

# Woofs and Waggers

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## Club Calendar

April 22 (Sun)	Members' Match	9 AM, CSEB, Hayward
May 13 (Sun)	Members' Match	9 AM, CSEB, Hayward
May 20 (Sun)	Obedience Trial	CSEB, Hayward
June 17 (Sun)	Members' Match	9 AM, CSEB, Hayward

## President's Message – Jack McCredie

**REMINDER - RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2017 AKC TITLES:** Each year our club recognizes AKC titles earned the previous calendar year by member teams. If the title is the first one earned for that dog while a member of the club, the team receives a plaque. After the first AKC title, the team receives a brass plate to be mounted on the plaque. Once again, Terry Southard is coordinating the recognition program for 2017 and she sent an email to all members on March 9. If you lost that note, please quickly contact Terry and she will resend it to you: <[terry@coppertop.net](mailto:terry@coppertop.net)>

The deadline for submitting information to Terry is Sunday, April 8. The plaques and plates will be distributed at the ODTC annual meeting early in June (date still to be determined). To be recognized, titles must have been earned by a member team from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

**New Director of Membership:** As reported in the January Newsletter, Jasen Duncan is moving and has retired as our Director of Membership. The board of directors appointed Nancy Mahaffey to this position beginning immediately. At the March member meeting she was nominated to be elected to the position for a full term at the upcoming June annual meeting.

We have made a small adjustment to the new member application procedure. The ODTC member who is sponsoring a new applicant must now write a short introductory email to Nancy supporting the application before the board reviews it. Our thanks to Nancy for accepting this very important role!!

Nancy Mahaffey <[nmah@comcast.net](mailto:nmah@comcast.net)>

**Officers and board members nominated at the March member meeting:** The slate presented by the nominating committee (Mary Lemon, Hazel Olbrich, Sarah Eeles) was approved at the March 18 member meeting and there were no additional nominations from the floor. The election of these officers will take place at the ODTC Annual meeting in June.

President	Jack McCredie
Vice President	Lora Cox
Secretary	Emily Church
Treasurer	Debbie Hankins
Director of Membership	Nancy Mahaffey
Director	Mitch Goodstein
Director	Meigs Matheson
Director	Mary Lemon
Sr. Trustee	Joyce Brown
Jr. Trustee	Kathy Miller

**The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California:** ODTC and 16 additional licensed, or member, AKC clubs in the region constitute the AOCNC. The organization originated as a club obedience challenge match in 1945 between the San Francisco Dog Training Club and the Mt. Diablo

Obedience and Training Club. Our ODTTC volunteered to host a similar event in 1951 at which 7 clubs were present. Later in 1951 delegates from these and other clubs decided to meet quarterly to discuss common issues and that was the beginning of what would become AOCNC a few years later. It is an organization that is dedicated to the promotion of the sport of dog obedience training and the association of “dog people.”

<http://www.aocnc.org/index.htm>

At its recent quarterly meeting, AOCNC thanked its member clubs and presented each with a handsome certificate, which is on display at our Training Hall. ODTTC participates in AOCNC matches and events and currently has three representatives to the organization - Harriet Tucker, Debra Dove, and Amy Kitty. If you would like to volunteer to help with AOCNC events or to learn more about the organization, please contact Harriet, Debra, or Amy.

**ODTTC On-Line:** Our thanks to Emily Church who has revitalized the club’s presence on Facebook. If you have not visited the site recently, I recommend that you do so.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7p3rvbf>

There is a recent excellent article referenced by Emily of a blog posting by Denise Frenzi about “Competition Dog Sports Etiquette” - highly recommended!

In addition, there is a link to us on Yelp, but over the years we have had only 7 reviews. So I encourage you to go to [yelp.com](http://yelp.com) and search for Oakland Dog Training Club and write a review so that others may know more about our organization if they are searching for dog training assistance.

## **Editor and Training Director’s Notes – Hazel Olbrich**

Debbie Hankins adds her apologies for the string of Sunday Members’ Match Dates (we try to alternate Saturdays and Sundays). We must schedule around Cal State activities, and Sundays are the available days this quarter.

Lisa Fullam passed along these links to some very interesting podcasts:

In case you think the members might be interested, there’ve been some excellent Slate podcasts in their “animals with jobs” series about dogs, one about a guide dog and the other a theater dog:

[http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/working/2018/02/how\\_does\\_a\\_guide\\_dog\\_work.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/working/2018/02/how_does_a_guide_dog_work.html)

[http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/working/2018/02/how\\_does\\_a\\_broadway\\_theater\\_dog\\_work.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/working/2018/02/how_does_a_broadway_theater_dog_work.html)

## **New Obedience Regulations got into effect May 1, 2018!**

I emailed a copy of these out in December. Be sure to review them and start training the new exercises in Novice and Open and the various flavors of those classes! We've started learning them in our Wednesday classes, and the last two months members have practiced them with me (both sides of the clipboard got some experience) at the members' match. The new obedience regulation book is scheduled to be published in early April.

## **Nosework and Tricks News ..... Lynn Kosmakos**

Lynn has suggested the following revisions to the Scentwork and nose work schedule, most effective May 1 (see note on Advanced Scentwork). The training committee agrees.

Introductory Scentwork - Monday 7:30 - 9:30, limit 6, \$100, Instructor – Albert Angulo, every month.

Advanced Scentwork - Tues. 2:30 - 3:30, drop in, \$20, no limit, Instructor – Lynn Kosmakos. This class starts April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Scentwork clinic - monthly 3-hour Saturday, limit 10, \$50, Instructor – Albert Angulo (dates to be announced)

Tricks will move to Tuesdays at 7:30, even months, alternating with Rally, limit 6, \$80, Instructor – to be named each session (*Ed note: the April Tricks class on Mondays has been cancelled due to lack of interest*).

## **Ring Ready AKC Obedience – Lizanne Kaiser**

Class focus is polishing and refining skills needed for the Novice/Open/Utility exercises to successfully compete in AKC Obedience. Not all exercises will be covered every class.

Friday 10:30am – 12:00pm Novice and Open

Friday 12:00pm – 1:30pm Utility

Drop-in classes held semi-monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month (starting in April). On the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of select months, classes may optionally be held depending on interest. Please confirm 5<sup>th</sup> Friday schedule in advance with instructor (Lizanne Kaiser, [mrfiacra@yahoo.com](mailto:mrfiacra@yahoo.com)).

Fee is \$25 per 1.5-hour class (payable to Oakland DTC).

Classes are drop-in and available to those preparing for AKC Obedience competition who have signed a waiver with ODTTC. Dogs must already have 'pet manner' skills (or higher) and be able to work in a group setting without disrupting other students or dogs. Limit of one dog per handler per class. If you bring more than one dog for the two classes, please keep one dog securely/safely in your car or in a secure crate in the hall while you work your other dog.

## **.Membership – Jasen Duncan**

2 New Members this year

Barbara and Donald Niewmann  
33 Hennessey Riddle road  
St Helena, CA 94574  
(707) 963-1350

Dog: PWD  
Sponsor: Jack McCredie

“Of the excellent Caliber of the members + events.”

Constance Andronico  
42 Arlington Ave  
Kensington, CA 94707  
(510) 599-4070  
[conandronico@gmail.com](mailto:conandronico@gmail.com)

Dog: Newfoundland  
Sponsor: Hazel Olbrich

“I’m enjoying working with my dog. I’m learning about teamwork and trust. Our bond is growing and it’s fun to see the light bulb come on with his accomplishments. And I’m learning a lot from Hazel about strengthening core and a great group of people Wednesday evenings.”

We have grown by 12 members since March of last year.

Reg Membership	122
Family Membership	6
Honorary Membership	2
Total Membership	130

## **Hall Care and Maintenance – Barbara Henry**

*(Ed note: No news is good news).*

## **Highlights from the Web – Lori Drouin**

*(Ed Note: Lori has agreed to share her finds on the web.. Thank you, Lori!)*

As you may know, Lori is back at UCSF getting treatment for a recurrence of multiple myeloma. I'm looking forward to when she feels up to contributing to this section.

## **Business Plan –Lizanne Kaiser**

*Placeholder for Bi-Annual publication of results*

## What the dogs have taught me – Pat Steed

*(Ed. Note: This is a regular series about training topics and our dogs. Contributions are always welcome! Contact me if you are interested in contributing. Special thank you this month to Lynn Benson-Colbert for the typing! )*

### I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW AM FOUND

The litter wasn't wanted,  
It must have come  
via lack of thought about the pros and cons of breeding,

if they'd be the sort of pups  
for which there would be good homes,  
And owners who would care.

At first they were considered cute,  
But this began to wear.  
When no one came to give them homes  
the owner lost his head.

One night he took the trusting mites, and wishing they were dead, He dumped them all for Fate to tend  
or cull

As she saw fit.

But Fate was smiling on that night  
And gave one pup the wit  
To cope with his unnatural ills,  
To struggle and survive,  
Until he found his way to me, so very much alive.

So now I have Wagzee, the beautiful one  
Who appeared with an innocent trust.

Not resenting the hardships or fearing man's hand,  
But confident life would be just.

We can't boast of a pedigree 'long as an arm',  
But such boasts are often misled.

For if manners make dogs, as they say they make man,  
Then my Wagzee is not poorly bred.

-Pat Steed

\* Amazing Grace

-John Newton (1725-1807)

## Meet the Members –Christine Hsu (new member)

*(Ed Note: this is the feature that we all like to read and none of us like to write. Volunteers welcome!)*



My husband Don and I got our first Golden Retriever, Cooper, a little over 20 years ago, and that's when we were introduced to the "dog world". Within 5 years, our household grew to include 3 Goldens when we added K'Ehleyr and Lola, and we were competing with them all in conformation and agility. I joined the local breed club (NORCAL Golden Retriever Club).

A few years after that, I got my girl Sport (Spiritlodge Sporting Chance) from one of my long-time mentors, a breeder in Canada. Sporty was a very active pup, very intelligent, with loads of natural talent and a great work ethic. She also did conformation and agility, but with her I also added field, obedience, and rally to the dog sports list. I bred her a couple times, and am very proud

of the fact that several of her very talented pups and dedicated owners made her a GRCA Outstanding Dam.

My current dogs are Sport, who is now 12 1/2 years old, and her two sons Ronan and Thistle, both 8 years old. These days we have great fun training, in multiple venues (obedience, rally, field, nosework, tracking, agility), but are not doing much competing at this time.

Other dog-related passions/interests: dog health, am passionate about dog behavior and learning new training skills, and do canine conditioning/fitness (my living room looks like a dog gym). I have been feeding my dogs a raw diet for 20 years.

I'm very active in NORCAL Golden Retriever Club- have served on their Board multiple years- most recently as Performance VP. I've set up and maintained multiple websites for various clubs. I also teach a weekly foundation skills class to students at T&C DTC in San Jose. I also enjoy hosting educational seminars, and have done that for my clubs.

One of my favorite activities is hiking and taking photos in beautiful places.

## **Oops!**

No goofs to apologize for this month!

## **Congratulations!**

*(Brag and stories must be submitted in writing. I don't dare try to be responsible for remembering ones relayed to me orally. Email is preferred (h\_olbrich@sbcglobal.net), because it is easy and accurate to transfer the brag directly from the message to the next issue, but any written format is just fine. If you email your brag, please put "BRAG" in the title; it makes it easier for me to find.)*

Magic is going down in history! I found out that she is the first Portuguese Water Dog in the country to receive the AKC title of TKP (Trick Dog Performer). Asta's Moonlight Magic CGC, RN, RA, RE, BN, CD, TDIA, THD, ATD, TKA, TKP – Paula Li

Cleopatra got an award from MDDTC for the Highest Scoring Rally Novice for 2017. BellaDora and Cleopatra both earned their Rally Intermediate titles at Santa Clara DTC trial last month. And shock to me, I received an email from AKC saying my BellaDora is invited to the AKC Rally National Championship this year! -- Nancy Mahaffey