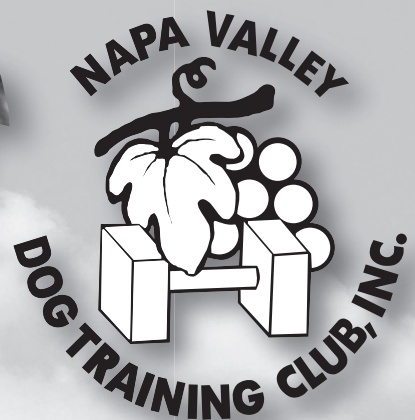


NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013

TATTLE TAILS

CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Walter, courtesy of Lea Ronald

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CHRISTMAS POTLUCK!

(after general meeting at the clubhouse)

All members & their family are invited!

DECEMBER 9th

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 gift worth \$10

Join us *November 11th*

for a

DOG DANCING DEMO & A TREIBBALL DEMO!

Yes! Two demos in one night!

First, students from Judy Gamet's NVDTC Dance/Drill Team class will perform a routine they have created.

Next, with beginning treibball classes starting in January, students from Marcia Barkley's treibball class will demonstrate the levels of treibball training and skills required while showing targeting, focusing on the handler, and distance work. Treibball is the sport to try if you are looking for something new, fun and exciting for both you and your dog!



You don't want to be late! Demonstrations *start at 6:30* before the general meeting.

THANK YOU Carlos Rodriguez & Pat Gibbons!

On October 14 there was a great turnout to watch and listen to Carlos Rodriguez and Pat Gibbons talk about and show us what Protection Sports is all about. Pat is a dog trainer at Berkeley K-9 University and owns a Belgian Malinois, Nibbles, who is 10 years old. Carlos brought his one-and-a-half-year-old American Bulldog, Hitch. Both Carlos and Pat are very knowledgeable and shared every detail on the sport, talking about the process involved to train a dog, showing and describing the different types of gear worn by decoys, and what kinds of objects and methods are used for training. They also emphasized how their dogs are well loved as integral members of their family.

And then there was the demonstration! Wow!

There was not a single person watching who wasn't blown away with the incredible speed both Hitch and Nibbles used toward the decoy and the intensity with which they maintained their hold, even with distractions. Impressive too was how instantly the dogs responded when called off.



Hitch at home with his buds

Thank you to Carlos and Pat for taking time to show the sincerity, dedication and intensity you both have for this sport! Your presentation was excellent!

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Linda Luchsinger, President, called the General Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Debbie Payton, Frances Anamosa, Gerry Glantz, Lea Ronald, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Sandy Bonifield and Sue Osborn.

II. MINUTES

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2013, General Meeting.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. CD \$11,802.47
- B. Savings \$9,765.43
- C. Checking \$1,328.99
- D. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger
Board Award this month goes to Linda Wargo, who volunteers at almost every event, even during injury. Linda W.'s work for the dog club is appreciated.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sue Osborn

- 1. Tonight we will have a demo of protection sports.
- 2. For the November meeting, there will be a Treiball demo. Marcia Barkley spoke about what kind of skills a dog needs to be successful in Treiball.

C. OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield

No report.

D. TRAINING, Lea Ronald

- 1. There will be a training meeting next Monday, 10/21.
- 2. A second puppy class was added to the schedule.
- 3. Advanced classes need more students.
- 4. Marcia Barkley spoke about seminar on C-WAGS, Canine Work and Games, which will be held at the dog club on 10/27. C-WAGS offers new challenges in obedience with five levels of classes.

E. BUILDING, Debbie Payton, absent

- 1. The roll-up door is fixed.
- 2. Light in entry is fixed.
- 3. Outside light will get fixed.

F. NEWSLETTER, Sue Osborn

The next newsletter deadline is October 20.

G. PUBLICITY, Frances Anamosa

The ad in the paper for next session has been submitted.

