

# Ruff Notes

## October 2025



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### October 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual picnic was great fun! We had some new dogs and new games! We returned with the tried-and-true potato on a spoon while walking your dog relay, obstacle course, dive for hot dogs and tic tac toe. The dogs and handlers did wonderfully. Then Luane brought some real competition to our venue. We added a recall race, pairs healing through cones and a distance call to front while sitting in a chair with your back to your dog. It was fun to see what a year in a dog's life is with Kilo returning. Last year he was just a puppy in Linda Lang's lap and this year he was competing with all the big dogs. We had so much fun and we didn't even get a chance to do the musical squares. Next year we will have to do that game earlier in the day. Thank you to everyone that brought items to make our day special.



Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 is our annual visit to Sunshine Villa, assisted living facility in Santa Cruz. All are welcome with your dogs.



We will put on a little demonstration of things that you already do with your dogs. If you have earned a trick dog title you can show off your tricks. We will also do things that you have been doing in your classes. Rally moves are a big hit. If you want to bring a costume, the residents love seeing the dogs dressed up. The residents enjoy our visit and those who are able are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dogs to the residents of Memory Care. Come with your dog and help us put a smile on a resident's face. They absolutely love our visit.

As always, we encourage you to attend our monthly Board meetings the first Monday of the month via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

**Hug your dogs and cherish every minute you are privileged to have them with you!**

Terri Gregson, President



**Yikes! Is it that time already?? Mark your calendar for our  
Holiday Photos.**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025  
5:30 PM to 8 PM**

**Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Crocetti Building**



Photographer Cat Cervantes returns with her backdrops, lights, and props. Our Annual Holiday Photo Night is a fundraiser for Gifts from the Heart. The money raised goes to a local veterinary office to support a pet who might otherwise not receive treatment. The donation is presented around Valentine's Day.

**\$15. Donation. Sign up night of Event**

Volunteers are needed to organize people and their pets.

2 Shifts 5:30 - 7:00 & 7:00 - 8:30

To volunteer

Contact Candice

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# MONTEREY BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB

## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

### ***"From the Beginning"***

Club member Lynn Schmitt will be talking about her life growing up with dogs and the many different aspects of her involvement in the dog community

### **DATE AND TIME**

November 8th

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

### **LOCATION**

Aptos Village Park

100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003

Bring your favorite **Hors d'oeuvres!**

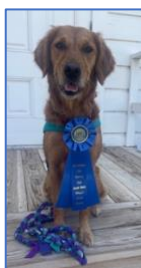




## **BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!**

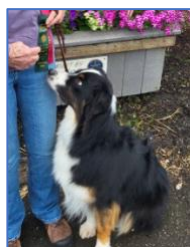


**Soleil** earned her Master Buried Elite title and we are closing in on her overall Master Elite title, 2 more Qs to go. So much fun to go to the line with her..... (Michelle Pressel)



**Rhyme** competed in her first Masters level searches over the last few days and came home with 2Qs (containers, exterior), one of them even earned her a pretty blue ribbon.

We still have a lot to learn about competing in this sport together. She thought the olive pits were amazing and deserved more of her attention than the hides. 🐾 🐾. Definitely need to work on her odor obedience. But I'm still very proud of how she did at this trial..... (Michelle Pressel)



Guess who got his first Utility leg last weekend? Congrats to **Caleb**..... (Stacy Thompson)



This weekend was the Northern California Scent work trials and the Weimaraner Agility trials in Santa Rosa.

**QT** 1st in Adv Interiors and qualified in Novice Exteriors and Buried. Completed his Novice Exterior title. QT also qualified in FAST in agility on the same day. He had too much fun on the rest of his runs.

**Booyah** 1st in Novice Exteriors with 4 sec run, also placed in Novice Buried 3rd both days, Novice Containers 4th, qualified in Novice Interiors once. Booyah also qualified the same weekend twice in Master Standard, won Time to Beat one day, and earned a 4th place in Master Fast. (He really blew up and got detention on Sunday, however. Being good is sooooo hard.) (Pam Figitt-Hetrick)



## MORE BRAGS



So proud of Jewel! Two days & 3 Scent Work trials in Woodland. Earned her Master Interior, Master Container, Qualified twice in Master Buried and Qualified in Master Exterior with a 1st, 2nd and two 4th placements--overall a fantastic showing! Such fun working with my girl!



