

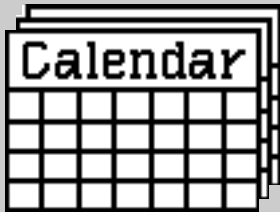


# Ruff Notes

November, 2002

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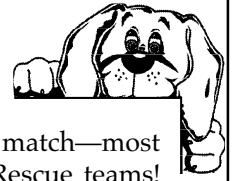
## What's Happening in November?

- 4 Board meeting, First National Bank, Watsonville, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Deadline for all awards (Phoebus, Monterey Bay Sportsmanship, individual)
- 16 General membership meeting, First National Bank, 4:30 - 7:30, pot-luck (See Article)
- 19 Watsonville final classes
- 19 CGC Test, Watsonville
- 19 Ruff Notes deadline
- 20 Pet Pals, Soquel AM final classes
- 21 Capitola PM & Salinas final classes

"The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog."  
—Ambrose Bierce

## Paws for the President

Dear Members and Friends



I had my first opportunity to take part (helping) at our tracking match—most interesting and builds a greater respect for those Search & Rescue teams! Thanks to **Luane** for chairing this event and the 2003 trial. Thanks as well to members **Judy Nielsen, Lynnette Smith, Anita Vidak, Delores Tate** and **Sue Adams** for pitching in—I look forward to the final event in May!

Congratulations to all members who are busy working on obedience and agility titles—perseverance prevails!

I had the opportunity to cherish three days away earlier this month at 5600 feet up in the Sierras—clear blue skies, tall green trees, beautiful lake and 28 degrees at night! A wonderful opportunity that I try to take a little quiet time alone each year to clear the mind and prepare for the next battle of challenges!!!

A quick reminder—your Holiday Award nominations are due to **Pam Strametz** by November 12.

Time races from now until the holidays—those who have accepted specific tasks to accomplish by or before the first of the year—if you need help, just ask.

Whether it be in a small or big way, thank you for participating in club activities—it does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated!!

## Wanted: Chair for 2003 Obedience Trial!!

If found, please call **Lynn Schmitt** 688-1414

Otherwise, guess I'll "volunteer" again.

Many thanks,

Lynn



**Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership**

# Bragg

## Linda Lang:

*Amber* had a clean run to pick up her 6th MX leg at Davis DTC. At NADAC/ASCA in Elite Veterans Standard she earned a two legs (two fourth places) in Elite Veterans Standard with fourth place. She also earned an Elite Veterans JWW leg for third place and an EAJ title. *Tyler* completed an NAC title in Novice Standard with a first place at NADAC/ASCA and a fourth leg the following day. At Mission Poodle Club (two days) *Tyler* scored 100 in Excellent A Standard for second place and a first leg and in Open JWW he scored 95 for a first leg. At Mission Poodle Club (two days) *Amber* earned her seventh and eighth MX legs in Excellent B Standard.

## Luane Vidak:

*Jiffy* scored 97 points in Excellent A JWW for second place and a new AXJ title and scored 100 in Excellent B Standard.

## Jennifer Slater:

In three recent NADAC/ASCA trials *Keeper* qualified four times in Elite Standard (first place, two seconds, and a third), three times in Elite Jumpers (two firsts and a second), and once in Elite Tunnelers (second place) to finish her Outstanding Elite Jumpers title. *Julia* qualified twice in Novice Jumpers with two seconds for her Novice Jumpers certificate. *Dutchess* gained two more Novice Standard legs with a first and second place and a Novice Tunnelers leg. *Jack Flash* qualified in Novice Jumpers and in Novice Gamblers for his NJC and NGC titles and four times in Novice Standard with three seconds, two thirds, and two [sic] fourths. At the Poodle Club trial *Dutchess* got her second leg in Excellent A Standard with a third place.

## Carol Howton:

*Hana* at Del Valle in American Bred took Winner's Bitch and BOS.

## Betty Garcia:

*Alex* and *Michael* in Brace at the Sheltie Specialty took first place.



## Carol Davis:

*Sugar* scored 195 1/2 in Utility B for fourth place at Bonanza KC and *Spirit* scored 196 1/2 in Novice B for first place and a new CD. At San Luis Obispo (two days) *Sugar* scored 195 in Utility B for second place, and *Spirit* scored 197 in Novice B for second place and 196 1/2 in Novice B for first place. At Santa Maria KC *Spirit* scored 192 for third place in Novice B.

## Marion Bashista:

*Kelli* earned her first Novice Standard leg and her first Novice JWW leg at Mission Poodle Agility with both first places. At the Border Terrier Club in Novice Standard she scored 100 for first place and a second leg. At Del Valle she scored 95 for second place and a new NA title.

## Stacy Thompson:

*Malachi* in Novice B at ASCA/PASA qualified twice with a 196 for third place and a first leg and also a second leg.

## Dani Nelson:

*Jack* in 12-18 Months Dogs took Winner's Dog for 4 points at Del Valle.

## Jessica Hetrick:

With *Molly* in Junior Handling at the Sheltie Specialty *Jessica* took Best Junior Handler.

## Crissy Hastings-Baugh:

*Logan* had seven Excellent B Standard clean runs and seven Excellent B JWW clean runs (one first, one third, three fourths) to complete a MACH. *Gracie* had seven Excellent B Standard clean runs and five Excellent B JWW clean runs (four firsts, one second, six thirds) to complete a MACH. At the Sheltie Specialty *Gracie* earned her first leg in Herding Started (fourth place). The next day at another show she earned a second leg (first place). She went on to be Reserve High in Trial and High Scoring Sheltie handled and trained by **Pam Hetrick**.



**Jiffy AXJ**  
**Keeper O-EJC**  
**Julia NJC**  
**Jack Flash NJC**  
**Jack Flash NGC**  
**MACH Gracie**  
**MACH Logan**  
**Kelli NA**  
**Tyler NAC**  
**Amber EAJ**

## Linda Harbertson:

*Eclair* scored 100 in Novice Jumpers at NADAC/ASCA for second place and a first leg and 100 in Novice Standard for fifth place and a second leg.



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from September 16 through October 22.

*Trial Hot Dog*—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Carol Davis** and *Spirit* for their 197 score at San Luis Obispo KC.

*Agility Trial Hot Dog*—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Linda Lang** and *Tyler* for their 61.26% score at Davis DTC.

*Note:* Agility Hot Dog Awards are based on the score earned. In case of a tie, the dog who completed the course in the fastest time relative to the time allowed will be selected. When reporting agility scores, please include the time allotted for the course and the time in which your dog completed the course.

# Happy Birthday



To My  
Special  
Friend

November	4	Margaret Gnehm
	7	Elisabeth Lambert
	11	Lisa Barry
	22	Amanda Nie
	23	Betty Garcia
	28	Dennis Vierra

and to all our furry friends born in November

1	Titan Terry (Long-Haired Chihuahua)	age 6
3	Chappy Root-Strametz UDX, OA, AXJ, CGC (GSD)	age 11
3	Teddy Nelson CDX, TT (German Shepherd Dog)	age 11
10	Sarah Root-Strametz CDX, NA, NAJ (golden Retriever)	age 7
11	Lexi Schmitt TDI (13" Beagle)	age 6
17	Ch Harley Mitchell (Smooth Fox Terrier)	age 7
27	Dancer Nelson (Newfoundland)	age 3

# Christmas Dinner

Betty Garcia

Just a reminder to jot Sunday, December 15 down on your calendar for our Christmas Dinner at Servereno's.

This is the time of year for all of us to get together and celebrate Christmas and the achievements we made throughout the year. So join in on the fun of doggie gift exchange, awards, silent auction, and just to be with friends at this special time of year.

There will be more information in the next Ruff Notes and at class.



# How About Some Agility Training?

Michael Bashista

The club has spoken with the Fairgrounds about renting the covered livestock area and the adjacent grass area for agility training, beginning in January. We have also begun a search to identify potential trainers.

Most likely, classes will be one hour long. The beginners' class will be limited to 8 registrants and an intermediate and advanced class limited to 10 each. What's missing?

Your input. We do not want to overlook our audience. The club needs to know more about your interest and experience/skill level. The only reason to pursue this is if there is sufficient interest and enough members who can attend on a specific evening.

If you have not already visited the Education table on Tuesdays to let us know about your ability, experience and best days to train, please contact **Michael Bashista** at 831-426-7316 or at [agility@bashista.com](mailto:agility@bashista.com).

Also, as you may know, it takes a bit of time and effort to setup and teardown the equipment, so we need a few volunteers who can arrive 15 minutes before the first class and a few others who can stay 15 minutes after the last class.

"Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog."  
—Franklin P. Jones

# Directory Update

Please make the following Directory update: e-mail for **Cindy Snow**

[crasnow@oasisol.com](mailto:crasnow@oasisol.com)



# Variable Surface Tracking Match Breed Specific:

Shar Pei

Luane Vidak

Off in a new direction, Monterey Bay members held its first Variable Surface Tracking event. We met at the California State University Monterey Bay campus in Seaside on Saturday the 21st of September to plot the track. On Sunday, the track was laid early in the morning and allowed to age.

The campus is a very accommodating area to present this type of event. It has the three component parts: vegetation (grass, weeds, ice plant), non-vegetative surfaces (cement, asphalt, gravel, sand, mulch or hard pan) and numerous buildings in close proximity to the various ground covers.