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

- A. AOCNC seminar from Bergen University was very interesting and enjoyable.
- B. Sue went to the President's Luncheon in October.
- C. AOCNC Workshop will be in February. We have the Beg. Novice Ring.

VI. HOSPITALITY, Linda

- A. Thank you, Marlene and Anita for tonight's refreshments.
- B. No one volunteered to provide November refreshments.

VII. SUNSHINE, Bobby

- A. The dog club received a thank you from 2nd Chance Rottie Rescue for the \$100 donation in Stephen Ward's memory.
- B. Jim gave a very nice talk at Stephen Ward's service.
- C. If you have any news of sunshine, please contact Bobby or put a note in her box at the dog club.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2013 Agility Trial, August 17 & 18, Lori Jackson
Net profit for the agility trial is \$1,938.09.
- B. 2013 Obedience Trial, Linda L.
Linda L. has put together an Obedience Trial Committee and Mary Ash has some judges lined up.

C. Slate of Officers for 2014, Linda L.
The slate of officers for the 2014 Board are as follows: Linda Luchsinger, President, Sandy Bonifield, Vice President, Gerry Glantz, Secretary, Lori Jackson, Treasurer. Members at large are: Sue Osborn, Marilane Bergfelt, Debbie Payton, and Karen Jackson. One more member was needed and Deassa Binstock volunteered.
M/S/C to approve the above slate of officers with the addition of Deassa Binstock.

D. Jim thanked the people who helped him at the Sir Francis Drake trial in the CGC ring.

E. Howliday Faire, Vange

- 1. Howliday Faire must be cancelled.
 - a. Instead, 4 or 5 vendors may offer their wares the last week of classes, perhaps at one end of the dog club.
- 2. NVDTC drill team wants to demo before the November General Meeting.
- 3. They will be followed by the Treiball class demo.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Building rental requests, Linda:

- 1. Aussie group wants a refund on their building rental fee of \$200.
M/S/C to refund this group their fee.
- 2. Sue Osborn presented a proposal for three building signs for a cost of \$325 for all three signs.
M/S/C to approve signs as presented by Sue Osborn for \$325.

X. NEW MEMBERS

M/S/C to approved Judy Gamut as a new member.

XI. BRAGS

Vange

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by a demonstration of protection dog's sports.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Rhyno

Something new has come to California, and NVDTC was right there in the front row!

by Marcia Barkley

Sunday, October 27th, NVDTC hosted a workshop for a dog sports organization called C-WAGS (Canine Work and Games). They offer competition and titling in Obedience, Rally and Scent Work, and this was their first-ever event in California.



The presenter was a gentleman named Russ Hornfisher, from Michigan. Russ has been part of C-WAGS since the very beginning; he is one of their judges. He has also been an AKC Obedience judge for about 15 years, and did a wonderful job of explaining how C-WAGS is both similar to and different from AKC, so we could begin to understand what it would take to make the transition. One at a time, the nine working teams in attendance had a chance to work through the Obedience exercises for C-WAGS' levels 1 and 2, while the audience had fun being "judge"—which gave us a chance to practice our observation skills and better understand what C-WAGS values.

There was also a chance to sample a C-WAGS rally course, and attempt some of the more interesting exercises there. Attendees included people from the Mt. Diablo and Vallejo clubs, and the level of experience ranged from a casual pet owner who has never attempted competition in anything, to people (and dogs) with high-level titles in Obedience, Rally and Schutzhund. We had Aussies on the floor, and a Chihuahua, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, a German Shepherd, and a Hovawart (that's a German breed, very rare in this country).

There were a lot of questions, and the response to the workshop was very positive. If there's interest, further C-WAGS activities can happen in the future, including competition. C-WAGS, by the way, is not all about titling: they place a high value on the importance of having fun with your dog through training. That is SO important to them that they require an "Advocate" at their trials, someone who will go the extra mile to make sure that the competition is focused on "celebrating our dogs and cheering each other on." That's very much in line with NVDTC's approach to dog training—we will probably be talking about C-WAGS again!

