



# SSCNC Bulletin

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Hospitality:  
Spring 2025 - TBD  
Show Chair:  
Show Secretary:  
Obed/Rally Chair:  
Hospitality:  
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## Next Club Meetings:

- July 20 - Via Zoom, 4 pm
- August 17 - Match & Workshop
- September 21 - Via Zoom, 4 pm
- October 26 - Specialty at Dixon
- November - TBD
- December - TBD

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

June 15, 2024

Location: SSCNC Puppy Picnic at Ken Mercer Park in Pleasanton.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 11:15 am.

The following members were present:

Mike Bianco	Scott Zamvil	Sue Cone
Patsi Nelson	Marianne Dub	Laura Finerty
Kim Strassner	Kathy Rosdail	Phil Galu
Barbara Miess	Trudy Kerr	Tina Laster
Linda Morrison	Ellen Fletcher	Beverly Fadden

The following board members were present:

Karen D'Augusta	Rachael Shaffer	Roxayn King
Lynn Azzopardi	Rebecca Logsdon	Linda Bianco

Guests

- Reg Shaffer
- Mio Taniguchi & Bob
- Brishna Flores & Kevin Ma
- Eric Logsdon
- Alexander Tasoff

Minutes: The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

- Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2024. These are our income/expenses for the year:  
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- ASSA dues and donations are coming up. Our usual donations are [REDACTED] to ASSA health (which gets us the Sheltie pin), [REDACTED] to performance trophies, and [REDACTED] to conformation trophies.
- The audit of 3 years of financial records was completed with Lisa Cacaccia and Patsi. Kathy R. asked if the results of the audit could be posted. They may be posted on the members-only portion of the website, but it may take a while.

Membership:

- Two New Lifetime Members – Scott Zamvil and Patsi Nelson! They joined SSCNC in May 1999.

Bulletin: Please send photos of the Puppy Picnic.

Breeders Referral: Breeders Referral has been changed to Breeder Directory. It is on the website.

Agility Trial - June 28 – 30 Manzanita Park:

- Setup will take place Thursday afternoon Jun 27. Patsi encouraged everyone to come by to help with the show and to observe.

October 26, 2024 Specialty:

- Tina Laster will co-chair the October show with Sue Cone.
- 7 shows in 3 days, NorCal and SacValley Sheltie Specialties and All Breeds.

Scent Work Trial:

- The Scent Work takes place in September at Brookside Equestrian Center in Elk Grove in combination with Agility and FastCat. It will be a huge trial.

Website:

- It's up and running. Lisa C has been patiently helping people sign up.
- Everyone is now on the website except some lifetime members who we haven't heard back from.
- Paypal is working.
- The new website is fantastic. Check it out!

Library:

- The library materials are at Katy R's house.

August Match & Workshop:

- The Match & Workshop takes place August 17<sup>th</sup> at Ken Mercer Park, same location at the Puppy Picnic. We will set up under the trees.
- It will include Obedience, Rally, Sweeps and Conformation.
- Entry forms will come out soon. Please enter!

Specialty Awards:

- Larry still owes us a few 2023 award. We need to talk to him.
- We will start collecting information soon for 2024 awards.

Ways and Mean:

- Thanks to Kim for running the raffle at the Puppy Picnic! Proceeds will help NorCal Sheltie Rescue.

New Business:



- Donate to Sheltie Rescue: They helped with several issues plus they currently have a young Sheltie with a major medical issue [REDACTED]. The members discussed how much to donate to Rescue.
  - Motion by Mike (amending Kathy R's amendment of [REDACTED]): Donate [REDACTED] to Sheltie Rescue now and donate more down the road. Seconded and approved by the membership.
- Purchase Equipment and Supplies: We will need to buy at least one new obedience jump due to AKC regulations.

- Member Appreciation Efforts: For example, paying for dessert for everyone at the Christmas party.
- Banner: Mike asked about the SSCNC Banner. We should post it at the Specialties and also bring it to the 2025 ASSA Specialty, which will be in Colorado (and, therefore, much more doable for West Coast Sheltie owners). Per Kathy R, the banner is at her house. It is in good shape and was recently dry cleaned. Katy will bring it to the Match.

