

NOVEMBER 2008

TATTLE TAILS



club newsletter

www.NapaDogTraining.org

Have some fun with your dog!

November 10th NVDTC DOG OLYMPICS

As a special treat for our members, we are inviting everyone to bring a dog to the November general meeting!

We will be sharing our club night with our four-legged friends by offering some fun and games for the doggies. After the business meeting, we invite you to test your buddy against our "olympic-style" trials.

Expect races, recalls, and a *Find Your Owner* game!
Basic rules are:

1. One dog per handler (dog should be able to withstand close quarters with strangers and strange dogs).
2. All dogs must be kept on leash at all times unless "in competition" or crated.
3. Have fun! Other rules we will make up as we need.



CHRISTMAS PARADE!

Who wants to participate in
The 45th Annual Downtown Napa Christmas Parade?

Nov. 29th • 5pm - 9pm • Set-up 3pm

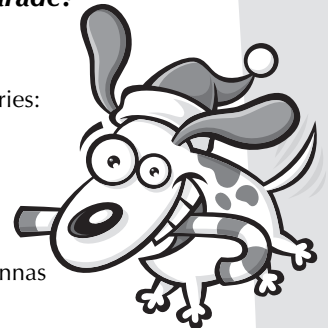
Judging: Prizes will be awarded in the following Categories:
Most or Best use of Lights \$500
Most Enthusiasm \$500
Best Theme-related \$500

We could go with Most Enthusiasm.
50 dogs and handlers: Dogs dressed in Christmas Bandannas
Handlers wearing matching sweatshirts, etc.
Could be pretty easy and fun.

If interested there is a sign-up sheet at the club.

Let's see how many people we can get by the next meeting!

Contact Joy Wood through the club, 253-8666, for more information.



Happy Thanksgiving!



Napa Valley Dog Training Club
(707) 253-8666
Clubhouse: 68 Coombs St., Bldg N
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA

Officers

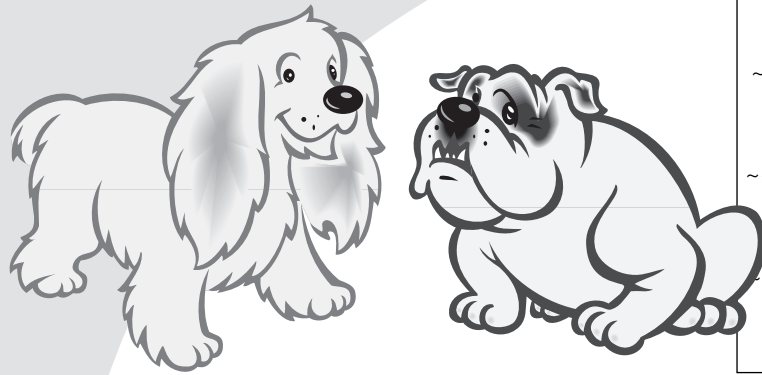
President: Laura Ecklin
Vice President: Joy Wood
Treasurer: Lynda Rhyno
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Immediate Past President: Linda Luchsinger

