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Bring your dog to the NVDTC MARCH 11th LUCK of the IRISH General Meeting

6:30 PM

Dogs just want to have fun!
(And so do their owners!)



**On your mark.
Get Set. GO!**

Let your dog
participate in
25 yard dash
team races
or just observe
the activities from the
side line.

**Treats & Prizes
for ALL!**

NVDTC'S ANNUAL BANQUET

A survey was sent out to ask members specific questions about the club's annual banquet. Thank you to all the members who responded—about half of you!

Based on the results from the survey, the banquet will be a sit-down lunch and is tentatively scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 6th or Saturday, April 13th. Thank you to all the members who have stepped up to help with the banquet. Once the date is set, I will be contacting each of you who have volunteered.

I am currently canvassing restaurants in the area to come up with a good choice as to which one to go with. Oh, and I expect to have a game or two to play at this year's banquet.

**Flyer with more
information about the
annual banquet will be
sent out soon. Just wanted
to get this information out so
people have a heads up about
what's coming.**

Sue Osborn
Annual Banquet Chair



**WEAR GREEN TO OUR MARCH MEETING TO
ENTER A DRAWING AND WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE!**

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Pawsidential Woofs and Tails



This is your club.

In addition to offering classes for the community in dog obedience and handling, NVDTC also exists to provide you with new experiences and information related to dog ownership and training. But we need to know what interests you.

Recently, a club member contacted me to suggest we reinstate the quarterly bring your dog to

the meeting and have guest speakers or small workshops with our dogs. Would you like that?

Do you want to learn about what new dog sports are out there and what it takes to get involved? Let us know what intrigues you. For example, have you heard of North American Sport Dog Association (NASDA) a different kind of scent work organization? Or how about NADD Dock Diving? Canine Parkour? Mondio Ring? AKC Fast CAT? Flyball? Barn Hunt? There are so many fun things you can do with your dog.

Need a place to practice during this wet weather? Did you know that you can rent the club for a marginal fee? Yep. You could rent the club for an hour and give you and your pups a break from being stuck in the house. The following is from our club guidelines and procedures:

For a small fee, any NVDTC club member can schedule a time to practice when clubhouse is not in use. Here's the details.

1. Contact the Building Use Coordinator at memberuse@nvdtc.org to reserve the room, arrange payment/vouchers and get a key to building.
2. One member can invite up to four other members to join in for practice for a total of five club members. The fee schedule is based on one (1) hour:
 1. \$10 for 1 member
 2. \$10 for 2 members
 3. \$15 for 3 members
 4. \$20 for 4 members
 5. \$25 for 5 members
3. Vouchers can be used.

Please note that this program is for club members only, we ask you to not bring non-members. Also, you cannot use the club for private or group lessons for remuneration. Finally, we ask that you put any equipment you use back where you found it and leave the club in a clean condition. You can check for available dates and times by going to the club calendar on our website.

You can always contact me directly at president@nvdtc.org with your suggestions for what you would like to see offered specifically for club members. I look forward to hearing from you!

Linda Wargo, President

Congratulations to ALL our Puppy, Ado & GM1 Session 1, 2024 Graduates!

- A. Puppy Wednesday PM
- B. Ado Wednesday PM
- C. GM1 Wednesday AM
- D. Ado Wednesday AM





2024 Training Session 3

April 15th through May 25, 2024

NVDTC Classes run for 6 weeks for \$150.00 unless noted otherwise.

Class payment & shot records due April 8th.

Registration for Session 3 2024 classes is ONLY accepted between March 11th & April 1st. Except for continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY:

707-253-8666

Monday

9:00 am

Scent Work

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6. 13, & 20

Donna (continued class)

10:00 am

Scent Work

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6. 13, & 20

Donna (continued class)

11:00 am

Scent Work

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6. 13, & 20

Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm

Scent Work

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6. 13, & 20

Donna (continued class)

1:00 pm

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6. 13, & 20

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm (5 weeks)

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6, & 20

***Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm (5 weeks)

4/15, 22. & 29, 5/6, & 20

***Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

10:00 am

Good Manners 1

Mary

11:00 am

Good Manners 2

Mary

Wednesday

9:00 am

Overflow

Carol

10:00 am

Adolescent

Carol

11:00 am

Puppy

Sandy

12:00 Noon

Adolescent

Sandy

5 pm

Puppy

Carol

6 pm

Adolescent

Carol

7 pm

Good Manners 1

Carol

Thursday

10:30 am

Rally – All Levels

Mary

11:30 am

Rally

Mary

5:00 pm

Rally - Novice

Mary

6:00 pm

Rally - Novice

Mary

**Schedule
subject to
change.**

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for most
current digital
version of this
schedule.**



Puppy:
12 weeks to 5 1/2 months

Adolescent:
6 months to 1 year

Good Manners:
1 year+

6 Weeks of Classes:

\$150

\$60 max in coupons or vouchers

***5 Weeks of Classes:**

\$125

\$50 max in coupons or vouchers

MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE \$10 DISCOUNT PER CLASS

For all **Dogs Can Dance (Freestyle)** Tuesday classes,
register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715



2024 Training Session 4

June 3rd through July 13, 2024

NVDTTC Classes run for 5 weeks for \$125.00 unless noted otherwise.

Class payment & shot records due June 3rd. NO CLASSES JULY 1, 2, 3, & 4

Registration for Session 4 2024 classes is ONLY accepted between May 6th & May 27th. Except for continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY:

707-253-8666

Monday

9:00 am
Scent Work
6/3, 10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

10:00 am
Scent Work
6/3, 10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

11:00 am
Scent Work
6/3, 10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm
Scent Work
6/3, 10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

1:00 pm
6/3, 10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm (3 weeks)
6/3, 17 & 24
*Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm (3 weeks)
6/3, 17 & 24
*Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Mary

11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Mary

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Wednesday

9:00 am
Overflow
Carol

10:00 am
Adolescent
Carol

11:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

12:00 Noon
Adolescent
Sandy

5 pm
Puppy
Carol

6 pm
Adolescent
Carol

7 pm
Good Manners 1
Carol

Thursday

10:30 am
Rally – All Levels
Mary

11:30 am
Rally
Mary

5:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary

6:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary

7:00 pm
Canine Good Citizen
Mary

Puppy:
12 weeks to 5 1/2 months

Adolescent:
6 months to 1 year

Good Manners:
1 year+

5 Weeks of Classes:

\$125

\$50 max in coupons or vouchers

***3 Weeks of Classes:**

\$75

\$30 max in coupons or vouchers

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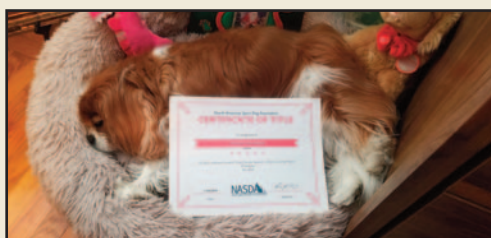
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Chriss Bradley



Toby has been invited to compete at the North American Sport Dog Association Showcase in Calgary AB in June 2024. This invitation is in recognition of his two qualifying achievements in 2023 as both "No. 2 Best of Breed Cavalier King Charles Spaniel" and "No. 30 Dog" in the Urban Locating Master Champion class! He's already dreaming about it!

On February 17, 2024, at Sycamore Lane Kennels in Lodi, Toby earned the AKC Excellent Interiors Scent Work Elite title. He wants everyone to see that this rosette is as big as his head! Good boy Toby!

Roxann Gracia



We took a step back this year to learn a new technique for us, called the "freeze." It gave us a new communication tool to use. We grew in communication as we practiced our new way of doing things. We branched out into NACSW events (a separate organization from AKC and a founding organization for scent work) and by fall we were really rolling. It was enjoyable and fascinating to watch Tanner figure out the puzzles and locate the scented hides. As the year and trials in the fall went on, we both relaxed more and enjoyed our days together....except when a squirrel ran by, or a group of birds flew out of the bushes...then it was..."Where'd they go? Let me at 'em!"...INSTEAD OF...."Where's the Hide?" Thanks Tanner for a great year and 15 New Titles!

Carol Coawette

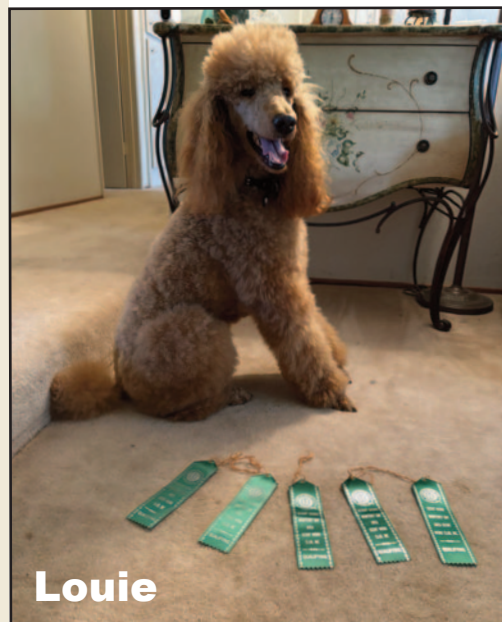


Pierre

AKC Scent Work Trials, Monterey—February 17&18

Pierre won his 2nd leg in Detective! He also got another Elite leg in Master Container; Elite legs in Excellent Buried, Container, Exterior & Interior & took 3rd place in Excellent Container and 4th place in Excellent Buried.

In the midst of quite a lot of rain & wind, Louie won additional Elite legs in Novice Buried & Interior. He also now has additional legs in Advanced Handler Discrimination, Exterior and Interior.



Louie

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NOTE: View attachments in the online version of minutes.



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

February 12, 2024 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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

NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm
- II. Call for additions or changes to agenda - none
- III. APPROVAL of January 8, 2024 MINUTES—Linda Wargo - approved
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—Lori Jackson
 - A. Business Checking Account: \$12,955.37
 - B. Business Savings Account: \$22,367.27
 - C. Certificate of Deposit: \$20,741.36
 - D. November & December Profit & Loss Statements:
12/31 \$139.37 profit YTD \$1,054.46 profit
- V. BOARD, COMMITTEE, & CHAIR REPORTS
 - A. PRESIDENT—Linda Wargo
 - AB5 Status
 - Instructors – 5, Assistants -3
 - Ms. Golemon is heading up a subcommittee to complete the employment agreement. Board decided potential instructors would have 1 month to review and sign the agreement once it is available.
 - Board discussed whether a separate employee handbook is needed or if the guidelines and procedures would suffice
 - Workers comp insurance payment of \$889.73 approved. Note: Board discussed that when General approved AB5 it was assumed all associated costs were approved.
 - Board Goals for 2024
 - Gerry Glantz Service Award review. On Hold awaiting information/suggestions from the 2023 selection committee
 - Other items on board goals addressed elsewhere in the minutes
 - B. VICE PRESIDENT—Carol Coawette
 - 45 Total members as of 2/1/24
 - New member voted in tonight: Linda Lydon
 - Renewal late voted in tonight: Sharon Leos
 - C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS—Carol Coawette/Lori Jackson
 - Membership Roster as of February 2024 emailed by Ms. Coawette
 - Membership packets updated by Ms. Lori Jackson
 - Reminder that all vouchers must be used prior to 12/31/24. The exception is any vouchers given for general meetings and/or Board duties
 - D. OFFICE—Mary Ash
 - Call for volunteers to help in the office especially answering and returning calls and signing people up for classes

E. TRAINING—Donna Golemon

- Ms. Golemon requested approval to offer AKC FIT Dog classes. She will pay for required training. Board approved.
- Training Committee to be held February 21, 2023 at 12:30 pm.
- Any classes you would like to see, contact Donna Golemon

F. PUBLICITY

- Rack brochures were updated. 1000 copies made. Thanks to Mary Ash. Request for help in distribution.
- Suggestion made to also distribute Session 3 schedule to various places

G. BUILDING—Karen Jackson

- Karen checking again with complex management about light that is out.
- Insect spraying is \$175 each time. Karen will place following dates for spraying on calendar in office: 3/22 – 1-4pm; 7/26 – 1-4pm; 10/18 – 1-4pm
- Discussion about scheduling deep cleaning of Club when weather warms (May or June)
- Marilane Bergfelt, Linda Wargo & Mary Ash will look for hammers and measuring tape and a bucket for “poop” disposal to donate to the Club.

H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn

- Deadline for submitting items for the March-April Newsletter is February 22nd.

I. HOSPITALITY

1. Tonight: Marilane Bergfelt and Sandy Bonifield
2. March 11, 2024: Dena Parrish & Anne Stanley

J. SUNSHINE—Debbie Hilton

- Request to send card to Frank, Grandson of Mary Joy Davis who passed away. Long time very active contributor to the Club.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Year End Awards — Linda Wargo
 - Everything sent to vendor should be returned by early March
2. Year End Banquet – Sue Osborn
 - Sue had a 50% response to survey about the year end banquet.
 - Overwhelming response was for a luncheon
 - There will be games.
 - She will choose the restaurant and is looking possibly at April 6th and an alternate date of April 13
 - There are 8-10 volunteers to assist!