..... (Laureen Yungmeyer)

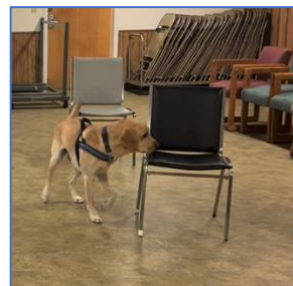
### High In Trial Sept 12 - Armband # 101 - Jewel

Master Trial 1  
101 Jewel German shepherd Dog



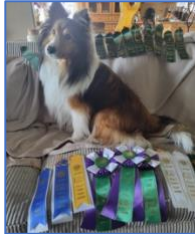
**Glenavan Curtain Call ML "Frannie"** taking WB and BOW in her variety for a 4-point major under Mr. Jose Homem De Mello in the Santa Barbara KC all breed show last weekend! A special Thank You to this judge who found her in a beautiful lineup of wonderful dachshunds and their handlers that day. We couldn't be more thrilled!..... (Wendy Hess)

**Trane** earned Qs in all four Advanced element searches at MBASW's September trial. .... (Marion & Michael Bashista)



On October 27 and 28, at the Hayward shows, in Open B, Finn qualified in each trial with scores of 194 1/2, 197 1/2, and 197 1/2..... (Barbara Skaggs)

## *The BRAGS Continue!*



**Holly** had a successful 3-day Scent Work Trial at Lost Coast Kennel Club in Eureka on Labor Day weekend.

We competed in both Advanced and Excellent (which was a lot of sniffing over three days). Overall, in Advanced we had 13 Qs out of 15 searches; in Excellent we had 6 Qs out of 12 searches.

She completed her Advanced Handler Discrimination title with two 1st places and a 3rd, finished the Excellent Buried and Container element titles with two 4th place ribbons in Excellent Container. We picked up one leg each in Excellent Interior and Exterior. The NQs were due, as always, to handler error (except being excused for having an "accident" on the field 🐾).

As always, I learned the most from the NQs, namely (1) remember how many hides there are and (2) don't call Finish too soon. I won't try that many searches again -- after 27 searches in 3 days, I got confused jumping between 2 and 3 hides, and Holly was a tired Sheltie at the end of the weekend. She is only 3 legs short of the SWE title, and we are planning on staying at Excellent level until we get more consistent in Interior. I'm very proud of Holly -- she has come a long way from her crazy puppy days, and she really seems to enjoy doing scent work..... (Denise Weatherwax)

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### From BirchBark Foundation



The buzz is real; our biggest night of the year is almost here, and you won't want to miss it! On Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 5:30–9:30 pm at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, BirchBark's [Fall in Love with BirchBark Gala](#) will be a dazzling evening of unforgettable experiences, incredible auctions, and heartfelt celebration — all in support of pets and the families who love them.



## *Happy Birthday Wishes*



10/3/2015	10	Bolt	Border Collie	Yvette Cook
10/4/2023	2	Frannie	Longhair Dachshund	Wendy Hess
10/9/2016	9	Cricket	Cattle Dog	Janet Wolverton
10/17/2014	11	Joker	Dalmatian	Judy Sauve
10/18/2016	9	Ella	Labrador Retriever	Barbara Gibson
10/27/2018	7	Abby	Schipperke	Carol Davis
10/27/2020	5	Theo	Swedish Vallhund	Mona Nakashima

\*\* If we've missed someone or your information needs to be updated, please contact Marion Bashista at [marionb@bashista.com](mailto:marionb@bashista.com) with your changes. Thanks!

10/3	Edie Losch
10/3	Luane Vidak
10/9	Mona Nakashima
10/21	Judy Simberg
10/24	Terri Gregson





**WANT A GOOD DOG?  
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

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