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Members: Donna Golemon

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Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

See last page for contact
information for above members

Past newsletters:

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September-October 2023



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NVDTC Newsletter

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JOIN US FOR OUR SEPTEMBER PIZZA PARTY!

September 11, 2023

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

Members and Family are invited.

NVDTC is hosting a PIZZA NIGHT to celebrate all of its members!

To help us plan for this event (we don't want you to show up and not get pizza!) your answers to our short 4 question 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** or scan OCR code.



Salad, paper
plates/cups, napkins
included.

**Respond by
September 8th**



**Bring your
own drinks.**

Leave dogs at home for the Pizza Party.

Then follow up by joining us for our HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST!

October 9, 2023

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

Prizes will be based on the following categories so start planning now for you and your dog's outfits!

Best Group Costume

Funniest Costume

Weirdest Costume

Most Creative Costume

Most Original Costume

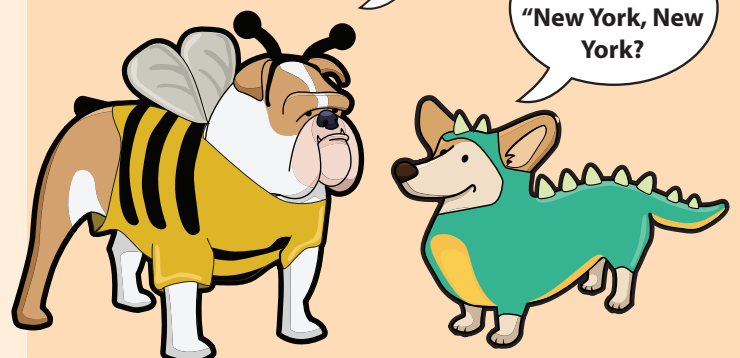
Scariest Costume

Cutest Costume

Craziest Costume

Start
spreadin'
the news!

To the tune of
"New York, New
York?"





NVDTC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As members of the 2024 Nominating Committee, Donna Albini and Debbie Hilton are currently seeking NVDTC members to step up as candidates for the Board of Directors to be voted on at our General Election in November.

Those positions include:

OFFICERS:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

5. Training Chair
6. Office Manager
7. Building Manager
8. Publicity Manager
9. Past President (exiting President stays on the board)

Descriptions of the above jobs are located in the Guidelines and Procedures under XXIII on page 8. (Guidelines and Procedures can be found on the NVDTC.org website by scrolling to the bottom of any page.)

We are always seeking new candidates with fresh ideas.

After careful consideration we will select a roster and present it to the membership at the September General Meeting on the 11th.

However, keep in mind that any member can nominate additional candidates from the floor per our Bylaws at the October General Meeting (as long as they have received previous consent from that person). Find a link to Bylaws

also at the bottom of any page on our website and look for Article V, Section 3 to explain specifics.

We hope to hear from you soon. Being a member of the Board teaches you so much more about the club, it engages you on another level and we encourage you to do so. Contact us with any questions you might have.

We need your response by September 6th.

Thank you,
Donna (djalbini@comcast.net)
Debbie (mhphelps@sbcglobal.net)



FDA's Work on Potential Causes of Non-Hereditary DCM in Dogs

Since September 2020, FDA joined scientific experts from academia, industry, and veterinary medicine in a scientific forum hosted by Kansas State University to examine the potential causes of non-hereditary dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs.

Following are just some of the frequently asked questions raised by pet owners and veterinarians. [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the OCR code to read the answers to these questions and other questions.



Bookmark link for updates from the FDA as they learn more.

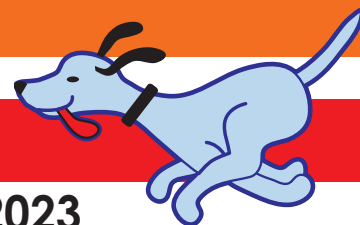
- What is canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and how

does non-hereditary DCM differ from the genetic form?

- What additional information would help further understanding of non-hereditary DCM?
- How many reports of DCM has FDA received?
- Do the diets associated with cases of non-hereditary DCM appear to have any commonalities?
- Is this an issue with only grain-free diets or diets containing legumes or pulses?



