



# SSCNC Bulletin

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March 2024

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Hospitality: October 26, 2024  
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Rally:

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**The Shetland  
Sheepdog Club of  
Northern California  
Specialties  
at  
Sycamore Lane  
Kennels,  
Lodi  
March 31, 2024**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
**Membership Dues are due March 31<sup>st</sup>!!**  
**After March 31<sup>st</sup>, late fees kick in.**



## Next Club Meetings:

- March 16 - Via Zoom 4 pm
- April 6 - Via Zoom 4 pm
- May 4 - Via Zoom. 4 pm
- June 9 - Puppy Picnic
- July 20 - Via Zoom, 4 pm



**Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California**  
Minutes of the General Meeting

February 24, 2024

Location: Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 4:05 pm.

The following members were present:

Patsi Nelson	Sue Cone	Kathy Zilke
Donna Shade	John Strassner	Debbie Goehring
Lisa Casaccia	Halina Christie	Tina Laster
Anita Rasmussen	Linda Morrison	Linda Holland
Kathy Coon	Brandi Friesen	Amber Friesen
Julie Guttman	Beverly Fadden	Scott Zamvil
Debbie Marks	Laura Finerty (new member)	

The following board members were present:

Karen D'Augusta	Rebecca Logsdon	Roxayn King
Cindy Frusetta	Rachael Shaffer	Mark Hersman
Trish Wallrich	Yvonne Samuelson	Lynn Azzopardi

We had the following guests:

- Ellen Fletcher
- Tink TenEyk

Minutes: The January 2024 minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

- We currently have \$ [REDACTED] in the savings account and \$ [REDACTED] in the checking account (this is prior to the Scent Work Trial).
- Profit from Scent Work Trial so far - \$ [REDACTED].

Membership:

- We have two applications for membership to vote on!
  - o Lisa Tatsuno: Lisa lives in San Francisco. She is a member of the Northern Nevada club and ASSA and has been "in Shelties" for 23 years. Her kennel name is Maneko. She is sponsored by Cindy and Mark.
  - o Laura Finerty: Laura lives in Manteca. She has had Shelties for 3 years and she is also interested in Portuguese Water Dogs. She is sponsored by Karen and Mark.
  - o The applications from Lisa and Laura were both approved by the membership. Congratulations to our new SSCNC members!
- We will have another application to vote on next month.
- A new roster will be coming out soon.

Bulletin: Rebecca is looking for Specialty photos and history and St. Patrick's Day and Easter photos for the next Bulletin.

### Agility Trial - June Manzanita Park:

- Lorie Abbott is adding International Classes to the Friday show. This usually brings in several USDAA entrants. It makes for a long day, but it increases our entries. The Friday show will likely start earlier so it won't end so late.

### AKC Scent Work Trial – Feb. 17 - 18

- SSCNC's first AKC Scent Work Trial took place on the weekend of February 17-18 at Sycamore Lane Kennel.
- While there were issues with the weather and the site, the event was successful.
- John got lots of compliments and "Thank You's" from competitors.
- Having two trials in one day was a big draw. It enabled competitors to finish a title in a weekend.
- We had lots of SSCNC members volunteering. Patsi said that it was more members volunteers than we usually get for an agility trial.
- John looks forward to doing another Trial (but more efficiently).
- Thanks to John or Kim for putting the event together!

### March 31 2024 Specialty

- We are holding our March Specialty at Sycamore Lane Kennels with the SacValley Sheltie Club. SacValley is Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and we are Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Karen talked to Pam Strametz (her partner, Dale Root) is the Trial Secretary.
  - 2 weeks before closing, we have 11 conformation entries in the am, and 9 in the pm.
  - We have 18 obedience entries and 20 rally entries (Obedience & Rally are open to the herding group – this has helped with our numbers).
- Entries close March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Rebecca said that she had tentative plans to set up a Spring themed photo booth at the show (since March 31<sup>st</sup> is Easter) – weather permitting. The photo booth will be free to use and will have Spring/Easter themed props and background.

