show conditions with food & toys allowed. In addition to freestyle routines there will be time to practice a Rally FrEe course—and not just once! Multiple entries, multiple dogs welcome!

It’s also an opportunity for a high quality DVD to send in for WCFO or Dogs Can Dance competitions. Intersperse training routines with videotaped routines to maximize your dog’s attitude & precision during videos.

County Wide Dog Training Club

887 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, California

Saturday, March 16, 2013

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Professional sound system. High quality video.

Pre-entries start at 9:00 a.m. Day of event entries taken

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Pre-entries close March 9!

*Presented by
Redwood
Empire Doggy
Dancers and
Gold Coast
Freestyle Guild.*

Registration forms are available by visiting the NVDTTC website.



**2 Great
Events!**
See page 2
for even more
great events.

MARCH-APRIL 2013

Connie Cleveland Seminar April 6 & 7

Oakland Dog Training Club
& Napa Valley Dog Training Club

Present

Dogs are Problem Solvers An Obedience Seminar with Connie Cleveland

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM Saturday

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Sunday

Napa Valley Dog Training Club

Connie Cleveland was born in Lansing, Michigan and received her B.S. in Engineering from Michigan State University. She spent 10 years as the Training Director for Dogs for the Disabled.

Currently, she lives in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where she owns and operates Dog Trainers Workshop, training and boarding facility. Connie teaches obedience to over 120 students each week. Connie's obedience experiences include 7 Obedience Trial Champions, a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-Tzu. Currently, she shares her

home with 2 Golden Retrievers, 2 Labrador Retrievers, and a Shih-Tzu, the most well-known being her Lab, FC-AFC- OTCH "Ezra" and her golden, FC AFC OTCH "Eli." For more information, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com

Format is a two-day theory and problem solving seminar. Connie will spend time on Saturday discussing how dogs learn; the remainder of the seminar will be spent addressing the questions and issues submitted by seminar attendees and working with the dog and handler teams.

Questions/problems should be submitted ahead of time on the signup form, which will allow Connie to organize her presentation for maximum benefit.

NOTE: You do not have to have a dog slot to submit questions and/or problems; Connie will address issues submitted by ALL seminar attendees. She is particularly good with aggression issues and welcomes the opportunity to address them at her seminars.

To join us, download a registration form on the homepage of the NVDTTC website.

A great opportunity for trainers!

MAY MADNESS!

Bring your dog and join us on May 13th at May's General Meeting.

We will have a repeat of our popular program of fun and games for you and your dog. Events such as Rally Uh Oh! Course, the Agility Facility, and the Perilous Path Recall are, of course, the headliners along with many more fine games for dogs. We will also have great prizes, ribbons and REFRESHMENTS.

See you there!



Thank You!

I would like to say "Thank You" to all my friends at NVDTTC for all the good thoughts, get well cards and beautiful flowers. This recovery is going to be longer than I anticipated, please keep up all the good thoughts.

Sandy Bonifield

NVDTTC Speakers & Presentations

by Sue Osborn

As part of our general meeting format, our club puts on a variety of presentations and hosts a number of speakers for the benefit of our members. These special events expand knowledge, share resources, and encourage participation in dog related activities.

Some of our presentations and speakers have included:

- Treibball presentation and demo by Marcia Barkley.
- Clicker Training by Kelly Finn, NVDTTC trainer.
- Presentation by Marilane Bergfelt, co-founder of Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS), about how companion pets can help "bring acceptance, laughter and love into the lives of others" through animal-assisted therapy activities.
- Kelly Tracey, Napa County Animal Shelter Supervisor, presented information about new micro chips, new County ordinances, license fees, and the spay/neuter fund as well as volunteering.
- K-9 presentation by Deputy James Baumgartner and Deputy John Lianovich from the Napa County Sheriff Department.
- Kay Lafranconi, a certified SAMP, small animal massage practitioner, from Belly Rub talked about dog massage.
- Kaye Hall with her search and rescue trailing companion, Julot, did a presentation about her search work for missing persons throughout California.

