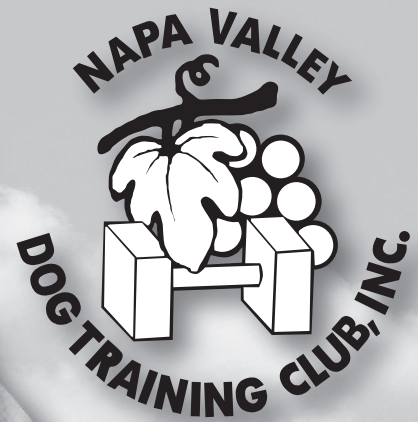


September-October 2013

TATTLE TAILS

CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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END OF SUMMER POTLUCK!

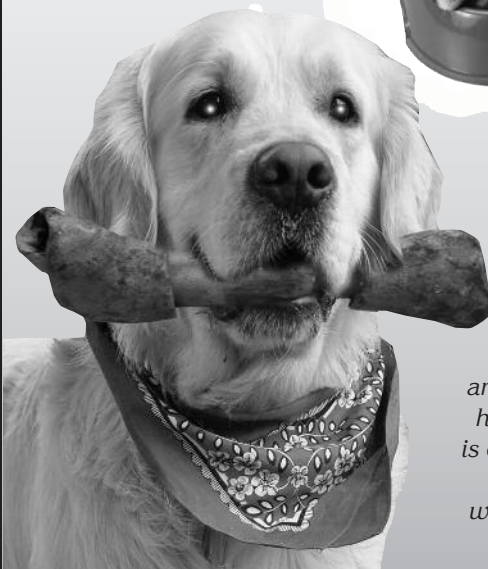
*All members and
their family* are invited!*

**SEPTEMBER 9
6:30 p.m.**

(after general meeting at the clubhouse)

This is your opportunity to show off/share your FAVORITE potluck dish and get together with other members and their families for a night of fine visiting and good eating!

NVDTC will provide drinks, paper plates and flatware.



**True, dogs
are family too
however this
is one of those
events they
will just have
to miss. :-)*

Join us October 14 for a presentation on Protection Sports!

Carlos Rodriguez and his group, a protection sport training club and members of PSA (Protection Sport Association), will be giving a presentation on protection sports at the October 14 general meeting.

Carlos' group focuses on the sport aspect of protection rather than personal protection. The group's belief is that obedience is a priority. To further the protection work and maintain a good standing within the club, handlers must work on obedience *and* control.

The training director has been involved in protection sports for 15 yrs and is a police dog trainer and helper. The club president is a PSA certified decoy. Two members are pet dog trainers in Hayward & San Francisco.

More information: <http://psak9.org/>



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2013

Obedience & Rally Trial Thank You!

I would like to thank all those who volunteered your time and energy to make our Obedience Trial a great success. Even with a small entry our members stepped up and helped in so many ways. Those who served on the committee: Linda Luchsinger, Jim Spiva, Joy Wood, Karen Jackson, Sandy Bonifield, Marilane Bergfelt, Margretha Lane, Teresa Russell and Linda Wargo. And Mary Ash who took over chief Rally ring steward.

The jobs to make our trial successful include the following: Committee, set up crew, stewards both obedience & rally. Hospitality, thank you Karen & Lori Jackson, and take down crew. I would also like to thank Charlie Rose for helping Jim Spiva get our equipment in shape. The following people worked our trial. They say it takes a village....it certainly takes dedicated club members:

Teresa Russell, Lori Jackson, Karen Jackson, Joy Wood, Jim Spiva, Margaretha Lane, Linda Luchsinger, Linda Wargo, Charlie Rose, Ann Moya, Margie Vulk, Risha Martin, Laurie Morris, Christina Martin, Mary Ash, Taylor Russell, Shelby Larkin, Tim Dack, Marilane Bergfelt, Vange Leonis, Christy Rose, Donna Seaman, Kathy Wade, Cathy O'Neal, Steven Ward, Gerry Glantz, Sue Osborn.

Thank you one and all!!!!
Linda Luchsinger, Obedience & Rally Trial Chair



Photos by Jim Spiva

My Red Girl
I lost my precious red golden to cancer. It was shocking how fast and debilitating it was—she was my little love and I am still feeling her loss with a heavy heart. Thanks to Sandy saying, “Perhaps God wanted Maddie back sooner,” or as I thought, maybe Darcy needed his sister. I have listed her titles, but right now the titles are meaningless to me. I would rather have Maddie playing freely with her Frisbee or walking with me at the marina or begging and barking for treats.

One time at Austin Park, Darcy forgot to protect Maddie from other dogs and lost sight of Maddie. Dow owners, Lori and I searched for an hour. It was getting dark. I feared I had lost her forever. I finally found her sleeping under a tree. I was crying and hugging Maddie; relieved I still had my little girl.

Maddie loved to run in parks (where it was allowed) and check for chipmunks. Many times I would have to get her because she was too busy to heed my calls. For agility classes, Maddie had an internal debate whether she would run up the Martinez Hills or visit with the agility handlers or lastly, actually follow me though a course. Her choice was not always me.

When our wrecking crew grew to seven months and the destruction grew proportionally, we took them to Sirius Puppy training. With time Maddie got over her shyness and became more confident. I loved training Maddie. She seemed to enjoy our times training or, it could be, Maddie was looking forward to my expensive dog treats. We learned so much doing clicker training, tricks, recalls, long distance commands and stays. Maddie loved learning new skills. Debi Best

Maddie's Titles

Rally Advanced Excellent (9)

AKC Champion Dog

Beginner Novice

Graduate Novice • Novice Agility

Novice Fast Preferred

Jumpers Preferred

Open Agility Preferred

Canine

Good Citizen

told me that Maddie taught me so much. She did. Some people told me how lucky Maddie was to have me. That was not true; I was grateful and lucky to have my one in a million girl.

There are more endearing memories of Maddie for me. She had a successful CD run at San Lorenzo, her open Q at Del Valle, and her Grad Novice title at Deep Peninsula. For competitions, the titles were not as memorable as the failures. The dropped dumbbell in Grad Novice. The missed down signal for the drop on recall at the Redwood Empire. Lori was running Maddie in Open Standard (agility). Maddie got to #15 (teeter) and thought running back to our canopy and to me was more fun. I just laughed. Another time for Excellent Standard we had a clean run until we reached the table (about 3/4 through the course) and was done. Maddie would not do the required “down.” She stared at me smiling as if saying to me, “Not today.” Maddie finally went down but with too many time faults we NQ'd. The last fun Open Standard run we had Maddie in was so “on” and she connected with me totally. Even Cathy Dutra said what a good run Maddie had. That was one run I wish I had taped.

For rally there were times when Maddie ran we were so connected and in tune as a team. At Deep Peninsula (four days before Maddie first became sick) I was calm even after I was late for the walk through and then I tripped over a sprinkler head. I let go of my worries and Maddie felt relaxed. So we had fun. Maddie was wonderful. Even Bea Moore remarked what a happy dog Maddie was. It was one of Maddie's best runs. There were grand NQs where Maddie was so on and I would miss a sign.

At County Wide she was perfect but I forgot the normal heel after the fast sign as we NQ'd. At the Napa Fairgrounds I missed a 360 degree turn. I passed right by it. I would not trade those NQs at County Wide for a green ribbon because Maddie was so happy and willing. I remember Maddie at the Napa college diving on the grass before we got to the second sign trying to cool down when the temperature was 99 degrees. Maddie and I competed not for the ribbons but to find the connection with joy and not for robot perfection.

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Congratulations to Board Award Recipients

In June the first ever Board Award was given out. The recipient was **Jim Spiva**. At our recent obedience and rally trial in June, Jim donated a lot of sweat equity; he went above and beyond organizing the transport and setup of all the equipment plus work crews to make it all come together.

In July **Carol Coawette** received the Board Award for infusing her positive energy, enthusiasm and willingness to help out in recent sessions by working long hours at the clubhouse and in the office.-

About the Board Award

There are many members in the Napa Valley Dog Training Club who go the extra mile and do so with a smile. In the past, the only formal recognition given to members for service above and beyond has been the Year End Service Award.

Many members who have been in the club for a long time and those who have been in the club a short time take on enormous responsibilities throughout the year. To acknowledge this kind of dedication and to say thank you in a formal way to members, because there are so many who make our club rock and roll, the Board created the Board Award to recognize members throughout the year who have recently done something extra special for the club.

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**.

Club Guidelines and Procedures have been updated and are now available on our website in the “RESOURCES” section.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Linda Luchsinger, President, called the General Meeting to order at 6:35 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 July 8, 2013, General Meeting.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. CD \$11,802.47
- B. Savings \$11,764.56
- C. Checking \$1,827.64
- 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 Carol Coawette for her willingness to volunteer and positive attitude as a new member.
- B. **VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**, Sue Osborn
 - 1. Linda Wargo will give a demonstration on stewarding an Agility Trial after tonight’s meeting.
 - 2. September will be our potluck.
 - 3. Marcia has offered to demo Treibball at one of our meetings, perhaps at the September potluck.
- C. **OFFICE**, Sandy Bonifield
All is going well in the office.
- D. **TRAINING**, Lea Ronald
 - 1. Risha Martin has been approved as an assistant for Puppy, Adolescent, and GM1 classes.
 - 2. Schedule is set through the end of the year.
- E. **BUILDING**, Debbie Payton
 - 1. Ross Mini adjusted the roll-up doors to prevent leaves from blowing in.
 - 2. The light in the refrigerator has been replaced.
 - 3. A dog in Laura’s agility class ripped its nail out in the threshold into the dog club. The threshold has been repaired.
- F. **NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
 - 1. If you have anything for the next newsletter, contact Sue. The newsletter deadline is August 20.
 - 2. Mini schedule is available. Information on becoming a dog club member will be added to the back.
- G. **PUBLICITY**, Frances Anamosa
 - 1. Walk for the Animals NVDTC flyer included in the bag given to participants.
 - 2. How do people hear about us? Most have taken classes with us before. Word of mouth is our primary way to advertise the dog club. Then in decreasing order, people hear about us through our website, Silverado

Veterinary Office, the Register ad, a friend, and the animal shelter. These were the most frequent responses.

- 3. Carol Coawette suggested advertising in the city of Sonoma.

V. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- 1. The AOCNC Summer Interclub Workshop was held on July 20 at CSU, East Bay in Hayward. There was a team competition this year.
- 2. The seminar will be Sept. 22. Bergin University of Canine Studies will introduce the components of the service dog training program and you can practice helpful training exercises with your dog. No fee for participants except for \$12 lunch. Open to two participants from each dog club. The deadline is upcoming. There will be a sign-up list and a waiting list for an additional openings.

VI. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thank you, Gerry for tonight’s refreshments.
- B. September will be the annual potluck.

VII. SUNSHINE, Margretha Lane

- 1. A card of sympathy was sent to Karen and Lori Jackson because of the passing of their dog, Maddie.
- 2. Stephen Ward is not doing well. There is a card for everyone to sign tonight.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2013 Agility Trial, August 17 &18, Lori Jackson
 - 1. No need for additional canopies.
 - 2. Set up time at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
 - 3. Sign-up sheet for set-up and take-down being passed around.
 - 4. Lunch will be provided for workers.
- B. 2013 Obedience Trial, Linda L.
 - 1. Loss for Obedience Trial 2013 is \$1,756.77. Replaced EZ up not included in the loss figure.
 - 2. Linda suggests one judge for a trial in one day at the dog club for the next year. Trials in town are more profitable than trials outside of town. Linda gave profit and loss figures for the last ten years.
 - a) Mary, Rally is not a stand-alone trial.
 - b) Some members want to try Martinez one more year.
 - c) Some want Obedience in the morning and Rally in the afternoon to eliminate conflicts. M/S/C to have a trial at the club with Obedience in the morning and Rally in the afternoon with one OB judge and one Rally judge.
- C. Old voucher replacements, Linda L.
 - a) We need vouchers turned in for numbered vouchers. We will honor late-found vouchers.
 - b) We would like to have them all reissued by December 2013. Members can put them in an envelope and turn in at the general membership

meetings. M/S/C to have members turn in vouchers for numbered vouchers by

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Building rental requests, Linda:
 - 1. Mission Valley Cocker Club
Would like to use the dog club on November 10 for a fun day. M/S/C to let the MVCC use the building on November 10 for \$40 fee.
 - 2. Carlos Rodriguez: Protection Sport Association Club
A small group from this club wants to train their dogs at the dog club. Because this club does not have liability insurance, Linda will let Carlos know that they must have liability insurance to use the dog club. Linda will ask Carlos if he would like to demo their dog sport for the dog club in October.
 - 3. Sue Osborn requests use of the building for the Gold Coast Freestyle group on Sept. 29. M/S/C to let Gold Coast Freestyle use the building.
- B. Nominating Committee, Linda
Gerry Glantz will chair the nominating committee for the 2014 Board. Laura and Carol will be on the committee.
- C. Jim Spiva wants another CGC examiner and wants some crowd people for the September 13 and 14 Sir Francis Drake Trial in front of McCormack Hall at the Vallejo fairgrounds .A sign-up sheet is being passed around.
- D. Holiday Faire, Vange
Vange has five confirmed vendors. Wants to add a gently used dog equipment booth.

X. NEW MEMBERS

No new members.

XI. BRAGS

Karen, Marcy, Linda W., Teresa, Lynda R.

- XII. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Lynda Rhyno

Thank You Agility Trial Team!

Ring Chiefs: Great job done on *Saturday and Sunday August 17 and 18* with loads of thanks to Laura Ecklin and Mary Ash.

Agility Crew: Such good workers in the Dixon heat! Joy Wood, Christina Martin, Teresa Russell, Teresa’s brother Alex, Karen Jackson, Charlie Rose, Christy Rose, Linda Luchsinger, Debbie Payton, Joy Sedlock, and Sue Osborn.

Thanks go out for the water and ice to Bobbie Honsvick, Anita Boyce, Marilane Bergfelt, Linda Luchsinger, Joy Wood, and Jim Spiva.

The biggest amount of thanks and gratitude goes to Linda Wargo, who is the most indispensable person any dog club could have.

Lori Jackson, Agility Trial Chair

WHO DOES WHAT:

- tPresident:
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:
Margretha Lane

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

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:
Sue Osborn



My Red Girl— from page 3

As Radar barked in class, Vange remarked, “That’s what we get when we have performance dogs.” That was Maddie as well. She was a ham. She loved to do tricks in front of audiences as well as dog dancing. She became radiant as the Danville crowd clapped when she ended her routine. I so miss those days.

Many people who sent cards to me stated how sweet and good natured she was. She was. Maddie willingly accepted both Penny and Jack. No jealousy. She was always friendly and when needed, calm and stoic. Our cats ruled her. If they wanted her crate or dog bed they would stare at her. She would get up and move. She never growled at the cats.

People thought it strange that I mostly went to the various dog shows alone. I had my co-plot with me. I constantly would update Maddie with how many miles we had left before arriving at shows or at home. We saw many beautiful areas, especially at the outdoor events. Those I cherish. As Suzanne Clothier stated, “I apologize for the mistakes I made but I will try to do better with the new generation.” (My Jack.)

One exhibitor at our agility trial on Sunday asked if I would be at Mensona. I explained I could not because I lost Maddie. She asked how old Maddie was. She was 14.9 years. She said that was a long life. Yes it was but not long enough for me if Maddie was still okay. At Carmel one handler remarked how spry Maddie was. Then two days later cancer began once again its horrible path.

Maddie, my stoic baby, was in pain on Friday morning. I felt somewhat helpless because we could not find any vet to come to the house. Our vet did not provide pain meds. Our dear savior Darcy, in a way, rescued his sister. I remembered that Darcy still had some Tramadol. We gave a pill to Maddie and luckily that helped relieve her pain quickly. So she died in peace.

Lastly, I want to thank the trainers who helped Maddie and I through the years.

Rachelle Carzino: Puppy, some obedience, tricks, clicker, agility and allowing Maddie in class, jumping 12 inches. Maddie loved it.

Kelly Randall: CGC, rally, open obedience and tricks.

Barbara Dwyer: Open obedience, some novice obedience and a little utility. She finally taught me to be quiet, to heel properly and to throw the dumbbell properly—it is an art. Maddie loved Barbara.

Teresa: Obedience—a little novice, mostly open, some utility. We both loved your fun classes.

Mary: Rally—for trying to straighten out my well established mistakes and awkward footwork.

Joan Constantine: For all the practice runs in rally—reminding me about my forgotten sit and stays and to do the new exercises correctly and lastly your great sense of humor, laughter and patience.

Linda Luchsinger: For all the proofing and novice obedience exercises.

Judy Gamet: All the fun and support you gave us. It was always a delight, including your musical freestyle class. Maddie enjoyed it.

P.S. If any dog has this situation wherein she is in pain, I might stock up on Tramadol. Or you could use some Rescue Remedy. Joan Constantine told us to rub the Rescue Remedy on Maddie’s paw pads and ear flaps. The formula travels quickly to the nerve centers to relieve the pain.

Below is a poem by Robert Frost that explains my life with my red girl.

Karen Jackson

*Bless you, of course, you’re keeping me from work,
But the thing of it is, I need to be kept.
There’s work enough to do—there’s always that;
But behind’s behind. The worst that you can do
Is set me back a little more behind.
I sha’n’t catch up in this world, anyway.
I’d rather you’d not go unless you must.*

From “A Servant To Servants” by Robert Frost



**NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN IN
YOUR OLD VOUCHERS**

Turn in your old vouchers to Linda Luchsinger in return for numbered ones. Let her know in advance what you have. You can contact her through the club at 707-253-8666. You will receive a receipt and your replacement vouchers will be given to you within a week, if not sooner!

TRAINING SESSION 6

Subject to Change Sep. 9 – Oct. 18, 2013		
Monday		
No classes held 2nd Monday of month		
4:30 pm	Treibball	Marcia
5:30 pm	Treibball	Marcia
6:30 pm	Agility	Laura
7:30 pm	Agility	Laura
Tuesday		
4:30 pm	Dogs Can Dance	Judy
5:30 pm	NVDTC Dance/Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Basic Skills/Adv Obed	Linda
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	Lea
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
8:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lynda
Thursday		
10:00 am	Rally	Mary
11:00 am	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Teresa
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	Teresa
Friday		
TBA		

Session 7 is available online:
napadogtraining.org/classes.htm

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

Cruiser
July 23, 1999 – August 13, 2013

There is no way I can appropriately express the joy the little sable cocker pup I wanted because he climbed to the top of the breeder’s wood pile brought into my life during our fourteen years together. Cruiser had my heart from our first hello. His love of agility led both of us to make so many close friends and go so many wonderful places. He was my first AKC and USDAA agility champion and he went on to become the second cocker to earn the ADCH-Silver title. Most of all he was a cool laid back guy and my best friend.



Illness took him too quickly, but I will be forever grateful that he was able to live his final days at home doing the things he loved, playing ball, visiting with friends, and hanging out at agility trials. We spent his last day snuggling on the sofa and he passed over the rainbow bridge lying next to me in his favorite spot. My heart aches for missing him, but I know he is in a better place and we will meet again some day. Til we meet again my little man.

Linda Wargo



Every year, \$1.8 billion is spent on pet food. This is four times the amount spent on baby food.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next
General Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013
POTLUCK NIGHT!
6:30 p.m.

No Dogs



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!*)

FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS
GO
TO
nvdtc.org/events

Also check out
www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com,
www.aocnc.org and
www.k9cpe.com for additional
details on listings and for
information on additional
conformation shows, obedience
and agility trials, tracking tests,
field trials, etc.

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.



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**Submission deadline for the Nov/Dec
newsletter is October 20.**

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