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Show Chair:
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Obed/Rally Chair:
Hospitality:
March 2026
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Rally Chair:
Hospitality:
Agility Trial: July 3 – 5, 2025
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Chair: TBA
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Next Club Meetings:

- *January 17, 2026 - Via Zoom*
- *February 21, 2026 - Via Zoom*
- *2026 Meeting schedule - TBA*



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California

Minutes of the General Meeting

December 6, 2025

Location: SSCNC Holiday Party, Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 11:55 am.

The following members were present:

Johanna Primeaux	Ken Laster	Ellen Fletcher
Patsi Nelson	Scott Zamvil	Barbara Miess
Kathy Rosdail	Pam Palajac	Mike Bianco
Sue Cone	Roxayn King	Pam Catlett
Amy Foster	Marianne Dub	Bev Fadden
Mark Brandt	Brandi Friesen	Debbie Marks
Lisa Casaccia	Lilliya Pokusin	Laura Finerty

The following board members were present:

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

Guests

- Angie Hersman
- Rick Hanan
- Christine Machado
- Reg Shaffer
- Eric Logsdon

New Business:

- Most of the items in the Raffle are from "Trudy's stash".
- Kathy Rosdail made a motion: That Lambchops from Trudy's stash of toys be awarded to 1st to 4th place finishers at the next Obedience/Rally Trial. Seconded and approved by the membership. The information will appear in the Premium.

Adjourned: 12 pm

Followed by awards.

The Awards and Challenge Trophies were handed out by handed out by Patsi Nelson.

The Sportsmanship Award for 2025 was awarded to Ken and Tina Laster.

Rachael Shaffer was awarded Member of the Year for 2025.

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon

Recording Secretary

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California



2025 SSCNC Membership Awards

2025 Sportsmanship Award

Ken and Tina Laster

2025 Member of the Year

Rachael Shaffer

2025 SSCNC Conformation Championship Plaque Recipients

2024 Championship

CH Westar's Dreamland CGC

Mike and Linda Bianco & Mark Hersman

CH Shimoda Elora Edinburgh

Cindy Frusetta

2025 Grand Championship

GCH CH Shimoda Elora Edinburgh

Cindy Frusetta

GCH CH Topnotch Talladega

Tina and Ken Laster & Karen D'Augusta

GCH CH Renegade Winds Little Bit of Devil PT DCAT SWNE SWA SHDN "Katie"

Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

2025 Championships

CH Wedgewood Little Light Of Mine CD BN RE CGC TKN "Shine"

SueCone

CH Camelot's Sir Percival the Loyal BCAT SWNE SHDN "Percy"

Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

CH Elora Starbrite Beckham

Cindy Frusetta & Jeri Wilson

2025 SSCNC CONFORMATION CHALLENGE TROPHIES

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

- 1. GCH Westar's Cartel– 19 pts – 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. CH Westar Sandcastle Hallelujah ROM –24 points – Cathy Meek and Mark Hersman

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

- 1. Sea Haven Azeri – 8 points – Yvonne Samuelson

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. Sea Haven Nico Moon –5 Reserves – Yvonne Samuelson

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. Gracespun Silver Hills Southern Bell –9 points – Brandi Friesen, Deborah Marks, Amber Friesen

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)

- 1. CH Westar Sandcastle Hallelujah ROM – 5 CHs – Cathy Meek and Mark Hersman

There were no winners for these awards for 2025

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

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.

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.

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.

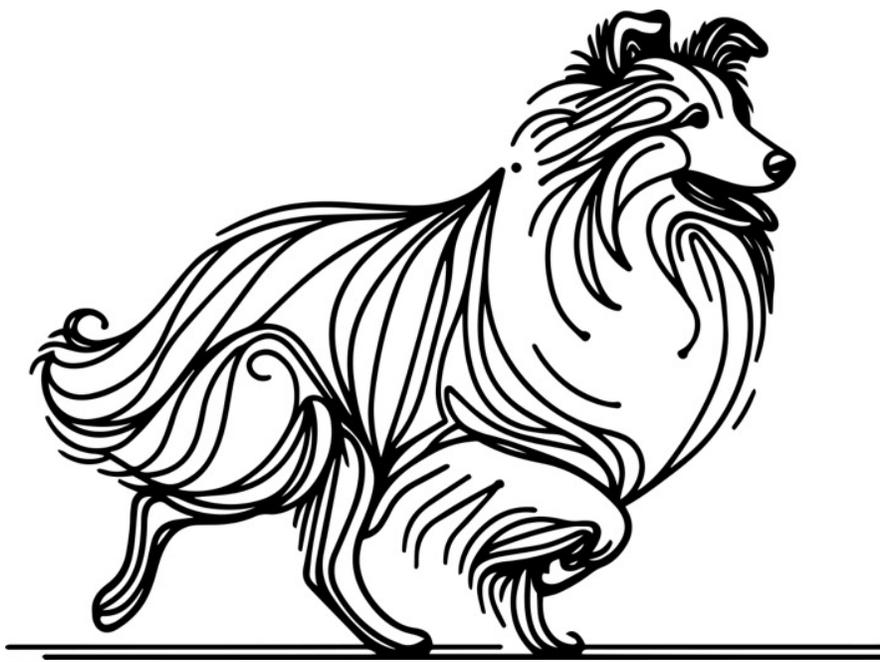
In Memory of MBISS GCHS CH Westar's Run For The Money, CDX, BN, RI, CGCA, TKN, 2xASSA AOM, ASSA Top Twenty – Bred by Exhibitor Award – offered by Mark Hersman – Awarded to a finished SABLE Dog or Bitch to their AKC Championship from the Bred By Exhibitor Class in the current year. ALL POINTS must come 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.*

