



September-October 2021

Sue Osborn, President
Sandy Bonifield, Vice President
Roxann Gracia, Secretary
Linda Luchsinger, Past President

At Large Board Members:

Mary Ash, Office
Carol Coawette, Membership
Debbie Hilton, Building
Marilane Bergfelt, Publicity

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Sue Osborn

AOCNC REPS:

Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

BUILDING USE COORDINATOR:

Sue Osborn

nvdtc.org/buildingcalendar.htm

See last page for contact
information for above members

Past newsletters are at
nvdtc.org/newsletter



Lea Ronald's Walter and Sammy

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A Special Presentation by Sheriff's K-9 Unit!

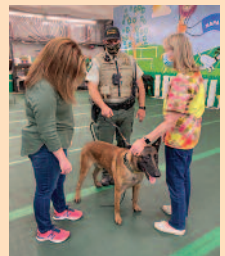
At our July general meeting, NVDTC was honored with an outstanding presentation by Napa County's Sheriff Department's K-9 unit as they gave an impressive demonstration of how their dogs handle perpetrators coupled with very thorough question and answer periods.

Sargent Jon Thompson along with **FIVE** K-9 teams from the sheriff's department also talked about how canine units are used for building searches, person tracking, narcotics locations and other duties. Also shared by the K-9 an teams was how dogs are integral part of each handler's family as well as many stories about their experiences with their dogs in a variety of situations.

A few K-9 teams stayed after the presentation to talk to members and to enjoy refreshments provided by Anne Stanley and Elsa Nutter.

This was indeed a great presentation to attend! More presentations are planned for general meetings so stay tuned.

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for more
photos.



ALSO in this issue:

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The 2020 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award goes to...

Debbie Hilton

Each year we acknowledge the efforts of a club member who goes over-and-above for the betterment of our group, and this year is no exception.

Debbie Hilton has continued to work throughout shelter-in-place orders and has taken on additional responsibilities beyond her role on the board. Who knows where our dog club would be without her.

Debbie came onto the Board and took the role as Building Chair in 2020, a job she continues today. She is responsive and conscientious in this role, communicating with property management, arranging maintenance, and ensuring our training space is kept clean and ready for use.

If a piece of equipment needs fixing, she takes care of it without hesitation. A light is out . . . Debbie replaces it. The vacuum needs repairing . . . Debbie fixes it. Cleaning supplies running low . . . no worries, Debbie is on the case. Even during shelter-in-place, Debbie collaborated with another member to ensure the Club had the proper disinfectants and followed guidelines before training classes resumed.

You'd think that would be enough but not for Debbie! During the required closures, she installed donated slatwall boards. In the training area the boards now display photos of board members and instructors, special activities and online video information, and club awards and missing friends' photos. In the office the boards now hold clipboards with class rosters.

During this same time, Debbie cleaned the equipment, chairs, tables and much more. She also repainted and/or retexturized equipment and organized the building making our training space work more successfully than ever. Let's be honest, our club has never looked more professional.

Debbie also steps outside her role as Building Chair and helps with other board duties. She updated the Membership Packets in preparation for 2021 and is our club's Sunshine person. She even added Publicity Liaison to her lengthy list of duties by working with another club member to ensure our club's name and activities are publicized.

The term 'Energizer Bunny' doesn't begin to describe Debbie. She is always willing to help and find ways to make things better. Thank you Debbie for every moment you've given.



About this award

Gerry was the very first member to receive the club's service award, an award established in 2001 to honor members for outstanding contributions to the club. In honor of Gerry, the award is now known as the Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award.

Gerry Glantz, a devoted member of the Napa Valley Dog Training Club, gave hundreds of hours to the club by serving as a board member, officer, obedience trial chair/secretary and as a club representative of Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California (AOCNC).

She was always and always on the ready to jump in and lend a helping hand no matter what was asked of her.

Gerry believed in and supported Napa Valley Dog Training Club. Her love and commitment showed through everything she did for the club and for AOCNC until her passing on March 27, 2017.





FARM DOG TITLE

Open to ALL DOGS!

**Want to do something different
with your dog and have some FUN?**

NVDTC is hosting
2 Farm Dog Certificate Tests
November 20, 2021
Windsor, California
Moffit Ranch

One test in the morning and one test in the afternoon.

To earn the title, you must pass the test twice.

