



March-April 2018



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NVDTC Newsletter

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Linda Luchsinger, President
Sandy Bonifield, Vice President
Stefanie Meinhardt, Treasurer
Sue Osborn, Secretary
Joy Wood, Past President

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

TRACKING CHAIR: Lynda Wargo

Lots of stuff going on at the clubhouse!

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Photo of Dante by Sandy Bonifield

2017 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award goes to Vange Leonis & Sandy Bonifield!

At NVDTC's Annual Dinner held at Compadres in Napa on February 24th, Donna Golemon presented selectees for the Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award. Both Vange Leonis and Sandy Bonifield received the service award for 2017 for their extra contribution of time, energy, and commitment toward the improvement of the club. Sandy received her award at the dinner and Vange will receive hers at our next general meeting.

Sandy is always willing to step in and assist or instruct. She was elected to the position of Vice President in 2017. Since there was no one on the board who was able to help run the office,

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Vange

is one of the most dedicated and considerate members in the club, someone who brings a positive attitude to everything she does. She is always willing to help with all types of club projects including

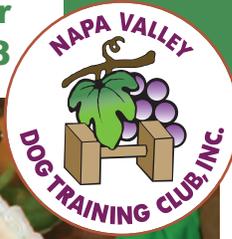
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Annual Awards Dinner

NVDTTC's Annual Dinner to celebrate and to give out awards was held at Compadres in Napa. Linda Wargo accompanied all the competition awards with a story about each dog their owners wrote and the titles that were earned in 2017. Following awards, very rad raffle prizes were given out followed by everyone enjoying a piece of one very cute doggie decorated cake! Thank you Donna and Linda for organizing a great and fun annual dinner! More photos of the dinner are on the NVDTTC website.



NVDTTC is an official Donation Location for Napa Humane.

The NVDTTC will be accepting donations throughout the year. Drop off items anytime the clubhouse is open for classes.

The Napa Humane appreciates your support of their Wellness Clinics where pets can receive vaccinations and microchipping, Spay and Neuter Clinic, Humane Education and much more.

Items for cats and dogs:

Bowls, Collars/Harnesses, Brushes/Combs, Leashes, Pet Beds (small preferred), Towels, Toys/Balls/Chews, Dry or Wet Food, Dog Waste Bags, Pet Carriers, Unused Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Bait/Training Bags, Pet Clothing & Kitty Litter.

Items for the Spay and Neuter Clinic:

Bath Tissue, Batteries (9 volt), Bleach, Distilled Water, Laundry Detergent (HE Liquid) and Trash Bags (13 gallon).

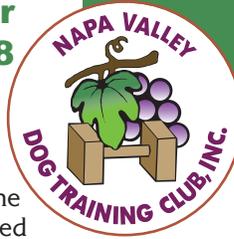
Thank you for your help!



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Sandy stepped in to help in the office. When the treasurer resigned early in the year she assumed secretarial duties. These two additional positions require a great deal of time and energy. She basically handled three different jobs for the club in 2017!



She has served on the Board almost every year in some capacity or another. When asked to step in and help out for an event she will do so. She has volunteered at many trials the club has held in past years.

Sandy helps with the day time classes, teaching or assisting as well and is there whenever needed wherein she answer phones, helps with first day of classes/orientation, takes in money, and spends hours balancing the money and returning phone calls. Thank you Sandy for all that you have done and all that you do!

Mental Health and Companion Dogs

There are positive benefits for many people who share their life with a dog as a companion. A new study conducted by researchers from the universities of Liverpool, Manchester and Southampton address this very aspect of those with mental health conditions. This detailed study is available online at www.sciencedaily.com and is a fairly straightforward read.



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trials, fun events such as Napa Humane's Walk for Animals, public outreach and training activities. Vange willingly dedicates her time and resources to make our club the place to be.



In 2017, although not a board member, she took on the lead role managing the office, driving miles from out of town to take care of answering phones, and procuring of-office help to make sure the office was covered. Much of what she does is behind the scenes like making

sure our student database is kept up to date, a database used to send out notices about NVDTC classes and events to encourage students' ongoing interest in our club. And did you know, she is even a CGC evaluator?

Vange is very creative and is continuously coming up with ideas for special events or fun nights to bring owners and their dogs together in delightful ways such as sock hops and massage nights. She is always introducing new types of classes like Tricks and Games, Mighty Mights, and Out and About. In 2017, a number of similar type classes she helped developed were offered as mini-classes as part of NVDTC's Happy Summer Tails program.

Vange is a strong member who believes the club's welfare is of utmost importance. Toward this end, she is always ready to help out wherever and whenever needed. Thank you Vange for all the professionalism, patience, helpfulness, and resourcefulness you have given and do give to our club!

Massage Night at our February Meeting More photos on our website.



More about canine massage:
nvdtc.org/pdfs/CanineMassage.pdf



Training Session 3

April 16 – May 26, 2018

(6 Weeks - Unless noted otherwise.)

OFF May 28 - June 2

Monday

5:30pm
6:30pm
7:30pm

(4-Week Classes held 4-16, 4-23, 4-30 5-21)

Puppy Playtime (up to 5 ½ months of age) Vange
Small Dog Social Vange
Good Manners 2 Vange

Tuesday

8:30am
10:00am
11:00am
12:00 / noon

Scent Work (continued class) Donna
Adolescent Dog Kim / Sandy
Puppy Kim / Sandy
Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overf) Kim / Sandy

2:00pm
4:30 pm
5:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Dogs Can Dance – Private Coac Judy
Freestyle 2 Judy
Drill Team Judy
Musical Rally Challenge Judy
Scent Work (continued class) Donna

Wednesday

9:30am
10:30am
11:30am

Good Manners 1 Kim
Good Manners 2 Marlene
Delightful Distractions Kim *(Returning)*

5:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm

Adolescent Dog (overflow) Donna / Marilane
Puppy Donna / Marilane
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Puppy (overflow) Donna / Marilane

Thursday

10:30 am

10:00 – 1:00pm

Rally (all levels - continued class) Mary

Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White on selected dates

5:00 pm
7:00 pm

Rally (all levels - continued class) Mary
Canine Good Citizen Mary *(Returning)*

Friday

6:00 pm
7:00pm

Good Manners 1 Mary
Canine Fitness Donna *(Returning)*
(4-week classes held 4-20, 4-27, 5-4, 5-11)

View all 2018 sessions at: www.nvdtc.org/pdfs/2017-2018CalendarsForTrainingSessions.pdf

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Please call
707-253-8666

to check class availability
and to register.

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

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

Details:

nvdtc.org/pdfs/

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

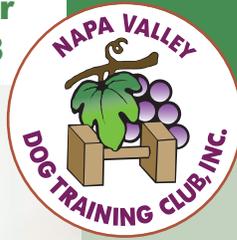
If there are other classes you are interested in,
sign up on an interest list.

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

**Receive a \$10 discount for a regular
class if you are a senior (60 and
over), a junior (10 to 17) or if your
dog is a rescue.**

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

Schedule subject to change.



February 12, 2018 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes are available online at:
napadogtraining.org/meeting/



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

Freestyle teams from Judy Gamet's Tuesday Freestyle classes

—Freestyle is enjoyed by dogs of all ages, sizes & types. Even older dogs love it! Call the club to sign up!



I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Linda Luchsinger, President, called meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and welcomed members, friends and all dogs for "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night."
- B. Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Tandi Blonigen, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Linda Luchsinger, Sue Osborn, Stefanie Meinhardt, and Joy Wood. Board member absent: Maria Giaccio

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the January 8, 2018 general meeting.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$35,388.11
- B. Money Market: \$22,255.92
- C. Linda Luchsinger reported bookkeeping done for the year; she just needs two more checks then will do the tax return. Final profit-loss will be posted.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger

- A. After the meeting, Cheryl Meyer will be demonstrating dog massage.
- B. Condolences to Sandy Bonifield, Bobbie Honsvick and Heather Kearn for the loss of loved ones.
The club will make memorial donations.

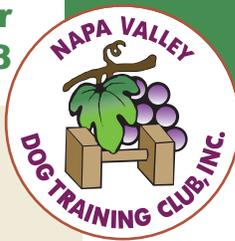
V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sandy Bonifield

- A. OFFICE: All is going smoothly. Sandy works Tuesdays. Mary Ash works Wednesdays and Thursdays. Vange Leonis comes in on weekends.
- B. No new members tonight.

VI. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **TRAINING**, Marilane Bergfelt
 1. Training meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm.
 2. Two sets of panels to be used as Play Pens for puppy play will be purchased at about \$100 each.
 3. Donna is keeping an eye on the cost of toys for puppy, adolescent and GM1 classes. Prices going up.
 4. Rack Cards —Members who took cards to distribute to let Marilane know.
 5. Flyers for upcoming special classes are available online and posted.
- B. **BUILDING**, Maria Giaccio—Absent
 1. With wall recently painted, the NVDTC banner was re-hung. Thank you to Marilane & Ben Bergfelt, Mary Ash, Stefanie Meinhardt and Donna Golemon for re-hanging.
 2. **RENOVATIONS:**
 - a. Maria and Marilane met with Ross Mini for a tour of the building. Looked at matting and bins Ross has in storage. Working at moving bins to storage unit. Considering re-matting training floor sometime this year.
 - b. Still looking for people to do woodwork and other renovation jobs. Please contact Marilane.

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Are Ice Cubes Good for Dogs?



In an article written by Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC, he states ice cubes are not dangerous to dogs, per se. So, if you're thinking about offering an ice cube . . . chill. It's OK.

Dr. Klein does cover situations in his article wherein dogs become overheated and how to handle in relation to ice in that giving an ice bath is not a good idea or when there is a need to encourage a dog to drink more, like while traveling, putting ice cubes in their water dish helps. Ice cubes can also help slow down a dog who is gulping water too fast.

To read this specific in-depth article go to akc.org and search on "Are ice cubes good for dogs?" AKC.org is a wonderful source for all kinds of information on dogs.

"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

Roger A. Caras

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- c. The wall by office will be sheet rocked, primed and painted.
3. Building use approved for Miniature Schnauzer Club for March 11, Irish Terrier Club for March 18, and Paws for Healing for April 28.
- C. **PUBLICITY**, Tandi Blonigen
 1. Tandi will be getting together with Marilane.
 2. Still waiting on the publicity binder.
 3. Looking at places to place publicity materials, suggestion by guest was to post on "Next Door."
 4. Class schedules are available online and at clubhouse.
 5. Flyers on special classes have been created. Colored copies online with photocopies available tonight.
- D. **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
 1. Deadline is February 20 for the March-April Newsletter.
 2. Thank you to Sue for the nicely designed website.
- E. **TRACKING TEST**, Linda Wargo
 1. Tracking VST Test will be held March 11, 2018 at Yountville Veteran's Home
 2. New personnel at Veteran's home asked for new conditions that were expensive. Linda Wargo negotiated with them to accept our 1 million dollar liability for the event. She will be putting on a presentation at end of February for them.
- F. **AOCNC**, Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
 1. The AOCNC All-Breed Obedience and Rally Winter Workshop was held February 11, 2018. Mary Ash, Barbara Niemann, Sue Osborn and Joy Wood worked the NVDTC Novice Ring.
 2. Presidents Luncheon will be held March 11, 2018. Neither Linda Luchsinger as NVDTC president nor Sandy Bonifield as NVDTC Vice-President substituting for president can attend. If anyone can attend in place of NVDTC president, let Sue Osborn know.
 3. The AOCNC Summer Workshop will be held end of July. NVDTC will not do a ring if there are not enough NVDTC members to help. Linda Luchsinger will help if she is available.
 4. The AOCNC Seminar on Scent Work will be September 23, 2018.

VII. REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to Donna Albini for tonight's refreshments!

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ANNUAL DINNER: Dinner is February 24, 2018. Dog club will cover \$10 of each family's dinner. Everyone will order off the menu. No host cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

AKC TRICK TITLE: Sue passed out handouts on information about AKC's Trick Titles. Some kind of trick training may be set up at the next "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night" in May.

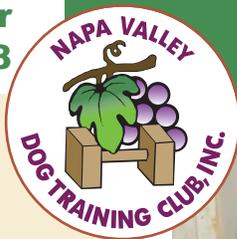
X. BRAGS

Linda Wargo and Donna Golemon

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 p.m. followed by massage presentation by Cheryl Meyer. Thank you Cheryl!

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary





Lots of Stuff Going on at the NVDC Building!

Have you seen all the work being done at the clubhouse? During the holiday break, the mirrored wall was finished off and work parties were put together to clean, make improvements and reorganize the NVDC building. Thank you to all those who showed up at the clubhouse on January 6th to help at work party #2 to be part of all this: Marilane and Ben Bergfelt, Linda and Karl Luchsinger, Kim Leslie, Sue deMille, Stefanie Meinhardt, Vange and Dennis Leonis, Tandi Blonigen, Chris Mayer, Sue and Robert Osborn, and Marlene Soldavini.

Over the February 24th-25th weekend, Karl Luchsinger and his crew along with Marilane Bergfelt, Donna Golemon, Mary Ash, Sandra Bonifield, Maria Giaccio and Linda Luchsinger put in several hours of more work. During this time, items were moved in order to paint the wall opposite the mirrors and the wall behind the shelving at the far end of the training area. The walls around the office were sheetrocked and are ready for painting. The shelving at the end of the training area was also sanded and painted. Then there was all the clean up to be done. Thank you Karl, & crew, Linda, Donna, Mary, Sandy, Marilane and Maria!

If anyone is available to help with clean up and moving items after the walls around the office are painted, please get in touch with Marilane!

Building Improvements:

- Walls finished and painted
- Heavy Duty Shelves in office for training materials
- Thick plastic sheeting and magnets over shelves in back room
- Donation of standing file for office (replacing 2 older ones) included cleaning out files and miscellaneous boxes for shredding.
- Materials for weave poles and miscellaneous items to fix wooden agility table and legs.
- Relocated bulletin board and weave poles

Equipment Cleaned:

- Dog Crates
- Storage Bins (throughout building)
- Sheets
- Toys
- Jumps & Bars
- Gutters
- Weave s & Poles
- Blue Agility Tunnel
- Wooden Agility Table
- Wooden Puppy A-Frame and Teeter
- Carpeted steps and ramp



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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
MAY/JUNE 2018 newsletter
is April 20, 2018.

Send to: sueann@napadogtraining.org

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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Next Meeting:
March 12, 2018
6:30 PM

Leave YOUR dog at home.

Photo of Nala D submitted by Marilane. Would you like your dog featured in our Tattle Tails newsletter? Email photos to sueann@napadogtraining.org



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www.napadogtraining.org