If you, a group you know, or a friend of yours has something to share or present to our club, by all means, please let me know by calling 707-252-1864 or by emailing sue@osborngraphics.com/.



Treibball!

A special thank you to Marcia!

At our February 11 general meeting, members and guests were treated to the introduction of a new and upcoming dog sport known as treibball!

Born in Europe about 2002, treibball ("try-ball") is a whole new ball game for dogs of almost any breed or size. Marcia Barkley, currently the only trainer between Pleasanton and Carson City offering classes in treibball, invited one of her students, Lori, and her dog, Asher to join us. Together they did a demonstration of some of the exercises used to teach the basic skills of treibball, and then some actual "push the balls into the goal" work. Lori and Asher performed beautifully. Marcia followed the demonstration with a number of entertaining video clips.

Thank you Marcia for taking time out of your busy schedule to drive to Napa and for inviting Lori and Asher to share this new sport with us! Thank you to Lori and Asher too!

A special thank you also goes to Gwenn McKenzie and Marilane Bergfelt for the use of audio visual equipment so Marcia could show us the videos!



Are YOU interested in taking a treibball class? Sign up NOW on an interest list. Class sizes are limited so call 253-8666 TODAY!



Fan of Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest?



To link to Napa Valley Dog Training Club on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest, visit the NVDTTC website.

If you have pictures of your dog you'd like to share on NVDTTC's Pinterest page, email photos to NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org

AND, if you have no idea what your dog is saying when social networking or texting here's a quick guide:-)

BOL: Barking out loud

FLD: For the love of dog

FOBL: Falling off my bed laughing

HAW: Humans are watching

IMFO: In my furry opinion

BMTO: Barking my tail off

LSDL: Let sleeping dogs lie

MBDT: Must be dinner time

OMD: Oh my dog

OMDT: Over my dead toy

ROFB: Rolling on the floor barking

ROFBMTO: Rolling on the floor barking my tail off

TIP: Talk to the paw

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Linda Luchsinger, President, called the General Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. after Marcia Barkley gave an entertaining presentation and demonstration on Treibball.
- B. Board members present: Debbie Payton, Frances Anamosa, Gerry Glantz, Lea Ronald, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, and Sue Osborn. Absent: Sandy Bonifield

II. MINUTES

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the January 14, 2013, General Meeting with the following correction: to qualify for a plaque you must have attended three general meetings (not classes) and helped out at an event.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. CD \$11,790.77
- B. Savings \$10,121.64
- C. Checking \$4,343.59
- D. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger
No report.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sue Osborn
Let Sue know of any ideas for a presentation. Pat Hastings and dock-diving were suggested. Marilane suggested that we should schedule a speaker before the general meeting as we did tonight.

C. OFFICE, Lynda Rhyno
We need office workers.

D. TRAINING, Lea Ronald
1. We have an overflow GM1 class this session.
2. We have a trainers meeting on Wednesday, 2/20, at the dog club at 630.

E. BUILDING, Debbie Payton
1. The landlord looked at the faucet. Faucet still leaks a little, but it's better.
2. Also, if something needs to be fixed, let Debbie know.
3. Mary requested that Ross Mini continue to get a free voucher to take a dog class each session. As stated in the October 2012 General Meeting Minutes, Ross Mini is to receive one free class per session through 2013. This is non-transferable and is to be reviewed annually. This was discussed and voted on again. M/S/C that the Mini family get one free class per session through 2013. Ross Mini helps us with our building maintenance and stores our mats free of charge.

F. NEWSLETTER, Sue Osborn
1. Next newsletter deadline is April. 20.
2. Sign-up sheet passed for those who would prefer to have their newsletter emailed.

G. PUBLICITY, Frances Anamosa
The ad will run Sunday, February 16 through February 25..

V. AOCNC, Sue Osborn

- A. The February 3, AOCNC Annual All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trial occurred last weekend. Appreciation expressed to Jim, Teresa, and Lori.
- B. The AOCNC annual seminar is scheduled on Sunday, September 22 at NVDTTC.
- C. The June 1 AOCNC summer workshop will be held in Martinez.

