



May-June 2016



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NVDTC Newsletter

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JOIN US FOR MAY MADNESS

Right after our May 9th general meeting.

Bring your non-reactive dog to the May business meeting. Must be on a 6 foot leash. Must be good with people and other dogs.

There will be several contest and games to participate in. Puzzles, dunking for hot dogs, send to mat, recall games, and a dress-up booth.

Also bring your dog in full costume to best represent "May Madness."

We plan to have a lot of fun with our dogs so come be part of the festivities.

Karen & Lori Jackson, Event Chairs

"Ask The Trainers"

**A New Column Being Launched
by Training Chair, Donna Golemon.**

If you have a training question, you can now submit it to:

AskTheTrainers@napadogtraining.org

Your questions will be sent to all our trainers for answers. You may get one response or several.

All questions and responses will then be published in the upcoming newsletter in our new column, "Ask The Trainers."

For the July/August newsletter, questions are to be submitted by June 6.

If you don't want your name included, your question will be shown as "From a member with a question." Just let us know.

Examples of questions are:

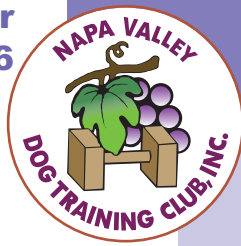
1. "Every time I ask my dog to down, how do I keep him from sitting first or not going all the way down?"
2. "When I take my dog for a walk, he pulls, and moans to play with other dogs he sees, should I let him play?"

Check back in our next issue to see everyone's questions and the trainers' answers!



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Raffle Items Needed for our June 25th Obedience & Rally Trials!

Drop off dog related or non-dog related items in the box marked "RAFFLE" located at the clubhouse.

ALSO,

if anyone has any old baskets laying around, we could use them for the gift baskets we will be putting together for these trials.



Canine Good Citizen Graduates!

On April 6th, Jane Cunningham and her dog, Bailey, a Golden Retriever she rescued from the NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue on July 17, 2015, passed their Canine Good Citizen's Test. Mary Ash was the evaluator.

Also on April 6th, Roxann Gracia and her dog, Julia, an Italian Greyhound/Minipin/Chi/Mix rescued from an 8-month stay at the Napa Animal Shelter, passed their Canine Good Citizen's Test. Jim Spiva was the evaluator.

Big Thanks to Instructor Marlene Soldavini and Napa Valley Dog Training!



The AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program is recognized as the gold standard for dog behavior. In CGC, dogs who pass the 10 step CGC test can earn a certificate and/or the official AKC CGC title. Dogs with the CGC title have the suffix, "CGC" after their names.

NVDTTC offers CGC classes throughout the year. If you are interested in taking this class, call our office (707-253-8666) to sign up on an interest list or register for the next class starting in session 4.

UPCOMING NVDTTC TRIALS:

Obedience & Rally Trials

AM & PM

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Chair: Mary Ash

Agility Trials

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Chair: Lori Jackson

Volunteers make our trials successful! Sign up to help by contacting trial chairs as shown above.



Aaron has his own facebook page: facebook.com/aaroncomfortdog/

A Delightful Presentation by K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry

Ken and Michelle Arnold joined us at our March 14 general meeting, along with Golden Retriever, Aaron, to give an in-depth presentation to NVDTC members and guests about the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry.

Each dog is assigned to his or her own church and is used to comfort those in hospice, those with dementia, senior shut-ins, those in crises, and crime victims. The ministry helped in the Valley Fire and went to Oregon to provide comfort after the Umpqua College shootings.

Lutheran Church Charities K9 Comfort Dogs are friends who bring a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help.

Aaron is the Golden affiliated with St. John's Lutheran Church in Napa, California. Aaron, born December 5, 2013, was one of the first West Coast Comfort Dogs. Today there are a total of four Golden Retrievers on the West Coast. Besides Napa, there is one in Yuba, one in Tucson and one in Las Vegas.

