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NVDTC Newsletter

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Call for 2023 Nominating Committee

Lend a
 helping
 paw



It is that time of year a nominating committee for the upcoming year's Board of Directors is formed. The committee is to consist of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a current director.

The nominating committee will select members who they feel will do the best job for each position on the board with each nominee being contacted by the committee to see if they are willing to serve if elected.

If you can help out and support our club by serving on the nominating committee, please respond by contacting any board member by September 7th. This is your opportunity to make a difference in the direction our club takes as we move forward into 2023.

For more information about the nominating committee and the nomination process, refer to Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

For job descriptions for directors and officers, refer to section XXIII of the Guidelines and Procedures.

The Bylaws and the Guidelines and Procedures are on the website—scroll to **“Resources”** at bottom right of [home-page](#) to access.

JOIN US FOR OUR BARBECUE!

September 12, 2022
6:30 PM at the Clubhouse
Members and Family are invited.

The club is hosting a barbecue event to celebrate all of its members!

To help us plan for this event (we don't want you to show up and not get a burger!) your answers to our 5-question quick survey will be helpful & very much appreciated! If you missed the email sent out to take the survey or haven't taken it yet, **[CLICK HERE](#)** to do so. Respond by Sept. 5th.



Leave dogs at home.



2022 Training Session 6

Sep. 12th through Oct. 22nd, 2022

All classes run for 6 weeks for \$125.00 unless noted otherwise.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CLASS REGISTRATION:

Registration for Session 6 classes is ONLY accepted between Aug 8th and Aug 29th.

Except for specialty*** & continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY: **707-253-8666**

Monday (4 Weeks**)

9:00 am (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

10:00 am (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

11:00 am (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

3:00 pm (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work**
Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work**
Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work**
Donna (continued class)

6:00 pm (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17)
Scent Work**
Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Mary

11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Mary

12:00 Noon
Advanced Obedience
Mary

Wednesday

9:00 am
Puppy
Carol

10:00 am
Adolescent Dog
Carol

5:00 pm
Puppy
Linda

6:00 pm
Adolescent Dog
Linda

7:00 pm
Good Manners 1
Linda

SPECIALTY CLASSES***

from Judy Gamet*** www.dogscandance.com

Tuesday 3:30 pm Private Coaching – DCD

Tuesday 4:30 pm*
Musical Dynamic
Rally Challenge**

Tuesday 5:30 pm*
Drill Team**

Tuesday 6:30 pm*
Creating Freestyle Move
Combinations**

Tuesday 7:30 pm*
Success Beyond Luring**

Scan QR code for the 2022 session schedule.



Schedule subject to change.

Thursday

10:30 am
Rally – All Levels
Mary

11:30 am
Rally – Overflow
Mary

5:00 pm
Rally - All Levels
Mary

6:00 pm
Rally - All Levels
Mary

Friday

6:00 pm
Good Manners 1
Linda

7:00 pm
Good Manners 2
Linda

**Puppy: 12 weeks to
5 1/2 months**
**Adolescent: 6 months
to 1 year**
Good Manners: 1 year+

SUNDAY (3 Weeks*)

10:00 am
Delightful Distractions*
(9/18, 9/25, 10/2)
Vange

11:00 am
Mighty Mights*
(9/18, 9/25, 10/2)
Vange

1:00 pm
Community Walks*
(9/18, 9/25, 10/2)
Vange

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

***3 Weeks of Standard Classes:
\$65 (\$30 max in vouchers)**

****4 Weeks of Standard Classes:
\$85 (\$40 max in vouchers)**

*****6 Weeks of Specialty Classes:
\$135 (\$40 max in vouchers)**

**Flyers for Sunday's special classes:
nvdte.org/flyers_posters/**



Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet



Harvest Season

What does fall mean to you?

For myself and my canine buddy, the school year begins once again.

The temperatures begin to moderate, schedules begin to stabilize, and we all are inspired once again to learn and grow.

