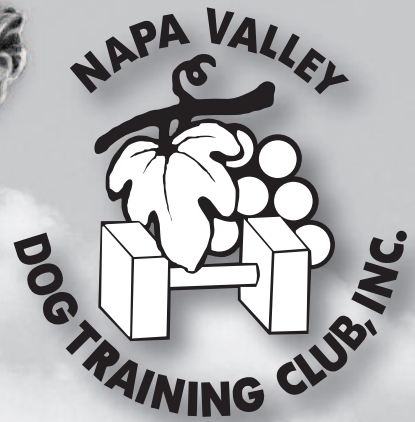


MAY-JUNE 2014

TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



Christy Rose's Boxer, China

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Check out our special classes scheduled for 2014!

Sampler Class (NEW)

Session 4 - Tuesday 7:30 pm

Session 5 - Wednesday 12 Noon

This class offers 2 weeks each of pre-agility, beginning rally and beginning freestyle.

Each canine sport is taught by experienced instructors who specialize in their sport.

Intro to Rally (NEW)

Session 4 - Wednesday 9:00 am

Tricks and Games (Returning)

Session 5 - Thursday 8:00 pm

This class gives a different twist to polishing obedience skills - teaching your dog tricks and playing games you'll both enjoy.

Beginning Freestyle (Returning)

Session 5 - Tuesday 7:30 pm

Session 6 - Tuesday 7:30 pm

Canine Good Citizen

Session 6 - Wednesday at 9:00 am

Session 7 - Tuesday 7:30 pm

Agility Foundation Skills/Beginning Jumpers

Session 6 - Monday 7:45 pm

Session 7 - Monday 7:45 pm (continuing students)

Prerequisites: Dogs need to know "Sit-Stay," "Down-Stay," "Come," "Watch Me," "Leave It," & "Walk Nicely on Leash" all consistently.

Dogs should be dog and people friendly.

Additional skills may be required by agility and rally instructors.

Contact Marilane with questions (home office 265-6642).

Bring your dog to the NVDTTC clubhouse
on Monday, June 9 for a

June Jamboree Carnival!

By Karen Jackson

There will be U.S. made dog treats, dog toys, and games.

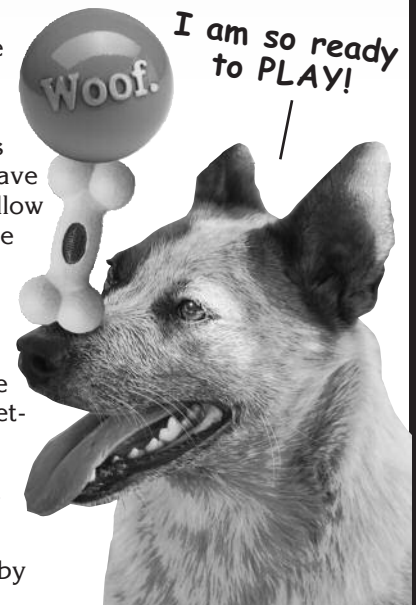
A *Perilous Path Course* will be set up wherein your dog runs through a gauntlet of toys and treats to reach you. There will be a *Rally Uh Oh Course* with unique and fun signs. There will also be an *Easy Agility Run* using low jumps. And there is more: there will be many *Puzzles and Boxes* filled with scented dog treats for your dog to sniff out to eat.

If you want to practice sending your dog to a mat, dog treats will be provided to encourage her. Yet another game is the *Hot Dogs in Water Retrieval Game* with the possibility of adding a dry hot dog tracking course which leads to a biscuit laden article. If anyone wants a small Treibball course I could fit it in, or if you want some different games, please leave suggestions in Lori's (Treasurer's) box in the office. If time permits, you can repeat certain games such as the Perilous Path and the Puzzles and Boxes.

Even if your dog only does one event, you can still pick out a toy for him.

For the games, your dog needs to enjoy treats, use his nose, have a good recall and be able to follow you. Be aware, shy and reactive dogs may find it overwhelming to be around loose dogs. Thus, once again, like last year for May Madness, if there is a shy or reactive dog who can't come on Monday, Lori and I will be setting up on Sunday the day before, (finishing around 5:30 PM) if you want an opportunity for your dog to play.

Refreshments will be provided by Karen & Lori Jackson.



