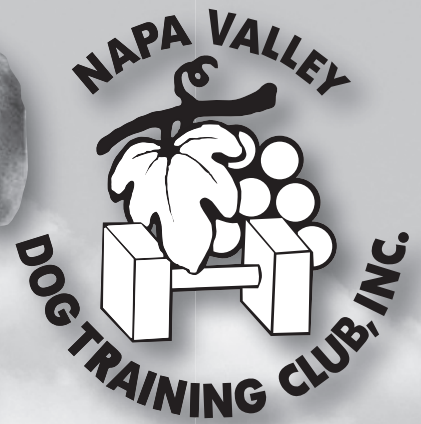


May – June 2013

# TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS: WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### MAY 13: MAY MADNESS

by Karen Jackson

Please bring your dog to enjoy lots of fun games, a variety of dog treats, and dog toys, one for each participating dog. There will be puzzles to search for treats, as well as the "Hot Dog Stay and Retrieve" game. To expand your heights, the "Perilous Path" will be laden with many toys and treats to tempt your pet as you try to persuade her to come back to you through the gauntlet. And once again "Rally Uh Oh" will return. The puzzles will not be timed. You can work as many puzzles as you want and repeat any event as time permits. There will be another "Go to Mat" station with available treats to toss on the mat if your dog has yet not learned "Go to Mat." This year I am replacing the "Mummy Wrap" with a "Ball-A-Rama" area. Hopefully your dog likes to search, pick up, drop, and roll balls.

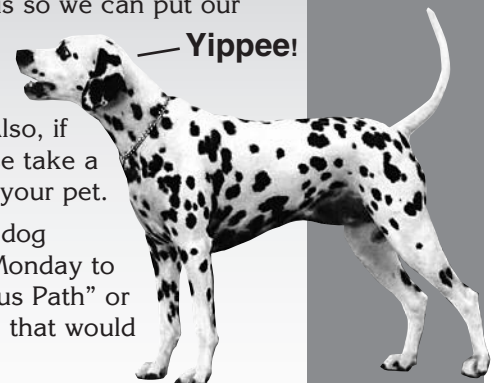
Two small trophies will be given out, one for the dog who is judged to have had the most fun. The second trophy is for the dog with the most inspiring agility run.

If your dog not feel confident in crowds or with dogs running off leash or is reactive, it might be best for your dog not to come.

Since we probably will still be setting up Sunday and you would like to try some puzzles or games, please warn us so we can put our dogs in crates so your dog can run free.

Between 4:00 and 5:00 would be a good time. Also, if you come Sunday, please take a toy and a tennis ball for your pet.

If anyone not bringing a dog would like to volunteer Monday to hold dogs for the "Perilous Path" or help with "Ball-A-Rama" that would be great!



### JUNE 10: PRESENTATION ON VACCINATION PROTOCOLS

Dr Mara Bleviss will be speaking to us about vaccination protocols, new changes and challenges everyone should know about. Dr. Bleviss, a U.C. Davis graduate, has been in practice for 27 years with the Silverado Veterinary Hospital in Napa.

### AUGUST 12: AGILITY WORKER TRAINING

Linda Wargo will tell you what it is all about and she will do a fine job doing so—guaranteed!

**2013 OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013  
Shoreline Park, Martinez  
See details on page 2

**2013 AGILITY TRIALS**  
AUGUST 17 & 18, 2013  
Dixon, California  
See details at [NVDTC.org](http://NVDTC.org)

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## Connie Cleveland Seminar Held April 6 & 7

by Linda Luchsinger

The Connie Cleveland seminar on Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7 was a complete success. Done in partnership with Oakland Dog Training Club, Connie's belief is "Dogs are Problem Solvers." Most participants were highly competitive trainers who were trying to work out problems they faced in the ring. Given the short time Connie had to work with each working team, most were satisfied with her solutions. Connie is on facebook under "Dog trainers workshop." She has a book and CD also called "Dogs are Problem Solvers" where descriptions on how she teaches various exercises are detailed. Also, the best news is that our club's share of the profit was just over \$1600.00!!!



Vern Miller from the Oakland Dog Training Club wrote a great article on the seminar complete with lots of photos. Visit [nvdtc.org/cleveland.pdf](http://nvdtc.org/cleveland.pdf) to read and view!



