



SSCNC Bulletin

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COMMITTEES

Membership: Chair: Patsi Nelson
Specialty Shows: October 24 – 25, 2025
Show Chair: Tina Laster
Show Secretary:
Hospitality: November 9, 2025 – Obedience/Rally
Show Chair:
Show Secretary:
Obed/Rally Chair:
Hospitality: March 2026
Show Chair:
Show Secretary:
Obed Chair:
Rally Chair:
Hospitality:
Agility Trial: July 4 – 6, 2025
Chair: Patsi Nelson
Scent Work Trial: September 19 - 21, 2025
Chair: Kim Strassner / Patsi Nelson
Chair:
Match: Chair: Roxayn King
Obedience: Chair: Beverly Fadden
Rally: Chair: Marianne Dub
Herding: Marianne Dub
Trophies: Cindy Frusetta
Ribbons: Mark Hersman
Hospitality: Vacant
Ways & Means: Kim Strassner
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Public Education: Vacant
Historian: Vacant
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Next Club Meetings:

- *November 15 - 4 pm via Zoom*
- *December 6 - In Person, Christmas Party, Livermore*
- *2026 Meeting schedule - TBA*



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California
Minutes of the General Meeting

October 25, 2025

Location: SSCNC Specialty at the Dixon May Fairgrounds in Dixon.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 2:50 pm.

The following members were present:

Lilian Pokesin	Ken Laster	Kathy Rosdail
Linda Morrison	Kim Strassner	Brandi Friesen
Lisa Tatsuno	Deborah Marks	Mike Bianco

The following board members were present:

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

We had the following guests:

- Reg Shaffer
- Ann Balliet
- Jim Morrison

Minutes: Previous minutes approved.

Treasurer:

- [REDACTED]
- Rachael doesn't have all the expenses from the recent Scent Work Trial yet. [REDACTED]

Membership:

- The members voted to approve the membership application of Amy Sanders. Congratulations to our newest SSCNC member!

Bulletin: Please send photos from the Specialty for the next Bulletin.

October Specialty

- Thanks to Tina Laster for chairing the event
- Thanks to Lisa Tatsuno for stewarding.

Trophies: We are good.

Ribbons: We are good.

Hospitality: Thanks to Karen.

History: Thanks to Kathy Rosdail for providing the photos and momentos regarding Trudy Kerr (the Specialty was held in memory of Trudy).

Agility Trial: No report.

Website:

- There was a problem on the backside of the website. A bot got in. It took Lisa Smyth 4 days and \$149 in software to fix.

Special Awards:

- The deadline to submit request for a title plaque is coming up soon.

New Business:

- Obedience Jumps:
 - The displaceable jump that we purchased from Mark's Obedience Jumps has issues. Mike Bianco has had to make a lot of adjustments to make it usable.
 - We need to get another jump because we are going to separate Obedience and Rally rings at the Spring Specialty, so we will need 2 sets of jumps.
 - We are considering getting the new jump from Dale Root. He has a video of his displaceable jump on his Oaklines website.
 - Rachael is trying to get a price for the jump from Dale.

Old Business: None

Good of the Order: None

Next Meeting: November 15, 2025 Via Zoom.

Adjourned: 3:05 pm – Then reopened to vote on Amy Sanders' membership application (see Membership, above).

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon

Recording Secretary

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California



SSCNC 2025 - Conformation Challenge Trophies - Members Only

Only Members in Good Standing (having attended 3 meetings in last 12 months) may apply for and receive special awards. Fill out attached form. 1 page per dog as that dog/bitch may apply for multiple wins. Signify which trophy applying for by using the number in front of award. Challenge trophies from last year 2024 shall be promptly returned for the next winner at SSCNC December meeting / Xmas dinner with engraving done. If there is not space to put dog's name on for engraving, please notify the owner of donated award pronto as they may make a new one.

Scan or Copy your applications and either e-mail to: patricia_nelson2008@yahoo.com (PREFERRED) OR Snail mail to: Patsi Nelson, 21 Martinez Rd, Woodside, CA 94062. (questions, call or text 650--796-2031). Either way, applications MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 23, 2025!! Applications received after deadline will be awarded at Holiday party in 2026.