Trophies: Gale called Cindy. She isn't sure what she wants yet.

Trophies: Mark sent an email to Terry plus the Premium List. He also booked the ribbons for October.

### October Specialties:

- Beginning October 2025, the Obedience & Rally portion of the October Specialty will take place at another time and location (TBD) due to the difficulties of holding an outdoor event at Dixon. This may be a standalone event.
- We are committed to having Obedience & Rally at the Dixon Specialty in October 2024 because we already have a judge (Nancy Craig).
- The Board proposed replacing Sweeps with Best Puppy at the October Specialty. This is due to the large number of shows taking place at Dixon (tiring for puppies). It also brings us in line with the SacValley Club.
  - Motion by Mark: Starting October 2025, Sweeps will be replaced by Best Puppy (this will only happen at the October show – March will still have Sweeps). Seconded and Approved by the membership.

### Website:

- The website is set to go live on March 1.
- Lisa C. met with the web designer, Lisa Smyth, a couple of weeks ago. She has also taken some tutorials on how to manage the website.
- All links are connected. Lisa S. is working on connecting PayPal. Membership is setup up.
- There will be printable forms. The membership application will be available online.
- The members only section will be for members in good standing.
- Lots of new information is on the website. It has taken 6 months to build!

- Lynn said that the title awards information has been changed. It will appear on the website on the assigned date.
- If there are any issues with the website, email Lisa C. and Lynn.

Education: We could have an educational event at the Puppy Picnic in June.

Special Awards: We are still waiting for the Sportsmanship Award from Larry, plus some revised/corrected plaques.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee:
  - We need to form a Nominating Committee for 2024 Board and Officers. The Committee consists of the Chair, 2 Board members and 2 regular members.
  - So far, the Committee consists of Bev Fadden (Chair), Yvonne and Mark (Board representatives) and Linda Morrison (regular membership).
  - At the meeting, Tina Laster volunteered to be the final member of the committee.
  - The slate of 2024-5 SSCNC Officers and Board will be presented at the May 2024 meeting, with voting in June.
- Obedience and Rally Chairs: Starting after the October 2024 Specialty, Roxayn King will be the SSCNC Obedience Chair and Bev Fadden will be the SSCNC Rally Chair.
- Sweeps Prizes: Rachael recommended changing our policy for Sweeps awards so we don't use coins and round to the nearest whole dollar instead. Issue tabled until we can discuss the Sweeps prize structure further.

Old Business:

- Bylaws:
  - Mark received a response from the AKC (Ann) regarding the new SSCNC Bylaws.
  - Overall the AKC thinks the new Bylaws are good; they are just asking for a few tweaks, then they will approve.
  - Big thanks to Mark, also John, Cindy and Karen.
- AKC Membership List:
  - One of the AKC's requirements regarding the Bylaws is that we need to send a current membership list. We have not submitted a membership list in several years. Technically, the AKC requires clubs to send in their membership lists annually. Mark has put together a list to submit to the AKC.
- IRS Issue:
  - Kathy C. asked about the status of the IRS issue.
  - Rachael said that the law firm is at a loss because IRS is refusing to accept our tax filings or even give us any information. She is not getting anywhere with phone calls to the IRS.
  - Rachael is going to send in a 990 form plus an explanation. According to what she has read, this tactic may result in updating and re-activating our EIN and force the IRS to deal with us.

Good of the Order: No report.

Next Meeting:

- March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm via Zoom

Adjourned: 4:45 pm

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon, Recording Secretary, SSCNC



## Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California

### 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due by **March 31, 2024** after which time a \$1 late fee will be applied

**Per The Club By-Laws if dues are not paid by June 1 your membership will lapse.**

**Individual membership \$25**

**Family/Household membership \$40**

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to: **SSCNC**

Mail form and payment to: Rachael Shaffer, SSCNC Treasurer, 995 Kottinger Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email:  
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All club information is sent via your email address. If this does not work for you, please indicate the best way for you to receive information:  
  
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Please remember that in paying your dues you are confirming that you will uphold the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California, Inc. Code of Ethics.