Photo by Bruno Cervera/pexels.com



2023 Training Session 7

October 30th through December 9th, 2023

All Standard Classes are **5 weeks** for \$105.00 unless noted otherwise.

Class payment & shot records due October 23rd.

Registration for Session 7 classes is **ONLY** accepted between Sept 25th and Oct 16th.

Except for specialty* & continuing classes, registration is by phone **ONLY**:

707-253-8666

Monday (4 WEEKS**)

4 WEEKS: 10/30, 11/6, 13, 20

9:00 am **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

10:00 am **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

11:00 am **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

1:00 pm **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

Monday (4 WEEKS**)

NOTE difference in dates:

10/30, 11/6, 20, 27

4:00 pm **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm **

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

Thursday

(11/2, 9, 16, 30, 12/7)

10:30 am

Rally – All Levels — Mary

11:30 am

Rally — Mary

5:00 pm

Rally - Novice — Mary

6:00 pm

Rally - Novice — Mary

7:00 pm — Mary

Canine Good Citizen

Tuesday (10/31, 11/7, 14, & 28 + 12/5)

10:00 am

Good Manners 1

Mary

11:00 am

Good Manners 2

Mary

SPECIALTY CLASSES***

from Judy Gamet www.dogscandance.com

Tuesday 3:30 pm Private Coaching – DCD

Tuesday 4:30 pm***

Musical

Rally Challenge

Tuesday 5:30 pm***

Drill Team

Tuesday 6:30 pm***

Creating Freestyle

Combinations

Tuesday 7:30 pm***

Dancing for Smiles

(Freestyle with props)

Schedule subject to change.

Scan QR code for most current version.



Friday

(11/3, 10, 17, 12/1, 8)

6:00 pm

Good Manners 1

Linda

7:00 pm

Good Manners 1

Overflow

Linda

Sunday (3 Weeks*)

(11/ 5, 19, 12/3)

10:00 am *

Mighty Nights

Vange

11:00 am *

Strengthening Basics

Vange

12:00 Noon *

Delightful Distractions

Vange

MEMBERS

RECEIVE ONE

\$10 DISCOUNT

PER CLASS

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 1/2 mons

Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year

Good Manners: 1 year+

Wednesday

(11/1, 8, 15, & 29 + 12/6)

9:00 am

Puppy

Carol

10:00 am

Adolescent Dog

Carol

11:00 am

Puppy

Sandy

12 Noon

Adolescent Dog

Sandy

1:30 pm

Strengthening Basics

Vange

2:30 pm

Delightful Distractions

Vange

5:30 pm

Puppy

Lea/Marilane

6:30 pm

Adolescent Dog

Lea/Marilane

5 Weeks

of Standard Classes:

\$105 (\$50 max in vouchers)

***3 Weeks**

of Standard Classes:

\$65 (\$30 max in vouchers)

****4 Weeks**

of Standard Classes:

\$85 (\$40 max in vouchers)

*****5 Weeks**

of Specialty Classes:

\$115 (\$30 max in vouchers)

8/27/23-sao

***For all specialty classes, register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715



NACSW Challenge 2 2022/2023

Sixteen dog and handler teams from Donna Golemon's nose work classes joined up to compete in the Skills Achievement Challenge for the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) this summer.

Among the competitors, 10 master titles – the highest title possible -- were awarded by the NACSW. Two teams won their NSA 3 title. Four more teams competed but the NACSW unfortunately closed the competition before their entries were ready for submission.

"All of the dogs and handlers did a fantastic job," Donna Golemon said. The NACSW agreed, complimenting both dogs and handlers on great demonstrations of search skills.

This is the second NACSW Skills Challenge that NVDTTC students have participated in the past year. The competition runs were held at Napa Valley College and at the NVDTTC clubhouse. The purpose of the Skills Achievement Challenges is to evaluate the dog's ability to efficiently and methodically work a search.

Each Challenge consists of four skills. For this challenge, dog and handler teams had to, with 2- minute limits, complete a vehicle search; search a blank room with no hides; find high/low hides and find an inaccessible hide.