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.

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



2025 SSCNC Performance Titles
Plaque Recipients

Large Plaques

Winterset Hy-Verta's Rogue One MFP AJP T2B RA RE "Pippin"
Pam Palajac

Adohr Reflexion At Winterset Hy-Verta MJP2 "Lexi"
Pam Palajac

**RACH9 Sir Ozzy of Something Royal Ranch CD PCD BN RM19 RAE20 FDC CGCA
CGCU TKE ATT "Ozzy"**
Beverly Fadden

**PACH Westar's Spring Breeze MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX MFPB T2BP2 CGC TKN
"Chloe"**
Lisa Casaccia

Elora Send It Soaring CD PCD BN RM2 RAE3 CGCA CGCU TKI ATT
Roxayn King

**RATCH Chisterling Sir Lancelot II RN PT CAA FCAT3 SWD3 SWME4 SHDME3 CZ8P2S
RATM CZ8P CGC CGCA CGCU TKA "Lance"**
Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

**CH Fallcreek Camelot's Lady Guinevere HT CA FCAT3 SWD2 SWME3 SHDME3 RATM
CZ8SG CGC CGCA CGCU TKI "Gwen"**
Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

**Havere Sheli Kirby's Rising Phoenix CD BN RA HT OA AXJ MJP MXF MFP T2B T2BP
"Phoenix"**
Scott Zamvil & Patsi Nelson

Regular Plaques

Adohr Third Times a Charm RN, RI "Jewel"
Pamela Palajac

Horizon Sweet Treat NA NAJ NF "Injeolmi"
Brishna Flores

Wedgewood Little Light of Mine CD BN RE CGC TKN "Shine"
Sue Cone

CH Westar's Dreamland BN RN CGCA CGCU FDC
Mike & Linda Bianco & Mark Hersman

Topnotch Moonrise RN CGC "Brio"
Rebecca Logsdon, Eric Logsdon, Karen D'Augusta

MACH Havere Sheli Buster Posey MVP CD BN RE MXB MXP MJP T2B4 BCAT SCN SEN CGCA TKN "Buster"

Patricia Nelson & Scott Zamvil

Havere Sheli Hatikvah BN RN SBNE SENE SWNE SHDN SBA SCA SEA SIA SWA "Tika"

Patricia Nelson & Scott Zamvil

Caitlin's Lil' Big Man BN RN GCG "Joey"

Patsi Nelson & Scott Zamvil

CH Camelot's Sir Percival the Loyal BCAT SWNE SHDN "Percy"

Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

GCH CH Renegade Winds Little Bit of Devil PT DCAT SWNE SWA SHDN "Katie"

Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

Camelot's Lady Gwynnevr of Avalon DCAT SWNE SHDN SBA "Ava"

Dr. John C. and Mrs. Kimberly M. Strassner

2025 SSCNC PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE TROPHIES

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.

- **PACH Westar's Spring Breeze MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX MFPB T2BP2 CGC TKN "Chloe"** - Lisa Casaccia

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.

- **Stargazer Triple Crown "Derby"** – Rachael Shaffer

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.

- **Horizon Sweet Treat NA NAJ NF "Injeolmi"** – Brishna Flores

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).

- **RACH9 Sir Ozzy of Something Royal Ranch BN RM6 RAE6 “Ozzy”** – Beverly Fadden

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.

- **CH Fallcreek Camelot’s Lady Guinevere “Gwen”** – Dr. John C. Strassner and Kimberly M. Strassner
- **GCH CH Renegade Winds Little Bit Of Devil “Katie”** – Dr. John C. Strassner and Kimberly M. Strassner

There were no winners for these awards for 2025 (or the name is missing)

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.

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: Conformation; Obedience/Rally; Tracking; Agility; Herding.

HAVERE SHELI SHELTIES SSCNC NOVICE SCENT WORK CHALLENGE AWARD – donated by Patsi Nelson & Scott Zamvil. 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.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

by Dr. Donna Shade D.V.M.

New Treatment for osteoarthritis

There is a new drug for the treatment of osteoarthritis called Librela (bedinvetmap). It is a monthly sq injection. Positive results can be seen in as little as 7 days.