## NVDTC Obedience/Rally Trial

by Linda Luchsinger, Obedience/Rally Trial Chair

Our obedience/rally trial is coming up soon on June 22. We will need many members to commit to the day. We need obedience ring stewards, rally ring stewards, donations to the raffle, set-up help the morning of...and take-down help after the trial. We may also need a driver or two to pick up judges on Friday afternoon and return them on Saturday. We will have a sign up sheet for stewarding at the next meeting. We need you, the membership, to make this a successful day! It has been an ordeal to get judges, the grounds, and all the paperwork to AKC. All these things had to fall into place due to our date change and venue change. Please help out where you can! Thank you so much to my committee:

Chair: Linda Luchsinger  
Grounds & Equipment: Jim Spiva  
Hospitality: Karen Jackson  
Trophies & Ribbons: Joy Wood  
Trophy Sponsorship: Sandy Bonifield  
Rally Chief Ring Steward: Linda Wargo  
Obedience Chief Ring Steward: Teressa Russell  
Raffle: Margretha Lane

Photo: Jim Spiva



## Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge™!

by Judy Gamet

New Class Begins June 4 at the NVDTC Clubhouse!

*Take your dog to the next level!*

*Music brings out the joy in training.*

Each week new exercises will be introduced to enrich your team's skills. Join us for some quality learning time with your canine pal without the stress of competition. Developing the team's relationship and confidence is the goal. Each team will learn the exercises involved, walk the course to practice handling each exercise, then run the course with their dog utilizing these fun exercises.

Check out [nvdtc.org](http://nvdtc.org) for flyer plus see YouTube video of the Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge™ in action.

\$125 for 6 week session

To Register, visit Napa Valley Dog Training Club.

Registration deadline: June 1!

Sorry, vouchers are not accepted for this class.

Class limited to 8 working teams, unlimited auditors.

Questions? Contact Judy Gamet (707) 449-1715

## NVDTC 2013 Trophy Sponsorship

As in the past, we hope club members will support our annual Obedience & Rally Trials by sponsoring awards for competitors. Your favorite dog, breed, person or purpose will be included in the trial catalog, which is provided to exhibitors, plus we will post sponsorships at the clubhouse.

Please specify your dedication 'In Honor' or 'In Memory,' and return the completed form with your donation. Usual sponsorship is \$20.00, however we appreciate any amount you can give.

Please print the following as you wish the information to appear in the catalog:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel: \_\_\_\_\_

(office use only)

In Honor Of - OR - In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

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**DONATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 5th**  
to ensure they are included in the catalog.

Please make your checks out to the NVDTC and return with this form to NVDTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA 94558-Attention: Sandy Bonifield

If you have questions, please leave a message for Sandy at 253-8666 (at clubhouse).



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## ALL MEMBERS TAKE NOTE!

*NVDTC member names and their postal codes are submitted to AKC annually. Please let Sue Osborn, Membership Chair, know if you do not want your phone number or email listed. Contact Sue by email, [sue@osborngraphics.com](mailto:sue@osborngraphics.com), or by phone, 707 252-1864.*

## VST Test Held March 10

by Linda Wargo



Photo: Jim Spiva

Napa Valley Dog Training Club's 2nd Annual All Breed Variable Surface Tracking (VST) Test was at the Veteran's Home in Yountville, CA. Actually, work started on Saturday when the tracklayers and judges spent the day plotting the tracks. The judges, Mr. Roy Fair from Noti, OR and the club's very own Kaye Hall did such a great job of track plotting we were able to get five very nice tracks plotted verses the four planned. Judging a tracking test is a lot of work and we owe both judges big thanks for all the effort they put into helping us have a successful test. A special thank you goes to Mr. Fair, who stepped in at the last minute when our original judge was unable to fulfill her assignment. Thanks also to Debbie Crain, Chief Tracklayer, tracklayers Linda Kennard, Stephanie Meinhardt, Mitzi Young and Linda Wargo and Patty Galvin, the driver. Patty ferried judges, tracklayers and entrants over the two days to make sure none of the tracks were compromised. And a huge thanks to Barbara Niemann who did a fabulous job as the test secretary; even working during her vacation out of the country!