Board Members

Mary Ash
Janet Davis
Kelly Finn
Gary Walker

Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



2009 Training Session Schedule

Session	Beginning Date	Ending Date
1	January 5th	February 20th
~~~~~ Week off between sessions 1 & 2: Feb. 23-27 ~~~~~		
2	March 2nd	April 17th
~~~~~ No Week Off Between Session 2 & 3 ~~~~~		
3	April 20th	June 5th
~~~~~ Week off between sessions 3 & 4: June 8-12 ~~~~~		
4	June 15th	July 31st
~~~~~ Week off between sessions 4 & 5: August 3-7 ~~~~~		
5	August 10th	September 25th
~~~~~ Week off between sessions 5 & 6: Sept. 28-Oct 2 ~~~~~		
6	October 5th	November 20th

### TRAINING SESSION 1 FOR 2009 • January 5 - February 20, 2009

DAY	TIME	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Adv Obedience	Teresa
	7:00 p.m.	Adv Obedience	Teresa
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	GM I	Lea
	6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Lea
	7:00 p.m.	GM I	Laura
	8:00 p.m.	GM II	Laura / Joy
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CGC	Sandy
	10:00 a.m.	GM I	Sandy
	11:00 a.m.	GM II	Sandy
	6:00 p.m.	Adv Agility	Katherine Rhyno, Provisional
	7:00 p.m.	Int Agility	Laura
	8:00 p.m.	Jumpers I	Le-Ann Elgie
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Rally - TBD	Mary
	10:30 a.m.	Rally - TBD	Mary
	5:00 p.m.	Rally - TBD	Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Rally - TBD	Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Rally - TBD	Mary
	8:00 p.m.	Rally - TBD	Mary
Friday	5:30 p.m.	CGC	Teresa
	6:30 p.m.	GM I	Kelly / Marilane
	7:30 p.m.	Puppy	Kelly / Marilane

**Class Fees  
(7-weeks):  
Members* &  
Non-Members  
\$115**

**Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100**

All sessions run  
7 weeks,  
one time per week  
at the day &  
time shown  
for 50 minutes.

Please call  
the club at

**707-253-8666**

to check class  
availability  
and to register.

**Members have the  
opportunity to earn vouchers  
to offset cost of classes.*

Check [www.dogscandance.com](http://www.dogscandance.com) for current Dogs Can Dance!™ scheduling of classes.



# Upcoming Events

Check out [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com), [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com), [www.k9wag.com](http://www.k9wag.com), and [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) for additional details for listings shown below and for information on additional conformation shows, obedience and agility trials, tracking tests, field trials, etc.

## AKC Events:

San Luis Obispo Kennel Club

AB/O/JSHW/Rally

Paso Robles

Sun 11/16/2008

Closes: Wed 10/29

San Joaquin Kennel Club

RLY/AB/O/JSHW

Stockton

Sun 11/23/2008 & 11/24/2008

Closes: Wed 11/05

California Collie Clan, Inc.

HRTR

Auburn

Sat 11/29/2008

Closes: Wed 11/12

Sacramento Dog Training Club

VST

Sacramento

Sun 11/30/2008

Closes: Thu 11/20

German Shorthaired Pointer Club

of Northern Sacramento Valley

FT

Marysville

Thu 12/04/2008

Closes: Sat 11/29

Golden Gate Dachshund Club,

Inc.

FT

Vacaville

Sat 12/13/2008 &

Sun 12/14/2008

Pending

San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc.

AB/O/JSHW

San Mateo

Sun 12/28/2008

Closes: Wed 12/10

Oakland Kennel Club

AB/JSHW

San Mateo

Tue 12/30/2008

Closes: Wed 12/10

## Other Events:

Western Agility Group

AG

Elk Grove

November 28-30 2008

Closes: November 19

Western Agility Group

AG

December 27-28, 2008

Elk Grove

Closes: 12/22

Western Agility Group

AG

Elk Grove

January 3-4, 2009

Closes: 12/24/08

Haute Dawgs Agility Group

AG

Elk Grove

January 17-18, 2009

Closes 1/5/2009

Western Agility Group

AG

Elk Grove

Jan 31-Feb 1, 2009

Closes: 1/21/09

Western Agility Group

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Elk Grove

Feb 20-221, 2009

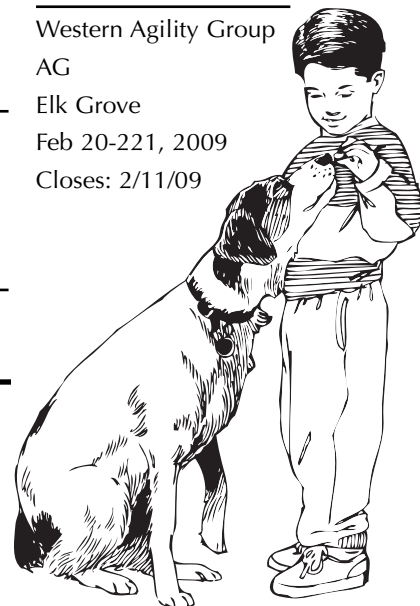
Closes: 2/11/09

## ABBREVIATIONS

AB	All Breed
AG	Agility
FT	Field Trials
HRTS	Herding Trial
HRTR	Herding Test
JSHW	Junior Showmanship
LB	Limited Breed
O	Obedience
PS	Parent Specialty
RLY	Rally
S	Specialty
SWPC	Sweepstakes, Conformation
VST	Variable Surface Tracking

*"There is something to be said at how quickly a dog makes friends in comparison to a human."*

*—Anonymous*



# Election of '09 Officers & Board Members

Election of NVDTC officers and board members for 2009 will take place at the November general membership meeting! Slate is shown below:

**President:** Laura Ecklin

**Vice President:** Joy Woods

**Treasurer:** Lynda Rhyno

**Secretary:** Sue Osborn

**Past President:** Linda Luchsinger

**Board Member:** Mary Ash

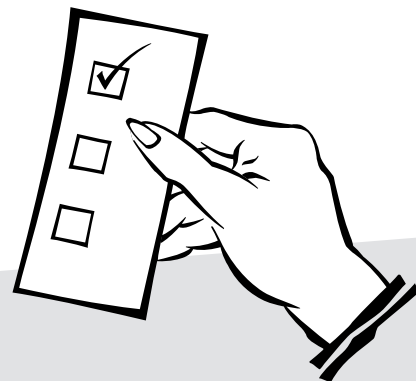
**Board Member:** Sandy Bonifield

**Board Member:** Janet Davis

**Board Member:** Marlene Soldavini

**Board Member:** Gary Walker

*A total of four board members to be elected.*



# NVDTC General Membership October Meeting

## 10/13/08 Meeting Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Laura Ecklin, President, called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Board Members present: Linda Luchsinger, Mary Ash, Janet Davis, Laura Ecklin, Kelly Finn, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, Gary Walker, & Joy Wood.

**II. MINUTES**—M/S/C to accept minutes from the September 8, 2008 general meeting as published in the October newsletter.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lynda Rhyno

- A. Checking: \$9,799
- B. Money Market: \$8,932
- C. CD: \$11,250
- D. M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Comparative financial statement passed out to membership.
  1. NVDTC is in very good shape financially.
  2. Fee increases and vouchers both working well.
- B. Financial report to be presented at membership meetings at least quarterly.

### V. TRAINING, Kelly Finn

- A. Schedule for 2009 has been set; there will be six sessions.
- B. First session starts January 5th, 2008.
- C. No break between sessions two and three.
- D. New schedule, sessions 1 and 2 for 2009 to be posted on the web.

### VI. OFFICE/CASHIERS, Mary Ash

- A. Cashiers are all lined up for this session.
- B. If anyone is interested in working in the office, contact Mary Ash.

### VII. BUILDING, Gary Walker

- A. There are no issues. All is fine.
- B. Marilane and her son are doing a good job keeping the building clean.

### VIII. 2009 OBEDIENCE TRIAL, Mary Ash

- A. Linda Luchsinger is Chief Obedience Steward; Diane Parness is Chief Rally Steward.
- B. Venue not yet selected, definitely will not be at Napa Expo.
- C. There will be two shows in one day.
- D. Judges have been secured. Mary Ash to submit write up about judges for newsletter.
- E. Obedience trial committee needs to meet.

### IX. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- A. All meetings dates for the upcoming year outlined at AOCNC's last meeting.
- B. Gerry has volunteered NVDTC to run the utility ring in February at AOCNC's Annual Workshop. Volunteers needed.
- C. AOCNC is looking at putting on another seminar in 2009 and is open to suggestions.
- D. Emergency Dog Packs are still available through the company. Gerry asked for volunteers to coordinate a display and someone to do legwork on making packs available to members for purchase.
  1. Marlene volunteered to help with a display (to include a card for people to fill out if interested); Mary Joy volunteered to help with legwork.
  2. Gerry to put something in the newsletter to see if there is enough interest from members to purchase packs.

### X. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

- A. Deadline for newsletter articles is the 20th of the month.
- B. A day-to-day scheduling calendar has been added to the website.
- C. Domain registration has been renewed and includes both napavalleydogtraining.org and napavalleydogtraining.com making it easier

for visitors to find NVDTC on the web.

### XI. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis

- A. Janet posted announcement for tonight's speaker with the Napa Valley Register.
- B. Janet will pass out club information at the St. Helena Harvest Festival on Oct. 18th.

### XII. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thank you to Sue Bunte and Aimee Nelson for tonight's hospitality!
- B. Chris Mayer and Mary Ash volunteered for November's hospitality.

### XIII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy

- A. Steve Moulds in rally class underwent a heart procedure, a card was sent to him.
- B. Mary Joy asked members to donate Christmas cards. They can be left at the club any time all year.
- C. Mary Joy acknowledged Teresa Russell for writing the article for the October newsletter about Annie the herding dog.

**XIV. SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS**—If anyone has ideas let Joy Wood know. The goal is to have a speaker at least quarterly.

### XV. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

1. The following members and positions were presented by the nominating committee: President: Laura Ecklin; Vice President: Joy Wood; Secretary: Sue Osborn; Treasurer: Lynda Rhyno; Board Members: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Janet Davis and Gary Walker. Immediate past president: Linda Luchsinger.