VI. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thank you Joy and Laura for tonight's refreshment.
- B. Teresa and Vange will volunteer for the March meeting.

VII. SUNSHINE, Margretha Lane

- A. Sandy is recovering at home. The dog club sent her flowers.

B. Stephen Ward is recovering from surgery.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Vouchers, Linda Luchsinger
 - 1. No vouchers for drop-in classes.
 - 2. Short-term classes can be paid using no more than 80% of the cost of the class in vouchers.
 - 3. Gerry Glantz is going through the minutes to update policies and procedures.
- B. 2013 Agility Trial, August 17 & 18, 2013
 - 1. Lori Jackson will be the Trial Chairperson for the 2013 Agility Trial. Lynda Rhyno will help.
 - 2. For 2013 the trial will be in Dixon on the same date.

C. 2012 Obedience Trial, Linda Luchsinger

- 1. An Obedience Committee is needed.
- 2. The date of the trial is being changed back to June 22 and the location changed to Martinez Shoreline Park. Three judges have said no.
- 3. Question about if we have to hold an obedience trial every year. Just have to hold one event—can be an agility trial.
- 4. Mary said that if we save money on location, we can perhaps pay for an out-of-state judge.
- 5. Linda—do we want to go with two out-of-area judges? M/S/C to move forward with June Obedience trial in Martinez and get out-of-town judges, if necessary, and then evaluate it later.

D. VST test, March 10, 2013, Linda Wargo

- 1. The judge for the VST test cannot make it. They are looking for a judge in CA, OR, WA.
- 2. Looking for someone to drive a car to the start and end of the track. You can earn a voucher.
- 3. VST will be held at the Veteran's Home.

E. Howliday Faire follow-up, Vange

- 1. Those people who ordered collars from the holiday faire, talk to Vange.
- 2. Next Howliday Faire will be coming up in December. You can donate fleece to Vange.

F. Connie Cleveland Seminar, April 6 & 7, 2013, Linda Luchsinger

- 1. Working spots are filled. Vern Miller of ODTC is helping to coordinate.
- 2. Linda is encouraging trainers to take advantage of their trainer's stipend for this seminar.

G. Nominations for the Club Service Award, Lori Jackson
We have nominated a person for the club service award which will be presented at the banquet.

H. Yearend Banquet

- 1. The dinner will be at Filippi's at 6:00 p.m. on March 2. Dinner will be at 6:30. The cost is \$20. There are flyers for the menu. Money to Joy by Feb.20. Need at least 25 people. If you are interested in having a picture of your dog in program, get it to Joy.

I. Plaques, Linda Wargo

- 1. Must have attended 3 general meetings and have worked an event to qualify for a plaque.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.
Sue will print up 1,000 of our brochures.

X. NEW MEMBERS
Donna Seaman lives at Lake Berryessa and has 2 year old lab and a terrier. M/S/C to accept Donna Seaman as a new member.

XI. BRAGS
Karen, Sue, Margretha, Christy, Stefanie

XI. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Rhyno

WHO DOES WHAT:

President:
Linda Luchsinger

Vice President:
Sue Osborn

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary,
Lynda Rhyno

Past President:
Gerry Glantz

At Large Board Members:

Publicity:
Frances Anamosa

Office:
Sandy Bonifield

Building:
Debbie Payton

Training:
Lea Ronald

AOCNC
Representatives:
Mary Ash

Gerry Glantz
Sue Osborn

SUNSHINE:
Margretha Lane

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or has experienced a loss, please let Margretha know!