1. **MONTAGE BI AWARD** – donated by Chris Machado – Awarded to the bi-color gathering the most American points for the year.
2. **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.
3. **CH. ARENRAY'S REMINISCE** – donated by Karen Coombs – Awarded to the Sable stud whose get accumulated the most points in the current year.
4. **ICON AWARD** – donated by Sharon Sampson – Awarded to the AOAC stud whose get accumulated the most American points in the current year – in memory of CH. Laurel Glen Icon Rising Star ROM.
5. **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.)
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **CAITLIN** – donated by Kathy & Don Coon – Awarded to the Sable Dog gathering the most American points for the year.
9. **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.
10. **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. *Multiple Winners.*
11. **FIRST POINT AWARD** – donated by Trudy Kerr – Awarded to the member handling a Dog/Bitch to Championship points for the first time. *Multiple Winners.*
12. **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. *Multiple Winners.*
13. **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 Dog or Bitch of any color that finished 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. *Breeder must submit AKC Championship Certificate AND copy of AKC awards record that shows point progression from the bbx class to Mark Hersman as soon as possible. Multiple Winners.*
14. **BISS GOLD GCH. CH. 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 Breed in the current year qualifying for the "Century Club CC" – *Multiple Winners.*
15. **BISS GOLD GCH. CH. Lorra Lee's Midnite Special CC – "THE HIGHEST TOTAL GRAND CHAMPION POINTS FOR THE YEAR"** – donated by Anita L. Rasmussen – The Most AKC Grand Champion Points gathered by a Dog or Bitch in the current year.
16. **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".

SSCNC CONFORMATION CHALLENGE AWARDS 2025

APPLICATION

(Closes & Must reach by November 23th)

Dog's Name: _____
(1 dog per page)

Number on list applying for this dog: (#1-#16)

Verification-proof enclosed for each award going for.
Certificate. Added Numbers with paperwork
May use additional pages

Owners' Names: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Copy or Scan and E-mail to:
patricia_nelson2008@yahoo.com

OR

Mail to:
Patsi Nelson
21 Martinez Rd
Woodside, CA. 94062
(650)796-2031

2025 PERFORMANCE SPECIAL AWARDS
Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding, Tracking & Scent Work

❖ **Performance Challenge Trophies:**

Only Members in Good Standing (having attended 3 meetings in last 12 months) may apply for and receive special awards. Please submit your application in writing (receipt confirmation received back by e-mail) to Lynn Azzopardi, 609 W 36th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403, L49azz@earthlink.net. Nominations must be received by **November 23, 2025**. If there is more than one winner for any of the awards, not designated as 'Multiple Winners', the award will be shared.

SY CHALLENGE TROPHY – donated by Gene and Nia Surber – Awarded to the dog/bitch with the highest average score for the year (3 trials, regular classes and owner handled).

HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE AWARD – donated by Linda Bianco – Awarded to the highest scoring dog of the year, owner handled.

CDX CHALLENGE AWARD – In memory of Kalea Field of Poppies CDX, RAE, CGC – donated by Nancy Rynewicz – Awarded to the dog/bitch with highest combined score toward CDX.

PENELANE MEMORIAL AWARD – donated by Trudy Kerr – Awarded to the highest scoring Champion (bred-by and handled by owner) - score must be earned from an AKC titling class in obedience.

TopNOTCH CLEAN RUN TROPHY – donated by Gail Shattuck – Awarded to the Sheltie and handler team that achieves the most **CLEAN RUNS** (scores of 100 only) in **Standard and JWW** only during the one year qualification period. (Neither Fast nor T2B count). This can be at any level – novice, open, excellent or masters – and Preferred legs count.

KENSIL'S FLY BY NIGHT MASTERS CHALLENGE AWARD – donated by Gail Shattuck- Awarded to the sheltie and handler team who earn the most masters legs during the current year. Runs can ONLY be from the Masters class in JWW and Standard and only the first 10 which count toward the MX, MXJ, MXP, and MJP titles. Once the title is earned, no additional legs will count, nor do legs earned the previous year.

NOVICE AGILITY CHALLENGE AWARD -- In memory of Arenray Stella's Wish On A Star BN OA OAJ NJP OF CGC 2005-2015 – Donated by Lynn Azzopardi – Awarded to the team who completes their NA NAJ and NF titles in one calendar year from October- October. There can be multiple recipients each year who can share the large plaque.