Aaron lives in Napa with a family known as a "Top Dog Family." This means he is the only dog in the household and that he hangs out only with "approved" friends.

The Comfort Dog Ministry began in Chicago after a shooting occurred and someone suggested to find a dog for comfort—a Golden Retriever. From this, the Ministry was born. Now, all the Golden Retrievers in the Ministry program come out of Chicago. There are currently a total of 120 Comfort Dogs in many locations as part of the Comfort Dog Ministry.

Every year there is a national convention in Chicago for the Ministry. This year Aaron will be going. By plane. Comfort Dogs are never flown in cargo. They have been trained to tuck into the footrest area in the passenger cabin. As puppies, they have been taught how to do this using a mock up of a plane.

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Training Session 4

June 6 to July 15, 2016

Week Off: July 18 - 22

Schedule subject to change

Tuesdays - 1st class: June 7

10:00 am	Adolescent Dog	Sandy
COMBINED ADO & PUPPY ORIENTATION: June 7 at 10 AM**		
11:00 am	Puppy	Sandy
COMBINED ADO & PUPPY ORIENTATION: June 7 at 10 AM**		
4:30 pm	Paws 4 Fitness (Freestyle for Senior Dogs)	Judy
Paws 4 Fitness is a RETURNING class		
5:30 pm	Freestyle Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Canine Good Citizen	Mary
Canine Good Citizen is a RETURNING class		

Wednesdays - 1st class: June 8

9:00 am	Good Manners 1	Kim
10:00 am	Good Manners 2	Kim
11:00 am	Advanced Obedience	Kim
Advanced Obedience is a RETURNING class		
5:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Donna
WED 5 & 7 PM COMBINED ADO ORIENTATION: June 8 at 7 PM**		
6:00 pm	Puppy	Donna
WED 6 & 8 PM WED PUPPY ORIENTATION: June 8 at 6 PM**		
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Marilane
WED 5 & 7 PM COMBINED ADO ORIENTATION: June 8 at 7 PM**		
8:00 pm	Puppy	Marilane
WED 6 & 8 PM WED PUPPY ORIENTATION: June 8 at 6 PM**		

Thursdays - 1st class (except as noted): June 9

10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Capital Canines	Pat White
Meets every other week — First meeting: June 9		
10:00 am	Rally-All Levels*	Mary
Meets every other week — First meeting: June 16		
6:00 pm	Rally-All Levels*	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Linda
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	TBA

Fridays - 1st class June 10

6:00 pm	Mighty Mights GM 1	Vange
Mighty Mights is a RETURNING class		
FRI MIGHTY MIGHTS ORIENTATION: JUNE 10 at 7 PM**		

*CONTINUED CLASS

****NOTE:
DO NOT bring dogs to orientation.**

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.

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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTTC?



Members:
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 via MailChimp online. Contact the [newsletter editor](#) for the link typing "Mailchimp Emails" in the subject line.

Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs your heart is very big.

Places To Take Your Dog

Napa Humane's Pawsport, Napa Valley!

The only dog-friendly, passport-style wine tasting event in Napa Valley is back—for dog lovers who love wine and wine lovers who love dogs!

Pawsport Napa Valley, benefiting Napa Humane, will take place Thursday, May 12 through Sunday, May 15 at many of the Valley's most prominent and most dog-friendly wineries.

See more at:

dogtrekker.com/Story/Napa-Humane-Pawsport-Napa-Valley-is-Back

Where do you take your dog?

What places do you like? What places are not so good?

Send your response to the newsletter editor by the 20th of each even numbered month (February, April, June, August, October, December). Your responses will be added to our Places To Take Your Dog feature in upcoming newsletters.

Passport-Style Wine Event featuring 17 dog-friendly Napa Valley Wineries!