Old Business:

- Ballots were counted for the 2024– 2025 Board. The following members were elected to serve on the SSCNC Board:
  - President: Karen D'Augusta
  - Vice President: Tina Laster
  - Treasurer: Rachael Shaffer
  - Correspondence Secretary: Linda Bianco
  - Recording Secretary: Rebecca Logsdon
  - Sergeant At Arms: Trish Wallrich
  - Board: Mark Hersman, Cindy Frusetta, Yvonne Samuelson, Lynn Azzopardi

Next Meeting:

- July 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

Adjourned: 11:43 pm

Rebecca Logsdon  
Recording Secretary  
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California





## COMMON MEDICAL ISSUES IN SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS

by Dr. Donna Shade D.V.M.

This month I will briefly discuss transitional cell carcinomas. This type of cancer is common in shelties and usually occurs in the trigone of the bladder and is virtually inoperable.

Rather than wait for clinical signs such as blood in the urine, difficulty urinating, and bacterial infection to occur- it is much better to detect this disease early.

We currently have a simple urine test called Cadet Braf Mutation Detection Assay- simply known as CADET.

This test takes a matter of minutes to collect at home.

The CADET test costs approximately \$200.00. You collect the urine and fill out the necessary forms for the lab.

This test can save you hundreds of dollars in diagnostics such as ultrasound.

I highly recommend this test for any middle-aged sheltie.

If you have any questions about the test please feel free to email me.

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# FYI

## ATTENTION SSCNC CLUB MEMBERS!

Jill Meryl Levy is looking for Sheltie club members to be part of her review team for her new book.

The report from Jill:

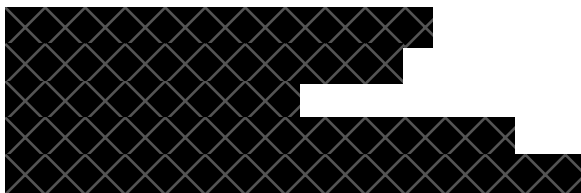
*I'm working on a new book tentatively titled Muscle Testing for You, Your Family, and Your Pet: Biofeedback for the Layperson or Pet Parent. Laddie (who came to me from Mark Hersman in 2017) was my inspiration for the book and plays a big role in it.*

*One of the most exciting things about muscle testing is that a person with little or no training can effectively use these noninvasive techniques to obtain feedback from the body or the subconscious mind. The underlying principles are universal, regardless of species, making it possible to use muscle testing for our pets too.*

*Anytime I publish a new book, I invite industry experts and average readers from my target audience to review the book and provide feedback. I reward review team members by listing them on the acknowledgments page and by providing a complimentary copy of the book when it is printed.*

*I expect to start sending PDF copies of the book to interested persons via email this weekend. I'm hoping to get feedback by July 23, since my goal is to have printed books in time for Bark in the Park in San Jose in September in case I want to get a booth and sell the books there.*

If you would like to be part of the review team, please contact Jill directly.





**PUPPY PICNIC**  
**Ken Mercer Sports Park, Pleasanton**  
**June 15, 2024**  
**(photos by Rebecca)**









# **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **Agility Trial**

**June 28 – June 30, 2024 Manzanita Park, Prundale**

*Photos by Rebecca*



**SUNNY**



**CHLOE**



**DERBY**





**OZZIE**





**RIPLEY**



**PHOENIX**



**BRADY (First Agility Trial)**



# BRAGS

## ◆ Lynn Azzopardi

### 🐾 *Havere Sheli Little Rockstar - "Ozzie"*

- ♥ *Ozzie received his Excellent Masters Jumpers title and 2 FAST legs towards his Master FAST title at the SSCNC Agility Trial. He only needs one more!*

### 🐾 *Havere Sheli Little Ripstick - "Ripley"*

- ♥ *Although Ripley did not qualify, she jumped 7 jumps in a row without a refusal so for her that was amazing 😊😊😊*

