



SSCNC Bulletin

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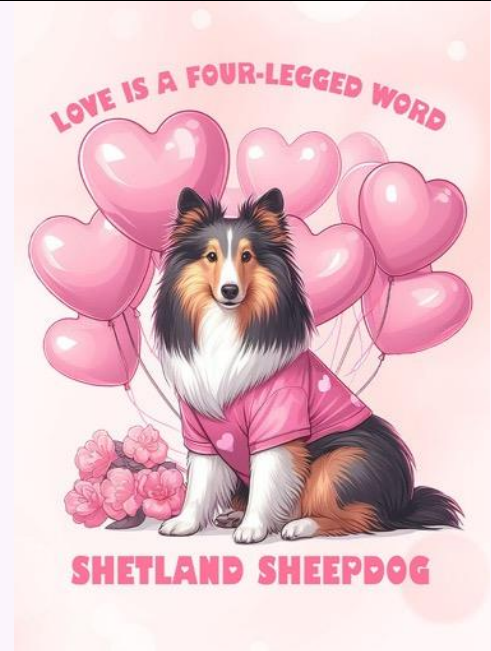
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*Shetland Sheepdog Club
of Northern California
AKC Scent Work Trials
February 17 - 18, 2024
Sycamore Lane Kennels,
Lodi*



IMPORTANT NOTICE!
Membership Dues are due now!

Next Club Meetings:

- February 24 - Via Zoom 4 pm
- March 16 - Via Zoom 4 pm
- April 6 - Via Zoom 4 pm
- May 4 - Via Zoom. 4 pm
- June 9 - Puppy Picnic



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California
Minutes of the General Meeting

January 20, 2024

Location: Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 4:02 pm.

The following members were present:

Phil Galu	Sue Cone	Kathy Zilke
Donna Shade	Marianne Dub	Debbie Goehring
Lisa Casaccia	Halina Christie	Tina Laster
Anita Rasmussen	Diane Boross	Linda Holland
Kathy Coon	Ann Balliet	Trudy Kerr
Julie Guttman	Beverly Fadden	Mike Bianco
Ken Laster		

The following board members were present:

Karen D'Augusta	Rebecca Logsdon	Roxayn King
Cindy Frusetta	Rachael Shaffer	Linda Bianco
Trish Wallrich	Yvonne Samuelson	

We had the following guests:

- Ellen Fletcher
- Laura Hess
- Laura Finerty
- Tink TenEyck

Minutes: The December 2023 minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

- We currently have \$ [REDACTED] in the savings account and just under \$ [REDACTED] in the checking account.
- Upcoming expenses include the Scent Work trial and the Specialty in March.
- IRS Tax Issue: The Law firm appears to be confused about our tax status because the IRS says we are not classified as a 501(c)(7) (as not-for-profit Social Club). According to the IRS rules, we lost the classification after missing at least 3 straight filings (beginning in 2007). Rachael has found documentation which seems to say that we can just file a 990 form instead. The law firm is checking to see whether we can do this. If OK'd, Rachael will file a Form 990 for 2022 with a letter to explain the situation.

Membership: No report. Patsi is at the 49er game!

Bulletin: Rebecca hopes to post the Challenge Trophy winners from 2023 in the next Bulletin.

Breeder Referral: We hope to have a Breeder Referral section on the new website which complies with ASSA guidelines.

AKC Scent Work Trial – Feb. 17 - 18

- There was a hiccup in the scheduling but now the Scent Work trial is approved, all lined up and ready to go.

- The Trial takes place the weekend of Feb. 17 – 18 at Sycamore Lane Kennels.
- After we initially applied for the trial, the Monterey Bay Scent Work Club objected because it was just within 100 miles of their trials, set to take place the same days. We were looking for options for different dates – then the Monterey Club moved their show to Pacific Grove. Since our show is now over 100 miles away from theirs, it can go forth on the originally planned date and location.
- The Premium List is out. Please feel free to send it out to all interested parties.
- Anyone interested in helping at the Scent Work Trial, please contact John or Kim Strassner.