May 12-15, 2016

A benefit for Napa Humane

BUY TICKETS

Agility is a Contact Sport!

by Christy Rose

I was running Rollo, my intact grand champion Boston in excellent standard. He has a bad habit of veering off in the chute and coming out very crooked. Recently, on a Sunday, this was no exception, and at the same nano second he exited the chute my left foot was swinging forward and neatly went BETWEEN his hind legs. His balls were smooshed into my ankle and the top of my foot was supporting his undercarriage. I deftly launched him in a graceful arc that placed him in perfect position to take the next jump, which he did, faster than he ever has in his whole life! He then took the final jump and we were done.

All I could think of was the song my husband used to sing to me about "Drop kick me Jesus through the goalposts of life."

I have no idea why I didn't fall on my ass as unexpectedly balancing a 16.5 lb Boston on your foot in mid stride is no easy task for a mature lady such as myself! I suppose I should be grateful he didn't howl in mid-flight or stop to inspect his manly parts upon landing!

I am so bummed that there was no videographer and no



photographer there to record it, but the image is forever burned into my brain.

I spoke to the judge at the end of class and he said that was a first for him, and that stunt didn't NQ Rollo as I didn't do it to aid my dog, he ran into me! Too bad he messed up the weaves or he would have been okay and earned a leg.



NVDTC's March 13, 2016 Variable Surface Tracking TEST

by Debbie Crain, Chief Tracklayer

Well there are 2 dog/handler teams who can no longer say 13 is an unlucky number. Our 5-dog VST test on March 13 this year had 4 exhibitors. One team had to withdraw at the last minute.

Dog #1 was also pass #1. Congratulations to Kyla Smay and Rhys, now CT Jamaica Certain Something RN, BN, CGC. Rhys had a lovely start and then ran into some difficulty at his 1st turn. It was a left MOT turn onto an asphalt road that he strongly indicated, but then he seemed to change his mind. Kyla did a great job of letting him work it out and in due course the team proceeded along the grass fringe paralleling the road. The track soon made a right turn that we hoped they wouldn't miss. Rhys did a great job of working himself over to the right side of the road, tracked to the corner, made the corner, and boy they were off. He did a super job after that. His 1st intermediate article was on this 3rd leg and he quickly found it. His 2nd intermediate article was missing; however, the Judges could see that Rhys gave it a good search. When Rhys got to the final article nothing happened! (Kyla thought it was their 3rd article.) As we all waited with bated breath Kyla watered her dog, and then finally lifted the article over her head. The gallery erupted in cheers. Kyla later admitted that she hadn't noticed the #4 until she raised the article and heard the cheering. She was surprised to realize that they had just passed their VST!

Dog #2 was a Golden Retriever Dog who will soon be passing their VST, just not today. He did a good tracking job, but Mom was really worried about his interest in the squirrels. It had been raining all morning but had let up at the start of track 2. The squirrels all came out to find food before it started raining again and the Golden definitely noticed that they were there. They did not prevent him from tracking well on the first 3 legs, but he had difficulty with corner 3 and went off track.

Dog #3 was our 2nd pass of the day. Congratulations to Kaye Hall and CT Julot Le Flair Giaia Kuymal SAR-W. It was such a lovely sight to see. Julot is a 12-year old Belgian who earned his VST in 2010. Kaye thought we might not be able to fill this year's test and thought it would be nice to go tracking again with Julot. He is no



longer the wild and crazy boy he used to be, but more of a staid elder gentleman—who still knows what tracking is all about. It was especially poignant because Kaye and Julot are members of our Napa Valley Club. Julot had trouble at the beginning of the track. He wasn't really confident on his first 2 corners. He went quite a way in the wrong direction on corner 2 and then worked his way back and made the corner correctly. He leaned in and was tracking strongly on this 3rd leg, found the 1st intermediate article, and the gallery felt that he really had a chance now. Near the end of the 3rd leg, they stopped. Kaye turned around, and called to the judges. Oh no! Those of us in the gallery thought she had run into trouble and was calling it quits just when he was tracking well. Turns out there was someone on a patio, which we in the gallery couldn't see, who was calling out. Kaye thought it was the judges calling to her. After clearing that up they tracked nicely to the 3rd corner, which

was the Moment of Truth (MOT), that Julot had no trouble with. The last 2 legs and articles were no problem at all and cheering soon erupted. I was especially tearful since I had helped Kaye work with Julot when he was a puppy and adolescent dog.

