



SSCNC Bulletin

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Show Chair:
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Hospitality:
Agility Trial: July 4 – 6, 2025
Chair: Patsi Nelson
Scent Work Trial: Feb. 15 – 16, 2025
Chair:
Match: Chair:
Obedience: Chair: Roxayn King
Rally: Chair: Beverly Fadden
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Ribbons: Mark Hersman
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**The Shetland Sheepdog
Club of Northern
California Specialties
at
Sycamore Lane Kennels,
Lodi
March 30, 2025**



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Membership Dues are due now



Next Club Meetings:

- *March 30 – in person, SSCNC Specialty, Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi*
- *April 5 – 4 pm Via Zoom*
- *May 17 – 4 pm Via Zoom*
- *June 14 – Puppy Picnic, Pleasanton*
- *July 19 – 4 pm Via Zoom*



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California
Minutes of the General Meeting

February 22, 2025

Location: Via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 4:04 pm.

The following members were present:

Anita Rasmussen	Patsi Nelson	Ken Laster
Ann Baillet	Pam Palajac	Kathy Zilke
Donna Shade	Julie Guttman	Kathy Coon
Laura Finerty	Trudy Kerr	Lisa Casaccia
Kim Strassner	Pam Catlett	John Strassner
Phil Galu	Tink TenEyck	Brandi Friesen
Linda Holland	Ellen Fletcher	Halina Christie
Debbie Marks	Sue Cone	Laura Hess
Beverly Fadden	Scott Zamvil	Amber Friesen

The following board members were present:

Karen D'Augusta	Mark Hersman	Tina Laster
Cindy Frusetta	Rebecca Logsdon	Rachael Shaffer
Yvonne Samuelson		

We had the following guests:

- Amy Foster and Mark Foster
- Wendy Erdos
- Reg Shaffer

Minutes: The January minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

- Rachael paid the 3 judges' invoices for the Scent Work Trial.
- Current balances: [REDACTED]
- The Trial Secretary of the Scent Work Trial estimates [REDACTED]

Membership :



- Dolores Gros has been trying to submit a membership application. Karen and Ellen said they would sponsor her.
- Patsi said she would follow up with Alex Tatsoff regarding applying for membership.
- It's time to pay annual dues. Karen encouraged everyone to check their information on the website to make sure it is correct.
- Dues can be paid by PayPal or by check.

Bulletin: No report except please send submissions.

Agility Trial:

- The event takes place the first weekend in July at Manzanita Park in Prunedale, the same weekend with the Bay Team's USDAA Trial.

Scent Work Trial:

- Report by John Strassner.
- He thanked the SSCNC Board and Membership for green-lighting the Scent Work Trial in Santa Rosa.
- Scent Work is the fastest growing sport in the AKC. It is #2 in popularity, just behind agility.
- There were 762 runs over the weekend. The 3 trials filled or almost filled. 

- There were two bad apples amongst the competitors. The issues were handled and no complaints have been filed.
- Patsi will probably co-chair with Kim for future Scent Work Trials.
- John is a big draw as a judge.
- John suggests getting walkies talkies for future shows.
- We had a great photographer at the Trial. John will send photos to Rebecca to post in the next Bulletin.
- Huge thanks to all our wonderful volunteers – Patsi, Ellen, Lisa, Lynn, Scott, Rachael and everyone else who helped.
- There will be a post-Trial meeting to discuss the show.
- There are still a few bugs to iron out prior to our next Scent Work Trial in Elk Grove in mid. September. We are getting better with each Trial.

March Specialty:

- The Spring Specialty takes place Sunday, March 30 at Sycamore Lane Kennels in Lodi.
- Entries are slow so far. Karen encouraged everyone to get in their entries soon.
- Bev asked about opening the Obedience & Rally Trial to All Breeds (currently just open to Herding Breeds). We can't change the March Show. We will consider opening the November Obedience & Rally Trial to All Breeds to increase entries.

Trophies:

- Cindy will order the trophies soon.

Ribbons:

- Ribbons have been ordered
- Ribbons have been upgraded to rosettes this year.

Website:

- Lisa updated the website to make it clear that you can renew membership online or by mail, paying by PayPal or by check.

Education:

- Donna aims to have an update regarding new veterinary treatments in each Bulletin.

Hospitality:

- Phil Galu has volunteered to handle hospitality at the March Specialty.

Special awards:

- Patsi put together a chart of the Special Awards. There are 4 which she has been unable to locate so far. She will send an email to the membership soon.

Library: No report.

Puppy Picnic:

- The date on the front of the Bulletin is incorrect. The date is June 14th. The information on the event list inside the Bulletin is correct.

New Business:

- Karen advised that if you have a suggestion for the Club, send her a proposal for the Board to review and discuss.