2. Marlene Soldavini accepted nomination from the floor for position of board member.
3. A ballot will be worked up for the November meeting; nomination information will be published in the newsletter.

#### B. BY-LAWS

1. Laura has thoroughly reviewed Bylaws.
2. Bylaws will be published in newsletter to be voted on at the November meeting.

#### C. HARVEST FESTIVAL IN ST. HELENA, OCT. 18

1. Many have volunteered to help, however more volunteers are appreciated.
2. Janet Davis will have club literature available.
3. Rally, obedience and agility demos will start after parade—between 11:30 and 12.

#### D. PLAY DAY EVENT

1. A committee (Linda Wargo, Tersea Russell, Vange Leonis, and Karen Jackson) is organizing the event to be held on November 10th after the meeting.
2. M/S/C for request from committee for \$50 for purchase of prizes.
3. There will be more information about event in newsletter.

#### E. YEAR END DINNER

1. Planning is in final stages; dinner will be February 7th or February 21st.
2. Any one who received awards in 2008, get them to Linda Luchsinger as soon as possible even though December 31st is deadline. Form will be available on the website.
3. Kelly will be organizing a skit and is looking for volunteers. Laura volunteered to help.
4. Dinner will be at the Wine Train again, sign up soon due to capacity limit of 64 people.
5. Information will be in next newsletter if Kelly can get the information to Sue in time.
6. Kelly working on a budget which she will present at next meeting.
7. Menu items can be selected on the night of the dinner.



8. Kelly to check on corkage fee.

**F. SERVICE AWARD**

- 1. Marilane will forward club service award information to Sue for newsletter.
- 2. Mary Ash will send information on Service Award committee to Sue for newsletter.

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PURCHASE OF TABLES & CHAIRS**

- 1. M/S/C for club to purchase six new tables and 10 new chairs.
- 2. Mary Ash will purchase.

**B. DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

- 1. All those interested in participating to contact Joy Wood.
- 2. Announcement about parade will be made in classes.
- 3. Joy will put up a sign up sheet and send information about parade to Sue for the newsletter.
- 4. Only dogs that can handle crowds should participate.

**C. KATHY SDAO SEMINARS FOR 2009**

- 1. Clicker training, how dogs learn
- 2. Kelly Finn looking into.

**D. AGILITY COURSE ANALYSIS WORKSHOP**

- 1. November 1, 2008, Noon to six.
- 2. Ellen Gariaeff has information and flyer, contact her for details.

**XVII. MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:25 p.m. followed by a very knowledgeable presentation by Dr. Ohm on holistic nutrition and acupuncture.

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Osborn, Secretary



**Napa Valley Dog Training Club in action at the St. Helena Hometown Harvest Festival, Saturday November 18th.**



Photos courtesy of Lea Ronald

# NVDTC's Bylaw Revisions:

Bylaws will be reviewed, discussed and voted on at the November 10th, 2008 general membership meeting. AKC insisted on a "secret" vote for changes to the bylaws, as well as for approving new members

To expedite the vote—latest changes to the bylaws are shown below.

The full version is available at [www.nvdtc.org/bylaws/](http://www.nvdtc.org/bylaws/).

*To achieve a quorum, we must have 20% of our membership present at the November General Meeting, and a 2/3 affirmative vote is required for these final changes to be approved. Please help us move forward and attend our next meeting to vote. Thank you!*

## Article I Club Membership

### Section 3 Election to Membership

Each applicant for membership will apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors and which will provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Club's Constitution and Bylaws and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. The application will state the name, ~~and~~ address, and occupation of the applicant, ~~and~~ the names and breeds of dogs owned, and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying this application, the prospective member will submit annual dues.

