

TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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The Hound Dogs Were Rockin' at the Club!

by Teresa Russell

September 1st Vange Leonis conjured up Elvis back from wherever he has been for the last thirty-odd years! Better yet, this Elvis loved dogs. And the dogs loved him! Vange initiated the Sock and Paws Hop, recruited Rick Torres, Top Bay Area Elvis entertainer, recruited Margretha Lane, professional photographer and club member, and organized the volunteer help: Gerry Glantz, Sue Osborn, Karen and Lori Jackson, and Joy Wood. She even personally enlisted some of the attendees until they said All Right, Okay, You Win. And, boy, are we glad we did! There were about a dozen couples (human and dog).



Before Elvis entered the building, Vange had us all on the floor in our thick, white sox—teaching us appropriate dancing steps. Only Elvis would be allowed to do the dirty dancing. Viva Las Vegas!

When Elvis arrived in his skin tight, royal blue, silver-studded bell-bottomed pantsuit, the fun—and the live music—began. He started out by introducing himself to each dog and his/her escort and he always had very nice things to say about the dogs. Many doggie kisses landed somewhere on Elvis. He is definitely going to have to have that suit dry-cleaned, particularly since at home, he and his wife have cats. They would definitely be All Shook Up when Elvis got home.

We danced, we did the stroll, we really rocked out to Proud Mary Big wheels keep on turnin', Proud Mary keep on burning, rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river! Elvis crooned a special tribute to our absent President, Mary Ash. I had the honor of holding a golden Teddy Bear while we all swayed to the lyrics, Baby, let me be, your lovin' Teddy Bear, put a chain...etc. etc. You know the rest. I had to keep swaying Miss Teddy Bear higher and higher away from my

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Nominations Now Open for NVDTC's Service Award!

Here is your opportunity to nominate one or more club members who have made a significant contribution to the club.

Nominations are to be in writing. See page 2 for details and a form to fill out for submittal to Laura Ecklin or Marlene Soldavini.

This award will be presented at the Annual Banquet!

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2011



Photos by Margretha Lane

Does "Dog Dancing" sound like something you'd like to watch?

Well you're in luck. The actual name for this sport is "Canine Freestyle" and there will be a titling event put on by the Canine Freestyle Federation (CFF) at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Coombs Street in Napa, California.

Canine Freestyle is sort of like an obedience routine choreographed to music. Some of the moves look like traditional obedience, but with the addition of new moves like spins and weaves. Each level of competition has a set of required moves which increase in difficulty from Level 1 to Level 4. Music has a minimum and maximum time limit for each level and the required moves can be combined in any way that the handler thinks is ascetically pleasing.



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This is not a bunch of tricks set to music, but a team effort to present something pleasing to the eye with a focus on the dog.

The CFF titling event will take place on Saturday, December 3 at the Napa Valley Dog Training clubhouse. It starts at 10 a.m. with the level 1 (beginning) dogs and will end with the level 4 (advanced) dogs. Come on out and see what these teams can do.

There will also be a Santa's Showcase in the afternoon on December 3 wherein teams will show off their favorite dog dancing routines.

The Gold Coast Freestyle Guild consists of California members of the Canine Freestyle Federation, Inc.— an organization founded to promote the art and sport of canine freestyle. Most of our members are in the northern part of the state, and our experience in freestyle varies from just a few months to almost 10 years!

TRAINING SESSION 1 2012

Subject to Change

Jan. 9 through Feb. 17

Monday

5:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

ALL MONDAYS

6:00 pm Competition OB - Interm Teresa

Selected Dates & Times - TBA

7:00 pm Competition OB - Adv Teresa

Selected Dates & Times - TBA

Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Lea

6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Lynda

7:30 pm Puppy (0-6 mo) Lynda

Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim

11:00 am Good Manners 2/CGC Marlene

5:30 pm Puppy (0-6 mo) Marilane

6:30 pm Reactive Dog Deassa

7:30 pm Jumpers 3 Laura

Thursday

9:00 am Rally (Novice) Marlene

10:00 am Rally Mary

11:00 am Rally Mary

5:30 Rally Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Teresa

Friday

6:00 pm Advanced Agility Katherine

7:15 pm Intermediate Agility Katherine

Week off between session 1 and 2:

February 24 to 27

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.

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yellow Lab Perry's Hungry Eyes (not an Elvis tune, I know).

Meanwhile Margretha was cruisin' the floor, taking tons of pictures, including individual shots of Elvis with each couple. She also got some gorgeous head shots of the four-footed partners which I predict will be downloaded by the two-footed partners and mounted under the heading, Always on My Mind. Karen and Lori worked as soda jerks dispensing ice cream, milkshakes, and whipped cream covered bananas. Upon being offered one of the latter, I cried, "You're the Devil in Disguise" but I wolfed it down anyway. Joy Wood wore her Sheriff's badge proudly as she stalked the floor looking for Suspicious Minds.

The climax of the evening for four of us was a spin in a 1966 shark-finned pink Cadillac with Elvis driving and serenading us about Burning Love and It's Now or Never. Gerry, Vange, myself, and Michelle Antonio (LAPS, Vallejo DTC) holding her white Chihuahua Buddy were the lucky raffle winners. As we drove around the lot, Margretha shifted into paparazzi mode taking numerous shots of our laughing faces.

Vange's vision of bringing like minded people together, with their dogs, for a fun, unique evening really paid off. Look at the pictures on the NVDTTC website. And check out the original Elvis dancing to the Jailhouse Rock on YouTube. He really was the King of Rock and Roll!

2012 TRAINING SCHEDULE

All 2012 Sessions are 6 Weeks

Session 1

January 9 — February 17, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF

Session 2

February 27 — April 4, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF

Session 3

April 16 — May 25, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF

Session 4

June 4 — July 20, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF

INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Session 5

July 30 — September 7, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF

Session 6

September 17 — October 26, 2012
NO BREAK BETWEEN SESSION 6 & 7

Session 7

October 29 — December 14, 2012
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Service Award:

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong for over 35 years. In 2001 the NVDTTC Service Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions. This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner in February, 2010.

Nominations:

Any member is welcome to make a nomination, and a member may nominate multiple people each year. Nominations must be given in writing and must include the contributions of the nominee.

Criteria for the NVDTTC's Service Award:

- 1) Nominee must be a current club member and in good standing.
- 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTTC's bylaws and rules.
- 3) Nominee has contributed to the overall well-being and growth of the club.
- 4) Nominee represents the club in a professional and positive way.

Voting:

The Selection Committee is made up of past Service Award Recipients: Laura Ecklin, Marlene, Soldavini, Lynda Rhyno, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, Mary Joy Davis, and Anita Boyce. Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

Your name: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Contributions: _____

Contributions include but are not limited to: Office(s) held; Board/Chair position(s) held; committee(s) worked on; projects for the club; help at the clubhouse/classes/events, etc.

Return the completed form by **January 16th** to Laura Ecklin or Marlene Soldavini.

c/o NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558
or leave in thier box at the club.

A VERY SPECIAL AWARD!



Photo by Margretha Lane

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, and Teresa Russell. Absent: Beth Schutz.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the September 12, 2011 general meeting as published online.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Rabobank CD: \$11,732.28
- B. Rabobank Savings: \$7,680.94
- C. Rabobank Checking: \$2,791.37
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash

Barrie resigned from the Board due to family and work commitments. Mary will take over the office position until the end of the year.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz

- A. Speaker for tonight is Linda Chwistek on Nose Work.
- B. If you have not received your membership packet yet, see Gerry.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

A. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn
Deadline for the November-December issue is October 20.

B. OFFICE, Mary Ash

- 1. Mary Ash talked with office workers to go over details.
- 2. Lynda will be training someone new for Wednesday.

