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## Letter From the President—Joe Chinnici

I write these letters to the membership in the middle of the month, to be delivered at the beginning of the next. With that in mind, our big obedience show has not happened. The club's participation at ARTPAWS has not occurred either. So I am writing with the assumption everything went well.

The trial is the biggest event we plan, organize and execute each year. The agility trial is a close second and it is not happening this year. I wish to thank all those members that worked behind the scenes getting it organized and planned. Top of the list is **Ladonna Doud** for getting the judges each year and acting as the mentor (to me) on what we need for the event, especially in terms of AKC compliance. The next person is **Donna Sprinkle** for all of her work on the C-match over the years. This year I wish to thank **Gail Contreras**

for being the Chief Ring Steward and herding the crew together to keep this event running. I also wish to thank **Marcia Rushmer** and the other members on her Raffle staff for their many years of work. **Shari Sanger** needs thanking for all the crazy hoops she jumps through to get all the new ribbons and awards that came this year as it has been for her in the other years she has done this job. I wish to acknowledge **Al Lansdon** as a driver and set up specialist for both ARTPAWS and the trial. I salute all those members that put in the time to help on the floor of the show as stewards or C-match judges.

ARTPAWS was at least not at the same time as the trial, but 1 week before. It makes some planning things more difficult. **Nancy Mead** has done great work through the year getting us ready for the event, and she is the

primary spokesperson for us at the event all day! I wish to thank all the other club volunteers for their time and efforts for making our booth a success.

September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 3 will be our picnic and open house for the new club building. We will have a regular meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September to cover what will be happening. We want this to be open to the public and show off who we are at our new place! We want to demonstrate what our dogs can do and what we can teach the public.

At the end of September is the Bonanza show and we are still helping with the stewarding. Please volunteer to steward so we can help them keep their Obedience/Rally venue.



## Upcoming Events

**TMDTC General Meeting** - Mon. 8/1 at 7:00 PM - Clubhouse. The public is welcome.

**Obedience/Rally Trial Pack Up** - Wed. 7/20; 6:00 PM at the clubhouse.

**Obedience/Rally Trial Set Up** - Thurs. 7/21; 8:00 AM at RSLEC.

**Obedience/Rally Match**—Thurs. 7/21; 1:00 PM at RSLEC.

**Obedience/Rally Trial** - Fri. 7/22—Sun 7/24 8:00 AM at RSLEC.

**Obedience/Rally Trial Take Down**—Sun. 7/24; 4:30 PM at RSLEC.

**CGC Testing**— Sun. 7/31 starting at 9:00 AM –Contact Judith Mugrauer at 775 342-6014 or [sleepingham@att.net](mailto:sleepingham@att.net)

## Meet your Board Members—Cathie Rossman



I have been involved in the sport of pure-bred dogs since 1984. I thought Junior Showmanship would be a good challenge for our daughter. We lived in San Francisco at the time so with list in hand, we headed off to the Cow Palace for the Golden Gate Kennel Club All-Breed “benched” dog show. There were over 2,500 dogs in one location all day for two days on display with owners and breeders there to answer questions, and show off their dogs.

Our children’s babysitter had Irish Setters (way too hyperactive for me – I always pictured “Big Red” from the Disney movie, not). She suggested we look at the Belgian Sheepdogs. We got on the waiting list (last in line) for a litter soon to be bred. Robin and Amos blessed their breeder with 6 puppies – 3 boys and 3 girls.

The breeder was hoping for a nice combination of calm, mellow Robin and bouncy, gregarious Amos; like mixing white with black and getting gray. Welcome to the wonderful world of dogs – 6 gorgeous wild and crazy black fuzzy balls – no calm, no mellow. But they all had brains! Sailor was way too much for a 10 year-old Junior Handler at 26.5” tall and 75 pounds of solid muscle. He proved to be quite a challenge even for me. But I was hooked on the brains and beauty of this amazing breed.