As a handler, I often cut back on my training and activities due to the increased heat of the day. I get wrapped up in air conditioning and work. I will admit, I feel like I am neglecting my dog and my own growth. So fall to me means a new commitment to growing as a handler and as a team.

What area of training or skills would you like to improve in as a handler? It might be diligence, cleaning up body language, prioritizing 10 minutes a day to train, opening up new possibilities for a new sport. This is your time to shed that stagnant mindset.

As a dog, being enclosed in air conditioning most of the time, muscle tone diminishes, heart and lung condition may decline, maybe an extra few pounds have accumulated. Not to mention the desire to continuously be challenged mentally. My dog's emotional well-being depends on growing and learning to feel fulfilled.

I feel the best part of regrouping and setting new goals is it gives me fresh inspiration. When I set aside that quality training time with my dog, where we both are learning, I emerge into the rest of the day with peace knowing we both are satisfied.

The reality hit me hard this past week. I had been feeling as if I was neglecting my dog as she is turning 13. So much to do, and so little time left. Then the diagnosis of considerable heart damage was confirmed. Our time is NOW. We are stepping up as a team to commit to living the exciting,



growing life we had when she was a young athlete. She deserves my best efforts, and I'm sure I'm not alone in this feeling.

You have all of the opportunities that we didn't have a year ago. New classes are beginning at NVDTTC, and online classes are always available. Select a new sport, try out the Dogs Can Dance Canine Freestyle Classes and see how the concepts relate to any sport you and your dog enjoy.

Need to brainstorm a new approach for you and your dog? Email Judy@DogsCanDance.com or any of the instructors at NVDTTC.

Don't let this fall slip through your hands. Harvest the bounty that fall offers.

Judy Gamet

www.DogsCanDance.com

Five Things Puppy Owners Should Never Do

New puppy owners hear a ton of advice from their family, their neighbors, and even the overly-talkative owner at the dog park. Some is spot on, and some is ill-advised. Because those early weeks with a new puppy are critical, it's important to filter that advice and do what's best for your pup and their relationship with you. Take note of these five things a puppy owner should never do.

- **Don't Skip Socialization**
- **Don't Give Too Much Freedom Too Soon**
- **Don't Be Inconsistent**
- **Don't Wait to Train Your Puppy**
- **Don't Use Harsh Methods**



Visit AKC.org and type in "[Five Things Puppy Owners Should Never Do](#)" to read why.



NVDTTC Webmaster Position Available

Manage NVDTTC website now powered by Wordpress/Elementor as follows:

- 1) Maintain the NVDTTC website by updating information related to classes and registration.
- 2) Edit individual pages as needed to keep current with club information and norms.
- 3) Upload current documents such as newsletters, bylaws, guidelines and procedures, etc.
- 4) Maintain/manage directory of administrative documents.
- 5) FTP, HTML and Wordpress/Elementor knowledge helpful.
- 6) Keep web hosting and domain registrations (nvdtc.org, nvdtc.com, napadog-training.org, and napadogtraining.com) current/paid up for NVDTTC.
- 7) Set up custom emails through web host company as needed.

If you are interested in this position, please email: volunteering@nvdtc.org/.

Visit nvdtc.org/club_volunteering for all current available NVDTTC jobs/positions.

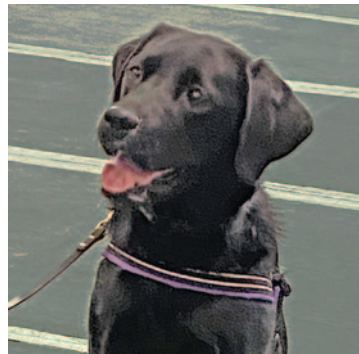


NACSW ORTs Accomplished

On Saturday August 20th, 2022, Cort (Mary Ash), Reba (Marcie Neller) and Tarp (Donna Golemon) earned their Odor Recognition



CORT



REBA



TARP

Test (ORT) title for NACSW. They were tested on three odors, birch, anise and clove.