C. PUBLICITY, Beth Schutz
No report.

D. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19. Agenda includes setting 2012 training sessions and discussing low enrollment.

E. BUILDING, Teresa Russell

- 1. Membership agreed setting date for cleaning clubhouse would work best for next spring.
- 2. Wooden crates will be relocated with Jim Spiva's help.
- 3. Light on refrigerator still needs to be replaced.
- 4. Remodeling of building was determined by landlord not to be cost effective at this time but may be revisited at a later date.

F. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- 1. Joel Silverman Seminar—Sept 25, 2011
Seminar was well attended, very entertaining, very positive, and overall, very well done!
- 2. Next quarterly AOCNC meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2011.
The February 5, 2012 workshop will be discussed. NVDTTC will be sponsoring rally at this workshop. At least 5 volunteers will be needed to help. Sign up sheets for volunteers can go up after the obedience and rally trial.

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VII. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Nicole Paltrineri and Sandy Bonifield for tonight's hospitality. Jim Spiva and Margretha Lane volunteered for the November 14 general meeting.

VIII. SUNSHINE

No report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Agility Trial, Laura Ecklin—August 20 and 21, 2011

- 1. Netted approximately \$1,500.
- 2. Future venues and whom they will be scheduled with will be discussed within the agility committee followed by a recommendation to Board.
- 3. Laura thanked everyone who came to help. Having so many volunteers was great. There were lots of positive comments from exhibitors.
- 4. See Mary Ash if you did not receive your voucher for working at the trial.

B. Obedience/Rally Trial, Mary Ash—November 5, 2011

- 1. Sign up sheets are posted.
- 2. Teresa has scheduled an obedience mock trial training at the clubhouse for Thursday, October 20 at 6:00. This is for obedience only, not rally. Whether or not there is a rally steward training will depend on sign-ups.
- 3. Workers are to meet at clubhouse on Friday before trial at 2:00 to load up. Vallejo people will meet at fairgrounds at 3:00. Once in Vallejo, first thing to be done will be to cut mats. A crew is needed to help roll out mats and also to clean up at end of Vallejo trails on Sunday.
- 4. Mary Joy needs trophy fund donations by Oct14th. Joy has ordered the ribbons and has taken care of awards.
- 5. Trial is being dedicated to Gary Walker.
- 6. Sandy is in charge of raffle and has a good number of items however, if you have things to donate, you can still bring them to the clubhouse. Money for raffle items can be donated as well.

C. 2012 Board Nominations From Floor

- 1. Nominations by the nominating committee were presented as follows: President: Gerry Glantz, Vice President: Linda Luchsinger, Treasurer: Lori Jackson, Past President: Mary Ash, At Large Board Members: Beth Schutz, Heather Kearns, Christy Rose, and Sandy Bonifield. With Barrie Gordon's resignation, no name was presented for the position of secretary.
- 2. With the exception of secretary, nominations from the floor for each position were opened up one at a time and closed one at a time by M/S/C. There were no nominations from the floor for any of these positions.
- 3. Lynda Rhyno was nominated from the floor for secretary. With no other nominations for secretary, M/S/C to close.
- 4. An uncontested ballot was declared eliminating the November election.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorial for Gary Walker

- 1. Memorial will be held at the clubhouse October 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.

- a. People are welcome to speak about Gary.
- b. People are welcome to take home pottery Gary made as well as his bicycle shirts all of which will be available at the memorial service.

c. Allowing well-mannered dogs at service has been rescinded.

d. If anyone wants to bring food, let Sandy Bonifield know.

2. Gary's obituary was published in the Napa Valley Register on October 8.

3. Gary's dog, Buster, is still in need of a home. Buster is a Shepherd mix, 7.5 years old. He is epileptic and on medication. He needs a home that is not too stimulating and does not have young children. A flyer will be designed to help find a home for Buster.