Every skill has three levels of difficulty. Points are awarded based on which levels handlers choose to compete at, and the points total determine the title earned.

A good example of one of the harder skills is high/low:

- For Level 1, the first hide was placed one foot off the ground, and the second was four feet off the ground, with the hides 10 feet apart.
- For Level 2, the first hide was placed two feet off the ground, and the second was six feet off the ground, with the hides seven feet apart.
- At Level 3, the first hide was two feet off the ground, the second hide was six feet off the ground, and the hides were only four feet apart.

The NACSW has already come out with their next challenge. Donna's students are already preparing for their next Skills Challenge, scheduled for Oct. 7 at Napa Valley College.



Chriss and Toby after their search



Campus Service Officer Alina Padilla,
Linda Luchsinger, Police Sgt. Hoyt
Maddox, Ann Stanley



Patricia and Harper doing
a vehicle search



Brags are also in general minutes—see page 8.

— BRAGS —



Carol Coawette/Pierre:

Pierre won his Master Exterior AKC Title and took 2nd place and won another Master Container Elite leg in Lodi on June 3rd.

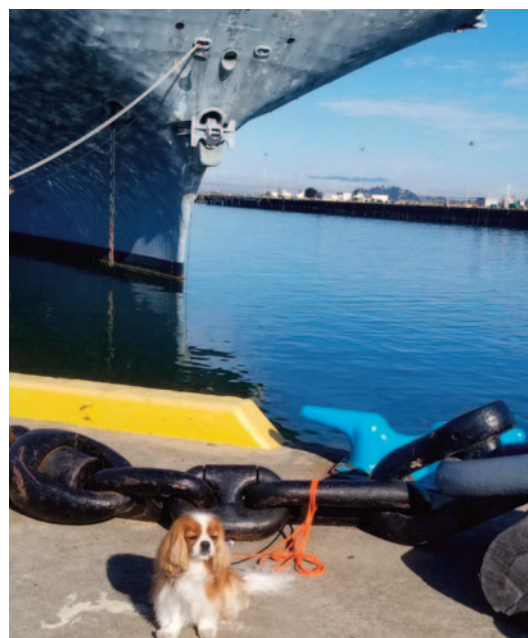
June 24, in Monterey, he earned Master Elite legs in Buried and Exterior.



Carol Coawette/Louie:

His first AKC Scent Work Trial June 3, in Lodi, Louie won 3rd place in Novice Handler Discrimination; 4th place in Novice Exterior and qualified also in Container, Buried and Interior. Great start young pup!

He won 1st Place in Novice Handler Discrimination and qualified in Novice Container, Buried and Exterior in Monterey on June 23 at his second trial. He loves it too!!



Sue Osborn/ Brooklyn and Morgan:

Brooklyn, Morgan, and I passed the entry level for eligibility for the Dogs Can Dance® challenge to earn titling opportunities. We are the first team, known as Osborn Tänzerinnen, at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club to take this on.

Passing the entry level means I had to successfully work with either Brooklyn or Morgan to show my ability to keep their attention while moving, have them do transitions and heel work on both sides, perform spiral or serpentine and figure eights, show my knowledge of floor patterns, perform a short training clip, and choose music to match their dancing style.

Chriss Bradley/Toby:

On August 15, Toby and I had the opportunity to do scent work on the historic USS Hornet aircraft carrier in Alameda at the annual Invitational Mock NACSW Elite Trial. This event was sponsored by Mountain Dogs LLC (in Colorado!). The USS Hornet is a sea, air, and space museum that was closed to the public that day so 31 dogs could trial both inside the ship and on the decks. The four trials were very challenging, each with an unknown number of hides from zero to infinity. Toby found hides around a helicopter, a plane, and even the splashdown capsule from the first Moon walk! This was a nonsanctioned mock elite trial, so no points were earned; but the experience was once in a lifetime!



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



Fun Facts About Dogs

Dogs noses are wet to help absorb scent chemicals

This amazing dog fact might answer a long-standing question that dog owners have. Why are dogs noses wet? Vetstreet says the answer is that dog's noses are wet to help them absorb scent chemicals! Their nose secretes a special mucus that helps to absorb these chemicals, and then they lick their noses to sample them, helping them understand what the smell is.

