



**Newsletter of the Davis Dog Training Club, Inc.**

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“Coming Events” Bridget Curry

**March, 2015**

**Meeting: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Beth Timpson & Michael  
Yoder's**

**2674 Sycamore Lane, Davis, CA**

**Directions:** From Covell Blvd turn north on Sycamore Lane at the Market Place shopping center and continue north

After you pass the Dos Pinos Housing Cooperative, the house is down the third driveway on the right.

Parking is available opposite the house, on the opposite side of the street.

The house is located on the right hand side of the street, behind 2672 Sycamore Lane.

***Club Calendar***

**Obedience & Rally Trials May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Northwest Park, Dixon**

**Agility Trial May 30-31**

**Dixon May Fair**

## BRAGS

### *"Outside the Ropes"*

**Connie Batsford** –My tired ol' Caravan with 275,000+ miles on it managed to survive driving judges and tracklayers at yet another TDX!

Soon after that busy weekend it's "Service Engine Soon" light returned....and maybe for it's last hurrah.

### **March Birthdays**

**"Cooper" Jewell** (Scottish Terrier)  
**"Charlie" Jewell** (Scottish Terrier)  
**"Isadora" Pisenti** CD, RE  
(German Shepherd Dog) 3/12/09  
**"Annie" Calderon/Khan**  
(Labrador Retriever) 3/23/14  
**"Jamie" Rollins** TD (Golden  
Retriever) 3/27/10  
**"Ellie" Balint** HSAdS, HIAs, HIAdM,  
OAP, NJP, OFP, RE (Belgian  
Sheepdog) 3/28/06

**Mollie McDonald** 3/8  
**Melinda Balint** 3/25  
**Connie Batsford** 3/31



### **AKC News**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented a plan that would allow for the formation of a new type of club that would be inviting to the general pet-owning public. It is the Staff's recommendation that the AKC establish a new club designation called Companion Dog club. Most AKC clubs are currently built around specific sports or breeds.

Companion Dog clubs will be for owners that desire social activities built around providing fun and educational things to do with your dog. Companion Dog clubs may become licensed to hold companion events plus the Coursing Ability Test. They would be encouraged to promote CGC training/testing and to hold AKC recognized events such as Barn Hunt, Flyball or Dock Diving. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

### **AKC's top 10 most popular breeds in 2014, along with the 2013 comparison:**

BREED	2014	2013
Labrador Retriever	1	1
German Shepherd Dog	2	2
Golden Retriever	3	3
Bulldog	4	5
Beagle	5	4
Yorkshire Terrier	6	6
Poodle	7	8
Boxer	8	7
French Bulldog	9	11
Rottweiler	10	9

The entire list of breeds can see seen at:

<http://www.akc.org/news/the-most-popular-dog-breeds-in-america/>

### **March 1<sup>st</sup> TDX Mather Regional Park**

Our 2015 TDX test is in the books, and what a wonderful weekend it was!

Our wonderful judges, Ada McClory and Mitzi Young, plotted some challenging and fun tracks Saturday under cloudy skies amidst chilly winds with tracklayers, Tiffany Stutzke, Cherrie Brown, and Tracey Louper (2 tracks). Royana Palmer volunteered to be a crosstrack

layer, doing 2 tracks; and one each was done by Cherrie and Tracey. Hospitality chair Tiffany Stutzke outdid herself with yummy chicken fajitas to warm everyone up after their efforts.

Sunday dawned clear with just a hint of fog but lots of dew on the grass. 3 tracks and an alternate went in on schedule. Jackie Piseni and Tiffany were our 2 secondary cross track layers. Melinda Balint, Velvet Rogers, and Connie Batsford were our drivers, helping to get judges and tracklayers to and from the fields at the specified times.

Melinda also made sure everyone had their parking stubs and the parking was promptly paid.

We started with 16 entries when entries closed and by Sunday morning were down to 3 plus an alternate.

Track 1 went to Allyssa Mader and Flaxen Fields Upon A Graceful Fog, Golden Retriever. They briskly managed the track, lingering briefly only at one turn as the dog decided she was a whole 12" inches off track, put herself back on, and away they went. Congratulations to Allyssa and Flaxen Fields Upon A Graceful Fog, TDX!

Track 2 went to a Brittany who did an admirable job on the first two legs before hearing the whistle. When put back on the track they completed it nicely.

Track 3 went to Denise Gormish and her red English Cocker Spaniel. Seven minutes later they were at the glove! Congratulations to Denise and Radiance Grand Prix TDX, NA, NAJ, NF, CGC!

The judges announced the alternate track was available for titling and our very patient alternate entry, a Golden Retriever handled by Dee Dee Anderson, took only 6 minutes to find their way to the final glove. Congratulations to owners Carole Steding, Dee Dee and Billy Anderson, and DD's How Sweet It Is TDX!

Thank you to everyone involved for making this a successful and enjoyable weekend!

Kathy Souza, TDX Trial Secretary

[Ed. And thank you to Kathy for Sunday's "Tracking Chili."]

### Club Night

Reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
SPRING FORWARD!!



### TD March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Normally we do a "Combo" Test of TDs with TDXs filling the "voids" because most TD dogs have passed the earlier tests in the area. This year we were concerned about the loss of land available to us at Mather Park and chose to offer only TD tracks.

The end result is a VERY low number of dogs entered to date. So, we will be discussing this situation and "regrouping" for 2016.

### Coming Events

**Bridget kindly sent Coming Events early and they have disappeared from my email, a common problem with Windows Live Mail that suddenly "disappears."**

**I will either locate it or have her send it to the membership separately. In the meantime, you can refer to February's Coming Events for many events through May.**

**Sorry for the inconvenience. CB**