## ◆ Trudy Kerr

### 🐾 *Tory, Nifty and Cat (CH Westar's Faron x CH Adohr Rose of My Heart).*

- ♥ *Congratulations to littermates Tory, Nifty, and Cat. On July 2, they celebrated their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

## ◆ John and Kim Strassner

### 🐾 *Chisterling Sir Lancelot II "Lance"*

### 🐾 *Fallcreek Camelot's Lady Guinevere "Gwen"*

*John's report on Lance & Gwen's recent exploits and triumphs:*

- ♥ *Lance and Gwen are the top two Shelties in the nation in NASDA. NASDA is a cross between tracking, barnhunt, and scent work. The NASDA Invitational was held in beautiful Millarville in Alberta, Canada. The top 25 dogs in the nation are automatically entered into the Invitational. Dogs #26-40 receive a Showcase invite, and the top 20% from the Showcase advance to the Invitational.*
- ♥ *Lance had four Invitational invites: Lost Item Recovery III, Urban Locating Master Champion, Trailing & Locating Master Champion, and Shed Dog III. Gwen had three Showcase invites: Lost Item Recovery III, Urban Locating Master Champion, and Trailing & Locating Master Champion.*
- ♥ *The courses were fun but challenging, as one would expect at a National Event. Kim said that it was a blast to trial under Liz and Sheila who were the first to introduce us to this game years ago at a terrier trial in Reno. She also enjoyed trialing under Grant, especially his fun UL "90 seconds only search!" Was so proud of Lance for finding the gerbil within "90 seconds" though he wasn't fast enough to move on to the Final! Gwen performed brilliantly, winning several classes, and made it to the Invitational! (I was stuck at home working and taking care of the rest of the dogs :-).*



- ♥ *Lance and Gwen both performed very well in the Invitational. They both made it to the semi-finals in all of their classes. They qualified in most of them, but weren't fast enough to qualify for the finals. Kim found a nice person to run Gwen since you cannot double handle in the upper levels of NASDA (all hides are blind). Lance got a special award for most points in a day. They both made it to the semi-finals, but their journey stopped there. Kim, Lance, and Gwen were all exhausted but happy.*
- ♥ *They came home with lovely ribbons, fun prizes, swag bags and memories (and two nasty cracks in the car windshield). We also have a lovely etched award for Lancelot sponsored by "Dogs With Rattitude" for highest scoring senior dog!!! "Sir Barksalot" was also tied for two other awards for "most talkative herding dog" which went to another talkative Sheltie from Canada as well as another versatility award! Wow! We are so happy he's still able to play and is still a pistol at 11 1/2!*
- ♥ *We enjoyed all the events! The blinds this year were well organized and we met lots of new NASDA friends we hope to see at future trials!*
- ♥ *A huge thank-you to Cathy Leavitt for her training & support! Also, much gratitude to so many other judges and friends -- Jessica, Angie & Jim, Terri, Jen, Matt, Beckie, Donna, Perry, Lisa, Kelsey, Dawn, Taylor, Niki, Vicky and sorry if we forgot to list anyone!*

*The first picture is Lance and Gwen with all of their loot (Lance is on the left)! He is 11-1/2, and one of the oldest dogs competing in the Invitational.*





*The second is a picture of them in Banff - such a beautiful place.*





# UPCOMING SHELTIE EVENTS

**July 20, 2024**

*Meeting, 4pm via Zoom*

**August 17, 2024**

*Conformation Match / Obedience & Rally Workshop*

*Meeting*

*Location TBD*

**September 20 - 22, 2024**

*Scent Work Trial*

*Brookside Horse Arena, Elk Grove*

**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*



SSCNC Shelties Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

~ Action From the Photo Booth at the Puppy Picnic and the SSCNC Agility Trial ~



Chloe (Lisa Casaccia)





*Ripley (Lynn Azzopardi)*



*Ozzie (Lynn Azzopardi)*



*Ripley and Ozzie (Lynn Azzopardi)*





*Brady (Phil Galu)*



*Abbey (Rebecca Logsdon)*





*Brio (Rebecca Logsdon)*