WHO DOES WHAT:

President:

Linda Luchsinger

Vice President:

Sue Osborn

Treasurer:

Lori Jackson

Secretary,

Lynda Rhyno

Past President:

Gerry Glantz

At Large Board Members:

Publicity:

Frances Anamosa

Office:

Sandy Bonifield

Building:

Debbie Payton

Training:

Lea Ronald

AOCNC

Representatives:

Mary Ash

Gerry Glantz

Sue Osborn

SUNSHINE:

Bobbie Honsvick

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

CGC:

Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:

Sue Osborn



Thank You Agility Team!

by Lori Jackson, Agility Trial Chair

Agility to me is the best dog event that the AKC has allowed in their varied dog trials. It is a team event with a dog and a handler. There is trust and a willingness to work when competing in agility. So as in running a course, there has to be trust and a willingness to work when putting on an agility trial. As has been said many times, it is a team effort.

Then you Karen and Linda for moving course equipment, clearing out Lorie's trailer, and setting up some of NVDTTC's equipment. It helped make Saturday morning go smoother.

Thanks to Mary for greatly helping by taking the club canopies, water, the tubs, agility ribbons, and other items in her van and taking them to Dixon on Saturday. Without her help, there would not have been a trial.

Since it was so hard for Karen and me to get to Dixon by 630 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, extreme gratitude goes to Mary, Laura, Linda Wargo, and Joy Wood to put the canopies up and get the rings properly set up. Thank you for your patience while we set up hospitality and the worker's raffle in the early hours. Mary, Laura, Linda, and Joy kept all the rings running smoothly during the cool mornings and through the very hot Dixon afternoons.

To keep all of us going for the two long days, thanks for the water and ice donations go to Marilane Bergfelt, Anita Boyce, Gerry Glantz, Bobbie Honsivick, Linda Luchsinger, Lynda Rhyno, and Debbie Payton.

Thanks to Gerry Glantz for Saturday and Sunday staying all day organizing and labeling all the ribbons. In addition, Gerry politely and patiently gave the ribbons out to qualifiers.

As chief ring steward for the jumpers ring, Laura controlled the events of Fast, Time to Beat, and Jumpiers with Weaves in an excellent manner. Thanks to the club members who helped her: Linda Luchsinger, Debbie Payton, Charlie Rose, Christy Rose, Joy Sedlock, and Linda Wargo.

The standard ring is harder to control and work because of the A frame and table changes. Mary, as chief steward, did a great job running the Ttime to Beat event and all the standard events. She had all the workers covering each class. Thanks to the club members who helped: Karen Jackson, Christina

Join us for this year's CANINE HOWLIDAY FUN!

HOLIDAY shopping opportunities **BEFORE**
and **AFTER** training classes

December 10 through December 12

PLUS

on December 9th

(during club general meeting and Christmas party)

in the holiday spirit, let's raise money for the club!

**BOOTHS WILL BE SET UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE
AND WILL FEATURE:**

- Lollipop Design - Sewing Crafts
- Healthy Treats
- Stocking Stuffers
- Dog Toys - Handmade
- 2nd hand gently used dog/cat supplies

Contact Vange Leonis (415) 209-3599 for donations of secondhand items.



Martin, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, Linda Wargo, and Joy Wood. Teresa's brother, Alex Valdez, was a wonderful hard worker who helped so much in the standard ring.

Thanks to Karen's great organizational skill and the donations by Marcie Neller, Linda Wargo, and Joy Wood; it was a great worker's raffle. The winners of the raffle items were happy.

As everyone in the club who has attended May Madness or worked at our obedience trials knows, Karen works so hard to get everyone fed with very good food. The agility trial went the same. Thanks to Teresa for saving us on Sunday when the pizza was delivered to the wrong address. Also thanks to Linda Wargo for the needed fruit to keep all the workers going.