March 31 2024 Specialty

- We are holding our March Specialty at Sycamore Lane Kennels with the SacValley Sheltie Club. SacValley is Saturday, March 30th and we are Sunday, March 31st.
- Preparations are proceeding.
- SacValley is holding a Rally Trial during their Specialty. We are holding an Obedience and Rally Trial. Both shows are open to Herding Breeds.
- Cindy has the trophies. Mark has the ribbons.
- The Premium List is out!

October 2024 Specialty:

- We need to consider what to do about Obedience and Rally at the October Specialty. The outdoor conditions at Dixon can be difficult.

Website:

- The new website is really coming along. The Board reviewed it yesterday.
- Lisa is collecting comments on the website.
- Once the website goes live (date TBD), we will have a form on the website for comments.

Education: Yvonne is open to suggestions. A good place to have in-person education would be the Puppy Picnic.

Library: We found the list of library items and will post it on the website.

Special Awards: No report.

New Business: No report.

Old Business: No report

Good of the Order:

- Karin Parker, a longtime member of SSCNC, passed away last week. Sue said that Karin's dog is being cared for. Karin and Sue spoke recently. She gave Sue her Sheltie items. They will be donated to a future raffle.
- Trudy thanked everyone who helped her after she got sick and had to be hospitalized. She is doing well. Big thanks, in particular, to everyone who helped with her dogs.

Next Meeting:

February 24th at 4 pm via Zoom

March 16th at 4 pm via Zoom

Adjourned: 4:22 pm

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon, Recording Secretary
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California



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: _____

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:

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 the 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 AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL

Report from John Strassner:

- ◆ *I am looking forward to judging our inaugural Scent Work trial next weekend at the beautiful Sycamore Lane Kennels. It has almost sold out! Special thanks to Karen, Mark, and all the others that have helped!*



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

All Elements, Novice – Master including Handler Discrimination except Master Interior
Two Trials Each Day, Same Elements in Each Trial

DATES: Saturday, February 17, 2024: Event #2024130416 and Event #2024130417

DATES: Sunday, February 18, 2024: Event #2024130418 and Event #2024130419

Name of Event Location
Sycamore Lane Kennels
5111 W. Sargent Rd., Lodi, CA 95242

ENTRY LIMITS

Limited to 8 hours of judging or 125 entries per day for each judge

To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Saturday– 7:30am to 5:00pm

Sunday- 7:30am to 5:00pm

Check-in from 7:30-8:00 am daily
Handler's Briefing at 8:15am, first dog to follow

Judges:

Susan Abel	(111777)	El Sobrante, California
Amanda Hutchinson	(107971)	Efland, North Carolina
John Strassner	(102707)	Gilroy, California

Karin Parker passed January 9, 2024. Karin was a Lifetime Member of SSCNC who joined the club in October 1995. She and her partner Pam Hammon bred Shelties for many years under the kennel name Riverun. Karin was involved in multiple dog sports, including agility, obedience, and scent work. For a time, she was the chair of SSCNC's agility trials. At the time of her death, she had one remaining Sheltie, Kat, who has been rehomed with Sue Cone.



2023 SSCNC CONFORMATION CHALLENGE TROPHIES

CAITLIN BEST OF BREED – donated by Kathy & Don Coon – Awarded to the dog or bitch receiving the most Best of Breeds in the current year.

- 1. GCHG Westar Aratone Wildflower “Gabi”– 8 BOBs – Mike & Linda Bianco

CH. ARENRAY’S REMINISCE – donated by Karen Coombs – Awarded to the sable stud whose get accumulated the most points in the current year.

- 1. CH Westar’s Cartel “Cartel” – 50 pts/7 offspring – Jeri Wilson & Mark Hersman

CH. KALEA CHAS’N RAINBOWS – donated by Kathy Rosdail – Awarded to the sable bitch whose get accumulated the most points during the current year. (points earned toward Championship, not Grand Champion.