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:
Sue Osborn



2013 SESSION SCHEDULE

Session 2 Feb 25 - Apr 5

Week off: Apr 8 - Apr 12

Session 3 Apr 15 - May 24

Week off: May 27 - May 31

Session 4 Jun 3 - Jul 19

Week off: Jul 1 - Jul 5

No week off between Sessions 4 & 5

Session 5 Jul 22 - Aug 30

Week off: Sep 2 - Sep 6

Session 6 Sep 9 - Oct 18

Week off: Oct 21 - Oct 25

Session 7 Oct 28 - Dec 13

Week off: Nov 25 - Nov 29

All 2013 Sessions are 6 Weeks

Visit

<http://www.napadogtraining.org/classes.htm>

to view current classes.

Class Fees: Members & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Please call the club at 707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.



TRAINING SESSION 3

Subject to Change

April 15 — May 24, 2013

Monday

No classes held on 2nd Monday of each month

5:30	Obedience	Teresa
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6:30	Agility Intermediate	Laura
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7:30	Agility Beginning	Laura
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Tuesday

3:30	Dogs Can Dance/Routine	Judy
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4:30	Dogs Can Dance/Routine	Judy
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5:30	Dogs Can Dance Beginning/Advanced	Judy
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6:30	Good Manners 1	Teresa
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7:30	Good Manners 2	Teresa
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Wednesday

9 am	Canine Good Citizen	Jim
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10 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
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11 am	Good Manners 2	Jim
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5:30	Puppy	Marilane
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6:30	Adolescent	Marilane
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7:30	Good Manners 1	Lynda
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Thursday

10 am	Rally	Mary
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11 am	Rally	Mary
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5:30	Rally	Mary
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6:30	Puppy	Lea
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7:30	Adolescent	Lea
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Friday

TO BE ANNOUNCED

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list by visiting or calling the NVDTC clubhouse office to have your name added.

The Case of Old Drum: An Inspiring Story Every Dog Owner Should Know

By David DiBenedetto

It's easy to miss—a bronze statue of a black and tan hound on the Johnson County Courthouse lawn in Warrensburg, Mo. But the dog, called Old Drum, has a legacy that will last longer than that statue of metal and stone. The death of Old Drum, you see, inspired a typically loquacious lawyer to deliver one of the finest speeches ever about the loyalty of a hunting dog, and in doing so coined the phrase “man’s best friend.”

Old Drum was known around the area as an exceptional hound, with a fine nose and a thundering voice. But one night in 1869 when he wandered onto the neighboring property of a livestock farmer Old Drum was fatally shot. Old Drum’s owner, Charles Burden decided to sue his neighbor, and the case eventually found its way into the Supreme Court. The highly charged and emotional trial would rest on the closing argument of George Vest, who was representing Old Drum’s master. Here’s what he had to say:

Gentlemen of the jury, the best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter whom he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us—those whom we trust with our happiness and good name—may become traitors in their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute, unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world—the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous—is his dog.

Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow, and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the

world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death.

That, my friends, is one fine piece of oratory. One fine dedication to all dogs that that have come and gone. And it made me think anew of all the reasons that I love my pup. I imagine it did the same to you?

And for the record, Vest won the case.

AOCNC UPDATE

The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California (AOCNC) held its Annual All Breed Obedience and Rally Workshop at the Cow Palace on February 3. A big thank you to those members who turned out to help in the novice ring hosted by our club: **Gerry Glantz, Teresa Russell, Jim Spiva and Lori Jackson!**

The next event scheduled for AOCNC will be their summer workshop on Saturday, June 1 in Martinez.

The 2013 AOCNC Seminar, to be held at the NVDTC clubhouse, is tentatively set for September 22.

For more details and to keep up to date on AOCNC events and activities visit www.AOCNC.org. AOCNC's site also has a calendar of events for all of its member clubs—a good source on what's happening where and when with AKC dog training clubs in Northern California!



GO GREEN!

If you would like your bi-monthly newsletter and postcard meeting announcements sent to you via email versus U.S. Mail, please send an email indicating such to NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*Next
General Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2013
6:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse*

NO dogs at the meeting.



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.

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members
and, except for December, are scheduled the
fourth 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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Submission deadline for the May/June
newsletter is April 20.

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