\*\*This form will be given to Patsi Nelson, Membership Chair, and the information will be used for the next club roster.



## **Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California, Inc. CODE OF ETHICS**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Whether an owner, exhibitor, or breeder, the Shetland Sheepdog enthusiast is often confronted with decisions and courses of action which can impact the continued improvement and preservation of the breed, and the well-being of his or her individual dogs. All too often, because of inexperience or lack of forethought, the decisions made and the courses of action pursued are unfortunate ones, with lasting detrimental effects.

With the following voluntary guidelines, which represent a composite of the personal codes of conduct and concerns of its members, the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California, Inc., is setting forth acceptable practices and a number of precautions for its members as well as any and all involved with our breed.

### **BREEDING CONSIDERATIONS:**

It is important that breeders examine their motives before undertaking any breeding. While the zeal to produce champions is understandable, the breeder must guard against becoming insensitive to the lives produced; must understand the costs in time and money; and must recognize the difficulties in placing unwanted offspring in caring homes.

- A. Breeding should be done selectively with the intention of reducing faults to a minimum and producing healthy Shelties of high quality, type, and proper temperament.
- B. Breeding should be undertaken only when the breeder is in a position to properly care for the bitch and litter. The breeder should recognize it may be necessary to house offspring for a considerable length of time, and be prepared to provide suitable facilities during this time.
- C. No fancier should attempt breeding until able to distinguish between the correct and the incorrect. Such ability presupposes careful study of the breed standard, the basic principles of genetics, and the pedigrees of prospective mates.
- D. Breeders should breed only stock which is in good health and which is physically and temperamentally sound. No dog or bitch should be bred that is known to have, or is suspected of having, any serious inheritable defects or diseases.
- E. The stud dog should be bred selectively. The owner should discourage the individual who wants to breed pet quality bitches, or one unsuitable for their stud. The stud dog owner should be certain the owner of the bitch has the necessary knowledge and facilities to care for the puppies.
- F. Only dogs which are free from all discoverable, and assumed hereditary, defects should be used for breeding. "Discoverable" under present circumstances includes those forms of blindness whose incipient stages can be detected via competent eye exam, joint diseases such as hip dysplasia, that are revealed through x-ray study, cryptorchidism or monorchidism that can be found by palpitation, and any other gross and obvious abnormality, such as heart defects or serious skeletal defects.
- G. The Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA) and Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) certification procedures are recommended as useful measures for detection of defects.
- H. Individuals which themselves have been examined and checked out "clear", but which are direct parents or close relatives of afflicted dogs, should be regarded as relatively "high risk" breeding stock.
- I. All contracts on co-ownerships, breeding rights, or repeat breedings, should contain a clause voiding them or otherwise providing terms of settlement without breedings, if a dog involved is, subsequent to the date of original contract, found to be "afflicted" or definitely "high risk".

## SELLING AND SALES CONTRACTS:

Problems resulting from sales and sales agreements are perhaps the greatest source of dissatisfaction and ill will in the breed. It is important the seller be honest with himself and the buyer. It is equally important all agreements and stipulations be recorded in written sales contracts.