The Odor Recognition Test (ORT) verifies the dog's recognition of the odor seen in a trial and the handler's ability to correctly call the location of the source of odor. In order to enter a National Association of Canine Scent Work NACSW trial, a dog must have earned the NACSW ORT on all odors.

The ORT is a type of container search exercise and requires 12 closed cardboard boxes set up in a pattern of one or two rows with each box set a minimum distance of 4" apart from box edge to box edge. The ORT is conducted on leash and no deliberate distracters should be included. One of the boxes will be the "Target box," which will contain the target odor being tested. If multiple odors are being tested at an event each odor will be tested individually. All of the other boxes should be reasonable new, and uncontaminated by odor, food or other distracting smells. NEXT STEP: Entering a NACSW 1 trial!

K9 Nose Work was developed in 2006 by Ron Gaunt, Amy Herot and Jill Marie O'Brien to bring the concept of detection-dog style training to dog lovers and their companion dogs. An enthusiastic community was soon created and the desire to have fun competitions in this new activity grew. The NACSW was founded to ensure the highest standard of excellence and structure for these competitors in this new sport.



— BRAGS —



Carol Coawette/Pierre:

On July 31st in Lodi, Pierre did well in his AKC Scent Work Trial:

Master level HD (Handler Discrimination) - 1st Place

Master level Containers - 2nd Place and he also obtained his AKC Master Container Title

Good Boy!



Sue Osborn/Morgan:

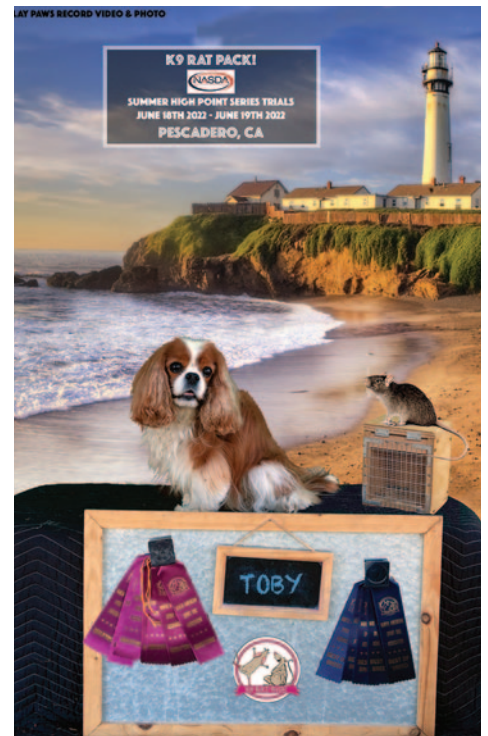
After Morgan and I showed in March and she barely would let any of the judges examine her, I decided to give her a break. Then in early August I entered her in the Richmond Dog Franciers 2-Day Show in Dixon. She was good for the judges and on day 2, she went reserve to a 4 point major!



Donna Golemon/Nickel:

June 2022

Excellent buried title, 3rd place
Excellent Exterior leg #2
Advanced HD leg #1, 2nd place
Masters Containers leg #1



Chriss Bradley/Toby:

NASDA trials in Pescadero

June 19, 2022

3 Q's each in TL-2, UL-2, & UL-3

9 Best of Breed Awards.

**Have BRAGS?
Submit them to
brags@nvdtc.org**

EDITOR CORRECTION:

Chriss Bradley's brag from the July-August newsletter is being reprinted as the photo that was to go with her brag was inadvertently omitted.

**"Without my dog my wallet would be full
my house would be clean but my heart
would be empty." - Unknown**



Budding Scientist: 11-year-old Tatum

Duvall Investigates Salmonella in Vizsla Saliva

By Kaitlyn Arford, AKC.org



At just nine years old Tatum Duvall was catapulted into dog sports when her mom, Tanya Duvall, broke her leg. She began showing Vizslas as a Junior Handler and quickly fell in love with the sport.

“When my mom got hurt, I didn’t expect to love dogs so much and showing so much,” said Tatum.

