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Chair: Patsi Nelson
Scent Work Trial: September 19 - 21, 2025
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*2025 SSCNC Fall
Specialty
October 24 - 25,
Dixon May
Fairgrounds, Dixon*



Next Club Meetings:

- *October 25 - In Person SSCNC Specialty, Dixon Fairgrounds*
- *November 15 - 4 pm via Zoom*
- *December 6 - In Person, Christmas Party, Livermore*
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- *2026 Meeting schedule - TBA*



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California
Minutes of the General Meeting

September 20, 2025

Location: Via Zoom.

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

The following members were present:

Tink TenEyck	Ken Laster	Roxayn King
Pam Catlett	Laura Finerty	Sue Cone
Beverly Fadden	Debbie Marks	Anita Rasmussen
Donna Shade	Mike Bianco	Scott Zamvil
Kathy Coon	Ann Baillet	Donna Shade

The following board members were present:

Karen D'Augusta	Linda Bianco	Mark Hersman
Cindy Frusetta	Rebecca Logsdon	Tina Laster
Trish Wallrich		

We had the following guests:

Amy Sanders – probably 3rd meeting

Minutes: Previous minutes approved.

Treasurer: Rachael is at the Scent Work / Agility Trial

Membership: Patsi is at the Scent Work / Agility Trial. We have some applications to vote on soon.

Bulletin: Please send material for the next Bulletin. Photos and stories from members make the Bulletin more interesting.

Scent Work Trial

- SW Trial taking place this weekend in Santa Rosa.
- We had a lot of entries on Saturday. Not as many on Sunday.
- Lorie Abbott had to move the location of her agility trial due to a Mexican rodeo scheduled at the same site. The SW Trial works in conjunction with the agility trial.

Trophies: All trophies are ready.

Ribbons:

Ribbons have been ordered for the October and November shows.

Mark needs a breakdown of entries to send to Terry to make sure that we have the correct ribbons.

He also needs a breakdown of the Shelties vs. Other Herding Breeds for the November Obedience & Rally Trial.

October Specialty at Dixon

- Tina reported: The show is ready.
- If there are any catalog advertisements send them to Tina by Sept. 23.
- We need a couple of volunteers for the hospitality table.
- Everything seems to be in order – it is going smoothly so far.
- The Premium came out Sept. 7 and is posted on the AKC website. It will be posted on the SSCNC Facebook page soon.
- Thanks to Tina and thanks to Sue Cone for her help.

Obedience & Rally Trial in November

- We need Shelties to enter!
- The show is 2/3 full so far.
- We need more stewards. Let Sue know if you can help. You can do a.m., or p.m. or all day.

Website:

- The website was down for a little while because we asked Lisa Smyth to post the trophy donation sheet. After she posted it, the website crashed due to a bug in the system. It's back up now.
- From now on, the trophy donation sheet will be posted on the website. Please donate to an award that you want to sponsor. We accept payment via Paypal or check.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Good of the Order:

- Roxayn reported on the importance of getting Shelties screened for a gallbladder issues. A mucocele gallbladder is a deadly condition, often caught too late. Roxayn has lost a Sheltie to gallbladder rupture before, so she started a routine of ultrasounds as a precaution. Kite recently had his gallbladder removed after an ultrasound showed an issue. Roxayn recommends getting gallbladder ultrasounds starting at age 7 or so.
- Kathy Zilke has been very ill. She is home now – send her a card.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2025 – Dixon, at the Specialty. In person.

Adjourned: 4:22 pm

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon

Recording Secretary

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California



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Attention New Title Holders

For 2025

If your dog has earned an AKC title this year in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding, Tracking, Scent Work or any other AKC recognized event, please fill out the form below. Email or snail mail to the following Special Awards Chairpersons below:

Conformation: Patsi Nelson patricia_nelson2008@yahoo.com
21 Martinez Road, Woodside, CA 94062

Performance: Lynn Azzopardi L49azz@earthlink.net
609 36th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403

This form must be received by October 24, 2025 in order to have the plaque ordered and ready for our holiday party.

The following titles will receive the large plaque:

Conformation

- Conformation Grand Champion (GCH)
- Conformation Champion (CH)
- Conformation Grand Champion (Platinum)

- Conformation Grand Champion (Gold)
- Conformation Grand Champion (Silver)
- Conformation Grand Champion (Bronze)

Performance

- Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)
- Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)
- Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE)
- Rally Master (RM)
- Rally Champion (RACH)
- Herding Champion (HC)
- Tracking Champion (CT)
- Scent Work Master (SWM)

- Agility Champion (MACH)
- Preferred Agility Champion (PACH)
- Master Agility Excellent (MX)
- Master Agility Excellent JWW (MXJ)
- Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP)
- Master Agility Excellent Preferred JWW (MJP)
- Preferred Agility Excellent (PAX)
- Scent Work Master Elite (SWME)

**All other titles will receive a 5x7 plaque.

**Please enter dog's name and title(s) exactly as you wish it to appear on the plaque.

Dog's Name: _____

Title(s) as it should appear on the plaque:

Title(s) earned in 2025: _____

Owner's name: _____

Include owner's name on plaque: Yes _____ No _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Verified by Special Awards Chairperson: _____

*If you are a member in good standing, your plaque(s) will be paid for by the club, If not, you may order a plaque but you will be charged.

