

Ruff Notes

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What's Happening in August?

Aug. 2nd Judges Dinner at the Whole Enchilada

Aug. 3rd Obedience Trial

Aug. 4th Board Meeting, 1st Nat'l. Bank, Watsonville. 7 PM

Aug. 19th Ruff Notes Deadline

Aug. 26th Watsonville Final Class

Aug. 27th Soquel Final Class

Aug. 28th Capitola Final Class

Upcoming Shows & Trials

Aug 2nd DTC of Salinas Valley, Obed. Manzanita Park, Prunedale

Aug. 9th & 10th County Wide DTC, agility Sonoma-Marín Fairgrounds, Petaluma

Aug. 16th & 17th Santa Cruz Kennel Club MB-F

Aug. 30th the Bay Team USDAA Agility Trial

From the Presidential Kennel:

First and foremost, kudos to Lynn Schmitt and the outgoing Board for a job well done!! You're going to be a hard act to follow, but we'll all do our best.

Now, for those of you who missed out on winning Board positions this year, my condolences....but don't despair! There are still many opportunities available to serve at MBDT. This month's job vacancy spotlight is on Obedience Trial Chair. Dale Root has already volunteered to keep doing his bit as Secretary, so you know in advance that a lot of the tedious catalog work is being taken care of by someone else. To be a successful obedience Chair, you will need to have good recruiting skills, as there are many positions open for volunteers. In addition, you will need to be able to meet AKC deadlines, and be willing to coordinate with DTCSV's Trial Chair. An ability to control the elements is a distinct plus, but we understand that finding a candidate with those skills is highly unlikely. The pay is low, but the feeling of accomplishment at the end is great. If you think that you are the person for the job, OR if you'd like to volunteer another willing victim, umm,

Presidential Kennel cont.

candidate, contact me at 726-7215 or chthunderstorm@mindspring.com.

This month's Good Guy (or gal) Award goes to Lynn Schmitt for fearlessly taking on the job of Obedience Trial Chair when no other club members stepped forward. It hasn't even been six months since she shared secretarial duties for our VST test with Luane, and on top of everything else, she was President at the time. Think you've got too much to do? Check out all the stuff that Lynn worked on last year.... Good job, Lynn--throw yourself a biscuit!

You folks are a great crew, and I'm looking forward to a fun, if challenging, year.

August 3rd 2003 **Obedience Trial** **Raffle**

Just a reminder to those of you who are donating to the **Raffle**, please bring your items to class on Tuesday night July 29th. Or, you can give me (**B.G.**) a call at 722-1748 or 761-4566 ext. 17 and I will make arrangements to pick them up. Also, if there is someone that I haven't had a chance to talk with, who would like to make a donation, **Please** call me. Our raffle is only a success if we all participate!

August Birthdays

Furry

8-1 Granite Schmitt, (Aussie) age 2
8-1 Speedy Lambert CD, CGC, NAC, (All American) age 14
8-4 Breeze Silva CGC, (Chessie) age 4
8-15 Ch. Mink Holderman CD, NA, NAJ (Chessie) age 8
8-16 Monique Panzich CDX, NA, CGC, (Pug) age 7
8-18 Jasmine Griffith (Corgi) age 2
8-19 C.J. Welborn (Golden Retriever) age 5
8-21 Lily Pierce (Akita) age 6
8-23 Towdy Terry (Lab) age 1
8-31 The Chessies are 2 !
Summer Holderman
Poppy Laman
Jack Nelson
Thunder Silva

NOT SO FURRY

8-3 Sandi Pesignier
8-26 Jennifer Church
8-28 Judy Force

Higher Learning

The Club's scholarship at UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine was awarded to Shannon Johnsonbaugh. Shannon is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Marine Biology. Her veterinary activities include Pet Loss Support Hotline and the Canine Medicine Club. She plans to look for a position in a multi-doctor small animal practice after graduation. Congratulations, Shannon!

BRAGS

From Carol Davis :

On June 28th at GSOF of N. Ca., Spirit took 1st place in OPEN A with a score of 189 for a 2nd leg. The next day, Sugar, scored 196 ½ for 1st place in Utility B and 194 for 1st HC/High in Trial. On July 13th at Del Monte KC, Spirit took 3rd Place in OPEN B with a score of 189, earning her 3rd leg for a CDX.

From Carol Howton :

Over the June 13th and 14th weekend at Shasta KC, Rosie went Winners Bitch and Best Opposite for a 3 point Major in the OPEN Class and followed that up with Winners Bitch and Best Opposite in the 9-12 Month Class for 1 and 2 points!

From Noreen Silva :

On 7-13 at Del Monte KC, Breeze took Winners Bitch in OPEN for a 3 point Major.

From Judy Force :

Piper got her first leg in open obedience at the Northern California Dalmatian Specialty on July 18th with a score of 193.

From Sandi Pensinger :

Capi took Agility High Point Champion and Tempe Wick took Agility High Point Reserve Champion (in her 2nd trial!) at the Wheatland Classic Jack Russell Terrier Trial in Idaho, June 21/22. Capi also took Reserve Racing Champion. Capi (Capitola of River-Joy) was awarded the California Cup for his open mini dog division at the Bay Team NADAC Agility Trial on Mare Island held 7/19 & 20, 2003. Only three out of the 250 dogs competing at the trial that had all six clean qualifying regular and jumpers runs. The California Cup is awarded annually by the Bay Team (www.bayteam.org). Capi has also recently qualified for the NADAC North American Championships to be held in Calgary in September.