Old Business:

- Bylaws:
 - Mark heard back from the AKC regarding the new Bylaws. He has given them all the forms they asked for.
 - The next step is for the AKC Board to approve on our new Bylaws. The AKC is backlogged, so it may be a few months before we hear back from them.
 - The important thing is that the end is near. Thanks to Mark for handling this project.

Good of the Order:

- Donna reported that she found wonderful homes for the collie pups she was fostering.
- Kathy Rosdail will bring the club banner to the upcoming ASSA Nationals.

Next Meeting:

- March 30th, in person, at the Spring Specialty at Sycamore Lane Kennel in Lodi.

Adjourned: 4:35 pm

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon

Recording Secretary

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California





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2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due by **March 31, 2025** 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

To renew, sign in to your account at www.norcalsheltie.org, and go to "members' page"
Renew online or by mail – payment by PayPal or by check.

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.



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.



HEALTH AND EDUCATION

by Dr. Donna Shade D.V.M.

Photobiomodulation- Laser Therapy (PBM)

Key effects of Laser Therapy:

- reduce pain
- modulate inflammation
- stimulate healing
- tissue regeneration

Orthopedic conditions-

- management of osteoarthritis
- post-op analgesia following orthopedic surgery
- fracture management

Some of the physiological benefits of Laser Therapy-

- help repair non-union fractures
- chronic wound management
- abdominal and urinary conditions
- treatment of anal lick granulomas

LASER THERAPY IS A NON-INVASIVE WAY OF TREATING A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS-IT IS CERTAINLY WORTH A TRY

FYI - I have purchased an ActiVet Pro Laser if anyone needs treatment. My laser has a special blue light function that is used to help treat infections such as post-dental gum inflammation and ear infections. I charge a nominal \$20 for this additional service.

TEETH CLEANING- for the past 30 years I have been doing teeth cleaning for \$150.00 I am now going to charge \$170.00 with blue light laser treatment to reduce gingivitis.



Specialty Memories

From Alicia Keegan

The attached photo is Ch Sagebrush Ceili Music, CD TD HT RN MX MXJ VCX, who was WB to finish her championship at the SSCNC specialty February 2003. Ceili lived to be over 15, and was Select Bitch at both Centennial SSC of Greater Denver shows in May 2015. Reproduction was never her long-suit, but she was the dam of GCH CT MACH Sagebrush Little Big Man, HSAs OF MXS MJS JHD VCX. I still miss them both.



BRAGS

◆ Alicia Keegan and Anita Rasmussen

🐾 *CH MACH Lorra Lee Sagebrush Ingenuity TD PT MXB MJB OF VCX*

- ♥ We already bragged about her conformation championship in the November 2024 Bulletin. On January 28 at the Denver Samoyed Association agility trial she earned her 20th QQ to finish her MACH. My now very out-of-coat girl hopes there will be more tracking and herding in her future!



◆ Patsi Nelson

🐾 *Havere Sheli Hatikvah- "Tika"*

- ♥ *Tika earned her Advanced Interior Scent Work title at our SSCNC Scent Work trial in Santa Rosa February 15 & 16, 2025 and two legs in each Advanced Buried and Advanced Containers elements. Incredible job her first time in Advanced!!! Mazel Tov Tika!!*
- ♥ *AND ... at Golden Gate Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers scent work trial March 8th, she was 1st place in Advanced Containers and earned her title. Thank you to our great trainer John Strassner!!!"*



UPCOMING SHELTYE EVENTS

March 30, 2025

SSCNC Spring Specialty
Conformation, Obedience and Rally
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

March 30, 2025

Meeting
In person - Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

April 5, 2025

Meeting
4 pm Via Zoom

May 17, 2025

Meeting
4 pm Via Zoom

June 14, 2025

Puppy Picnic
Pleasanton

June 14, 2025

Meeting
In person - Puppy Picnic

July 4 - 6, 2025

SSCNC Agility Trial
Manzanita Park, Prunedale

July 19, 2025

Meeting
4 pm Via Zoom

August 16, 2025

Match
Conformation, Obedience & Rally
Pleasanton

August 16, 2025

Meeting

In person - Match

September 2025

Scent Work Trial

September 20, 2025

Meeting

4 pm Via Zoom

October 24 - 25, 2025

SSCNC Spring Specialty

Conformation

Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon

October 25, 2025

Meeting

In person - Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon

November 9, 2025

Obedience and Rally Trials

Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club, Martinez

November 15, 2025

Meeting

4 pm Via Zoom

December 6, 2025

Holiday party

Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore

December 6, 2025

Meeting

In person - Holiday party, Cattlemen's, Livermore

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 30, 2025:

Puppy Sweepstakes
Veteran Sweepstakes
Conformation
Junior Showmanship
Obedience

Events # AM:
2025130406 (C/U/O)

PM Sunday

March 30, 2025:

Conformation
Rally

Events # PM:
2025130407 (C/U)
2025130405 (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 Unbench.

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 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Event Secretary:

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



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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