Fast forward to 2007. A litter was planned in Texas (I HATE TO FLY) with his pedigree on the Sire’s side and great genes on his Dam’s side. Three flights to Dallas, and I flew home with Maverick – GCH Spitfire’s Gentleman Gambler BN CD RE PT HSAs CGC TT HT-g (AHBA) HIC FMD (BCA). After 25 years of Conformation showing, I had a dog that could and wanted to do anything I asked of him as long as we were doing it together. I discovered Rally, and we were pretty good at it. I was deathly afraid of competitive Obedience. When my local trainer moved out of state in 2011, I looked for a place to continue training in Rally and try Obedience, so I joined Truckee Meadows, and the rest as they say is history. With the help and encouragement of the great training staff here at Truckee Meadows, “We have come a long way baby” in the last 5 years (as noted by the alphabet soup after his name). I am now training the “New Shooter Coming Out” (craps table lingo), Maverick’s son, TakiShan Shoot the Moon at MonVieux, “Shooter,” a chip off the old block with the fire and frenzy of the 1984 version.

## Happy Birthday To Our 2 and 4 legged Members August Birthdays

Ray Holland 8/4	“Ebony” Orcutt 8/1/12	“Burn” Mead 8/22/06
Ellen Kelly 8/14	“Fin” McCall 8/4/16	“PJ” Holland 8/22/06
Glenn Slingland 8/14	“Copper” Elrod 8/9/08	“Casino” DeWitt 8/28/09
Colleen DeWitt 8/17	“Suri” Fredrickson 8/11/12	“Moxzie” Richards 8/28/08
Sharon Walls 8/27	“Vincenzo” Nelson 8/20/13	



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## Brag & Bitches

**Brag:** Jesse, Vizsla, Marcia Rushmer — Jesse received her CGC.

**Brag:** Fancy, Australian Shepherd, Melissa Lamoureux— Fancy at the Bonanza KC Match on 7/9/16, Fancy was BOB and Herding Group Winner.

**Brag:** Quinn, Vizsla, Gail Contreras— Quinn was Winner's Bitch at the Trail's End Vizsla Club Summer Specialty Bred by Exhibitor for a 4 point major and then took a Group 1 in the Bred by Exhibitor Sporting Group.

**Brag:** Mace, Saluki, Mark Heddleston—Mace was Best of Breed and Group 1 at the Bonanza Kennel Club Match

**Brag:** Solo, Saluki, Mark Heddleston—Hound Solo caught his first rabbit at 13 weeks.

**Brag:** Shooter & Tali, Belgian Sheepdogs, Cathie & Elisabeth Rossman—Shooter & Tali (brother & sister) got their herding PT titles at the Tervuren and Malinois herding trials at Sheepcamp in Gardnerville.



## New Members & Reinstated Members

Take a moment to welcome our new members & reinstated members.

Please add their contact information to your membership list.

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## Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year and our trial will be next week. Please save the dates and times to help move our trial equipment to and from the clubhouse.

### Wednesday, July 20th - 6 pm - 8 pm

Meet at the clubhouse to load the rental truck with equipment

### Thursday, July 21st - 8 am - 10 am

Meet at the Reno Livestock Events Center - Exhibit Hall Building - unload the truck and set up for the match/trial.

### Sunday, July 24th - 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Meet at the Reno Livestock Events Center to load and then unload at the club house

All ending times are approximate since it could go quicker if we have lots of helpers. There are lots of light things that have to be moved and loaded so don't feel that you have to be able to lift 100 lbs. to be of help.

We are a volunteer organization and no experience is required to help in this process. Please help in whatever time frames you can! Thanks!

## Trial Readiness—Failure by Denise Fenzi

All dog and handler teams fail at one time or another. It's no shame to fail a trial, or even to discover that you were much less well prepared than you thought you were, but you'll want to give some thought to damage control before you go into the competition ring. Just in case.

Let's start at the beginning. You get to the show site and you know that something is wrong. Your dog seems completely disinterested in you and working. Your dog has stress diarrhea. Your dog can't get his nose off the ground no matter what motivators are available. Your dog won't take your treats and could care less about his favorite toys.



I'd suggest waiting as long as possible to check in to your ring, and then see how much dog you have. If you can't wait any longer and your dog will not engage, I'd pull out of the competition. It is a rare dog that cannot engage when you have your food and toys that suddenly engages when you step in front of a judge. Ok, maybe "rare" is the wrong word. "Unheard of" might be better.

But...you just couldn't do it; you're at the show and you have to try. Or maybe your dog didn't fall apart until you were already in the ring. Or maybe your dog started out fine and was well along in the class before the downward slide began. Now what?

You have the option of leaving the ring – that is the rule. You politely tell the judge that you will be leaving. You do not ask because they might say no. You thank the judge, take your dog gently by the collar, and head for the exit. The steward will give you your leash. If the judge is upset and decides to "write you up", they will quickly be informed of the rule – AKC has clarified that you have the right to leave with no repercussion.

This is a relatively new happening in the world of obedience, but leaving has been common in agility for a very long time. Your judge may be surprised by your decision and may even discourage you. How you proceed at that point it up to you, but do know that you have the right to leave the ring and there is no penalty. You will not affect the point schedule or the placements/rankings of any of the other dogs, because you are not excused. You are simply leaving. Basically, it is the same as in agility – and the sky has not fallen over there.

Until recently it was considered bad sportsmanship to leave. Now I see it as a good training decision and much kinder to the dog than finishing in misery. You are NOT negatively affecting any of your fellow competitors, and indeed you are doing them a favor if your dog's behavior suggests that he might leave the ring and make mischief, soil the ring, or behave so poorly that judging is being dragged out as your dog wanders about and does everything but work with you.

How about if your dog simply fails an exercise but is not having a complete meltdown? Know the rules and do what is best for your dog. If you know the rules, you may well save the exercise. For example, if you start out heeling and your dog simply sits there, give a second cue! It's points off, but if your dog never moves, then it's failure for sure. If your dog starts to sniff and you know that your dog is going to get sucked in by the smells, help your dog by cuing "heel" again!

If your dog fails to respond to a first cue where this is a failure, I'd suggest giving the second cue immediately. You've already failed; might as well help your dog get through it with minimal trauma.

Know the rules – what is a failure, a substantial deduction, or no worry at all? This information is crucial to managing your ring performance to optimum effect. You don't need to know exactly what every mistake will cost you, but you do need to know enough to make educated decisions "in the moment".

Here are a few examples. How would you handle each of these?

- You ask your dog to "stand" in novice and he simply sits there. Now what? Should you physically stand your dog? Give a second cue to stand? Or assume the exercise is over and looking pleadingly at the judge? Because the exercise does not start until you leave your dog, simply keep calm and re-cue your dog, assisting as needed. If it is helpful to you, then you may gently physically position your dog – this is allowed without penalty.
- You ask your dog to stay on the recall. When you turn around, your dog is now lying down. What should you do? Tell your dog to sit? Wait for the judge to cue you to call your dog? Return to your dog on your own? Just wait – you have not failed unless your dog followed you in. While a substantial deduction, you should continue at the judge's direction.
- You have asked your dog to "heel" and he simply sits there as you set off without him. Now what? Should you cue again, return to your dog, or continue the heeling pattern without him? Give a second command. You'll lose points, but you'll fail outright if you continue without him.

There are many examples of this type. If you're not sure of the rules, get the rule book and read it carefully. Speak with a judge or an instructor who you trust to know the answers.

## New AKC Agility Grand Champion

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce a title designed to celebrate the lifetime achievement of dogs that excel across all AKC agility classes – the Agility Grand Champion (AGCH). To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned:

- Master Standard & Master Jumper with Weaves – 100 qualifying scores from each class
- Master Fast – 75 qualifying scores
- Time 2 Beat – 75 qualifying scores
- Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 qualifying scores from each class

Qualifying scores will be grandfathered and may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of these classes.