- 1. Caitlin Tiffany Infinity “Tiffany” – 16 pts – Kathy Coon

LORRA LEE and HAVERE-SHELI SHELTIES “CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR AWARD” – donated by Anita Rasmussen and Scott S. Zamvil – Awarded to the dog or bitch receiving the most Reserves for the current year.

- 1. CH Caitlin Presumed Innocent “Zippy” – 5 reserves - Kathy Coon

CAITLIN – donated by Kathy & Don Coon – Awarded to the sable dog gathering the most American points for the year.

- 1. CH Caitlin Presumed Innocent “Zippy” – 16 points - Kathy Coon

GCH. LORRA LEE’S HEARTS ON FIRE – donated by Anita Rasmussen – Awarded to the Sable Bitch gathering the most American points for the year towards her Championship.

- 1. Caitlin Flight Risk “Risky” – 14 pts – Kathy Coon

In Memory of MBISS GCHS CH Westar’s Run For The Money, CDX, BN, RI, CGCA, TKN, 2xASSA AOM, ASSA Top Twenty – Bred by Exhibitor Award – offered by Mark Hersman – Awarded to a finished SABLE Dog or Bitch to their AKC Championship from the Bred By Exhibitor Class in the current year. ALL POINTS must come from the Bred By Exhibitor class and must be Breeder/Owner/Handled as per AKC Rules. Only one plaque per dog/bitch finished. *Submit AKC record or AKC Certificate. Multiple winners.*

- 1. CH Caitlin Presumed Innocent “Zippy” – 16 points - Kathy Coon

BISS GOLD GCH LORRA LEE’S MIDNITE SPECIAL CC “THE HIGHEST GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS FOR THE YEAR – donated by Anita L. Rasmussen – The Most AKC Grand Championship Points gathered by a dog or bitch in the current year.

- 1. GCHG Westar Aratone Wildflower “Gabi”– 138 GCH points – Mike & Linda Bianco

There were no winners for these awards for 2023

ICON AWARD – donated by Sharon Sampson – Awarded to the AOC stud whose get accumulated the most American points in the current year – in memory of CH. LaurelGlen Icon Rising Star ROM.

MONTAGE BI AWARD – donated by Chris Machado – Awarded to the bi-color gathering the most American points for the year.

CH. SEA HAVEN SOPHISTICATED LADY (formerly Dear's Dream Of Me) donated by Yvonne Samuelson
Awarded to the AOAC bitch whose get accumulated the most points during the current year

BISS CH. FAIRWYN WESTAR ESSENCE ROM REGISTER OF MERIT CHALLENGE TROPHY – donated by Mark Hersman – Awarded to a Dog or Bitch earning their Register of Merit (ROM) title. (There may be multiple winners)

FIRST POINT AWARD – donated by Trudy Kerr – Awarded to the member handling a dog/bitch to Championship points for the first time.

HILLSTONE SPECIAL AWARD – donated by Pat & Dennis Mahoney – Awarded to the dog/bitch winning an Open Class for the dog and owner's first time.

BISS GOLD GCH LORRA LEE'S MIDNITE SPECIAL CC "CENTURY CLUB" CHALLENGE TROPHY – donated by Anita L. Rasmussen – Awarded to the Dog or Bitch that has earned their 100th Best of Breen in the current year qualifying for the "Century Club CC", (There may be multiple winners)

Murphy's Annual Challenge Award – donated by Mary Ann Murphy – Highest number of points accumulated during the year as part of the "National Owner Handled Series".

Submitted by Patsi Nelson



Congratulations!