Two years later, Tatum is a champion in the show ring.

Growing through Junior Showmanship

Even though the Colorado youth has only been a handler for a few years, Tatum and her dog Gambol have won several awards. Tatum has won Best in Show Owner-Handled, Best of Opposite Sex, and competed in The AKC National Owner-Handled Series.

Today, Tatum competes in Conformation, Junior Showmanship, Hunt Tests, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Trick Dog, and Dock Diving. She loves Conformation the most because “it’s really fun” and hunting because it gives her dogs the chance to follow their instincts.

“The thing I love most about being a Junior Handler is making friends with the other handlers and meeting juniors from all around the country,” said Tatum

Though Tatum has many accomplishments, it can be easy to forget she’s only 11. When she’s not showing dogs, she loves hanging out with them.

One of her favorite memories from handling her dog includes how Gambol gives it her all even when they’re ex-

hausted after a long day. At home, one of her favorite ways to spend time with her dogs is cuddling.

Gambol is now three years old and one of six Vizslas Tatum owns.

“Showing has allowed me to travel the country, to show many breeds, and just have a lot of fun,” Tatum said.

Winning Science Fairs

In addition to being a Junior Handler, Tatum is a budding scientist. Tatum got the idea for her science fair project after speaking to her mom at a show about whether it’s better to feed your dog a raw or cooked diet. She began investigating the prevalence of salmonella in the saliva of Vizsla dogs fed raw food versus cooked food.

“The reason I choose to do that was because your dog can cross-contaminate you and get you sick,” Tatum said.

Tatum was the only sixth grader to compete in the middle

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Where’s Rawldo? Contest #4

Find Rawldo in this newsletter (other than the image of him at right) and email rawldo@nvdtc.org by Sept. 11th to correctly identify where you found him for a chance to be entered in a drawing to win a certificate for a 11" x 14" pencil drawing of your choice of an animal or a person. Winner will be announced at the Sept. 12th general meeting. Must be a NVDTC member who hasn’t won before & be present at the September 12th meeting to win.

Carol Coawette was the winner of “Where’s Rawldo Contest #3!”





The Rosie Presence

by Donna Golemon

I know not a dog but.....

This is Rosie. She left us on June 24th and will be missed so much. Rosie was 6 pounds of toughness and fearlessness when it came to dogs. Rosie (who was 14.5 years old) taught my dogs to respect cats—*do not chase or else*.

When I would come home with a dog and she was waiting on the front porch, I would have to encourage the dogs to go up the stairs or make Rosie move. In the house they would also go around her. So much Presence. If Rosie was in the front yard it didn't matter the size of the dog. She let them know she was in charge. I remember one time a couple was walking two Bull Mastiffs. She let them know she was the supreme ruler. On the couple's return, they crossed the street as they approached the house and once past returned to my side of the street. Rosie you are missed. Your brother is lost without you.

Many of you as dog owners have cats in your household. Do you have experiences with your dog and cats you would like to share in a future Tattle Tails newsletter? If so, send your story to editor@nvdtc.org by the 22nd of any even month.



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school division of her regional science fair. She placed second, beating many 12-, 13-, and 14-year olds, and making it possible for her to be one of a select few to continue on to the state science fair.

Though the Colorado State Science Fair didn't happen in-person due to the coronavirus, the fair went virtual. Tatum presented virtually at the Colorado State Science Fair and placed second in the state middle school division for Animal Science.