Rally Challenge Trophy - donated by Nancy Rynewicz, in memory of rescue dog, Hand-Me-Down Hanah, BN, CD, RAE. Awarded to the dog/bitch with the most qualifying Rally scores in the current year (Dec - Nov).

❖ **Performance Challenge Awards Multiple Winners:**

SAGEBRUSH VERSATILITY AWARD – donated by Alicia Keegan and Gail Shattuck – Awarded to a Sheltie who has achieved AKC titles in at least three of the following five areas.

1. Conformation: CH, GCH
2. Obedience & Rally (a dog with both obedience and rally titles has qualified in only ONE area): BN, CD, CDX, GN, GO, OM, OGM, OTCH, RN, RA, RE, RAE, UD, UDX, VER
3. Tracking: TD, TDX, VST, CT
4. Agility: NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, NF, NFP, OF, OFP, XF, XFP, MXF, MXFP, T2B, T2BP, PAX, MACH, PACH
5. Herding: HC, HT, PT, HS, HI, HX (any course, any stock)

CGC and Instinct Tested MAY NOT be used to qualify for this award.

A Sheltie can receive this award only **ONE** time in its life. At least one of the titles must be earned in the year for which the award is given. Multiple dogs can earn this award

HAVERE SHELI CHAMPION + VERSATILITY EXCELLENT (VCX) AWARD – donated by Scott Zamvil & Patsi Nelson. This award is given in recognition of a dog that achieves a Conformation Championship and excels in at least two performance activities, obtaining a minimum of 10 points (6 points for the conformation championship) according to the ASSA guidelines.

AVERE SHELI SHELTIES SSCNC NOVICE SCENT WORK CHALLENGE AWARD – donated by Patsi Nelson & Scott
amvil. This award is for a Sheltie completing the 4 Novice Scent Work Elements within one year (SBN, SCN, SEN and SIN).
can have multiple winners/ year.

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC.

AWARDS 2025

PLEASE READ

THIS FORM IS FOR PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE TROPHIES only!!!

Complete this form and return one copy to Special Awards Chairperson, PLEASE
RETURN BY November 23, 2025.

Return Performance applications to:

Lynn Azzopardi, 609 W 36th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403
(650) 345-8169 L49azz@earthlink.net

You must be a member in good standing to receive awards.

NAME OF TROPHY APPLYING FOR:

OWNER'S NAME:

DOG'S NAME: _____

Details: Fox Example - number of points, clean runs, high scores, etc.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The recipient of the annual Good Sportsmanship Award is chosen by the membership. To nominate a Club member for the award, please send your nomination to Rebecca before the November 15th General meeting, including the reasons why you think the nominee is deserving of the award.

The winner will be announced at the Holiday Party and receive a plaque.

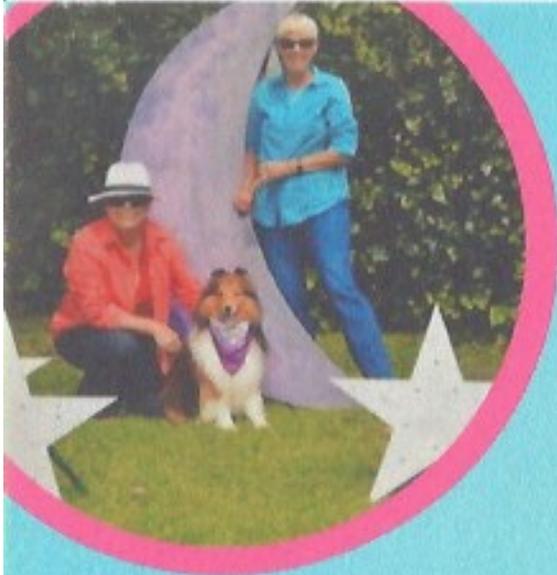
Here is the list of recipients since 2013.

YEAR	SPORTSMANSHIP
2013	Trudy Kerr & Kathy Rosdail
2014	Patricia Rozenoff
2015	Lynne Azzopardi & Kathy Coon
2016	Sharon Sampson
2017	Patricia Rozenoff
2018	Diane Boross
2019	Patsi Nelson
2020	Marianne Dub
2021	Linda & Mike Bianco
2022	Sue Cone
2023	Roxayn King
2024	Mark Hersman



HEALTH AND EDUCATION

by Dr. Donna Shade D.V.M.



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LIZ ZUNIGA, ASSISTANT

📞 837-601-9876

Date: _____

Location _____



NEW MEMBER!

The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California has a new member! Welcome to:
AMY SANDERS

Amy lives in San Francisco. 

Information from her application:

How many Shelties does Applicant own?

1

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

Meet other sheltie enthusiasts. Get more involved with dog sports. Perhaps volunteer.

What are your general objectives?

Expand my knowledge about shelties. Share information with and learn from owners, breeders and exhibitors. Explore more dog sports

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

Yes - Volunteer at SFSPCA, Member of Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

Areas of interest:

- Conformation
- Obedience
- Agility

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?

I grew up with shelties. I recently had a scotch collie. I like most dogs but especially herding breeds. Some of my other favorites are poodles, papillons, spaniels, chihuahuas and golden retrievers

Occupation

CPA & banker – retired

Hobbies

Reading, music, vegetarian cooking, dog training, long walks with my dog, art appreciation, gardening

Talents/Interests

Dog training (two AKC TKP titles), nature conservation, fast cars, attention to detail, leadership

His Last Farewell

by Jill Meryl Levy



As the time grew near for Laddie to cross the Rainbow Bridge, I drew solace from the memory of losing one of our family's boxers when I was nineteen.

His name was Playboy ... no relation to the bunnies or the mansion or the magazine. He earned the name because he was a playful boy. (What can I say? My parents had a sense of humor when it came to naming their kids. For my brother and me, it was Jack and Jill.)

It was 1979—the year I became an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and worked on an ambulance over the summer. I no longer recall what malady convinced my parents that it was time to end Playboy's suffering, but I vividly recall his final hour. As we drove to the animal hospital, I rode in the back of our station wagon, comforting Playboy just as I had comforted patients in the back of my ambulance.

Vet techs met us in the parking lot and gently transferred Playboy to their gurney. As they wheeled our loyal companion toward the building, Playboy turned back to look at us one last time. The look in his eyes was unmistakable. As clearly as though he could speak, Playboy bade us, "Don't worry about me. I'll be okay."

Every shred of my professional composure vaporized in that instant. Gone was the EMT whose calming presence had soothed dozens of ill or injured human patients. I collapsed in a puddle of tears, cut through the heart by those soulful eyes and helpless to get back into the car without my father's help.

Few moments have etched their way into my memories as vividly as that one. We had sentenced Playboy to death. Yet he was the one reassuring us, easing our guilt. Easing our heartache.

* * *

Like Playboy before him, Laddie tried to reassure me before he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. However, I didn't recognize it at the time. Laddie had climbed into bed, stumbling slightly as he transitioned from his ramp to the mattress, a look of mild surprise in his soft brown eyes. Missteps had become more frequent as kidney disease weakened Laddie's body. Yet Laddie still moved with grace and dignity that belied the severe loss of muscle mass that his gorgeous long fur could no longer conceal.

I held Laddie's gaze long enough to see that he was okay, then turned my attention back to whatever was on television. Laddie took a few steps toward the pillows, then fell against my shoulder. I turned, expecting to see Laddie scrambling to his feet, chagrined at losing his balance. Instead, he lay unmoving on his side, my favorite stuffed animals cradling his lifeless body. He was gone that quickly.

I may never know whether the look of surprise that I saw in Laddie's eyes was because he stumbled climbing into bed or because he knew he was being summoned to the Rainbow Bridge. However, I have no doubt that his final message to me was, "Don't worry, Mommy. I'll be okay."

BRAGS

◆ Kim Strassner & John Strassner

🐾 *Camelot's Lady Gwynnevr of Avalon "Ava"*

♥ *Ava was Reserve Winners Bitch at the SSCNC*



🐾 *GCH Renegade Winds Little Bit of Devil "Katie"*

♥ *Katie Bug added FCAT to her growing list of titles. She lives to chase the baggies!*



🐾 *RATCH Chisterling Sir Lancelot II "Lance"*

♥ *Lance finished 13th out of 188 dogs at the AKC Scent Work Master National. Not bad for a dog who's nearly 13!*

Photos of John and Lance at the SW Nationals plus Lance's ribbon





UPCOMING SHELTIE EVENTS

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



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Hope you all had a Happy Halloween!



Chloe - Lisa Casaccia