Sunday's test started at daylight with the first tracklayer walking the track designated by the judges and placing the four articles (cloth, metal, plastic and leather) each entrant needed to find. Once all the tracks were laid we waited for them to age three hours. By that time, all the entrants had arrived, enjoyed hospitality, were briefed by the judges and test secretary, had drawn their track numbers, and the first dog was on its way. The entrants this year included a Rhodesian Ridgeback, a Standard Schnauzer, a Rottweiler, a Border Collie and a Bernese Mountain Dog.

Although none of the dog's passed their tracks, everyone enjoyed a lovely day of tracking in the Napa Valley. At a no host luncheon held at the Lakeside Grill everyone commented on how well run the test was and how the Veterans Home was such a nice VST site. We are already at work planning for our third VST test to be held March 2014 and hoping the third time will be a charm and all of our entrants will pass!



**Dog Dancing and Rally-FrEe Show & Go in Santa Rosa**

by Sue Osborn

On Saturday, March 16, Debbie Crain and I headed to the County Wide Dog Training Club in Santa Rosa with our dancing partners, Mayo, Paris, and Dakota, to participate in a Dog Dancing/Rally-FrEe Show & Go, co-sponsored by Gold Coast Freestyle Guild and Redwood Empire Doggy Dancers (REDD).

There were two parts to this event, dog dancing in the morning and Rally-FrEe, a relatively new and upcoming sport, in the afternoon. The dog-dancing portion included participants from two dancing organizations: Canine Freestyle Federation (Gold Coast Freestyle Guild affiliation), and the World Canine Freestyle Organization (Redwood Empire Doggy Dancers member).

REDD dogs danced onto the floor with their partners performing to the music of Star Wars, Annie, James Bond, and a ballad—obvious fun for the performers, entertaining for the audience to watch; creative in props and costume. A light saber, feather boas, an Annie wig, a sparkling skirt, shoes, a glitzy box; these and more accentuated the dances.

Debbie and I representing Gold Coast appreciated the opportunity to take the floor somewhere new and in front of an audience. Debbie and Mayo danced to Tribal. Not having designed dance routines for either of my dogs, I appreciated this opportune occasion to move to newly selected music in a large space giving both Paris and Dakota a taste to what it is like to perform in a different venue and in front of an audience.

**Gold Coast Freestyle Meetings**



Looking to expand and hone your dog dancing skills or want to learn about dog dancing itself? You are welcome to attend a Gold Coast meeting as a guest. Meetings are generally held monthly and include tips on training and performance. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with others in depth about dog dancing!

You can attend one or two meetings as a guest. Thereafter if you wish to become involved on a regular basis, all it takes is membership in the Canine Freestyle Federation. Dues are \$25 a year. Other than classes and competitions, other costs may include a donation for rental of building space for guild meetings.

The next meeting is set for May 26 at the NVDTC clubhouse. Please contact Debbie Crain at crain26@earthlink.net if you are interested in attending.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Linda Luchsinger, President, called the General Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Debbie Payton, Frances Anamosa, Gerry Glantz, Lea Ronald, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Sandy Bonifield and Sue Osborn.

**II. MINUTES**

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2013, General Meeting.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**, Lori Jackson

- A. CD \$11,790.77
- B. Savings \$10,122.70
- C. Checking \$2,713.67
- 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

- 1. May Madness will be in May after the next General Meeting.
  - a) Instructors should let their students know that non-reactive dogs are welcome.
- 2. Dr. Bleviss from SVH will speak at the June meeting on vaccination protocols.
- 3. Four new membership renewals were received today. After today, former members must join as a new member.
- 4. Business cards are now available. Everyone may take some home tonight.

**C. OFFICE**, Sandy Bonifield

Sandy is back and looking for office workers.

**D. TRAINING**, Lea Ronald

- 1. Treibball is on hold because the instructor must have surgery.
- 2. Trainers and assistants are reminded to use their trainer stipends.

**E. BUILDING**, Debbie Payton

- 1. Restroom is now fixed.
- 2. Leak in entry is now fixed.
- 3. One toilet is running constantly and Deb will call Ross about it.
- 4. Suggestion to put dog waste bucket on the other side of the garage—more in the shade and away from the front door.

**F. NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn

- 1. Next newsletter deadline is April 20.