Dog #4 was another Belgian, this time a bitch. She had trouble with her first turn that was the MOT. She indicated that the track moved out into the parking lot, but didn't go far enough to find the corner. She then worked back and found a corner that wasn't there. She will definitely be getting her VST in a short time.

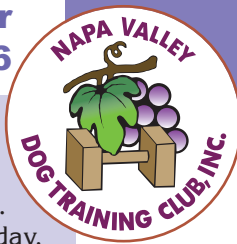
It was great to have 2 passes especially after the judges and tracklayers had so much weather to contend with. I especially want to thank our wonderful judges: Marge Schultz and Mitzi Young. Our great tracklayers were Diane Cosgrove, Sue Osborn, Donna Goleman, and Lizanne Kaiser. Talk about dedicated tracklayers. Every time they came in on Saturday they looked like drowned rats and yet they were cheerful and looking forward to track laying again on Sunday (in more rain!). Two of our tracklayers were from the local club, one was a volunteer (who called me offering her services unsolicited) from the East Bay, and one was a former club member who drove down from Oregon. What dedication to the sport, especially under such wet conditions. Our Test Secretary, Barb Niemann always does a wonderful job but this year went above and beyond. I had to have unexpected surgery 2 weeks before the test so Barb volunteered to take on my job **continued on page 6**

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on Saturday under those ugly, rainy conditions. She was also our official photographer on Sunday. Thanks Barb! Our tracking chairperson, Linda Wargo, did a great job keeping us all on track and driving Marge to and from the airport. Committee member Linda Kennard was our driver both Saturday and Sunday. Gerry Glantz did a good job holding down the fort, like she always does.

Ask anyone who's been out here for a test: the grounds are wonderful, the people are great, and the pass rate is impressive: 4 passes in 5 years. Maybe next year your dog will get a chance to pass here.

Online Reading Topics:

Recommended by members.

Go to www.nvdtc.org/readinglist or click on a headline below to read more about the following topics:

7 Things Reactive Dog Owners Want You To Know

Two of the seven discussed in this article are "Responsibility is a two way street," and "We're sorry we cannot greet or chat." What are the rest?

BLOAT: A Major Breakthrough!

This article is about a study, focusing on Great Danes, that was done with the help of Dane owners who enrolled their dogs, answered lots of questions, and sent samples for testing.

Pet Store Puppies: Why You Shouldn't Rescue One

Because it's sad to see pet store puppies in cages, many people want to "rescue" them by buying them. While the intentions of these people are good, buying dogs helps pet stores stay in business, perpetuating the cycle of thousands more puppies being raised in puppy mills and then sold in stores.

Apple Cider Vinegar: A Natural Flea Preventative

A natural flea killer is likely sitting in your pantry right now: apple cider vinegar. It can be an inexpensive alternative to pricey medications, and it's easy to use.



TROPHY SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS

The 2016 Obedience and Rally Trials are just around the corner. Support is needed to ensure this year's events are successful.

Your donation as part of the Trophy Sponsorship helps to defer costs and provides quality awards to high scoring competitors.

Your favorite dog, breed, person or purpose will be included in the trial catalog, which is given to all competitors. A poster thanking all sponsors will be at the event and clubhouse, plus we hope to include pictures from supporters to honor their loved ones.

Please fill out the form by going to:

napadogtraining.org/pdfs/NVDTC-2016TrophySponsorship.pdf

and return it, with your donation, to Joy Wood.

Thank you for your support of the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.