Equipment for this type of event is almost nonexistent. A tiny construction flag marks the start of the track—the rest of the job is just keeping good track of the visual markers that abound—and marking them on the track layer's map. Club drivers use paved streets to get to their destinations with dog, handler, judges, and tracklayers.

There are no cross tracks put down, but plenty of passersby put in their own crosstracks as they move about campus. There are no alternate tracks as nothing is considered to be able to foul a VST. Two judges watch over the work of the dog and handler.

The tracks are between 600 and 800 yards in length with the track crossing at least three different surfaces. The non-vegetative area must make up 1/3 to 1/2 of the distance covered. The track must age from 3-5 hours. In order to pass, the dog must find all four of the required articles which are leather, plastic, fabric, and metal.

The gallery is allowed to follow behind and has excellent views of the entire track from start to finish. It's a spectator sport.

The helpers that get a big standing ovation for their efforts at this event are: **Lynn Schmitt, Lynnette VanEpps-Smith, Anita Vidak, Luane Vidak, Sue Adams, Delores Tate, Judy Nielsen.** Non-members assisting were: **Susan Neddleman and Charlie Lovett.** Our judges who donated their time and energy for the event were: **Barbara Adcock and Anne Hershey.**

A last thank you is reserved for all the folks who responded to the request to help but were not able to attend because of the short notice and long-planned plans! Thanks for getting back to me.

At the present we are hoping that the AKC finds our match efforts agreeable and approves us to present VST tests. If all goes as hoped, we are intending to hold our 1st annual VST event on May 3-4, 2003 at the University. Hope you'll be interested in helping us out. We will be needing four tracklayers and some support staff. It's a very easy weekend—ask those that helped.

No other breed in the dog world looks quite like a Shar Pei. Its Chinese standards eloquently describe the breed's conformation—clamshell ears, butterfly nose, melon-shaped head, grandmotherly face, water-buffalo neck, horse's buttocks, and dragon's legs. The first Shar Pei exported from Hong Kong and bred in the United States had severe eye problems, necessitating repeated surgery. Successive breeding has diminished these conditions, but it has not reduced the very high incidence of skin problems. The Shar Pei can occasionally be aggressive. It is suited to people who are not allergic to dogs, and who are willing to shampoo their dogs frequently.

**Breed History:** A long-time resident of China's southern residence of Guangdong, the Shar Pei appears to be descended from mastiffs and spitz-type dogs. It is a fairly close relative of the Chow Chow. Driven almost to extinction by China's prohibition of dogs on the mainland, the breed was rescued by Margo Law, a Hong Kong breeder.



## BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: China

Date of Origin: 1500s

First Use: Dog fighting, herding, hunting

Use Today: Companion

Life Expectancy: 11 - 12 years

Weight Range: 35 - 45 pounds

Height Range: 18 - 20 inches

*Data gathered from:*

*DOGS (Portraits of over 400 Pedigrees)*

*Bruce Fogle, DVM*

*A Darling Kindersley Book*

*First American Edition, 2000*

*Editor's Note: Breed Specific is a column in which I will highlight a different breed in each issue. Some will be club breeds, some not.*

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining-room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation."

—Fran Lebowitz



## Turkey Time!

Kim Sutherland

Can you believe it's time for the annual Thanksgiving General Meeting??? We will be meeting on Saturday, November 16 at the First National Bank in Watsonville. Meeting to be held from 4:30 to 7:30 PM.

As it's Thanksgiving, please join in the potluck. Main courses (veggie and non) will be provided by **Kim** and **Lynn**. If your last name begins with A through N, please bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with O through Z, please bring a dessert to share. Please provide your own beverage and place setting. And PLEASE, bring yourself!



## Awards Claims

If you expect to receive any award(s) at the Christmas dinner, you *must* submit a claim form (one per dog). This needs to go to **Pam Strametz** by *November 12*.

If you receive Ruff Notes via hard copy, you will receive the form in this issue of Ruff Notes. If you receive Ruff Notes via the web site, you will need to download the form. There will be some additional copies of the form near the brag sheet at class.

## A Funny Thing Happened...

At class in Castroville last week **Pam** had *Fargo* in a lightweight crate near the wall. **Marilyn** threw the dumbbell for *Bradie* to retrieve near there. *Bradie* dashed off to retrieve it and was on the verge of picking it up when suddenly ... the crate started bouncing and sliding toward her! Needless to say, *Bradie* was startled. **Marilyn** shouted, "That's not fair!" But *Bradie*, after giving a doubtful look at the crate, decided that she had better pick up the dumbbell and *hustle* back to Mom.



## Look Them Up!!!

Those of you receiving Ruff Notes from the web site, please look for the Awards flyer and the Agility classes flyer also.



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