From Marion Bashista :

Kelli got her 2nd Novice JWW leg at the Mission Trail Poodle Club trial on July 13th.

From Chrissy Hastings-Baugh :

Logan: Double'Q'd at SSCNC 6/29, and at Hangtown 7/19 & 7/20. He had 8 clean runs last month.

Published in the current AKC Gazette are the top agility dogs for 2002. Logan is 14th ALL BREEDS for Double q's and 5th for Shelties!!!! He had 33 Double Q's!! Gracie: Double Q'd at SSCNC 6/28 and was 1st in International Standard and 4th in International JWW for High Combined Midi dog. She also Double Q'd at Hangtown on 7/19 & 7/20. She had 10 clean runs last month with 2 4th place and 1 3rd place.

Her lowest % were at Hangtown 7/19-SCT 71/182yds time 52.72=74% and Hangtown 7/20-SCT45/158yds time 33.47=74%

She is 9th for Shelties for Double Q's with 27!

One More Brag

**From Tammy Del Conte and
Judy Mcleod**

Tammy Del Conte and Rumor went HIT at the Cabrillo Doberman Pinscher Club Specialty under Judge Luane Vidak, for a second leg in Novice B. At this rate, we may actually FINISH a degree !

New Titles

There were no new titles submitted this month.

Hot Dog Awards

This month's awards run from July 23rd to Aug. 19th.

This month's Obedience Hot Dog Award goes to Carol Davis and Sugar for their score of 196 ½ at GSDF of N. Cal.

This month's Agility Hot Dog Award goes to Chrissy and Gracie for their 76% score at Hangtown.

Kathie Haines would like to announce that her Chihuahua, Mr. Cricket has received his Therapy Dog Certification from Therapy Dogs International. Way to go, Cricket!

Our Condolences

Our condolences go to Chrissy Hastings-Baugh on the loss of her precious companion of 17 years, Dustin. 'Brown dog' will be missed.

News From AKC

In case you have not heard, AKC has declared September 17th, 2003 (the day that The AKC was founded in 1884) as the AKC's first annual "Responsible Dog Ownership Day." They suggest that affiliated clubs promote the idea by running CGC tests, or information booths or hold special classes on the weekend of Sept. 20th and 21st. Maybe this would be a good time to hold a more public CGC test, like the one we talked about doing at PetPals. What do you think?

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Come on out to Manzanita Park on Aug. 3rd and support the club. This year's trial is being dedicated to Bette Kuepfer for her many years of service and friendship to MBDTC.

Dog Day Afternoon

Lynn Scmitt is looking for people to participate in the annual Dog Day Afternoon (demo and doggie hug fest) held at Monterey Bay Academy on Aug. 7th. For info call Lynn at (831) 688-1414.

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Contact us at www.montereybaydog.org

This is an open letter to the membership

Last night I was chewed up and spit out but a very upset member. Why, because I did not send a letter out to the membership regarding the calendar promotion for a fundraiser. Things sometimes don't happen with the same speed of life that gets lived. I took this idea to the board in June requesting if I could promote a calendar for MBDTC. I was given a positive response and told to take it to the general meeting after the Workshop on June 28. I presented it to the membership and the "letter" I had planned on mailing that week. However, the general membership did not have the positive response I had expected. I wanted to give most of the money to LOCAL pet shelters and other members objected. They wanted it reworded and then sent out stating the money would go to LOCAL animal projects. Some members did not want the shelters to get the money. For those people who do not realize, I work ten to eleven hours a day and show my dog on weekends. I don't have time to redo the letter, get stamps, track down who has club envelopes and get all this information into the calendar makers so we could have a 16-month calendar starting in September 2003. I had very little time and I did not want another fund raiser going down the drain because I could not get approval or I could not get to a board meeting in time to present it to every member.

I do feel bad that people that do not have email did not get a "letter". I'm sorry some people couldn't make it to the membership meeting on June 28. I'm sorry I couldn't get this off the ground sooner so more people could have participated. I'm sorry I even brought this whole idea up.

Thanks to the people who did participate. We are going to have a great calendar and hopefully make some money for the local community.

Denise Panzich

Membership Renewal

Richard Torres has sent a letter to the Board asking to be re-instated as a member. Rich is a former member who has done a lot for MBDTC and would like to join the club again. He has pulled the trailer for us on a couple of occasions and has helped out at our Agility Trial since his leaving the club. If there is no negative feedback given within 30 days, he will be automatically reinstated.

Ask Abby and Annie

Dear Abby and Annie,

Do you know any airlines that fly dogs for a reasonable price? Mom says I can go to far away dog shows, if I pay for my fare. Please help,

Wandering Woofie

Dear Wandering Woofie,

Our mom was reading the Barker News and she said that they said that ATA and Alaska Airlines are the only ones left that charge \$75.00 each way, per dog. That's still a lot of cookies. Maybe you could just ask your mom to drive fast, like our mom.

Treat : Summertime Jigglers (for dogs)

4 Envelopes Unflavored Gelatin

1 Cup Carrot

3 Cups Apple Juice

1Tbs. Honey

In a large bowl, sprinkle gelatin over carrot juice and let stand 2 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat apple juice until hot but not boiling. Stir into juice mixture. Stir for

2-3 minutes. Add honey and stir again. Pour into a large flat pan (9X13 works well).

Refrigerate until firm. Cut into squares and serve outside. Treats will stain, but taste so cool and good!

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