- a) All applications are to be filed with the Secretary or Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Each application is to be read at the first General Club Meeting attended by the applicant. At this time, the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes by secret ballot from ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ two-thirds (2/3) of the members present ~~is~~ are required to elect the applicant to membership. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the applicant may / may not be requested to leave the room while the vote is taken.
- b) Following the approval, the newly affirmed member will receive a copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and club policies, thereby agreeing to abide to the rules and regulations set forth by this Club.

Applicants for membership, who have been rejected by the Club, may not reapply within six-months (6) after such rejection.

## Article II Meetings and Voting

### Section 2 Special Club Meetings

Special Club Meetings may be called by a quorum of the Board of Directors or by the Secretary upon written receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings will be held in Napa County at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting will be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice will state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. A quorum for such meetings will be twenty percent (20%) by a majority vote of the voting general membership in good standing present, unless otherwise noted in these Bylaws.

## Article III Board of Directors and Officers

### Section 1 Board of Directors

*(previously approved revisions 11-02 & 11-07)*

The organization and its affairs will be governed by the membership through its Board of Directors. These directors will perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and any other parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Each director has a duty to Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. to perform in good faith, in a manner that is in the best interest of the organization, and with the reasonable care of an

ordinary prudent person under similar circumstances.

- a) The Board of Directors will number 9 members, and will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four additional club members in good standing, nominated and subsequently elected from the general membership.
- b) All directors will have voting privileges.
- c) The ~~Immediate~~ Past President is considered a director with voting privileges subsequent to serving for one (1) year immediately after his/her term, providing the officer completed his/her full term. ~~Upon completion of this one year term and in order to remain on the Board, the Immediate past President must seek reelection to the Board of Directors as a member of the general membership.~~

### Section 1B Authority

*(previously approved revisions 11-02 & 11-07)*

The Board of Directors will have full power and authority over the affairs of the organization, except for the election and removal of officers and directors which will be done by the general membership. The Board will have the power to make and act upon financial decisions (including the appropriation of group equipment) in expenditures of less than two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) without concurrence of the membership, but at the next meeting of the Club will report their actions. The Board will submit all other expenditures, except in the case of an emergency, for consideration of the membership for approval. At its discretion and with a proper vote, the Board may add or dissolve committees (other than those noted in these Bylaws) as they deem necessary. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee.

## Article IV Committees

### Section 4 Terminating Committees & Removal of Committee Members

*(previously approved rev 11-02)*

Any appointed committee (other than those noted in these Bylaws) and/or committee member may be terminated with or without cause by a quorum vote of the Board of Directors. Upon written notice to the appointee, the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated. All committees are subject to the final authority of the board.

## Article VII Amendments

### Section 2 Approval of Amendments

*(previously approved revision 11-07)*

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) secret vote of the general membership present at any General or Special Club Meeting provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and each member has the opportunity to review the amendments at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

# '09 Rally & Obedience Trials

NVDTC's 2009 Rally/Obedience Trials will be held on Saturday, June 20th. At this time we have not yet decided where to hold the Trials. As in 2008 we will be holding two Trials on the same day, one the morning and one in the afternoon.

The Committee consists of the following: Mary Ash: Trial Chairperson, Linda Luchsinger: Chief Ring Steward (Obedience), Diane Parness: Chief Ring Steward (Rally), Equipment & Grounds: Gary Walker, Hospitality: Bobbie Honsvick, Ribbons & Trophies: Joy Wood, Trophy Sponsorships: Mary Joy Davis.

Our judges and the classes they are judging are: Cathy Dutra: AM Rally, PM Novice A & Utility B, Ron Simmons: AM Novice A & Utility B, PM Novice B & Open A, Mike Bavilacqua: AM Novice B & Open A, PM Open B & Utility A, Noelle Pilat: AM Open B & Utility A, PM Rally.

Submitted by Mary Ash



## Emergency Packs

The Club is once again preparing to order emergency dog packs through AOCNC at a reduced rate. They will be available to members, students and friends. The cost will likely be about \$65 based on our last price. Payment will be required when you place your order.

If you are interested please contact Mary Joy at 707-226-3035 or e-mail MRAKJOY@aol.com and put "Back Pack" in the subject line. Exact cost will be available soon.

## Thank you Dr. Ohm!



*Dr. Ohm joined us at the October general meeting to share his in-depth knowledge, special cases, stories, and information on holistic diets and acupuncture. He also handed out information on diets and a list of recommended books to read. Dr. Ohm was very well received as was evident by the many questions everyone had for him!*

Dale Olm DVM and his wife, Shelby Riddle DVM, have been in practice since graduating from Cornell University in 1986. They opened Southampton Pet Hospital in 1992. They see dogs, cats, rabbits and pocket pets.

Dr. Olm practiced general medicine and surgery in Manhattan before relocating to the Bay Area with Dr. Riddle. Dr. Olm is certified in veterinary acupuncture by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society and is a charter member of the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture.

He has pursued advanced training in Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine and herbology.

Both are general practitioners, following pets from their pediatric years to their geriatric years.

As part of their conventional practice, they offer regular veterinary services, such as medicine and general surgery, dentistry, radiology/X-rays, immunization/vaccination and other preventive medicine.

For those who seek an "alternative" approach, they offer acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, homeopathic medical treatment, therapeutic spinal manipulation and dietary/nutritional counseling (home prepared food). Much of alternative medicine is actually "complementary" to western medicine. They work with clients and patients who desire a mix of both areas and those that desire a strictly alternative approach.

Many of their cases involve chronic and degenerative conditions where conventional therapy has been inadequate or ineffective or where the patient cannot tolerate conventional treatments or medications, and situations where they provide "quality of life" support and comfort to the patient in the final chapters of life.

***NVDTC's Guidelines and Procedures are now available online at [www.nvdtc.org](http://www.nvdtc.org) under resources.***





**Next General Meeting at the Club:  
Monday, November 10, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

***Followed by Dog Olympics! See front page.***



**It's time to renew your membership!**

Use the form included in this newsletter or pick one up at the club.

**If you have articles, stories or events to share in the NVDC  
Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:  
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

**Agility Trial Chair:** Laura Ecklin

**Obedience Trial Co Chairs:**

Mary Ash

Linda Luchsinger-Adamich

**Tracking:** Debbie Crain

**AOCNC:** Gerry Glantz

**Training:** Kelly Finn

**Building:** Gary Walker

**Cashier:** Mary Ash

**Sunshine:** Mary Joy Davis

**Newsletter/Website:** Sue Osborn

**Membership:** Linda Luchsinger-Adamich

**Publicity:** Janet Davis

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