



Ruff Notes

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What's Happening in February

- 2-2 Board Meeting, Appoint Nominating Committee
Morris Walkathon
- 2-8 AOCNC Workshop
- 2-17 Ruff Notes Deadline- **USE KIM'S NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**
- 2-24 Watsonville Final Classes, CGC Test
- 2-25 PetPals, Soquel – Final Classes
- 2-26 Capitola & Salinas Final Classes

Upcoming Shows & Trials

- 2-7&8** Santa Clara DTC Agility
AOCNC Workshop
- 2-13, 14 &15** Nor-Cal Toy DF (MBF)
Santa Clara KC (MBF)
NorCal Golden Retriever Club (FRAN) SS
- 2-21&22** Sac. Council of Dog Clubs
Symposium(mind of the dog)
Sacramento DTC-TD
San Francisco DTC Trial
San Mateo DTC Trial
- 2-28&29** Mt. Diablo DTC (Abbott) AG
Davis DTC TDX
NorCal Golden Retriever Club TD/TDX
Chuckanut DTA Agility

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My old address no longer works!!!!

From the Presidential Kennel

February.....the rain, the mud----what IS it about this time of year that brings the Tracking Test to mind? Ok, so it could be a little rough, what with the weather (usually cold and wet), poison oak, steep slopes, treacherous muddy descents, and curious cattle with a mind to putting dogs off the scent. But we did have fun! I'll always have fond memories of huddling over a warm drink at the Kelly Thompson Ranch, exchanging tracklayer stories and waiting, wishing and hoping for a passing track.

We still have the Tracking Test, thanks to a few intrepid members, but we've had quite a few changes: Out with February, in with May. Forget cattle, and worry more about people (ok, not that different). Leave the 4-wheel drive at home, 'cause you won't need it to navigate the CSUMB campus. The VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test differs from the TD/TDX in that it can take place in an urban environment, such as a college campus. Tracks can incorporate roads, sidewalks and buildings, and the gallery can actually follow close enough to see the dog work the track. If your only experience with tracking has been sitting around at base waiting for the pass/fail call from the Ham Radio Operators, you really should plan on joining us for our second VST, May 2nd at CSUMB. And as long as you're planning on coming, how about letting Luane know that you'll be there and that you'll be willing to lend a hand? I know that she will be looking for drivers, but I bet that she has a list of other jobs just waiting to be filled. Even if you have an objection to volunteering, please plan on coming out just to support the event. The more folks, the more fun....need more incentive? Well, there IS usually food involved.

The first four months of the year are usually pretty quiet for us---just the usual classes, plus the annual AOCNC workshop. Once we hit May, the events start piling up: first the VST, then the AOCNC Interclub Match, on to the Agility Trial and Obedience Workshop in June and the Obedience Trial the first weekend in August. Please make sure to mark your calendars for these events, and let the event chairs know if you'd be interesting in helping out:

Variable Surface Tracking (VST) - May 1 & 2 @ CSUMB, Chair: Luane Vidak,
Agility Trial -June 12 & 13 @ Sky Park, Chair: Marion & Michael Bashista,
Obedience Workshop -June26th, Chair: Judy Force, Obedience Trial-August 1
@ Manzanita Park, Secretary: Dale Root (still looking for a Chair).

- Tammy Del Conte

BRAGS

From Lin Harbertson :

Chalice- Skyline Dog Fanciers. San Mateo. Saturday January 10
WB, BOW, BOS for two more points. She is now three wins in three shows.

From Crissy Hastings-Baugh :

Logan earned 3 Double Q's this month, 1 at HIDAC in Pomona 12/29, and 2 at Simi Valley 1/17 and 1/18 and another clean run 1/19.

Gracie earned 4 Double Q's, 2 at HIDAC and 2 at Simi Valley, including 3, 3rd place runs, and another clean run. She also had a 3rd and 4th place run in the International classes.

Logan had a lower "Relative Speed" thingy than **Gracie**. He had an 86% on 1/18 in Standard B 12". (SCT 71/165 yds, his time was 61.45)

From Elizabeth Lambert :

Rosita earned her 1st CDX leg at the Rose City Classic in Portland, Or. on 1/17.

Ruff Notes Classified Ads

We will be accepting a limited number of business card size want ads from members and the general public. The cost will be \$3.00 per issue for members and \$5.00 per issue for the general public. Please submit your ad and forward me a check made out to MBDTTC, for the proper amount, by the regular Ruff Notes deadline. All ads should be dog related and will be subject to review for content. MBDTTC is not responsible for any part of any transaction resulting from the ads. The proceeds, from the sale of the ads will be used to offset the cost of printing and distributing Ruff Notes.