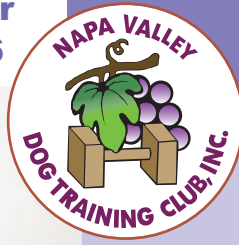
Comfort Dogs Ministry continued from page 3

Only Golden Retrievers are used in the Comfort Dog Ministry. Training is done only with praise and treats are not used. The first 15 months of a Golden's life is spent training, very much like the training done for a service dog. However, unlike a service dog vest labeled with "Don't Touch Me, Ministry dog vests say "Please Pet Me."

Ministry Dogs are taught basic commands in English, Spanish and for the military. The cost for each trained Golden in the program is \$15,000. This covers training and their first year of care.

With 11 different facilities in Napa Aaron visits to offer comforting, each with its own specialty, Aaron is deployed somewhere *every day!*





April 11, 2016 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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

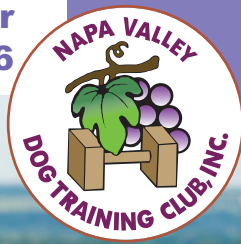


www.nvdtc.org/meeting

Before the meeting was called to order there was a guest speaker giving a nose work demonstration. It was presented by Jennifer Burns and Donna Golemon. Jennifer is scheduled as a new trainer for the club in nose work. Demonstration explained what nose work is, how it is trained and about trials. Jennifer had two dogs come into the building and find hidden scents. Nose work is fun and dogs seem to enjoy it, and it is becoming a growing sport because any dog can do it. And they are really good at it!

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM
2. Minutes approved – motion made, seconded, and approved
3. Treasurer - Lori Jackson
 - a. Checking \$11,503.62
 - b. Money Market Account \$22,215
 - c. AT&T bill increased – Board will discuss at next board meeting
 - d. Treasurer's report - motion made, seconded, and approved
4. Joy Wood presented this month's give away – a bird house from LIXIT. Members guessed how many steel balls were in a jar. Anita received the bird house – off by only one count
5. Board report – Joy Wood
 - a. Joy Wood said that 2 people resigned due to time constraints, Risha Martin and Pat Martin. Board members had found 2 people to fill vacancies, Karen Jackson, and Roxanne Gracia. Karen Jackson will do the building, and Roxanne Gracia will do membership.
 - b. Board meetings will now start at 6 PM. Board to discuss re conflict if there is a Monday night class.
6. Vice President – Mary Ash
 - a. Office – needs volunteers to work Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see Mary Ash if you want to help.
 - b. Sometimes there is an issue if two people are working in office at the same time. Mary Ash will set up 2 tables to help people work in same room without disturbing each other.
- c. Speakers – May Madness is Karen Jackson. Karen Jackson needs to reschedule cleaning around her needs for use of space.
7. Membership – Roxanne Gracia
 - a. New rosters will be available next month. Roxanne Gracia is working on this.
 - b. Roxanne Gracia presented 3 new members, Anne Stanley and Tiffany Wilson and Jennifer Burns. The 3 new members were welcomed to the club - motion made, seconded, and approved.
8. Building – Karen Jackson
 - a. Karen Jackson is now in charge of building.
 - b. Marilane had requested to cover the sky lights for her upcoming seminar. There is no way to do this, and the management company cannot do this. Marilane will be asked to set up in the far corner away from light.
 - c. Karen Jackson was told to go ahead and buy any supplies she needs.
9. Training – Donna Golemon
 - a. This is an off week. Third session is next week with some specialty classes.
10. Newsletter – Sue Osborn was absent
11. AOCNC – Gerry Glanz
 - a. Gerry has meeting on April 16. Goal is to get plans finalized for summer workshop on July 23 or 30, 2016. Notification will be sent out. Club will sponsor ring – need 3 or 4 volunteers to help with this. Need help judging, too. Please volunteer if you can and let Gerry know. Ring would need to be Beginning Novice, Novice or Rally. Jim Spiva said he could be a volunteer.
12. Hospitality
 - a. Karen Jackson and Lori Jackson will do for May.
 - b. Thanks to Frances Anamosa and Maria Giacico for April.
13. Old Business
 - a. 2016 Obedience Trial
 - i. Mary Ash reported that a judge had personal issues and cannot make the trial. She is having trouble getting another judge. Mary Ash has

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you can view all of
NVDC's 2016 training
sessions on a full year
calendar?