Three dogs survived the Titanic sinking

Did you know three dogs survived the sinking of the Titanic? Vetstreet states that the dogs were in first class and included a Pomeranian puppy—which her owner wrapped in a blanket to escape with, and everyone thought she was carrying a baby. Another Pomeranian and a Pekingese were also rescued.

Basenji dogs don't bark, they yodel

If you thought all dogs barked, then prepare yourself for this dog fact. The Basenji dog doesn't tend to bark, instead they are known to yodel, whine or scream.

A Greyhound could beat a Cheetah in a long distance race

A Greyhound would actually beat a Cheetah in a long distance race! According to Psychology Today, Greyhounds are excellent long distance runners and can keep a speed of 35mph for up to 7 miles.

The Ewoks in Star Wars were based on a dog

If you're a Star Wars fan you'll love this amazing dog fact. The Los Angeles Times claims that George Lucas modelled the Ewoks after his family dog!

30% of Dalmatians are deaf in one ear

UFAW states that on average around 30% of Dalmatians are deaf in one ear and 5% are deaf in both. This is due to something called the extreme piebald gene which is responsible for their white coat and blue eyes (in some of them). Dalmatians with larger dark patches are less likely to be deaf.

Chow Chows and Shar-Peis have black tongues

The Chow Chow and the Shar-Pei are the only two dog breeds that have fully black tongues. Even more interesting, the cause of these black tongues is currently unknown.

[from purina.co.uk](http://from.purina.co.uk)

NVDTTC Represented at Napa Humane's Walk for Animals.



This year at Napa Humane's August 6th Walk for Animals, NVDTTC members Sandy Bonifield, Debbie Hilton, Adrienne Amdahl, Linda Luchsinger, and Marilane Bergfelt set up a booth at the event to represent our club.

The theme of this year's activity was K9 Carnival. Owners and their dogs enjoyed a variety of activities on a parcours. When the parcours was completed by dogs and their owners, they received a prize of a fun dog toy or pet-themed cookie jar.

A huge thank you to our members who volunteered their time in support of the 2023 Napa Humane's Walk for Animals event and to educate the public about the Napa Valley Dog Training Club by sharing information on classes and more!





August 14, 2023 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

are available online at:

napadogtraining.org/meeting/



- I. Call to Order at: 6:31 pm
- II. Call for additional or changes to agenda, none.
- III. Approval of July 10, 2023, minutes - Approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- a. Business Checking Account \$15,037.61
 - b. Business Savings Account \$ 22,356.15
 - c. Certificate of Deposit \$20,399.96
 - d. May & June Profit & Loss Statements: May Loss of -\$4,146.05, ytd -\$106.75, June loss of -\$3,413.48, ytd -\$3,306.73
- V. Board, Committee & Chair Reports
- a. President – Mary Ash
 - i. September Meeting Pizza Party- there will be a notice to RSVP if you are coming to the pizza party, so we know how much to purchase, Debbie Hilton volunteered to provide the salad.
 - ii. Hospitality by Board Members – board members have been supplying the refreshments of late, asked membership to please volunteer.
 - b. Vice President/Membership – Carol Coawette
 - New member Bonnie Richardson and her cattle dog, Finn voted into membership, Welcome.
 - c. Vouchers – Lori Jackson, nothing to report.
 - d. Office – Mary Ash, registration opened on Monday and closes on August 28th. Several classes are already full. Desperate for help on the weekend with answering/returning calls. Could be done on either Saturday or Sunday, or a mix. A \$10.00 voucher is earned every time you work. The current workers are doing a great job.
 - e. Training – David LeCount
 - i. Status on Setting Session 7, the schedule has been sent out to trainers, with a deadline of Wednesday to respond, should be ready for posting shortly after
 - ii. Outside Training Referrals, the list that was used in the past has been removed. Trainers can now refer individuals to anyone they are comfortable with but will be letting people know this is their opinion, not the clubs.
 - iii. Next Training meeting – October 25, 2023, at 5 pm, Set Sessions 1 & 2 2024
 - f. Publicity
 - i. Napa Humane Walk for Animals Report Marilane Bergfelt, the committee members had a fun time at the event. About 47 teams went through the course that was set up. Not as many people as in the past with their dogs, several people came without dogs. Parking was an issue.
 - g. Building – Karen Jackson, there are a couple of fans reported not working. They will be looked at to see if they can be put back into working order. Thank you, Sandy Bonifield for the donation of water. The Air Quality test is scheduled to be re-done

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CONGRATULATIONS to all of NVDTTC's Session 5 GRADUATES!

Pictured below are just
some of our graduating pups.
Visit [NVDTTC's Facebook page](#)
to see more.

Be a proud owner like these owners—
Sign up for Session 7!

Registration opens at noon September 25th
for Session 7 with classes starting the
week of October 30th.

Mark your calendar!



Suki

Wednesday PM Puppy



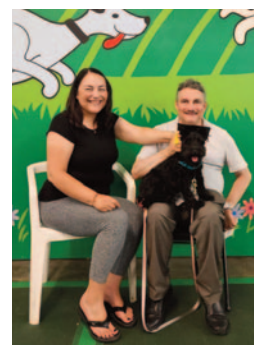
Koa

Wednesday PM Puppy



Gracie

Wednesday PM Puppy



Jacinta

Wednesday PM Ado

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due to equipment not functioning on Friday the 18th.

The building is not available that day for use.

After the purchase of more tape the repair on taping will continue.

h. Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn, due date for the next newsletter is August 22nd.

i. Hospitality, thank you Karen and Lori Jackson for providing tonight's refreshments.

j. Sunshine – Debbie Hilton, Good to see Bobbie Honsvick as she was recently under the weather.

VI. Old Business, no old business

VII. New Business

a. Air Quality testing results, discussed under building.

b. Planned events for October, November, December General Meetings

i. October – Halloween party, Debbie Hilton volunteered to organize. Sara Decrevel, Paula Seago, and Sue Osborn offered to assist.

ii. November – Nothing planned at this time.

iii. December – Christmas party

c. AB5 Status i.e., Employee vs. Independent Contractor, moving towards trainers becoming employees at the first of the year.

d. Nominating Committee for 2024 board, Debbie Hilton and Donna Albini volunteered to be on the committee, September the com-

mittee gives their selection, October nominations from the floor, and November the election occurs.

VIII. Brags

Sue Osborn with her dogs Brooklyn, and Morgan, passed the entry level for eligibility for the Dogs Can Dance challenge to compete for titles, the first team at NVDTTC to do so. Brooklyn has already learned a dance routine for the challenge and Morgan is currently working on one.

NACSW 2022/2023 Challenge -

Carol Coawette's Pierre earned The NSAM Master title, with Louie earning the NSAM 3 title.

Mary Ash's Kitt and Cort both earned the NSAM Maser title.

Donna Golemon's Nickel and Tarp both earned the NSAM Master title.

Several other members and non-member completed the requirements earning titles.

David LeCount has a rescue Vizsla that had puppies.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at: 7:20 pm

Respectively Submitted by

Donna Golemon, Secretary

Attachments (shown below):

May 2023 Profit and Loss Statement

June 2023 Profit and Loss Statement

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

	From 05/01/23 to 05/31/23		Year to Date As of 05/31/23	
Sales or Income				
CLASS FEES	\$ 9,351.00	99.6%	\$ 40,596.00	89.8%
DUES	35.00	0.4%	1,422.00	3.1%
MISC INCOME	0.00	0.0%	885.00	2.0%
BUILDING/EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0.00	0.0%	2,102.00	4.6%
INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.0%	216.09	0.5%
Total Sales or Income	9,386.00	100.0%	45,221.09	100.0%
Cost of Sales				
VOUCHERS & DISCOUNTS	1,095.00	11.7%	3,925.00	8.7%
VOUCHERS & DISCOUNTS	145.00	1.5%	175.00	0.4%
CONFIDENCE BLDG				
CONFIDENCE BUILDING/ VOUCHER & DISCOUNTS	0.00	0.0%	30.00	0.1%
Total Cost of Sales	1,240.00	13.2%	4,130.00	9.1%
GROSS PROFIT	8,146.00	86.8%	41,091.09	90.9%
Operating Expense				
TRAINER FEES	4,668.00	49.7%	10,952.00	24.2%
STUDENT EQUIPMENT	237.00	2.5%	-192.00	-0.4%
GRADUATION TOYS	654.94	7.0%	754.74	1.7%
TREATS	0.00	0.0%	55.98	0.1%
EDUCATION	0.00	0.0%	478.90	1.1%
SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIP.	21.29	0.2%	108.81	0.2%
BOB & DUFF PEST CONTROL	0.00	0.0%	280.00	0.6%
LEGAL/ACCOUNTING/FEES	200.00	2.1%	200.00	0.4%
OFFICE EXPENSE	77.75	0.8%	150.86	0.3%
PRINTING & COPYING	309.20	3.3%	539.54	1.2%
CLUB AWARDS	984.39	10.5%	1,084.39	2.4%
HOSPITALITY	0.00	0.0%	117.31	0.3%
DUES/CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	0.0%	-140.00	-0.3%
BUILDING	5,027.48	53.6%	26,033.81	57.6%
INSURANCE & LANDLORD TAX	112.00	1.2%	560.00	1.2%
Total Operating Expense	12,292.05	131.0%	40,984.34	90.6%
NET INCOME OR <LOSS>	\$ -4,146.05	-44.2%	\$ 106.75	0.2%

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

	From 06/01/23 to 06/30/23		Year to Date As of 06/30/23	
Sales or Income				
CLASS FEES	\$ 1,530.00	70.1%	\$ 42,126.00	88.9%
DUES	375.00	17.2%	1,797.00	3.8%
MISC INCOME	140.00	6.4%	1,025.00	2.2%
BUILDING/EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0.00	0.0%	2,102.00	4.4%
INTEREST INCOME	137.96	6.3%	354.05	0.7%
Total Sales or Income	2,182.96	100.0%	47,404.05	100.0%
Cost of Sales				
VOUCHERS & DISCOUNTS	0.00	0.0%	3,925.00	8.3%
VOUCHERS & DISCOUNTS	70.00	3.2%	245.00	0.5%
CONFIDENCE BLDG				
CONFIDENCE BUILDING/ VOUCHER & DISCOUNTS	0.00	0.0%	30.00	0.1%
Total Cost of Sales	70.00	3.2%	4,200.00	8.9%
GROSS PROFIT	2,112.96	96.8%	43,204.05	91.1%
Operating Expense				
TRAINER FEES	432.00	19.8%	11,384.00	24.0%
STUDENT EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.0%	-192.00	-0.4%
GRADUATION TOYS	0.00	0.0%	754.74	1.6%
TREATS	0.00	0.0%	55.98	0.1%
EDUCATION	49.95	2.3%	528.85	1.1%
SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIP.	0.00	0.0%	108.81	0.2%
BOB & DUFF PEST CONTROL	0.00	0.0%	280.00	0.6%
LEGAL/ACCOUNTING/FEES	0.00	0.0%	200.00	0.4%
OFFICE EXPENSE	81.85	3.7%	232.71	0.5%
PRINTING & COPYING	0.00	0.0%	539.54	1.1%
CLUB AWARDS	0.00	0.0%	1,084.39	2.3%
HOSPITALITY	0.00	0.0%	117.31	0.2%
DUES/CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	0.0%	-140.00	-0.3%
BUILDING	4,850.64	222.2%	30,884.45	65.2%
INSURANCE & LANDLORD TAX	112.00	5.1%	672.00	1.4%
Total Operating Expense	5,526.44	253.2%	46,510.78	98.1%
NET INCOME OR <LOSS>	\$ -3,413.48	-156.4%	\$ -3,306.73	-7.0%

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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 an upcoming event, a presentation or a workshop?

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



Submission deadline for the
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023 newsletter
is October 22, 2023.

Send to: editor@nvdtc.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are usually scheduled on the *FOURTH* Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from past board meetings are available at the club and online.



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Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share?
If you send a photo of YOUR dog (& name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!

Email to editor@nvdtc.org



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