- A. Sales prices of dogs and puppies should be based on the observable quality of the individual dog as potential show or breeding specimens.
- B. No puppy should be released or shipped to a new home before the age of eight weeks.
- C. Ethical breeders do not consign their dogs to pet stores, animal brokers, or commercial kennels, and do not donate them as prizes for any raffle or contest.
- D. A breeder must be discriminating in the placement of his stock and should not knowingly deal with unethical persons. A breeder should not sell to, or aid in selling a Sheltie to any person whom he has reason to believe will not provide the proper care and environment, or who may use the dog in a fashion which is detrimental to the breed.
- E. The new owners should be provided with at least a three-generation pedigree, an inoculation record and booster due dates. Novice buyers should also be provided with a thorough written list of instructions on diet and care.
- F. Breeding arrangements should never be established which would encourage the pet buyer to undertake a breeding program.
- G. Each person who sells or places a dog should provide the new owner with a registration application, a signed transfer, or a signed agreement between buyer and seller as described in the American Kennel Club rules (Chapter 3). It is recommended a sales contract be executed for every sale.
- H. Breeders and sellers should make themselves familiar with laws and regulations intended to protect the pet buying public. Puppy buyers have a right to a sound, healthy pet that is representative of the breed. Breeders and/or sellers should be responsible for providing certain refunds, replacements or reimbursements, should the dog they sell become ill or die from a condition contracted prior to the purchase.

## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Dog owners have a responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times. Proper care and humane treatment include an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean comfortable living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training for appropriate behavior. Dogs should not be kept in circumstances or numbers where all of these needs cannot be adequately fulfilled.
- B. Breeders should encourage puppy purchasers to have their pets spayed or neutered to prevent accidental breeding, and to avoid breeding merely to produce puppies for monetary gain.
- C. All breeders must keep accurate and thorough breeding records in accordance with AKC requirements.



# SSCNC Spring Specialty March 31, 2024 Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

*The Specialty is almost here!*

- Entries close on **MARCH 13, 2024**. Get your entries in!
  - There will be a Raffle on Saturday. Lots of good stuff!
  - If the weather cooperates, Rebecca plans to set up a photo booth at the Specialty with a Spring-themed backdrop and props. Free to use!
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# BRAGS

- Lisa Casaccia

- *Westar's Spring Breeze - "Chloe"*

- ♥ *Chloe earned her T2B title at the Rhodesian Ridgebacks Trial at Thorson Arena on March 1, 2024.*



# UPCOMING SHELTYE EVENTS

**March 16, 2024**

Meeting, 4pm via Zoom

**March 31, 2024**

SSCNC Specialty  
Conformation, Obedience & Rally  
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

**April 6, 2024**

Meeting, 4pm via Zoom

**May 4, 2024**

Meeting, 4pm via Zoom

**June 9, 2024**

Puppy Picnic

Meeting

Location TBD

**June 28 - 30, 2024**

Agility Trial  
Manzanita Park, Prunedale

**July 20, 2024**

Meeting, 4pm via Zoom

**August 17, 2024**

Conformation Match / Obedience & Rally Workshop

Meeting

Location TBD

**September 21, 2024**

Meeting, 4pm via Zoom

**October 26, 2024**

SSCNC Specialty  
Conformation, Obedience & Rally  
Meeting

Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon

**November 2024**

Meeting - Date TBD

**December 2024**

Christmas Party

Meeting

Date TBD

**Remaining 2024 Schedule**

TBA



# Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Northern California

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Premium List

## Two Specialty Shows in One Day

Conformation x2 / Obedience / Rally

### AM Sunday

#### March 31, 2024:

Puppy Sweepstakes  
Veteran Sweepstakes  
Conformation  
Junior Showmanship  
Obedience

Events # AM:

2024130404 (C/J/O)

### PM Sunday

#### March 31, 2024:

Junior Showmanship  
Conformation  
Rally

Events # PM:

2024130405 (C/J)

2024130403 (R)



### Entry Limits

Conformation - 100 Entries each Show

Obedience - 30 Entries

Rally - 40 Entries

All judging will be held outdoors on artificial turf under cover. These events are Unbenched.

Obedience & Rally and are open to AKC registered Shetland Sheepdogs and AKC registered Herding Breeds only

### Sycamore Lane Kennels

5111 West Sargent Road  
Lodi, CA 95242

**Show Hours: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm**

### Closing Date:

Wednesday

March 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM

*or when limits have been reached  
after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, changed, or substituted.*

### Event Secretary:

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### CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary