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NCWSA...

NCWSA is *your club*...please feel free to contact a Board Member if you have ideas for a practice event, a newsletter article, a trial, or any activity that you think would be helpful for other members.

For all the latest news, check the club website:

www.norcalsheepdog.org

NCWSA Winter Trial Results

February 18, 2012 at Bonnie Richardson's, Oakdale

Nursery—6 dogs to the post

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|-------------------|-------|----|
| 1. LisAnn Spencer | Lacey | 56 |
| 2. LisAnn Spencer | Hank | 54 |
| 3. Tom Trent | Angus | 23 |



Pro-Novice—9 dogs to the post

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|--------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. Teri Tucker | Jasper | 55 |
| 2. Gloria Supernaw | Lad | 46+ |
| 3. Kathy Hoffer | Trig | 46 |
| 4. Ann Raines | Singe | 44 |
| 5. Barb McPherson | Callie | 40 |
| 6. Sharon Freilich | Nan | 39 |
| 7. Jane Harrison | Tess | 24 |



Novice-Novice—5 dogs to the post

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|---------------------|------|----|
| 1. Barb McPherson | Chip | 69 |
| 2. Suki Dewey-White | Harp | 44 |
| 3. Ann Daugherty | Jane | 30 |

A big thank you to Bonnie Richardson, who graciously hosted the NCWSA-sponsored trial at her home. Also thanks to Rusty Jeffers (judge), Melinda, Steve and Amy Alongi (setout and exhaust), Mimi Wilson (setup), Debra Lehr, Carol Zoltowski (clerk and assistant) and everyone else who helped to make our February trial a success!



Thank You, Rusty!

The NCWSA Club and Board members owe a huge debt of gratitude to Rusty Jeffers for his presidency covering eight years! He will continue on as our webmaster for which we are most grateful! The Board honored Rusty with a beautiful belt buckle as shown in the photos below. Thanks Barb McPherson for capturing the moment!



Your 2012 NCWSA Board

President: Billy Trent

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Two-Year Board Members: Patsy Galati and Teri Tucker

One-Year Board Members: Nicky Riehl, Jennifer Stewart, and Mimi Wilson

Thanks to all who volunteered!

Did You Know?

Did you know that NCWSA started out with an ad in the Classifieds?

Yes, in the *American Border Collie News* publication dated March/April 1988, an ad appeared that read as follows:

Sheepdog people interested in starting a SCWSDA chapter club in Northern California contact: Cindy (address and phone)..... And the rest is history!

Novice FAQ



The Novice FAQ is meant to help answer aspiring handlers' questions and concerns about trialing or working dogs. If you have a question that you would like to have answered in an upcoming newsletter, please send it to: president@norcalssheepdog.org.

Q: How does the handler choose which side to send the dog on the outrun?

A: There are many factors involved in this choice but the main consideration is normally which side the sheep want to pull or run to, often called the "draw" and the handler will send his or her dog on that side to "cover the draw" (which is often the side where the letout or exhaust pen is). Other factors may be that the dog runs better on one side than the other, or the terrain, etc.

Q: What is meant by "at hand" work and "outwork"?

A: The *at hand* work means close to the handler, such as penning or shedding. The *outwork* refers to the outrun, lift, fetch, and driving portions of the trial run.

Q: Clapping? I thought that came at the end of a good performance!

A: *Clapping* refers to a dog who lies down a lot, perhaps too much at times, instead of staying on his or her feet while working. Excessive *clapping* is a characteristic that is undesired by most handlers in their dogs.

Vice President's Message

By Yvette Cook

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back

Our new board is impressive. Years of collective experience at all levels of club management, dog trialling, and stock handling.

Billy, thank you for stepping up to the top rung of the NCWSA ladder. You're a perfect fit as you also, hold the sport in high regard. Decisions are based on procedure and principles, irrespective of incidences and individuals. As VP I will support you any way I can.

Steve and Melinda, your family has been so helpful on many occasions with our events. Always cheerful, attentive and consistent. Welcome to the board and thank you for your work.

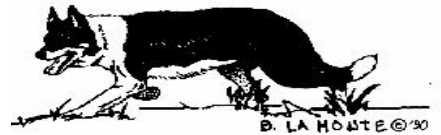
Nicky, Patsy, and Teri what a pleasure to have you all back ! I know you gave it some serious thought, and we came out on top with your decision. You all know every aspect of our club and how it functions. We will have a very good year.

Bonnie, thanks for taking on another year. I know we have all thought "I've done my share; it's time for someone else. ".Yet here we are again. I'd like to think the respect we have for each other as board members, and our ability to get along so well, plays a big part in our willingness to serve.

And our ever loyal and faithful Jennifer and Mimi. Year after year you continue to attend every event we put on and give it your all. Year after year your comments and insights have positively framed our events. What else is there?

Upcoming Events ... Mark Your Calendar!

- March 16-18: Sonoma Wine Country SDT, Oak Springs Ranch, Santa Rosa CA
- March 23-26: Slaven's Zamora Hills SDT, Slaven Ranch, Zamora, CA
- March 31-April 1: Hoof & Paw Farm SDT, Plymouth, CA (PN, NN, Nursery)
- April 14-15: Bill Berhow Clinic, Chico University Farm, Chico, CA
- April 14-15: SJVBCA Spring Trial, Porterville, CA
- April 22: Pt Pleasant Nursery SDT, Elk Grove, CA
- May 12: Ron Curran/ Ken Blake Memorial SDT, Ione Fairgrounds, Ione CA
- May 13: Annual Mother's Day Trial, Pt. Pleasant Ranch, Elk Grove CA
- May 26-28: Dry Lake SDT, Dry Lake Ranch, Tulelake, CA



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