

# Ruff Notes

## October 2026



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### October 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual picnic was wonderful! I think who enjoyed it the most was my 15-yr old golden, Reznor. He reminded us all that you don't have to have a dog that competes in the games to come and enjoy the companionship we have developed as a club of 60 years! Thank you to everyone that brought paraphernalia for the games. I promise next year the obstacle course will be run! We just had so much to do in the hours we were there! Too much fun for sure.

Coming in October are two events we hope you will attend. Our Gifts From the Heart Photo Fundraiser on October 20<sup>th</sup> and our annual visit to Sunshine Villa on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. This picture is from our first visit on October 25, 2015. Please join us to help brighten the resident's day. If you are able, the visit to the memory care is a heartwarming time.



**MBDTC** has applied to be recognized as an AKC FIT DOG club. We will offer at least 4 walks each year that will qualify toward FIT DOG BRONZE, SILVER OR GOLD titles. In 2013 we set up multiple walks for our members and guests. We walked in DeLaveaga, Pogonip, Nisene Marks, along East and West Cliff Drives.



When we walk together, wearing our MNDTC attire, demonstrating that our dogs are Canine Good Citizens out in public, we earn the best publicity we could ask for. When asked who we are, we can let the public know about our training classes along with our 60-year-old club. Our walks only have to be one mile long to qualify, but we can do different length walks. Where would you like to walk?

Hug your dogs and cherish every minute you are privileged to have them with you!  
Terri Gregson, President



## Nov 14-15 Scent Work Trials Premium



The Premium can be downloaded from the Club's Home and Events pages at <https://montereybaydog.org/> and at AKC's Events search at <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/>.

The opening date to enter was October 1.

To volunteer, contact Michael B. at [michael@bashista.com](mailto:michael@bashista.com). Volunteers get to run before the other exhibitors, receive lunch, and are deeply appreciated.





# **MONTEREY BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

## **NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

Dorothy Mash, Dog Trainer with our  
Club will be our guest speaker

### **DATE AND TIME**

November 7, 2026

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

### **LOCATION**

Aptos Grange

2555 Mar Vista Dr, Aptos, CA 95003

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



## **BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!**



I was upstairs. **Kittu** started barking downstairs and was insistent. Quick hush did not work. Went down to see what the issue was. I had started the coffee maker before going up. The coffee maker had 'blocked', overheated, and was alarming. Kittu passed on the alarm getting me downstairs to address it. The potential danger was thus addressed by his notification barking. Very Good Dog.....(Stewart Gibson)

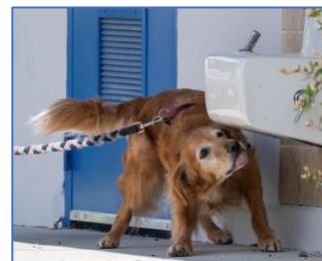


**Rhyme** and I went to Lodi for a double detective trial where she earned pass #3 with a 2nd place. And came within 1 hide of a 4th pass. During that NQ run, she found a hide that was well above her head by at least 10 feet on the bucket of a large tractor. And she did it easily. She is really good at high hides, unfortunately, she is pretty sure all hides should be well above her head. Need to work on getting her head out of the clouds.

And then we went to the Labor day Monterey area SW trial in Pacific Grove where **Soleil** earned a detective Q and placed in 3/3 excellent runs. We came really

close to our last of 2 master interior passes to earn her overall master elite title. And someday that will happen too. But the best part is getting to go to the line with Soleil. She loves to play and I'm thrilled that her surgery in February gave us back this game to enjoy together.

Rhyme also did a fantastic job coming within one hide of another detective pass, earning an excellent interior which finished her Interior Elite title and Master buried Q, finishing her Master Buried title.....(Michelle Pressel)



At the Yolo County Fairgrounds scent work trials in Woodland, Sept. 12-13. **Holly** earned a new title ribbon for getting her 10th and finishing her Excellent Elite container (SCEE) title. She also snagged her 1st Q in Master Interior, with a total of 5 Masters and Excellent Qs for the weekend. I was so proud of her efforts.....(Denise Weatherwax)



## Annual Awards Update



Cairo  
OM1, OM2, UDX, TKI  
MBDTC 2025

It's not too early to start thinking about the MBDTC annual awards. The Holiday Awards Luncheon is planned for Saturday, December 19, at the Watsonville Elks' Lodge.

If your dog earns a new AKC title beginning November 1, 2025 through November 1, 2026, you are eligible to receive a personalized Christmas ornament with your dog's photo and any titles earned listed on the back. (Example on the left.)

Awards Chair Denise Weatherwax sent surveys in late September to collect info about titles and nominations for the Good Sportsmanship and Phoebe Awards.

Mark your calendars and watch your email for more information.



**We need your  
Silent Auction donations  
by November 17th  
Bring them to class, or drop them off  
to Audrey or Candice**



The yearly awards are supported by your donations to our Silent Auction. Handmade items, Jams and Jellies, make fabulous items for the auction. Dog items and treats are always appreciated by our best friends. (no rawhide please) Text Audrey at 831 419 5639 to drop off





## Happy Birthday Wishes



|            |    |         |                    |                 |
|------------|----|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10/3/2015  | 11 | Bolt    | Border Collie      | Yvette Cook     |
| 10/4/2023  | 3  | Frannie | Longhair Dachshund | Wendy Hess      |
| 10/9/2016  | 10 | Cricket | Cattle Dog         | Janet Wolverton |
| 10/27/2018 | 8  | Abby    | Schipperke         | Carol Davis     |
| 10/27/2020 | 6  | 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!

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|-------|----------------|
| 10/3  | Edie Losch     |
| 10/3  | Luane Vidak    |
| 10/8  | Bunny Jamal    |
| 10/9  | Mona Nakashima |
| 10/21 | Judy Simberg   |
| 10/24 | Terri Gregson  |





## Upcoming Club Fun Events





**Holiday Photos**  
October, Date to be determined



**November 7**  
Thanksgiving General Meeting



**December 19** Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction



**End of October** Sunshine Villa demo and costume party









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

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