The test is similar to the AKC CGC test; there are 12 test elements. Elements include greeting the judge, walking around the farm (loose leash) and walking by a passive stranger, jumping on a hay/straw bale and staying for 10 seconds, walking past penned farm animals, walking over or through unusual surfaces, supervised separation, passing through a gate, being tethered while handler feeds livestock, remaining stationary while another dog walks by, reaction to noise distraction, approaching livestock, and a physical examination where the handler must examine the dog for plant material or debris collected while working on the farm. The main concept is having the dog work with the owner.

If you have any questions, or want to enter, look for the entry forms at the club or email nvdtdonna@gmail.com.

Listed below is the count of dogs by groups that received the Farm Dog Certificate in 2019 (per AKC).

As you can see by the counts, any dog can do it.

Sporting Breeds – 249

Hound Breeds – 118

Working Breeds – 369

Terrier Breeds – 120

Toy Breeds – 87

Non-Sporting Breeds – 116

Herding Breeds – 777

Miscellaneous/FSS Breeds - 30



Check out AKC's related brochure by going to:

akc.org/akccontentimages/1_final_brochure_file_for_web.pdf

You can also visit AKC's Farm Dog page at:

akc.org/sports/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/

To enter, below are links to what you will need:

[FARM DOG Certification Premium List](#)

[OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM](#)

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Pics from K-9 Presentation



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2022 Board of Directors Nominating Committee Selected

The nomination committee is comprised of Anne Stanley (chair), Bunny Lincoln, and Lea Ronald with Vange Leonis and Sandy Bonifield as alternates. Thank you to all of these ladies for being on the committee and thank you to the other six members also willing to be on the committee! With so many volunteers, all who would do a good job making it hard to choose, the board set the committee by drawing names.

The nomination committee is contacting members to put together nominees for the 2022 board. This list will be presented at the October meeting. At that time, nominations will be taken from the floor. Election of board members will then be held at the November meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the board or know someone who is, be sure to contact Anne Stanley, Bunny Lincoln or Lea Ronald right away.

To see what responsibilities are for the different board positions, go to the resources page on our website and download the Guidelines and Procedures which includes job descriptions. Note: "At large" board positions (positions other than president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary), take on duties such as office manager, building manager, training chair, and publicity, commonly determined after election. The direct link to the Guidelines & Procedures is below.

[nvdtc.org/pdfs/
NVDTTCGuidelinesAndProceduresVer11.pdf](https://nvdtc.org/pdfs/NVDTTCGuidelinesAndProceduresVer11.pdf)

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How to Support Your Favorite Small Businesses on Social Media

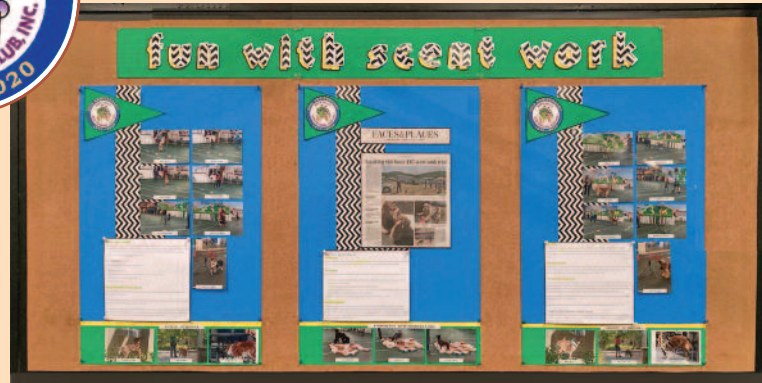
(whether you buy from them or not!)

- Like their posts
- Comment on their posts
- Share their posts
- Even just click on them!

You can really help increase the visibility of a small business just by interacting with their page!



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Check out our latest bulletin board at the club featuring "FUN WITH SCENT WORK". Find a copy of Napa Register's article about our AKC sanctioned scent work trial held last Spring, pictures of some of Donna Golemon's students and dogs in class plus valuable information from AKC if you are considering getting into the sport.

If you have an idea for a future bulletin board, please get in touch with Debbie Hilton at mhpelps@sbcglobal.net.



Who's Your Board Member?

Play a game at our September 13th meeting matching up our 8 Board Members to their photos from days gone by to win a set of backyard LIXIT agility equipment!

Or just play for fun!

Equipment includes weave poles, hoop jump and closed end tunnel.

Photos shown are not board members.