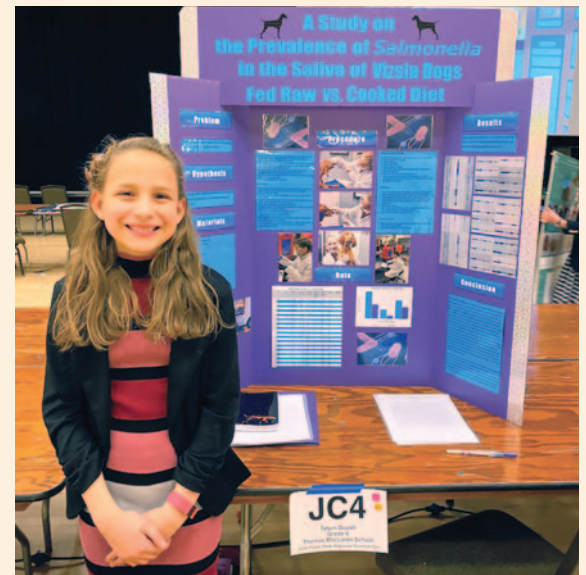
"We are so very proud of her, as a sixth-grader, for her first state competition, against a tough group of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!" said mom Tanya Duvall.

"The biggest thing I've learned from my project is that your dog can get salmonella from more than just their food," Tatum said. "It can come from them playing in the soil and ingesting it. It can come from unwashed fruits and vegetables. It can come from a lot of things other than their food." Tatum plans to expand her research by testing for more pathogens and other health issues specific to Vizslas. In the future, Tatum will test Vizslas' food bowls and food as well as their environment and owners.

Advice for Other Juniors

Though Tatum is young, her experience has given her the opportunity to discover a deeper love of dogs and develop skills that can be used both in and out of the ring. Tatum recommends that other young people wanting to be Junior Handlers begin by finding a dog they love.

"I think being positive and having a bond with your dog and a love for the breed can really help in handling your dog," said Tatum. "Find a



Juniors are eligible to compete in Showmanship, Obedience, Agility, Rally, Tracking, Hunt Tests, Herding, Field Trials, Earthdog, Lure Coursing, Coursing Ability, and Coonhound Events. There is no minimum age requirement for sports other than Showmanship (where you must be nine).

Except in Junior Showmanship, Juniors will exhibit in the regular classes and in the field along with all other exhibitors at the trials and tests, where they can obtain the same titles on their dogs and awards as adult handlers if they qualify.

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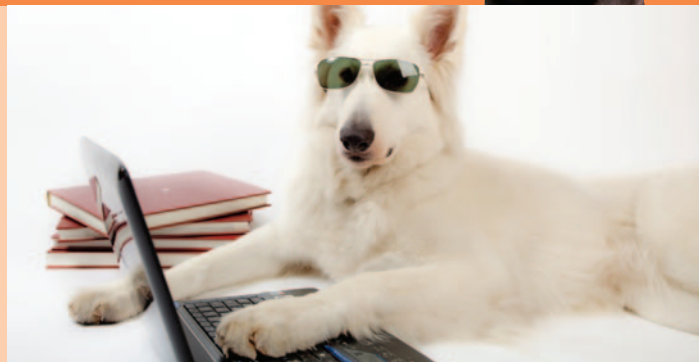


August 8, 2022 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

are available online at:
napadogtraining.org/meeting/

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Interim President Mary Ash. Additional Board Members in attendance were Debbie Hilton, Lori Jackson, David LeCount and Sue Osborn.
- II. Mary Ash announced the following changes to tonight's Agenda:
 - A. Section V; A. President; topics eliminated: AB5 (on hold), Critter Comforters (to be covered under New Business), Audit Report (already discussed).
 - B. Section V; D. Training; topic eliminated: Class Curriculums (to be covered under New Business).
 - C. Section VI; A. Annual Banquet Expense Report eliminated (already discussed)
 - D. Section VII; B. Agility Equipment (on hold).
- III. Minutes were approved from June 13, 2022 General Meeting. (MSC)
Minutes were approved from July 11, 2022 General Meeting. (MSC)
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT- Lori Jackson
 - A. Business Checking Account..... \$45,751.66 as of 8/8/22.
 - B. Business Savings Account..... \$22,353.91 as of 8/8/22.
- V. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS
 - A. President - Mary Ash
Updates:
 1. Change of Insurance to Kennel Pro; Basic Liability \$400 and Director's Liability \$643 annual fees.
 2. 2022 version of the Guidelines and Procedures: hard copy is available to members upon request with signature.
 - B. Membership/Vouchers - Lori Jackson
New member who joined tonight is Jennifer Vaughn with Elliot her Golden Retriever.(MSC)
 - C. Office - Mary Ash
Office assistant, Sandy Bonfield has broken her ankle and will not be able to work for several weeks. We need a volunteer to help out.
 - D. Training - David LeCount
 1. Next training meeting is scheduled for 8/28 at 4:30 in the clubhouse.
 2. Carol Coawette has been approved to teach Puppy and Adolescent classes starting with Session 6.
 - E. Publicity
Napa Humane Walk for Animals expense update:
 1. \$125 Class Gift Certificate was donated for the silent auction. (approved by the Board)
 2. \$10 Class Coupons were donated for participants' goodie bags. (approved by the Board)