As all good things must come to an end, the agility trial had to close. Thanks to Mary, Karen, Charlie, Teresa, Linda Wargo and Joy Wood for taking down Lorie Abbott's equipment, Kathy Leggett's equipment, and NVDTTC's equipment. Thanks to Mary and Joy for taking the club's equipment back to Napa. I am very grateful to Sue and Linda Luchsinger in being so insistant to help take down our canopy area and hospitality. Charlie was a great help also. We would never have made it home with Penny and

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Attention Retired Competition Dogs and Senior Dogs!

Remember when the daily plans surrounded your training schedule? Life was built around your sport! At some point, your body wasn't able to perform up to the level expected. That was a very sad day for your human. Dogs Can Dance believes no dogs should retire, they just shift to a sport that allows them to shine even with their disabilities or weaknesses.

Paws 4 Fitness, a freestyle class for retired dogs, senior dogs, or overweight dogs gives you the opportunity to train once again.

The dog's eyes light up and their body language displays such joy when they are performing modified versions of exercises they used in the past. Whether your dog's love was retrieving, jumping, or searching blinds, a new creative use of those skills comes into play in this class. Inspiring your team to

begin training once again is a huge gift that Dogs Can Dance brings to you.

Improving flexibility, agility, strength, and endurance are the building blocks of this class, all of which is set to music. Each dog's limitation is accommodated. Your dog does not have to be a retired sport dog. All senior dogs will benefit from this class.

The interest sheet is available for sign up at the NVDTTC club. Sign up today. Class begins in January on Tuesdays! Wonder if the **Paws 4 Fitness** class would benefit your team? Contact Judy@DogsCanDance.com and put "Paws 4 Fitness" in the subject line.

Judy Gamet
Dogs Can Dance, LLC
Changing the Future of Freestyle
www.DogsCanDance.com

Bonnie Bergin of Bergin University of Canine Studies and the presenter at this year's AOCNC Seminar on September 22 teaches dogs to read! She has published a book titled "Teach Your Dog To Read" and the cards to do so are online:
<http://www.berginu.edu/PDFs/WrittenCommandCards11.pdf>
<http://berginu.edu/PDFs/StickFigureCards11.pdf>

Napa Valley Dog Training 2013 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, 2014.

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: Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Laura Ecklin, Marlene Soldavini, Lynda Rhyno, and Sue Osborn. 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 17, 2014 to Karen Jackson.**

c/o NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558

or leave in Lori Jackson's box at the club.



**A VERY
SPECIAL
AWARD!**

SFDKC Dog Show CGC Exam

by Steve Spiva

For the third year in a row, the Canine Good Citizen examining crew from NVDTTC descended upon the Solano County Fairgrounds on September 14-15 and performed CGC Exams for anyone interested. Walk-ins were welcomed from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and from 10am to 2pm on Sunday, and as a result, six dogs entered on Saturday with three being successful, and 9 dogs entered on Sunday with six succeeding. It was a fantastic bunch of well mannered dogs, and we had the pleasure to examine a dog with a prosthetic brace on her hind leg....and she passed, and a fine dog who was born blind.....and she passed. I think there were a lot of spectators and examiners who were sending positive thoughts to both dogs, and we were all quite proud of the nine dogs who earned their CGC Titles. On board for the event were CGC Examiners Jim Spiva, Mary Ash and Marlene Soldavini, Cristina Martin, our "Admin Lady" and our wonderful "crowd" comprised of Cristina, Carol Coawette, Anne Moya, Diana Martin and Karen Jackson. During the "non examining" parts of the day, the conversations were so stimulating that I should have instructed the crew to wear their boots..... It was a great weekend....with a lot of really nice people and absolutely great dogs. Thanks to the crew, \$225 was submitted to the treasurer.....and.....there were zero expenses. Thank you to the whole crew.....it was a fun, rewarding day.