B. The Canine Federation Freestyle Titling Event (Dog Dancing)

- 1. Event will take place on Saturday, December 3 at the Napa Valley Dog Training clubhouse starting at 10 a.m.
- 2. There will also be a Santa's Showcase after the titling event wherein teams will showcase their new routines.
- 3. Volunteers for a videographer, ring steward and a judge's scribe are needed! Contact Debbie Crain.

XI. NEW MEMBERS

None

XII. BRAGS

Karen Jackson

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m. followed by a very enlightening presentation by Linda Chwistek on Nose Work.

Respectively submitted, Sue Osborn, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year—time to pay membership dues. Continue the camaraderie members enjoy.

Forms can be picked up at the club.

Also, remember, if dues are not paid by January 1st, you cannot earn vouchers

WHO DOES WHAT:

President, OBED & RALLY TRIAL CHAIR & AOCNC REP:
Mary Ash

Vice President, MEMBERSHIP & AOCNC REP:
Gerry Glantz

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary, NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE & AOCNC REP:
Sue Osborn

Past President, AGILITY TRIAL CHAIR:
Laura Ecklin

At Large Board Member, TRAINING:
Sandy Bonifield

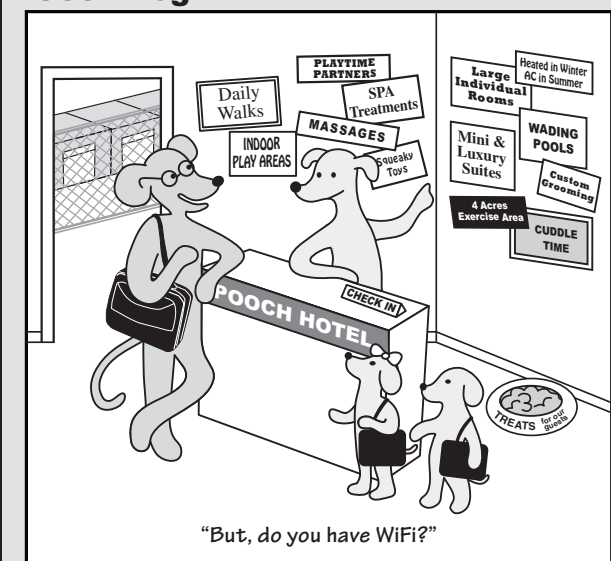
At Large Board Member, BUILDING:
Teresa Russel

At Large Board Member, PUBLICITY:
Beth Schutz

SUNSHINE:
Mary Joy Davis

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Geek Dog



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Photo by Margretha Lane

CGC Exam at the Solano Fairgrounds

by Jim Spiva

A group of us did a two day stint in Vallejo at the Solano Fairgrounds running the CGC Exam Ring at the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club's dog show on the weekend of September 17-18. We had beautiful weather, a decent crowd, and a grand crew of NVDTTC volunteers.



Present were Mary Ash, Teresa Russell, Marlene Soldavini, Steve Ward, Lynda Rhyno, Vange Leonis and me. We examined nine dogs on Saturday of which five were successful. Most of these dogs had not

had much formal training but all had a great lesson along with the exam.

On Sunday, the tables turned in the success rate. One of our first teams of the day was fresh out of the agility ring, and apparently went back and told the other agility folks that the CGC exam was fun—and then we had eight more agility folks come—and all nine teams were successful. Saturday was fun, but we saw some great dogs and great handlers on Sunday. The ring, two large EZ-ups, a big table and several chairs were provided and set up by Sir Francis Drake club—and they provided us an



ice chest with a few goodies in it, too. On Sunday, Marlene brought us super deli sandwiches made by Anita which were greatly appreciated by all. Our CGC exam made a net profit of \$270 for NVDTTC, and I thank everyone very much for their good work—and the great company. We had a fine time.