BRAGS

◆ [John and Kim Strassner](#)

✦ *Chisterling Sir Lancelot II "Lance"*

✦ *Fallcreek Camelot's Lady Guinevere "Gwen"*

♥ *The report on Lance & Gwen's recent exploits from John - plus an update on the Scent Work Trial*

♥ [NASDA \(NORTH AMERICAN SPORT DOG ASSOCIATION\)](#)

- *Lance and Gwen continue their dominance in NASDA, which is a cross between barn hunt and tracking. They are ranked #1 and #2, respectively, on the NASDA Sheltie list.*
- *They both received invitations to NASDA's Nationals.*
- *Gwen received three "Showcase" invites. The Showcase is for dogs ranked between #26 and #50 in a particular trial category in NASDA. They compete against each other, and the top finishers earn a spot in Nationals. In addition, she finished has Best of Breed #2 in three categories. A picture is shown below of her invites.*

Registration > N18/00115

▶ Reports & Charts

Overview	Event Results	MCH & GCH	Invitational	Help Tickets
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∨ Invites

Invitational					
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	Class	Year	Award	Rank	Certif
∨	2023 (6 invites)				
	Lost Item Recovery III	2023	Showcase	50	View
	Lost Item Recovery III	2023	Best of Breed	2	View
	Trailing & Locating Master Champion	2023	Best of Breed	2	View
	Trailing & Locating Master Champion	2023	Showcase	29	View
	Urban Locating Master Champion	2023	Best of Breed	2	View
	Urban Locating Master Champion	2023	Showcase	42	View

- *Lance received 6 Best of Breeds, 1 Showcase invite, and three invites to the actual Nationals championship. These show up as "Invitational" in the picture below.*

Registration > N18/00114

▶ Reports & Charts

Overview Event Results MCH & GCH **Invitational** Help Tickets

▼ **Invites**

Invitational

Search records

▼	Class	Year	Award	Rank	Certificate
▼	2023 (10 invites)				
	Lost Item Recovery II	2023	Best of Breed	1	View
	Lost Item Recovery III	2023	Invitational	16	View
	Lost Item Recovery III	2023	Best of Breed	1	View
	Trailing & Locating Master Champion	2023	Invitational	24	View
	Trailing & Locating Master Champion	2023	Best of Breed	1	View
	Urban Locating Master Champion	2023	Best of Breed	1	View
	Urban Locating Master Champion	2023	Showcase	41	View
	Shed Dog II	2023	Best of Breed	2	View
	Shed Dog III	2023	Invitational	22	View
	Shed Dog III	2023	Best of Breed	1	View

- *In both the Showcase and Invitational categories, our Shelties are running against all other breeds. Considering that Trailing and Locating Master Championship is a course between 25,000 to 75,000 square feet with multiple hides and false quarries, it is amazing that they are ranked this high, especially compared to much larger dogs that can cover the space faster.*

♥ AKC

- *In AKC Scent Work, I ****think**** that Lance may be the only dog that has an SWME3 (Scent Work Master Elite 3), which is 120 Qs (30 each in Master Buried, Container, Exterior, and Interior). He is halfway to his SWME4.*

Gwen is closing in on her SWME3, and may be the only dog to get an SHDME3 (30 Qs at Master Handler Discrimination, which is finding 3 cotton balls in 2 rooms while ignoring the judge and steward's cotton balls). Lance is closing in on this as well (he has 27).

- I say "may" because the AKC computer system is not working at these levels. I am working with the Performance Department to locate the problem and try and fix it.

♥ BARN HUNT

- Finally, Lance achieved his CZ8 P2B (Crazy 8s Double Platinum Bronze) title, which is 2500 points in Crazy 8s. This is a senior-level course with 8 rats, 4 litters, and 2 minutes to find as many as you can. Big deductions for not tunneling, climbing, or finding a litter. He is the only Sheltie to get this title. He also got another Master Q, giving him 8 out of 10 for his RATCH (championship).
- Gwen got her CZ8G (Gold), representing 1500 points. She got another Master Q, bringing her to 3 out of 10.



UPCOMING SHELTYE EVENTS

February 17 - 18, 2024

AKC Scent Work Trials
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

February 24, 2024

Meeting, 4pm via Zoom

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