BRAGS

Carol Coawette

June 26th in Aptos
AKC Scent Work Trial

Jacques won his AKC Excellent Interior Title.

AND **Pierre** won another leg toward both his Excellent Exterior Title and Excellent Container Title.



Donna Golemon



Blackwatch Little Lucky Nickel

Now has earned three championships

July 14, 2021

American Herding Breed Association
Herding Trial Champion

May 16, 2021

American Kennel Club
Herding Champion (HC)

October 24, 2020

Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.
Working Trial Champion (WTCH)

Nickel earned the above titles with multiple

First placements and High in Trials

But the most important

Nickel was doing what she loves: Herding

"See you at the Gate"

So Proud, Mike and Donna Golemon



Sue Osborn — Lodi Grape Festival Grounds in July

At the Northern California Sporting Group Club show, **Morgan** received her first major going Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed Owner Handled. At the Sacramento Kennel Club show **Morgan** went reserve to a major.

At the Northern California Sporting Group Club show, **Brooklyn** received Select and Best of Breed Owner Handled. At the Sacramento Kennel Club show **Brooklyn** went select for a five point major and took Best of Breed Owner Handled twice.





2021 Training Session 6

September 27 through November 6, 2021

Session 6 classes run for 6 Weeks except as noted with asterisk.

MONDAY

9:00 am
Scent Work 4
Donna (continued class)

10:00 am
Scent Work 5
Donna (continued class)

11:00 am
Scent Work 4
Donna (continued class)

12:30 pm
Scent Work 3
Donna (continued class)

2:00 pm
Scent Work 2
Donna (continued class)

6:00 pm
Scent Work 5*
Donna (continued class)

TUESDAY

10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Sandy

11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Sandy

3:30 pm
Private Coaching – DCD
Judy

4:30 pm
Musical Rally/Inter Freestyle
Judy (**specialty class**)

5:30 pm
Freestyle Drill Team
Judy (**specialty class**)

6:30 pm
Learning Freestyle Moves 1
Judy (**specialty class**)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

10:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

11:00 am
Adolescent Dog
Sandy

12:00 NOON
Adolescent Dog
Sandy

**Schedule
subject
to change**

Session 6 online registration

opens **AUGUST 23rd** & closes **September 13th.**

QUESTIONS? registration@nvdttc.org / 707-253-8666

THURSDAY

10:30 am
Rally – All Levels
Mary (continued class)

11:30 am
Rally
Mary (continued class)

5:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)

6:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)

FRIDAY

6:00 pm
GM1
Linda

7:00 pm
Adolescent
Linda

SATURDAY

10:00 am
PUPPY
Mary

11:00 am
Adolescent
Mary

**MEMBERS RECEIVE
ONE \$10 DISCOUNT
PER CLASS**

Puppy:
12 weeks to 5½ months
Adolescent:
6 months to 1 year
Good Manners: 1 year+

Standard Classes: \$125
(\$60 max in vouchers)

Specialty Classes: \$135
(\$40 max in vouchers)

**FEES & VOUCHER
ALLOWANCES PRORATED
FOR SHORTENED CLASSES**

REGISTER ONLINE: nvdttc.org/registration.htm

Visit nvdttc.org/registration.htm for MOST current class information

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August 9, 2021 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

are available online at:
napadogtraining.org/meeting/

I. CALL TO ORDER - President Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Club. Those in attendance were: (In random order) Anne Stanley, Donna Golemon, Mary Ash, Joe and Neanna Gracia, Chris Mayer, Debbie Hilton, Charlie and Christie Rose, Linda Luchsinger, Sandy Bonifield, Karen Blair, Ben Shelby, Lori and Karen Jackson, Dee Brilz, Marilane Bergfelt, Adrianne Amdahl, Marion signal, Cheryl Meyer, Carol Coawette, and Roxann Gracia. Guests included: Elsa Nutter, Bunny Lincoln, and Jyl Wilkinson.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT - Linda Luchsinger reported as of 7-31-21, the Checking account had \$44,379.47, the PayPal account had \$1478.99 and the Money Market had \$22,345.25 (after interest credited of \$0.23 and service fee of \$6.00)

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The minutes of the July 12, 2021 General Meeting were approved as written.

IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT - Sue Osborn had nothing to report.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT - Sandy Bonifield reported that the Awards Banquet held last month was a big success with 27 people in attendance. Tonight there is demonstration planned by the Sheriff's Department with their canine units. Next month there is the BBQ. More info coming as to the details.

C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS - Carol Coawette introduced three guests who wish to become members: Trainer Jill Wilkinson, Bunny Lincoln and Elsa Netter. Each gave a brief synop-

sis of their dogs and experiences. All were unanimously approved as members.

Sue also noted that Office Assistants receive \$10 voucher for working an hour each week, up to \$60 per session starting in Session #6.

D. OFFICE - Mary Ash reported that the office is up to date.

E. TRAINING -

Reminders:

1. Starting in Session #6, Club Members get \$10 off each class that they take. Sign-up starts August 23rd.

2. Class Registrations are now open for 3 weeks instead of 2 weeks.

3. Classes are no longer held open once registration closes.

4. Training Assistants are now receiving \$10 vouchers for each class they help with, starting Session #5.

F. PUBLICITY - Marilane reported that the club provided a free class voucher and a flyer about the Club, with Safety information for Dogs and Cats on the flip side, in the gift bags for Napa Humane Society Walk for Animals.

A question was asked about the recent voting in the Napa Valley Register for Napa's Finest Results. The results will be revealed in September.

G. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton reported that a new cleaning service has started. There were 3 workers and 3 supervisors for the first cleaning. It is requested that the trainers help by placing the feet of the baby gates PERPENDICULAR to the mirrors.

H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE - Sue Osborn reminded everyone that the deadline for

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submission for the September-October Newsletter is August 20th.

I. **AOCNC** - No report

J. **HOSPITALITY**

Big THANK YOU to Anne and Elsa for tonight's generous refreshments!

K. **SUNSHINE** - Debbie Hilton

Judith Baker has had back surgery - Get well soon!

Linda Wargo has lost Jive - we are so very sorry!

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

Sandy provided the Awards banquet report. The net expenditure was \$605.68. The Board had approved initially \$250 for appetizers, dessert and tip based on the polled attendance of 15 people. There were actually 27 people who attended. Therefore, the membership was requested to approve the additional \$355.68. A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of banquet expenses - see above.

B. September BBQ - Details coming via email

C. Farm Dog Title Announcement -JMD has been approved by the Board to provide the AKC backing for the new Farm Dog Trial on November 20th in Windsor. The AKC application has been submitted by Mary and Donna. To get a title in the event the dogs must trial twice. This event will have one trial in the AM and one trial in the PM. Members are encouraged to research on the AKC

website for the specific test.

D. San Lorenzo Club is putting on a Rally and Obedience Show on October 3rd. Registration closes September 15th.

E. Nominating Committee for 2022 Board - It was noted that only one current Board member can be on the committee. Additional requirements are 2 members at large and 2 alternates. Sue will be contacting people to step up. Without a Board, there can be no Dog Club. Please help!

F. Masks are now, once again required by all members, vaccinated or not, in the Club House, and it was decided to return to the old disinfecting procedures after each class.

VII. **BRAGS**

Donna Golemon announced that Nickel has been awarded his Third Herding Championship in ACA.

CONGRATULATIONS Donna and Nickel!

Joe and Neanna Gracia have a different Announcement. They are expecting a baby in January!

BEST WISHES Joe and Neanna.

(Grandma Roxann expressed extreme delight!)

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM, followed by demonstrations from the 5 Dog teams from the Sheriff's Department. Several attack demonstrations were shown and multiple questions from the audience were answered. Refreshments were held after the demonstrations and meeting of the dogs and handlers were enjoyed as well.

Minutes Submitted by: Roxann Gracia

Members now receive a \$10 discount when registering online for all NVDTTC classes they sign up to take.

If you missed the email with the discount code, or if you need help HOW to apply the discount when registering, email:

memberdiscount@nvdttc.org

Wildlife Preparedness for Household Pets



Visit link below for a downloadable PDF on Wildlife Preparedness, a great resource from TakeAction.



nfpa.org/.../Take.../TakeActionPetsChecklist.pdf

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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters?
Missed that announcement about rattlesnake aversion or an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access past emails sent out from NVDTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 newsletter
is October 20, 2021.
Send to: sueann@napadogtraining.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members
and are usually scheduled on the *FIRST* Monday
of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date
and location of meeting. Minutes from past board
meetings are available at the club.

Next Meeting:
Barbecue Night
All food provided by NVDTC!
September 13, 2021
6:30 PM at the Clubhouse
All COVID-19 Guidelines
to be followed.



Marion Siegel's Jewel



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