NEW MEMBERS!

The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California has two new members! Welcome to:
1. WENDY ERDOS

Wendy lives in [REDACTED]

Information from her application:

How many Shelties does Applicant own?

1

Applicant is currently a member of the following dog clubs:

None

Why do you wish to join the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California?

To meet other sheltie people and their dogs and to help promote the breed.

What are your general objectives?

To attend events with my dog [REDACTED]

Do you currently or have you previously belonged to another organization(s)?

No

Areas of interest:

Other

Do you exhibit at:

None

How long have you been "in dogs"?

More than 16 years

How long have you been "in Shelties"?

More than 16 years

Do you own or have an interest in any other breeds? If so, which breeds?

only own shelties but like many dogs

Occupation

CPA (inactive)

Hobbies

walking with my dog and dog friends, bird watching, gardening, painting, etc.

Talents/Interests

Accounting

2. BRISHNA FLORES

Brishna lives in [REDACTED]

Information from her application:

How many Shelties does Applicant own?

1

Applicant is currently a member of the following dog clubs:

None

Why do you wish to join the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California?

I want to get involved in the breed and learn more about Shelties! So far, I have had great mentors from the club and I would like to continue to contribute to the success of the breed through supporting the club and generally being involved in the breed.

What are your general objectives?

First, I would like to support the club through volunteering my time at various performance trials. Second, I would like to continue to learn about the breed through mentors in the club as I continue my journey with my current girl and hopefully future additions to my family.

Do you currently or have you previously belonged to another organization(s)?

No

Areas of interest:

- Agility
- Herding
- Other

Do you exhibit at:

- Agility
- Other

How long have you been "in dogs"?

11-15 years

How long have you been "in Shelties"?

2-4 years

Do you own or have an interest in any other breeds? If so, which breeds?

No

Occupation

Quality Assurance Engineer II

Hobbies

Reading, traveling, agility

Talents/Interests

Social media

BRAGS

◆ Patsi Nelson (Havere Sheli Shelties)

🐾 *Havere Sheli Hatikvah- "Tika"*

♥ *Tika had a great weekend at the SSCNC Scent Work Trial in Santa Rosa September 20-21, 2025 earning 5 new titles!!! : SNBE, SWNE (Scent Work Novice Elite = 10 Qs in all 4 of the Novice Elements), SEA, SBA and SWA (Scent Work Advanced = 3 Qs in all 4 of the Advanced Elements). She also did well in rally the following weekend, earning her Rally Novice title with 3rd place at both the San Lorenzo Dog Training Club and Fremont Dog Training Club trials in Hayward September 27, 2025. She lives up to her name of HOPE.*

🐾 *MACH Havere Sheli Buster Posey MVP (Most Valuable Puppy) - "Buster"*

♥ *Buster showed us that you CAN teach old dogs new tricks as our 12 ½ year old cancer survivor earned 2 titles in his new sport of scent work at the SSCNC Scent Work Trial September 20-21, 2025: SCN and SEN!! Yay Buster!*

🐾 *Caitlin's Little Big Man - "Joey"*

♥ *Joey FINALLY got his obedience BN title at the San Mateo Dog Training Club trial at Cal State East Bay September 28, 2025. It has taken him a couple years of trialing to overcome his fears of separation long enough to let me walk all around the ring while he sat by himself in the middle ... That's my little big man.*

◆ Lisa Tatsuno

🐾 *CH Homewood Maneko Charisma - "Marcel"*

♥ *Marcel is now new AKC champion Homewood Maneko Charisma! Finished with a best of breed from the classes and made the cut in the group from the 12-18 month class at Santa Cruz kennel club.*

[see Patsi's photos on the next page]



Tika and Buster



Tika and Joey

UPCOMING SHELTIE EVENTS

October 24 - 25, 2025

*SSCNC Fall 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



Laddie

January 5, 2017 — September 24, 2025

Sire: Westar's Run for the Money (Cash)
Dam: Westar's Summer Kisses (Brooklyn)

My sweet little Laddie lost his brave battle with kidney disease last month, his young life cut far too short.

Laddie entered my heart decades ago ... when I first saw the movie *Lad: A Dog* with Angela Cartwright. However, my parents loved boxers and had no interest in collies. Then when I was 20, I became a volunteer firefighter and wanted the freedom to chase fires without worrying about a dog at home. But when I was finally ready to get a dog, it had to be a "Laddie." Collies exceeded the size limit in my mobile home park, so a sheltie was the obvious choice.



Laddie was the best little baby a mommy could ask for ... though not necessarily the most obedient. He believed that "Come" meant that Mommy came to him. (I guess we know which one of us failed obedience training.)

Laddie had all my neighbors fooled into thinking he was so well trained that I could leave him unsupervised on my porch and he would never run down the stairs. Little did they know that he was afraid of going down stairs. (I could never train it out of him and had to carry him down the stairs every time.) Only something much scarier—Dr. Donna Shade after a dental cleaning—could get Laddie to scamper down a flight of stairs.



For what few "faults" Laddie may have had, he was an amazingly good dog. I never had some of the challenges that many of my friends describe with their dogs. Sure, Laddie chewed a couple of things he shouldn't have when he was young. But he quickly outgrew that. And Laddie was so trustworthy that he never bothered my many stuffed animals. He instinctively knew the difference between his toys and mine.



Having grown up with my parents' rambunctious boxers, I was frequently amazed at how calm and gentle Laddie was. Laddie was a happy child and so cute and sweet that he made friends everywhere we went ... from the dog park to the pet store to the pet-friendly establishments, like Lowes and Joann Fabrics. Laddie had his own little "fan clubs" everywhere. And where Laddie made friends, Mommy made friends.

Among our friends from the dog park was a talented photographer who gifted us not only with wonderful photographs but also with the most precious artwork made from his photos.



I treasure all of Laddie's photos, videos, and artwork even more now that Laddie is gone.

Watching Laddie interact with other dogs was always a special treat ... and not something that I ever took for granted.

When I was growing up with my parents' boxers, there were no dog parks, no play dates, and no socialization as such. So we always had the proverbial wild child. Until Laddie came into my life, I could never have imagined inviting friends' dogs into my home or enjoying outdoor activities with multiple dogs.



Until Laddie came into my life, I could never have imagined going to a week-long camp for dogs (and their humans). But for four years in a row, Laddie and I attended the Wild Blue Dogs Camp in South Lake Tahoe. Here were all kinds of new adventures, including hiking in the mountains, playing on the beach, romping through snow, lure coursing, and kayaking on the lake.



For better or for worse, I've always been a workaholic. I often worried about being able to give Laddie enough love and attention. So I couldn't have been happier when my employer transitioned to remote work during the pandemic. Finally, I could stay home with Laddie every day.



Laddie was a great little “coworker,” happy to be by my side regardless of what I was working on. However, he wasn't just my companion. He was my muse and my inspiration. Together, we made many dog-themed quilts for Laddie and friends. We learned to make snuffle mats and fleece tug toys—after which I taught my fellow Wild Blue Dogs campers to do the same for their fur babies.

Laddie was also my “co-author” for a book called *Muscle Testing for You, Your Family, and Your Pet: Biofeedback for the Layperson or Pet Parent*.



A chance comment from Laddie's vet one day made me question whether the muscle testing I'd learned about decades ago could be used to help identify food sensitives in pets. That started me on an amazing journey that proved invaluable once I learned that Laddie had kidney disease.



From the time that Laddie was first diagnosed with kidney disease, I used muscle testing to find foods that Laddie would eat. (He wasn't fond of the kidney food his vets recommended, and nausea from the kidney disease robbed him of whatever little appetite he had.) I used muscle testing to evaluate the medications and treatment recommended by Laddie's vets, which helped ease the financial sting. And I was very fortunate that Laddie's vets were so open to my use of muscle testing to supplement Laddie's care.

My research into muscle testing led me to a book called *The Emotion Code* by Dr. Bradley Nelson. The book is about identifying and releasing the negative trapped emotions that can affect us and our pets physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Inspired by my success using the techniques on myself and Laddie, I went on to become certified in Emotion Code and Body Code, the latter being about identifying and addressing other imbalances in the body. I truly believe that energy healing helped prolong Laddie's life. I know it helped calm him anytime we went to the vet.



Laddie and I often communicated through muscle testing. However, we also had an animal communicator. The more she helped me understand little Laddie, the better our relationship became.



One of Laddie's greatest joys was being a therapy dog. We did most of our work with the fire service because I used to be a volunteer firefighter. Laddie loved going to fires. (Like mother, like son.) He loved greeting the firefighters when they took a break for rehab. And the firefighters loved him. I suspect that Laddie is visiting all of the firefighters in heaven, for firefighters were his favorite group of people.

Laddie's final weeks were not easy. If he ate at all, it was little more than a taste. He lost a lot of weight. But he held out as long as he could.

Selfless to the end, Laddie made sure to give me special memories before he departed. We went to Bark in the Park one last time. And on his last day, Laddie went with me to help set up a friend's booth for a quilt show in Pleasanton. He watched from his stroller while Mommy decorated the booth, and he warmly greeted other vendors who wanted to say hello.



We had planned to have Laddie with us during the entire quilt show. However, it was not to be. Wednesday night, he climbed into bed with me, then passed away by my side, sparing me the gut-wrenching decision of putting him to sleep. Laddie timed his exit knowing that Mommy would have three days of fun at a quilt show, surrounded by friends instead of being home alone.

I miss Laddie more than I can say. But I'll be forever grateful for the time we had together and grateful to Mark Hersman for my precious little angel. Laddie was the best little baby a mommy could ask for.

— Jill Meryl Levy