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MINUTES

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3. May Madness – May 13 2024 – Karen Jackson
 - Contact Karen with ideas you liked.
 - Ok to invite students to come and join the fun (without their dogs)
4. Luck of the Irish – March 11, 2024 – Debbie Hilton
 - Ok to invite students to come and join the fun (without their dogs)
5. Yearly Financial Audit – Mary Ash
 - Audit complete. Thank you, Mary Ash, Sue Osborn and Debbie Hilton.
 - Report will be made to Board & General
6. Updates to Guidelines and Procedures (attached) – Linda Wargo
 - #14 regarding instructor pay raises. Marilane Bergfelt objected to the item. After discussion, a committee of Mary Ash Roxanne Gracia and Marilane Bergfelt will convene to re-vamp Section XXX-F

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Competition Awards Policy (attached)– Roxann Gracia
 - Roxann reviewed the revamped awards criteria
 - New requirements include:
 - Attending four meetings per year
 - Contributing to the club (a list of ways to accomplish that were presented in the document)
 - Individuals will be required to note their contributions on a revised awards form.
2. Key Policy – Roxann Gracia
 - Roxann Gracia reviewed the revised key policy
 - Change trainer to “instructor” suggested by Marilane Bergfelt
 - Marlane Bergfelt objected to method of communication in presented policy. After discussion, agreement to change to email and phone notice.

VIII. BRAGS

1. Sue Osborn has been fostering 2 very young pups. One just went to forever home.
2. Anne Stanley announced the success of several of Donna Golemon's scent work students in obtaining “Master” level in the 2023 NACSW Challenge. Thank you, Donna!
3. Anne Stanley announced the Wild Blue Dogs summer camp in Lake Tahoe is open for registration. She has attended and found it to be a fun experience with many different dog related activities.
4. Mary Ash's Cort received his Novice Trick Dog Title.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:02 pm

Is Your Dog Noise Sensitive? Sources of Anxiety You May Not Even Notice

AKC Article by Harriet Meyers

www.akc.org/expert-advice/advice/dog-noise-sensitive/

Home sweet home may mean peace and quiet to you. But to your dog, the same home could sound like a marching band. Dogs hear many high-frequency noises that are undetectable to the human ear and may cause them to feel stressed. A study of 13,700 pet dogs showed that noise sensitivity was the most common trait to cause anxiety in dogs, showing up in almost one-third of the dogs.



What Is Noise Sensitivity?

“Noise sensitivity describes a dog who is fearful or startled by environmental noises,” explains Dr. Stephanie Borns-Weil, DVM, DACVB at Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

“To avoid confusion, it would be better described as fear of noise. When a dog is severely frightened and/or has a tough time recovering from exposure to noise, I would call it noise phobia.”

Most adults hear sounds up to 20,000 Hertz (HZ). Dogs, however, hear sounds that reach frequencies as high as 47,000 to 65,000 HZ. We don't know for sure why dogs and some other mammals are sensitive to high-pitched noises. It's possible that their hearing evolved to strengthen their ability to locate where these sounds are coming from, which is especially important when hunting prey.

Signs Your Dog Is Anxious About a Noise

Understanding your dog's changes in behavior and body language will help you recognize when your dog is having a difficult time with a particular noise in their environment.

“The intensity of the dog's fear determines the response. If the fear is mild, the dog may seek out the owner or a safe space (like under the bed) and may show a low body posture with tail down or tucked and ears retracted or may engage in yawning or lip licking,” Dr. Borns-Weil says. “A very fearful dog may tremble, cower, try to escape from the house, urinate or defecate, pace, pant, drool, and have a rapid heart rate.”

The AKC Canine Health Foundation warns that the more often a dog is exposed to frightening noise, the more intense their phobic response will be. Seeking shelter and trying to escape are common reactions.

To read the rest of this article about why some dogs react to noise, and others don't and how to help your noise-sensitive dog, go to link shown above.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters?

Missed that announcement about an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access recent emails sent out from NVDTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the
MAY/JUNE 2024 newsletter
is April 22, 2024.

Send submissions to: editor@nvdtc.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FOURTH* Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

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

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Next Meeting:
March 11, 2024
6:30 PM at Clubhouse

*It is a "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night"
Join us for some "Luck of the Irish" fun!*



Asher, one of two German Shorthaired Pointer puppies fostered by Sue Osborn

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

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!

Email to:

editor@nvdtc.org



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