**G. PUBLICITY**, Frances Anamosa

- 1. We are looking for ways to spread the word about the dog club.
  - a) The classified ad in the Register costs \$106.75 and runs for one week.
  - b) Napa Valley Marketplace business card size ad reaches a large audience and costs \$215/month. The board agreed to do it for one month and see how it goes.
  - c) We could get a booth going at the farmer's market.
  - d) Napa Valley Life is \$295 every two months. This publication reaches different income levels and outside of our area.
  - e) The sticky notes on the front of the newspaper costs \$787 which includes online ad and two newspaper ads. Save for a special event?
  - f) Alston Park has a bulletin board and we could have a flyer there.

**V. AOCNC**, Gerry Glantz

- A. The AOCNC summer workshop will be held in Martinez with a new date. July 20 is a possibility.

- B. The AOCNC annual seminar is scheduled on Sunday, September 22 at NVDTC.

**VI. HOSPITALITY**

- A. Thank you Chris Mayer and Joy Sedlock for tonight's refreshment.
- B. Karen Jackson will volunteer for May.

**VII. SUNSHINE**, Margretha Lane

- A. Eva Johnson's doberman, Doer, passed away.
- B. Stephen Ward is home now.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. 2013 Agility Trial, August 17 & 18, 2013, Lori Jackson
  - 1. Take inventory of ribbons and order what's needed.
  - 2. Need an agility committee meeting.
- B. 2013 Obedience Trial, Linda Luchsinger
  - 1. Judges are in place. Megan and Debbie will be Trial Secretaries.
  - 2. Four judges are flying in and judges may need help with shuttle from S.F. to Napa.
  - 3. Mary suggests having a judges selection committee and get judges selected for three or four years in advance. Mary, Joy, Karen, and Teresa will be asked to be on the committee
    - a) No more than two out-of area judges and three local judges, if possible.

**C. VST test**, March 10, 2013

There were no qualifiers. There were five tracks and we only lost \$53.00 with an out-of area judge.

**D. Connie Cleveland Seminar**, April 6 & 7, 2013, Sandy

- 1. There were 45 people attending with 24 working teams. Connie pulled teams out and worked with them individually. She has a website and is on facebook.
- 2. An audio system was rented that allowed everyone to hear easily. Sandy got a brochure from Napa Valley DJ's for a possible audio system for the dog club.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request from BelAire Elementary School for a donation. M/S/C to donate a free class gift certificate to Bel Aire Elementary School.
- B. M/S/C to approve request for reimbursement to Vange for \$85 for Connie Cleveland Seminar.
- C. Request for the Gold Coast Freestyle group to use the building on May 26. M/S/C to have Gold Coast Freestyle use the building on May 26.

**X. NEW MEMBERS**

No new members.

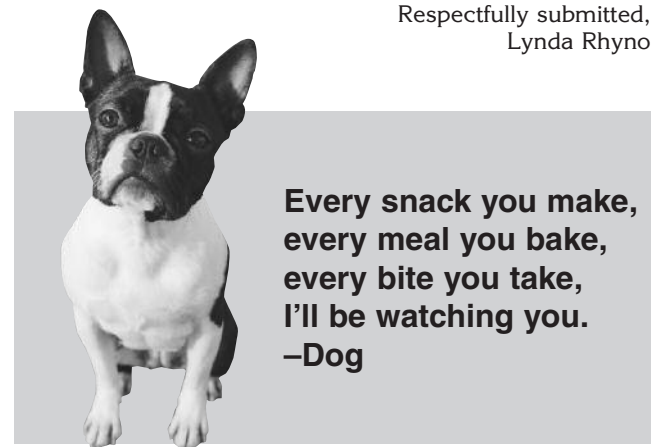
**XI. BRAGS**

Joy, Karen, Mary, Linda W.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynda Rhyno



**Every snack you make,  
every meal you bake,  
every bite you take,  
I'll be watching you.  
-Dog**

**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



MAY-JUNE 2013

## 2013 SESSION SCHEDULE

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.



### TRADING IN OLD VOUCHERS

A proposal to turn in old unnumbered vouchers in exchange for numbered vouchers will be discussed at the June general meeting and voted on at the July meeting. The proposed action is that vouchers will be turned in by October 31 with replacement of vouchers being fully implemented by December 31, 2013.