NVDTC's 2013 Service Award Recipient!

by Karen Jackson

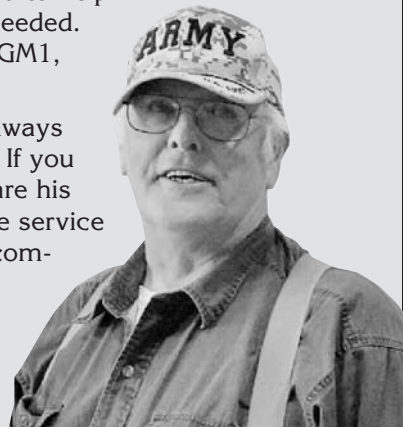
Jim Spiva is our newest recipient for the Club Service Award. Jim volunteers for many of our dog club events. He did a wonderful job organizing the set up for the 2013 obedience trial. The set up flowed smoothly as did the takedown and the return of equipment to the club. His boundless energy and great organizational skills help any endeavor he tackles. His camaraderie with others help keep co-workers motivated.

His team spirit and kindness helped to make CGC at Sir Francis a success. The handlers were impressed by his positive and charming personality.

He has volunteered his time at various dog events shooting pictures which present our club in a positive light. He even took a grand picture of Maddie at a May Madness, which I cherish.

Jim always works very hard to help the club with whatever is needed. He also teaches CGC and GM1, and GM2.

Jim has a good heart, is always upbeat and is totally loyal. If you are a friend of Jim's, you are his friend forever. This year the service award committee was in complete agreement that Jim most assuredly met all the listed requirements for the award. Congratulations Jim! Well deserved!



SOCCKER-TYPE GOAL

wanted for TREIBBALL work.

If anyone has a kids' backyard version of a soccer-type goal no longer in use they can donate to the club for treibball class, please contact Marcia Barkley through the club by calling 253-8666.

RAFFLE ITEMS needed for our 2014 Agility Trial! It is not too early to bring items in to add to our drop off bin located in the club foyer.

What can YOU donate?

Here's another opportunity to see a pencil drawing of your dog!

Visit NVDTC's facebook page to post a clear, high resolution photo of your dog by May 16, 2014. NVDTC's facebook page is located at <https://www.facebook.com/NVDTC/>.

Alternatively you can also place a photo (labeled) in the newsletter-website box at the NVDTC office.

One photo will be selected to create a pencil drawing to post on the NVDTC facebook page on May 23 (similar to the ones shown below).

Pictures of both you and your dog work too.



A BIG THANK YOU to our March & April general meeting presenters: Sara Scott & Kelly Tracey!

A big thank you too to Sandy Bonifield for inviting Sara and Kelly and for arranging these presentations!

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.

TWO NEW CHAMPION TRACKER TITLES at this year's Variable Surface Tracking Test!

By Linda Kennard

Under ideal conditions and with an enthusiastic gallery applauding their achievements, two teams earned Champion Tracker titles at the 3rd Annual Napa Valley Dog Training VST Test held at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California on Sunday, March 9, 2014. Our activities began on Friday, March 7, 2014 when our Judges, Kaye Hall and Marge Schultz walked the Veteran's Home to get an idea of where the five (5) tracks would be laid. On Saturday our Judges, Tracklayers, Drivers, Chief Tracklayer, & Secretary spent the day plotting, or laying the tracks. Originally we were going to have 4 tracks, however the judges were able to plot 5 very nice tracks, the 5th being an alternate if needed or if not, have a fifth entrant.

Sunday's test began at day break, with each tract layed so that they would be able to age 3 hours. After the draw, the fun began. Special congratulations to Lora Cox with her Australian Shepherd dog, now CT Lorac's Texas Ranger VCD1

UDX OM1 RE HSAs OAJ and Meg Azevedo with her



Beagle dog, now CT Daf-I-Dale's Filthy Rich RN OA NAJ NF. Other entrants included an Australian Cattle Dog, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi and a Shiba Inu. A special thank you to our judging panel,

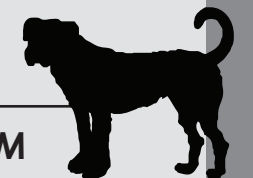
Marge Schultz, Little Canada, MN and Kaye Hall of Napa Valley. Thanks also to club members and volunteers, Test Secretary Barbara Niemann, Chief Tracklayer Debbie Crain, Tracklayers Diane Cosgrove, Debbie Crain, Linda Kennard, Donna Seaman and Linda Wargo; Drivers, Patty Galvin, Karen Jackson and club officer Gerry Glantz—all of who helped make this test a great success.

The VST 2015 date is already set to be held at the Yountville

Veteren's Home on Sunday, March 8, 2015 with Judges Meg Azevedo and Mrs. Kaye Hall!



Santa Clara Dog Training Club
PRESENTS
Denise Fenzi



Saturday November 1, 2014 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Building Motivation and Drive for All Sports

Sunday – November 2, 2014 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Problem Solving For Competitive Obedience

Location: Fetch Sam! 342 Race Street in San Jose

Download flyer: nvdtc.org/pdfs/SCDTC_flyer_Fenzi_2014.pdf

Working spots are limited to 12 each day, so send your reservation in early!
Early bird discounts. Continental breakfast will be provided.

Treibball FUN DAY held April 6

On Sunday, April 6, dogs were happily running from one end of the Napa Valley Dog Training clubhouse to the other playing high-spirited games. All for the joy of treibball, the unique new and upcoming sport for dogs, currently being taught by Marcia Barkley at our club.

Marcia, currently the only treibball trainer between Pleasanton and Carson City, began teaching treibball classes at NVDTC in June of 2013 and has been having so much fun, she organized a Treibball Fun Day in early April for anyone who is teaching treibball to their dogs on their own, for anyone wanting to learn more about the sport, and for her students to celebrate their successes and accomplishments in her treibball classes.



Just as advertised, the games were FUN! There was the good-humored challenge of each handler carrying a ball, treat bag, bucket, and a mat while handling a dog on leash (emulating what it is like to attend a treibball class) in the form of a relay race.

Yet another game was to run through a tunnel, leap over a low jump (incorporating a couple of agility components revved the dogs up), stop in front of a ball before being given a cue to push it. The dog was then asked to turn around and immediately jump back over the jump and run through the tunnel again.



This game was designed to focus on impulse control. When dogs are sent out to push a ball toward a goal, their excitement can easily have them pushing the ball too soon and in the wrong direction.

Games were timed and first place ribbons were awarded.

If you'd like to take a treibball class, call the club at 253-8666 to have your name added to the treibball interest list.



Thwarting an Off-Leash Dog Rushing You and Your Dog

From article by Sara Reusche — <http://www.dogster.com>



1. Give the loose dog something better to do

Dogs who seem happy and bubbly are often easily stopped by asking them to "sit." If the dog complies, you can toss a handful of treats to him and make your escape while he's vacuuming them up.

Even if he doesn't listen, toss a handful of treats at his face (with the intent to startle, not hurt). When he stops to see what hit him, he'll realize there's food on the ground and devote his attention to eating instead of rushing your dog.

This method has worked really well for a few overly exuberant dogs in my neighborhood. It doesn't stop them from approaching in the future, but it's the kindest way to give your dog space without the potential fallout that more forceful methods may cause.

2. If that doesn't work, try to startle the loose dog

Step in between your dog and the oncoming dog and use a body block. Square your shoulders and hips, and hold your hand out like a cop stopping traffic while saying "no," "stop," or "stay" in a firm, low voice. Alternatively, you could carry an umbrella and open it in the direction of the rushing dog, which will both startle him and provide a physical and visual barrier. One of my clients painted large eyes on her umbrella, which would pop open explosively at the push of a button. This so startled an aggressive Puggle in her neighborhood that he never again went after her dog.

3. Use a spray product if he comes close

Spray Shield is a citronella product manufactured by Premier/PetSafe. It is aversive to most dogs without actually harming them, and can be sprayed directly at an oncoming dog. I carry this product on walks and use it to keep back especially determined dogs (including those who mean to attack my dog). Some people have also reported success using compressed air in the same way. Spray Shield has the added benefit of working to stop some dog fights, so if things do get out of hand you have a safer way to break up a fight than trying to forcibly remove one of the combatants.

4. Don't use pepper spray

Not only can pain make some dogs more aggressive, but if the wind gusts the wrong way the spray could end up getting into your or your dog's face and eyes, leaving you incapacitated with an unknown dog rushing you. Not a good situation to be in! Running away is also generally not advised, as it will just encourage

most dogs to chase you. Picking your dog up is usually not a good idea, although in some situations you may decide it's a calculated risk you're willing to take. Doing so may put you at greater risk and can intensify the off-leash dog's interest in your pup.

5. But if you must pick up your dog...

While cases of truly aggressive dogs intent on bodily harm are rare, they do happen. If your small dog is rushed by an aggressive off-leash dog, you may be able to pick him up and toss him somewhere safer, such as in a nearby garbage can, inside a fenced yard, in the bed of a truck, or on the roof of a car. You can also take advantage of some of these safety options. If you have a bigger dog or if no other options are available, you may need to assess whether your dog would be safer if you dropped the leash so that he can try to get away from the other dog or defend himself.

6. Protect yourself

If the loose dog redirects on you (which is rare, but does happen), protect your head and neck. Spray Shield will stop all but the most aggressive dogs, and generally these dogs are only stopped by physically separating them from their victim. One of my clients carries a walking stick on outings after one of her small dogs was attacked by a much larger dog who jumped his fence. While the stick may not have saved her dog, it makes her feel more comfortable to have something to use to keep an aggressive dog back.

While no single method will work in every case, the more tools you have in your toolbox, the better able you'll be to protect your dog. Remember that it is always okay to stand up for your dog. After I sprayed an aggressive off-leash shepherd who was charging my dog Layla, her reactivity towards other dogs on walks actually decreased significantly. Instead of snarling and lunging at other dogs, she began to put herself behind me when she was charged by an off-leash dog, trusting me to deal with the situation.



TRAINING SESSION 4, 2014

Subject to Change
Apr. 14 – May 23, 2014
Week off May 26

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of each month.

4:30 pm	Intermediate treibball*	Marcia
5:30 pm	Intermediate treibball*	Marcia
6:30 pm	Advanced Agility*	Katherine

Tuesday

11:00 am	Adolescent Dog**	Marilane
5:30 pm	Freestyle Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Sampler Class	Judy, Mary & Laura

NEW!

Wednesday

9:00 am	Introduction to Rally	Marlene
10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Marlene
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Marlene

NEW!

5:00 pm	Adolescent Dog Overflow	Marilane
6:00 pm	Puppy	Marilane
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
8:00 pm	Puppy Overflow	Lea

Thursday

Daytime	Rally (All Levels)*	Mary
5:30 pm	Rally (All Levels)*	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Vange
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	Vange

Friday

Classes TBA

*Continued Class

**Puppies younger than 5 months may be included at the instructor's discretion.

See 2014 Session Schedule on back cover.
Class & Session schedules available online: napadogtraining.org/classes.htm

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

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order by Vice-President Sandy Bonifield at 6:35 pm.

- A. Board members present: Sandy Bonifield, Sue Osborn, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Deassa Binstock, Debbie Payton and Karen Jackson. Absent: Linda Luchsinger.

II. MINUTES - Gerry Glantz

- A. M/S/C to accept minutes of previous meeting approved as published.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Checking: \$594.91
- B. CD: \$1,1814.37
- C. Savings: \$7,766.52

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. President's Report – Sandy Bonifield for Linda Luchsinger.

- 1. The Board Award for April was presented to Marlene Soldavini.

B. Vice President – Sandy Bonifield

- 1. No Report

C. Office – Sue Osborn

- 1. Sue expressed her thanks to the following people who helped her out in the office: Carol Coawette, Margretha Lane, Deassa Binstock, Sandy Bonifield, Lynda Rhyno, Mary Ash and Laura Ecklin.
- 2. Said she needed someone to help on Wednesday evening and Deassa Binstock volunteered.

D. Training – Marilane Bergfelt

- 1. Marilane and Sue are continuing their work to streamline operations and are generating some new forms as well as revising some of the older ones.
- 2. Training Committee met and set a tentative schedule for the rest of the year. Some changes may be needed and will be adjusted as we go.
- 3. New Sampler Class was added for sessions 4 and 5. The class will consist of 2 weeks each of pre-agility, beginning rally and beginning freestyle.
- 4. Tricks and Games is returning in Session 5, Beginning Freestyle is returning in sessions 5 and 6, CGC in sessions 6 and 7 and Agility Foundation Skill/Beginning Jumpers will be in sessions 6 & 7.
- 5. Competition obedience will be in this session.

E. Building – Debbie Payton

- 1. We need to set date to clean the clubhouse, hopefully next month. A signup sheet will be put up for volunteers.

F. Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn

- 1. April 20 deadline for newsletter information

G. Publicity – Deassa Binstock

- 1. If you notice any Vets office is out of brochures, let Deassa know and she will take care of it

V. AOCNC – Mary Ash, Gerry Glantz, Sue Osborn

- A. Summer workshop, July 26 at Cal State. Napa sponsoring Rally ring. Potluck for lunch.
- B. September 21st AOCNC Seminar featuring Bergin University will be held at Napa Clubhouse. Only cost is \$10.00 for food. Each club will be allowed two working teams and three auditors.
- C. October 11th is the annual Presidents Appreciation Lunch/Meeting, place to be announced.

VI. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thanks to Joy Sedlock and Linda Kennard for the goodies tonight.
- B. Volunteers for next month are Robert Blair and Cathy Wade

VII. SUNSHINE - Deassa

- A. Ross Mini's Mother passed away.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2014 AGILITY TRIAL - Lori Jackson
 - 1. Working on Fairgrounds contract
 - 2. Still working on getting Chief Ring Stewards. Mary Ash will check with a couple of people to see if she can get some volunteers.
 - 3. Teresa and Margretha will do the Raffle
- B. May Maddness – Karen Jackson. Because of a conflict in Karen's schedule, the event has been changed to the June meeting.
- C. Still working out the details for the Adele Yunc Seminar on Sept 6 and 7. Many details still undetermined.
- D. Code of Conduct – Marilane is working with Linda's daughter and they hope to have it ready to bring to May meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Yellow ribbon project- Training committee discussed this project and are not sure where it fits into our club's program. They felt we should have information available to club members and trainees and possibly be discussed in orientations.
- B. Marsha looking for a child size soccer net, if anyone has one.
- C. 2015 VST Committee had a meeting and all preliminary plans are already made.

X. NEW MEMBERS

- A. M/S/C to accept new member Cathy Boe, and her border collie mix, Kitt. Welcome

XI. BRAGS

- A. Teresa Russell, Mary Ash and Lori Jackson shared brags with us and Cheryl Meyer introduced us to her 47th rescue dog.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:10 pm.

XIII. GUEST SPEAKER, Kelly Tracy, from the Napa County Animal Shelter, was introduced.

Respectively submitted, Gerry Glantz, Secretary



**Rally Fun Match!
Marin Humane Society**

Saturday, June 21

Check in: 7:15 a.m.

First run: 8:00 a.m.

Each run fee: \$5

Judges: Annie Humphrey, Rally Novice & Sue McGuire, Rally Advanced & Rally Excellent

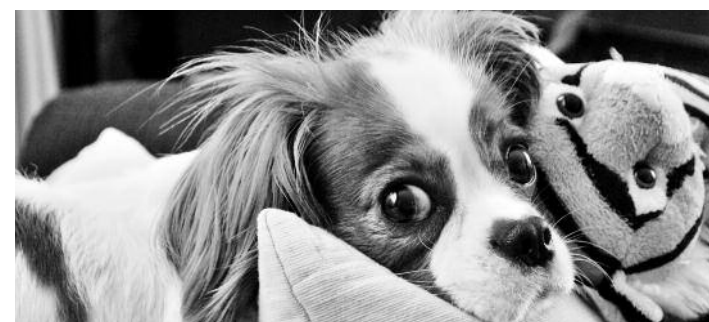
- Find out what it is like to compete in the exciting and motivating canine sport of Rally Obedience! This is your chance to gain some real life experience while running through Novice, Advanced and Excellent regulation courses. Practice at your level and check out more challenging moves.
- The Fun Match will run just like a "real" trial with judges, ring stewards and score sheets provided to participants. Handler and canine teams will learn what to expect when they decide to enter AKC competitions.

Day of participants will be accepted if space allows.

For more information call 415.506.6281 or email ohbehave@MarinHumaneSociety.org.

To register go to MarinHumaneSociety.org.

171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato
MarinHumaneSociety.org



WHO DOES WHAT:

President:

Linda Luchsinger

Vice President:

Sandy Bonifield

Treasurer:

Lori Jackson

Secretary & Past President:

Gerry Glantz

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Office:

Sue Osborn

Office Assistant/Reproduction:

Karen Jackson

Publicity & Office Assistant:

Deassa Binstock

Building:

Debbie Payton

Training:

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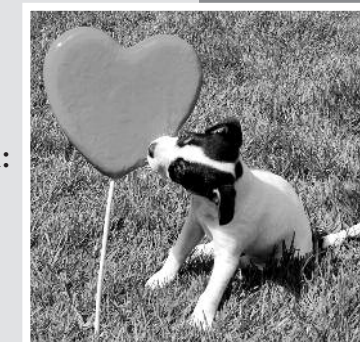
If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or has experienced a loss, please let Deassa know!

CGC:

Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:

Sue Osborn



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Leave your dog
at home.

**Next
General Meeting
Monday
May 12, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

**REMAINING SESSION
SCHEDULE FOR 2014**

April 14 - May 23 — Week off: May 26

June 2 - July 18 — Week off: June 30

(Fourth of July week mid session)

No week off between session 4 and 5

July 21 - Aug 29 —Week off: Sept 1

Sept 8 - Oct 17 — Week off: Oct 20

Oct 27 - Dec 12 — Week off: Nov 24

(Thanksgiving week mid session)

**Congratulations to recent
Board Award Recipients!**

MARCH: Joy Wood

APRIL: Marlene Soldavini

The Board Award recognizes a member on a monthly basis; someone who has been paramount in making the club a better place by what they have done latterly. Unlike the annual Service Award wherein recipients are selected by general club members, Board members make the choice for Board Award recipients—hence the name, **Board Award**.



Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the **THIRD** 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/August 2014 newsletter is June 20.**

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