Jim Spiva Photos

Sock & Paws Hop Thank You

by Vange Leonis

I want to thank all the people from NVDTTC that made the Sock & Paws Hop a special night. We had 18 people and 12 dogs that attended. Gerry Glantz multi-tasked registering the dance teams, collecting money, promoting the raffle, and passing out the socks. Remember it was a SOCK Hop and the dogs came with their own paws. Karen and Lori Jackson served the float refreshments and stepped up the menu by supplying equipment to make milk shakes. Yummy. Joy Wood was the new Sheriff in town keeping the peace. However, with the dogs on their best behavior there was not much for her to do except watch the entertainment with a smile. Margretha Lane, photographer extraordinaire, signed up to take only the pictures with Elvis after the Hop but ended up coming early and staying late to take over 150 marvelous pictures that captured the event. Teresa Russell wrote a very clever article for the NVDTTC newsletter that wove the Hop story and song titles together. Sue Osborn did her graphic magic with the newsletter, website and facebook. And last but not least, Jim Spiva who was not even able to attend, spent hours putting the pictures on ShutterFly so the attendees would be able to get their favorite photos. For those of you who could not attend, Rick Torres as Elvis was stellar. The dogs loved him and he went home with many doggie kisses. Thank you all for a marvelous time. I have a great picture of my husband dressed in 50's attire dancing with my rescue corgi Sadie. Priceless!



Photos by Margretha Lane

YEAR END AWARDS

It is time to start thinking about the 2010 Year End Awards. In order to be eligible for one of these awards a member must have attended at least three general meetings in 2010 and have worked at least one major event or on a committee. The criteria for earning an award for your dog is simple. You must have competed in any venue (agility, obedience, rally, etc.) and received a title in that venue. NVDTTC not only recognizes AKC events but mixed breed events as well. If you competed in a non-AKC event it must require that you receive at least three legs (or equivalent) in order to title. The official application for year end awards is shown below, is available in the office, and is online at www.napadogtraining.org. Applications must be turned in to Mary Ash by Friday, January 6, 2012. If you have any questions please feel free to give Mary a call at 258 1431.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Year End Awards Application 2011

You have until December 31, 2011 to complete your titles. However, if you have received awards so far this year, please fill out your paperwork ASAP.

Please fill out all information below.

You must fill out a separate application for each individual award.

Your Name _____

Dog's Registered Name (if applicable) _____

Dog's Call Name _____

Your Breed of Dog _____ Variety/Color _____

Date Title Received _____

Title Received (i.e.: AKC Agility Novice Jumper, AKC Champion, CD (Companion Dog))

Do you already have a plaque? _____

Do you only need a new engraving for your existing plaque? _____

In order to receive your year end award you must have attended at least 3 meetings in 2011 and worked on one event or committee. See Gerry Glantz if in doubt about whether you have fulfilled this requirement. *There will be no exceptions to this requirement.*

*This form may be left in her box at the club no later than **January 6, 2012.** If you have any questions, please call Mary through the club at 253-8666.*

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
P.O. Box 4097
Napa, CA 94558

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Photo by Annette Barret

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED AT OUR AGILITY TRIALS IN AUGUST!**

Annette Barret took some great photos at the trial. Go to the "Photos" page on the NVDTTC website to check them out.

**Next
General Membership
Meeting
Monday, Nov. 14, 2011
6:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse**

No dogs at the meeting.

Join us
for our annual
**HOLIDAY
POTLUCK!**
DECEMBER 12, 2011



Photo (sans hat) by Margretha Lane

**FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS
GO
TO
nvdttc.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.

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.

**All NVDTTC MEMBERS & THEIR
FAMILIES ARE INVITED!**

The fun begins at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Bring a dish to share. The club will provide drinks. Bring your own dishes and utensils. If you would like to participate in the traditional gift exchange (steal) please bring a dog-related gift worth \$10.

**Submission deadline for the
January/February newsletter is
December 20.**

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