Stephen Ward, a longtime CGC examiner and my good friend, was always at this event and his presence was severely missed. He was with us in spirit though, as we used his stop-watches for the supervised separation portion of the exam. Rest easy, Steve....Your work is done. God bless you.



THANK YOU AGILITY TEAM continued from page 4

Jack without Linda Wargo's much needed help. Thanks for taking the pools, crates, and coolers home for us.

I enjoyed watching Teresa, Chrity Rose, Joy Sedlock, and Linda Wargo and their dogs competing in a wonderful sport and qualifying at our trial. Miss Penny and I had fun which is so great for us. All club members should try and check out the fun of agility online or watch an actual trial.

Thanks to the Board for choosing this neophyte agility show chair. Without the above mentioned people, especially Mary Ash, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Karen Jackson, Linda Wargo, and Joy Wood it would have been a complete failure. With 371 runs on Saturday and 318 runs on Sunday, we made a \$1,938.99 profit!

TRAINING SESSION 1, 2014

Subject to Change
Jan. 6 – Feb. 14, 2014
Week off February 17

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of month

3:30 pm	Treibball Foundations	Marcia
4:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball	Marcia
5:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball	Marcia
6:30 pm	Advanced Agility	Laura
7:45-8:30 pm	Clicker Basics	Laura

Tuesday

4:30 pm	Paws 4 Fitness	Judy
5:30 pm	Dogs Can Dance/Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Overflow	

Wednesday

10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Jim
12:00 pm	Canine Good Citizen	Jim

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

Thursday

11:00 am	Rally	Mary
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5:00 pm	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	TBA
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	TBA

Friday

TBA

See 2014 Session Schedule on backcover.
 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 NVDTTC office to have your name added.

YEAR END AWARDS

It is time to start thinking about the 2013 Year End Awards. In order to be eligible for one of these awards a member must have attended at least three general meetings in 2013 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 Linda Wargo by Friday, January 3, 2014. If you have any questions please feel free to leave Linda a message at the club: 253-8666.

Michele Pouliot Workshop

Redwood Empire Doggy Dancers is bringing Michele Pouliot back to Northern California.

A flyer for her January 11-12 workshop in Napa at the Napa Valley Dog Training Clubhouse and January 13 private lessons in Santa Rosa can be downloaded from the NVDTTC website



This world renowned trainer will focus on topics important for all performance dog sports, so please share this with all your doggy friends.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Year End Awards Application 2013

You have until December 31, 2013 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 2013 and worked on one event or committee.—*no exceptions*. See Sue Osborn if in doubt about whether you have fulfilled this requirement.

*This form must be returned to Linda Wargo, c/o NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA 94558 or forms and plaques can also be left at the club in a bag or envelope with Linda Wargo's name on it no later than **January 3, 2014**. Since Linda Wargo does not have a box at the club, feel free to leave your labeled envelope or bag in Linda Luchsinger's box.*

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

No Dogs

**Next
 General Meeting
 Monday, November 11, 2013
 6:30 p.m.**

2014 SESSION SCHEDULE

Jan 6 - Feb 14 — Week off: Feb 17

Feb 24 - April 4 — Week off: April 7

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)

We are looking for people interested in working in the office. This is a great opportunity to learn what the dog club is all about. Duties include answering phones, taking messages, equipment sales, and some paperwork. *Special bonus:* Lots of doggy love and kisses! *(Oh and you earn vouchers too!)*

Congratulations to recent Board Award Recipients!

SEPTEMBER: CHARLIE ROSE

OCTOBER: LINDA WARGO

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 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.

**FOR
 UPCOMING
 EVENTS
 GO
 TO
 nvdtc.org/events**



Visit NVDTC on the web for the latest news & photos:
www.napadogtraining.org



Submission deadline for the Jan/Feb 2014 newsletter is December 20.

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