“This truly is a lifetime achievement award,” says Carrie DeYoung, AKC Director of Agility. “We are looking forward to recognizing each of the teams who have demonstrated this relationship and depth of skill over their agility career.” The new title becomes effective in July. In addition to a title certificate, a plaque will be awarded to each AGCH recipient.



## Protecting Your Dog Against Foxtails by Nancy Kay, DVM

Tonight my littlest dog Nellie came in the house sneezing. Any other time of year and I would be unconcerned, but in late spring and early summer an abrupt onset of sneezing after being outdoors is a “foxtail-in-the-nose alarm bell.” I’ll be watching Nellie like a hawk for the rest of the evening. Any crinkling of her nose, ongoing sneezing or bloody nose, and she’ll be my first patient tomorrow.

If you are unfamiliar with foxtails, count your blessings! These pesky, bristly plant awns grow in abundance throughout California and are reported in most every state west of the Mississippi. Once the plant heads dry, they become hell-bent on finding their way into dogs’ noses, ears, eyes, mouths and just about every other orifice. They can dive deep into a dog’s nostril or ear canal (beyond sight) in the blink of an eye. And a foxtail camouflaged under a layer of hair can readily burrow through the skin (a favorite hiding place is between toes). Foxtails can wind up virtually anywhere in the body, and associated symptoms vary based on location. For example, a foxtail within the ear canal causes head shaking, under the skin a draining tract, or within the lung, labored breathing and coughing. Not only is the dog’s body incapable of degrading or decomposing foxtails, these plant awns are barbed in such a way that they can only move in a “forward” direction. Unless caught early, they, and the bacteria they carry, either become walled off to form an abscess or migrate through the body causing infection and tissue damage. Once foxtails have moved internally, they become the proverbial needle in a haystack—notoriously difficult to find and remove.



Take the example of Emma Louise, an undeniably adorable Brittany Spaniel mix whose family told me that her favorite pastime is running through fields with her nose to the ground. They described her as a “foxtail magnet,” having accumulated several in her ears and nose over the years. I was asked to help figure out the cause of Emma Louise’s hunched back and straining to urinate. With abdominal ultrasound, I discovered a gigantic abscess tucked up under Emma Louise’s spine, extending into her pelvic canal. Given this girl’s history, I just knew there had to be a foxtail in there somewhere. The question was, would we be able to find it?

As is my medical tradition before launching a foxtail search, I recited a prayer to the “god of foxtails.” I then turned Emma Louise over to one of my surgical colleagues for exploratory surgery. After two hours of nail-biting and a barrage of expletives originating in the O.R., I heard a shout of, “Got it!” The foxtail had been located and removed, and sweet little Emma Louise made a rapid and complete recovery. Not finding the foxtail would have meant a lifetime of antibiotics to treat her foxtail-induced infection.

If you suspect your dog has a foxtail-related issue, contact your veterinarian right away to find out what steps can be taken (at home or in the veterinary hospital) to rid your dog of this unwanted plant material. Whenever possible, avoidance of foxtail exposure is the best and only foolproof prevention. If your dog does have access to foxtails, carefully comb through his or her haircoat—checking ears and toes, too—a couple of times daily to remove any that are embedded and poised to wreak havoc!

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## Other Events



**Tellington TTouch Workshop**—Aug. 5th & 6th, Carson City, NV.  
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**Reno Kennel Club All Breed Show/Obedience/Rally**— August 19th—21st, Reno Sparks Livestock Event Center, Reno, NV. Closes 8/3—Event Details—<http://www.renokennelclub.org>

**Battle Born RAT-tacularr**—Sept. 2nd– 4th, Fuji Park, NV. Revolution Dog Sports [Online Entry](#)

**Bonanza Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows/Obedience/Rally**— October 1st - 2nd, Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. Event Details - <http://bonanzakc.com>

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