So far, little side effects have been observed but DO NOT use in a dog with any type of neurologic disease . It is distributed by Zoetis.

If any of your dogs are suffering from OA this new injection might be worth checking into on the internet.



What Says My Soul Dog? by Jill Meryl Levy



I'd never given much thought to the concept of soul dogs before Laddie passed away. But now as I celebrate what would have been Laddie's ninth birthday, I'm even more acutely aware of what a blessing he was to me ... and will continue to be as my spirit guide.

It is said that pets enter our lives with two goals: (1) to learn something and (2) to teach something. I have yet to discover what Laddie learned from me. But what Laddie taught me ... and is still teaching me ... is animal communication.

It began when I learned that I could do muscle testing through a surrogate to get answers to Yes/No questions from an animal. That led me to write a book called [*Muscle Testing for You, Your Family, and Your Pet*](#), which is available through my website or Amazon.com.

Of course, there is only so much information that can be gleaned through Yes/No questions, so for anything more comprehensive, I turned to an experienced animal communicator, [*Kate Caruso-Sharpe*](#), whom Laddie and I both love.

Recently, however, I began taking courses and reading books on animal communication. When one is new to animal communication, it's easy to question whether a contact is real or imagined. We often find ourselves looking for "evidence" one way or another. So one of the things I've been working on is communicating with Harper by telepathy, asking her to do things that I can observe, such as "Go get your ball" or "Come into bed." It doesn't work every time, because she still has free will. But it works often enough for me to know that it's real.



I obviously can't do the same for Laddie in the spirit world, because I can't observe him performing a task in response to my requests. Perhaps in a future article, once I have more experience, I will share how I know when a conversation with Laddie is real versus imaginary. Meanwhile, what I can say with certainty, is that Laddie is thrilled that we'll soon be able to communicate directly instead of through an intermediary. His joy was so strong that I could feel it in my body, both physically and energetically.

For more information about soul dogs and their role in our lives, check out Shannon Cutts' article and/or podcast on pet soul contracts ...

Common Types of Pet Soul Contracts: What Is Your Soul Agreement With Your Dog?

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It is no accident that you and your dog are together. Kind of mind-blowing when you stop to think about it, isn't it?! In the world I inhabit, the world of animal communication, we call this type of not-coincidental meeting a pet soul contract or pet soul agreement. If this is the first time you are hearing about pet soul agreements, it is my absolute honor and delight to give you the good news – you and your dog share a soul contract and that is why you are together. This shared soul contract infuses everything about your life together....

For more information, you can read Shannon's [article](#) or listen to her [podcast](#).

UPCOMING SHELTYE EVENTS

January 17, 2026

Meeting - via Zoom. 4 pm.

February 21, 2026

Meeting - via Zoom. 4 pm.

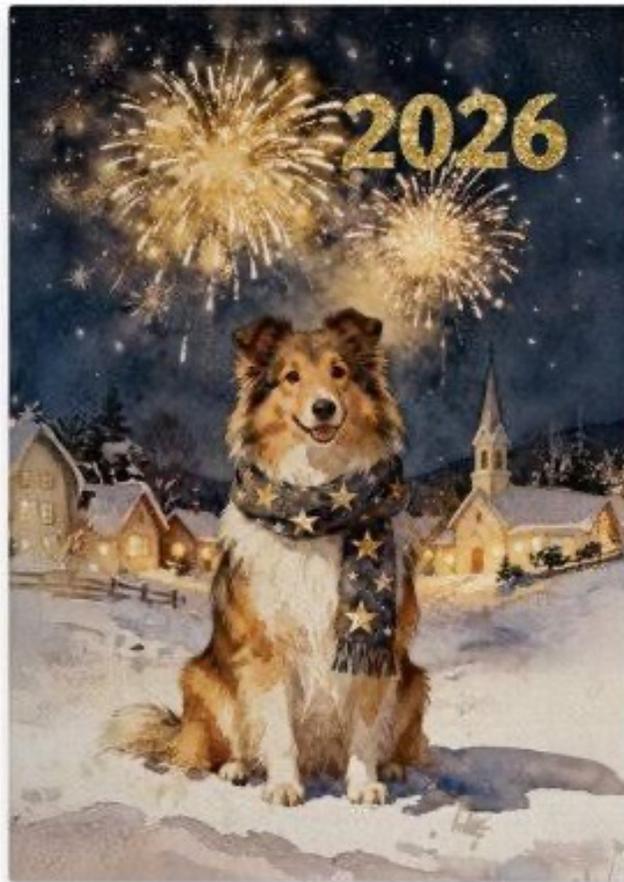
March 8, 2026

SSCNC Specialty - Conformation, Obedience & Rally
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

July 3 - 5, 2026

SSCNC Agility Trial
Manzanita Park, Prunedale

Remaining 2026 schedule TBD





Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Joey, Sony, Phoenix, Tika and Buster (Patsi Nelson / Scott Zamvil)