Download a printable
PDF from our classes
page:

nvdc.org/classes.htm

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called and left messages to try and find someone. The premium has to be sent by May 1, 2016.

14. Committee Reports

- a. Raffle – Dee is not here tonight. Joy has brought box to collect raffle donations for trial.
- b. Trophy donations – Joy Wood made a trophy sponsorship request form. Forms were passed out at the meeting.
- c. Hospitality – not much to report until closer in time. Joy Wood will later request donations for lunch.
- d. Ribbons and Awards – Roxanne Gracia has ordered ribbons, and they are here.
- e. Obedience Trial for 2017
 - i. Club asked if they want to have one so can start looking for judges now. Vange Leonis asked if club had thought of doing a match instead. Club is AKC affiliated and has to do a certain number of events per year including workshops, fun matches, and trials. Club members discussed club's goals for trials and that it needs full support of the members to hold these trials.
 - ii. Gerry Glanz said that club would need to let committee choose location of trial and make other major decisions.
 - iii. Karen Jackson said she would like to be on the committee.
 - iv. Gerry Glanz volunteered to chair the trial in 2017, but she said she would need support in planning and execution.
 - v. Mary Ash said she would be on the committee.
 - vi. Joy Wood will also be on the committee.
 - vii. Members were asked if they would support the committee's decision on

where to hold the trial. Joy Wood asked for a show of hands and the majority of people raised their hands in agreement.

15. Agility Trial

- a. Meeting has not been held.
- b. Karen Jackson and Lori Jackson will do hospitality.
- c. Club member will be chief ring steward.
- d. Committee will discuss details.

16. Member Building Usage

- a. Pat Martin will continue to do this
- b. Sue Osborn is in charge of Organization Building Usage.

17. New Business

- a. Mary Ash had reported seeing fleas. Frances Anamosa did the research on who could come and do the work. Duff's Pest Control will come in and spray on 4-12-16.
- b. Mary Ash recommended doing a summer social at July member meeting. Club would supply the meats. People could bring a side dish to share. Meeting would be more of a member appreciation event. The Club would then be doing something for the members.
- c. December Holiday Party – board talked about having it be more of a party – a social party to have fun and new game for the party.
- d. Duck Tollers have asked to rent equipment. They would need to sign a Rental agreement for baby gates for \$25 a day and mats for \$100 for week-end. Joy discussed these fees with them and the difficulty of using and moving the mats. She has paperwork ready for them. Show is at fairgrounds in October 2016. Board member would go to storage shed with them. Motion made to rent them mats and gates, seconded and approved.
- e. Vange Leonis said there are now new gently used things and some new things for people to buy. Some things have prices on them. Money goes to club 100%. Marilane donated steps for a dog with ramps on the other side. Vange Leonis suggested using it first to see if we like it.
- f. Brags – Lori Morris has a new puppy named Luke. Jack had a sniffing dog Q in container search and area search. Donna and Ulvi had an excellent title and high combined for sniffing dog sports/nose work at the trial.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances A. Anamosa, Secretary

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Next Meeting:
MAY 9, 2016 • 6:30 PM
JOIN US FOR MAY MADNESS!

See page 1 for more details.

*This time you CAN bring your dog.
Must be good with people and other dogs.*

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 edition!

email to: news@napadogtraining.org



Submission deadline for the
JULY/AUGUST 2016 newsletter
is JUNE 20, 2016.

Send to: news@napadogtraining.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FOURTH* 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 posted at the club.



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