## TRAINING SESSION 4

**Subject to Change**

**June 3 — July 19, 2013**

**Monday**

No classes held on 2nd Monday of each month

4:30	Trieball (pending)	Marcia
5:30	Trieball (pending)	Marcia
6:30	Agility*	Laura
7:30	Agility*	Laura

\*Only dates agility class is held in Session 4:  
6/3 & 6/17

**Tuesday**

4:30	Dogs Can Dance	Judy
5:30	Dogs Can Dance	Judy
6:30	Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30	Good Manners 1	Lynda

**Wednesday**

9 am	Canine Good Citizen	Jim
10 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11 am	Good Manners 2	Jim

5:00	Good Manners 1	Teresa
6:30	Puppy	Lynda
7:30	Adolescent	Lynda

**Thursday**

10 am	Rally	Mary
11 am	Rally	Mary

5:30	Rally	Mary
6:30	Adolescent	Sandy
7:30	Puppy	Sandy

**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.

### Personal Reflection on Maddie, My Golden Retriever

by Karen Jackson, 2012 Recipient of the NVDTC Club Service Award at the 3/2/13 Annual Members' Banquet

I probably easily could be considered an over-the-top handler and exhibitor. Possible danger signs are when your check book and credit charges are 90 percent dog related from vets, catalogues, trials, and pet stores; when you have to cross check the dog event calendar so your appointments won't conflict with your dog's vet appointments, your canine classes and trial dates; spending hours researching Mt. Diablo's show calendar and balancing agility, obedience, and rally trying to get one more coveted medallion. Other signs are waking up at 5:00 a.m. and your dog is waiting for you by the car ready to go; studying pet catalogues for the newest high-power treat or motivational toy to inspire your dog to great heights (or at least a "Q"); buying new books on canine behavior or attending seminars trying to find the holy grail of actually understanding your dog. Then if any of that applies – per Harold Hill: "You've got trouble in River City!"

For my little red girl, despite my mistakes, still manages to give it her all. But my happiest memories this year were not about the competitions we did.

Maddie paraded with the Vallejo Dog Training Club drill team for Benicia's 4th of July celebration. At Maddie's age, I was afraid she might get tired, but she did great. To entertain the crowd, I had Maddie do tricks, which was fun for Maddie as well as the crowd. I still smile remembering the parade and my girl.

Maddie at the AOCNC seminar was another memorable happy event which I will cherish. Thanks to Mary for inviting us. Maddie became a little performer showing off her tricks. I had forgotten how much I loved teaching Maddie her tricks. Maddie and I both enjoyed that day.

Maddie demonstrated a CD run to show the 4H kids what positive dog training can build. Also Maddie worked as a neutral dog for the Canine Good Citizen tests. Maddie did well. She also worked the Sir Francis CGC tests with Jim and Steven as the judges. I remember that Maddie as a 5 month puppy was very shy around people and dogs. She has matured so much. And once again she has accepted and deferred to another pushy interloper (in our family) – Jack (new Golden Retriever). She is so mellow.

Maddie did compete a lot, but some other memories mean more to me. Watching Maddie chase her Frisbee brings me more delight than all the titles and medallions she has collected. She is happy and free

and can no longer feel fear from my nervousness because at that moment we are at play.

Since Maddie is now 14 years old, people ask me, "When will Maddie retire?" I don't know, but I think of Robert Frost's poem Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening. The line, "But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep" comforts me as I watch my little wonder age.

This year I know many people who lost their beloved pets and I am so grateful to be graced with my incredible girl and also for each and every day that we are together.

Lastly, thanks to Mary and Teresa and Linda Luchsinger who have helped me to be a better handler.

**A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN JACKSON AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 NVDTC CLUB SERVICE AWARD!**



### 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](mailto:NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org)





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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*Next*  
**General Meeting**  
*Monday, May 13, 2013*  
**6:30 p.m.**  
*at the clubhouse*

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**MAY MADNESS NIGHT!**  
**DOGS ARE WELCOME**  
**at this meeting.**  
**SEE DETAILS ON FRONT!**

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Would you like to help out in the office at the clubhouse?

This is a great opportunity to learn all about the club, interact with trainers, members *and* you will earn a \$40 voucher!

Duties include paperwork, answering phone messages and selling dog items.

FOR  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
GO  
TO  
[nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)

Also check out  
[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com),  
[www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com),  
[www.k9wag.com](http://www.k9wag.com),  
[www.aocnc.org](http://www.aocnc.org) and  
[www.k9cpe.com](http://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 July/Aug newsletter is June 20.

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