CONGRATULATIONS to all of NVDTC's Session 4 GRADUATES!
Pictured below and on page 9 are just some of our graduates!



Tuesday AM Good Manners 1



Wednesday PM Good Manners 1



Wednesday PM Adolescent

Wednesday PM Puppy



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3. \$286.56 for committee expenses of booth props and various handouts was approved by the General Membership tonight. (MSC)

F. Building - Debbie Hilton

1. Mitigation of fumes and noise from rear tenant was discussed with Property Manager and they agreed to install a wall to block off the open loft area above our restroom. Tonight some instructors felt most of the fumes were coming from another tenant on the southeast corner of the building. Debbie will discuss with Ross Mini.
2. Pest Control Spraying will occur Friday, 8/12 between 11:30 and 5:30.

G. Newsletter/Website - Sue Osborn

1. All pages of the Website have now been completely redesigned!
2. Deadline for items to be submitted for September-October Newsletter is 8/22.

H. Hospitality

September's meeting is scheduled for our Annual Barbeque but, we need a committee formed to pull it off. (No volunteers tonight)

I. Sunshine - Debbie Hilton

A sympathy card on behalf of the club was sent to Cheryl Meyer on the loss of her dog, Percy.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Review of appropriate dog "potty area" by instructors with students has been requested by our Property Manager. Some issues were brought up by instructors such as the lawn sprinklers running for 4 hours and dogs from the tasting room and offices using the front lawn. Debbie will let Ross Mini know.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nominating Committee for 2023 Board of Directors needed. (No volunteers tonight)
- B. Class Curriculum's need to be updated for beginning classes. Marilane and Lea will finish working on Puppy and Ado guidelines. Linda Luchsinger will work on GM. The training committee will review and pass on to the Board.
- C. Building Use Coordinator position has been assumed by Debbie Hilton.
- D. Critter Comforters project has been disbanded. Long time coordinator, Gwen McKenzie has retired. The excess materials were donated and the labels were returned to the club (in case we have a future volunteer to restart the program).

VIII. BRAGS

- A. Carol Coawette's Standard Poodle, Pierre, AKC Scent work Master Container Title. 1st place in Master Handler Discrimination and 2nd place in Master Containers at Lodi on 7/31/22!
 - B. Sue Osborn's GSP, Morgan, received Reserve to a 4 point major at the Dixon Show!
 - C. Kim Leslie's Manchester Terrier, Bliss, attended first dog show, first exposure to new dogs, first time in crate with no problems! Off to Seattle for 5 shows.
- *. Instructor, De Brilz attended her last meeting with us tonight. She will be moving to Montana on September 11. Best Wishes De!

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 followed by refreshments and socializing.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Hilton

All graduates from NVDTC's beginning classes receive a certificate AND choose a toy to take home!

Below are just a few of our graduates choosing a toy.



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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTTC 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 NVDTTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022 newsletter
is October 22, 2022.
Send to: editor@nvdttc.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members and are usually scheduled on the *FOURTH* Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from past board meetings are available at the club.

Join us
for our next
General Meeting
September 12, 2022

See Page 1 for what's on tap!



If you want the best seat in the house you will have to move the dog.



Visit NVDTTC on the web for
the latest news & photos:
www.nvdttc.org