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February Birthdays

Furry

- 2-06 Reba Mitchell, GSD- Age6
- 2-07 Merlin Bashista CD, Yellow Lab- Age 4
- 2-14 Molly Hetrick AX,OAJ,PT, Sheltie- Age 6
- 2-14 Riff Raff Devlin OA,OAJ,CGC, Husky- Age 6
- 2-15 Ch. Amber Lang CDX,MX,MXJ, Golden Retriever- Age 10
- 2-19 Sage Gomez, Pembroke Welsh Corgi- Age 12
- 2-23 Alex Garcia CDX,CGC, Sheltie- Age10
- 2-25 Misty Silva UD,NA,TDI,CGC, Chessie- Age11
- 2-27 Cuda Smith CGC,OAJ,NA, Sheltie- Age6

Not So Furry

- 2-01 Mike Fenoglio
- 2-04 Linda Lang
- 2-09 Marilyn Runyan
- 2-11 Richard Torres
- 2-17 Dani Nelson
- 2-27 Jessica Hetrick

HOT DOG AWARD

This month's
AGILITY HOT DOG AWARD

goes to:

Logan Hastings-Baugh

For his 86% score "thingy" at Simi
Valley on 1-18-04

"You think dogs will not be in heaven? I
tell you, they'll be there long before any
of us."

- Robert Louis Stevenson

In Memory of Gloria McGrath

Gloria succumbed to pancreatic cancer. I can not imagine what it will be like not seeing her "around the ring..." She was 58.

A Dog's New Years Resolutions

Via: The Internet

1. I will not play tug-of-war with Daddy's underwear when he's on the can.
2. I will remember the garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
3. I will not suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
4. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
5. I will shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.
6. I will not eat the cat's food, before, or after, he eats it.
7. I will stop trying to find new places on the carpet when I am about to throw up.
8. I will not throw up in the car.
9. I will not roll on dead things.
10. I will stop considering the cat's litter box as a cookie jar.
11. I will not wake up Mommy by putting my cold, wet nose up her bottom end.
12. I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.
13. I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think that I am hemorrhaging.
14. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.
15. I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of anyone who is sitting on the can.
16. We do not have a doorbell. Therefore, I will not bark each time I hear one on the television.
17. I will not steal my Mommy's underwear out of the laundry basket and then dance all over the back yard with them.
18. I will remember the sofa is not a face towel and neither are Mommy & Daddy's laps.

More Adventures with Bradie : From Marilyn Runyan

Tuesday Bradie did it again--she exhibited her creativity. We were at Pam's to have her bathed and groomed. Pam was busy with another dog when I arrived, so she put Bradie out in the yard (where she does her agility classes). Bradie whined for a while then was quiet. Pretty soon I looked up and saw her in the bin with Sarah. She went to the gate and flipped the lock, gaining access to the runs. She selected the right run and popped herself in with Sarah. I can imagine her sticking her head in with the announcement that she had come to visit. I can also imagine Sarah looking at her and telling her that she hadn't been expecting any company. Bradie stayed there because she could see me. Sarah exited and went out through the now-open gate to the agility yard. Verta tells me that brother Teller does the same gate-opening technique. And who says that they are just dumb animals!!!! Wrong!!!!

Another Cute one from Cyber Space :

A woman brought a litter of golden-retriever puppies to the veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. She loved the puppies so much that she couldn't keep from remarking about their cute habits.

As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, the vet realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. He turned on the water faucet, wet his fingers, and moistened each dog's head when he had finished.

After the fourth puppy, he noticed his talkative client had grown silent. As he sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I never realized they had to be baptized."

Community Service

One of the things that made me want to be a part of this club was the fact that it was community oriented. As we all have crazy, busy schedules, sometimes that aspect of the club becomes more difficult. It seems like forever since we've done a demo. When I heard about the golden retriever in San Jose who was adopted out of the shelter, despite the fact that her owner was searching for her, I thought about how so many people don't have any sort of permanent identification on their dogs. The most common permanent I.D.s are tattooing or micro-chipping. That's when I had this idea to offer micro chipping on CGC nights. If we could get someone qualified to administer the chips, we could offer this life saving service to our members and the public in a cost-effective way. What do you think? Is it something that we could take on? Let's talk about it at the next general meeting in March.

Kim Sutherland

You need a laugh today

1. How Do You Catch A Unique Rabbit?
Unique Up On It.
2. How Do You Catch A Tame Rabbit?
Tame Way, Unique Up On It.
3. How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest?
They Take The Psycho Path
4. What Do Fish Say When They Hit A Concrete Wall?
Dam!
5. What Do You Call A Boomerang That Doesn't work?
A Stick.
6. What! Do You Call Santa's Helpers?
Subordinate Clauses.
7. What Do You Call Four Bullfighters In Quicksand?
Quattro Sinko.

Ask Abby and Annie

Dear Sissy,

What is Mommy's new e-mail address?

Annie

Dear Little Sis,

Mommy's e-mail address is always on the front page of Ruff Notes. It's kim_sutherland@earthlink.net .

Abby

Dear Abby and Annie,

Why aren't people sending in their questions to you? We all like reading your answers.

Faithful Reader

Dear Faithful Reader,

We hope that people were just busy over the holidays and will start writing again soon. Please remind your friends to send us their questions and tips.

Abby and Annie

Dear Aragorn,

Happy Valentine's Day! I loooooove you, XOXOXOXO, Your Girlfriend, Abby



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