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President's Message

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a good holiday season! Chris Blanco and I enjoyed our trip to Oregon for the National Specialty in early November. Rex even attempted the tracking test but got lost on the second leg. The wind was really swirling around but I think he was very distracted by the vole holes.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead in the club. Our Mini-mutt Obedience Match and Conformation will be at San Lorezno DTC facility on February 26, 2011. We now have enough stewards to make the show run smoothly.

Our special event for the Spring Fling (May 15, 2011) will be a 90 minute demo and workshop with Judy Gamet of Dogs Can Dance. Yes, you get to do a routine with your dog and other club members and their dogs. We'll also have games, the raffle and our wonderful pot-luck. And the results of the election.

Thanks to Lloydya for helping with the Nominating Committee. Since the board will test having e-meetings we felt that where a person lives shouldn't limit their ability to be a part of the board. So we have Denise Fournier who lives in Sacramento and our returning treasurer, Ann Dahlin who lives in Modesto. We are hoping that by conducting the meetings on-line we can save valuable travel time and weekend time for the things that we never have enough time to do--train our dogs, be with our families, etc. Plus, we will be saving gas--that can be put to traveling to dog events! Thanks to board members who decided to run "one more time", thanks to those who helped us for so many years and decided it was time to retire, and thanks to Dorothy and Denise for joining us.

In June our club is hosting two APDT trials and Mixed Breed Conformation to be held inside (with air conditioning) at Java Dog Training Center in Redwood City. The date is June 5th. There will be two Level 1 and Level 2 trials--one in the morning and one in the afternoon with conformation during the lunch break. Even if you have completed a level

2 title you could work on an ARCH that requires 5 double q's of Level 1 and Level 2. You would be 2/5ths there if you compete at the trials! And if you aren't showing please consider coming to steward. It is a lot of fun and quite different from the AKC experience of showing.

Pending are the dates for the Agility Fun Day (August) and the Regional Specialty (October).

The September match is up in the air as not that many people are going for legs and the current set-up crew is getting exhausted. In order to have the September match, we need club members to volunteer to be the show committee for that match. The jobs are secretary (process the entries and make arm band numbers); set-up (get there around 7-7:30 and set up two rings with jumps, etc; chief steward (round up 2-3 dedicated stewards per ring); show chair (make sure everyone is doing their job and answer questions day of). The board members will gladly help in any way needed but we really need to have new people take on some of the jobs of putting on a match to give the board members a rest. Please let me know if you can do any of the match jobs and help put on the September match.

You may have noticed some of the match entries coming out from the clubs say "OC" or "RC" match. They are Obedience C and Rally C matches. The AKC is asking clubs to put on C matches. So far we have heard from Oakland DTC that no Mixed Breed legs can be earned at their match in Hayward on March 20, 2011. Please call to make sure that legs can be earned or not when entering other clubs' matches. Town & Country match should not be affected as they are not an AKC club (July 30, 2011).

Hope you have a great year of training, showing and having fun with your dogs!

Kitty, Rex & Diva

Mixed Breed Dog Club Calendar

May 15- Spring Fling: A fun day of silly dog competitions like the poop-scoop relay, lunch, a raffle, annual awards, and swearing in of new officers. Come and get to know your fellow club members!

June 5—APDT Rally Trial & MBDC Conformation Java Dog Training Center - 2601 Spring St, Redwood City, CA: Indoors, climate controlled, and fully matted: 2 APDT Rally Trials with Level 1 & Level 2 - Morning and afternoon. MBDC Conformation @approx. 12:00 PM

August TBA - Agility Fun Runs: Agility practice open to both members and non-members. Location TBA, but it's been in Ben Lomond (near Santa Cruz) for the last few years.

Sept 18 Mini-Match: Tentative—needs Chair—any volunteers?

October 16th - MBDC Regional Specialty, Milpitas: Our annual specialty!

Newsletter Update

This newsletter has been much delayed. I apologize for that but in order to have a newsletter, we do need to have content. We love to publish brags and stories about our members and their dogs. We welcome your contribution. We are all very busy but I know many of us have worked with our dogs in agility, nosework, dog dancing, as well as obedience and rally. Please send me your updates (Lloyda@ureach.com) to include in the future. Here's my brag: Diego will receive a medallion at the Spring Fling. This will be my FIRST MBDC medallion ever!

Mini Mutt Match – February 26, 2011
San Lorenzo Dog Training Club, San Leandro, CA

Obedience Results – Judge: Melinda Eaton

Open: 1st Place: Dawn Bushong and *Penny* with a score of 188

Conformation Results – Judge: Nancy Kelly

Special Awards:

Best Mixed Breed: Dawn Bushong and *Pablo*

Best of Opposite Sex: Dawn Bushong and *Penny*

Best in Class: Dawn Bushong and *Pablo*

Best Dog: Dawn Bushong and *Pablo*

Reserve Best Dog: Clemmie Thompson and *Ned*

Best Bitch: Dawn Bushong and *Penny*

Reserve Best Bitch: Chris Blanco and *Lacey Rose*

- **Class I Dog:** **1st Place:** Clemmie Thompson and *Ned*
- **Class III Dog:** **1st Place:** Dawn Bushong and *Pablo*
- **2nd Place:** Linda McNerney and *Bailey*
- **Class II Bitch:** **1st Place:** Chris Blanco and *Lacey Rose*
- 2nd Place:** Kathy Kinney and *Josie*
- **Class III Bitch:** **1st Place:** Dawn Bushong and *Penny*

Rally Results – Judge: John Maher

Novice B:

1st Place: Jackie Phillips and *Dino*

2nd Place: Dorothy Angus and *Dillon*

**2010 Regional Specialty –October 17, 2010
Jose Higuera Adobe Park, Milpitas, CA**

Obedience Results

Judge: Darleen Filena

- **Novice A:**
1st Place: Leshek Fiedorowicz and *Tori*

Rally Results – Judge: John Maher

- **Novice B:**
1st Place: Jackie Phillips and *Dino*
2nd Place: Dorothy Angus and *Dillon*
- **Advanced A:**
1st Place: Taffi Owen and *Bo*
2nd Place: Loyda French and *Diego*
- **Rally T Challenge:**
1st Place: Melanie McNeil and *Yogi*
2nd Place: Dawn Bushong and *Pablo*
3rd Place: Jackie Phillips and *Dino*
4th Place: Dawn Bushong and *Penny*

**Conformation Results –
Judge: Marilyn Dromgoole**

• **Special Awards**

Best Mixed Breed: Jackie Phillips and *Rusty*
Best of Opposite Sex: Leshek Fiedorowicz and *Tori*

Best in Class: Jackie Phillips and *Rusty*
Best Dog: Jackie Phillips and *Rusty*
Reserve Dog: Melanie McNeil and *Juno*
Best Bitch: Leshek Fiedorowicz and *Tori*
Reserve Bitch: Jan Frias and *Sarah*

• **Class I Dog:**

1st Place: Jackie Phillips and *Rusty*
2nd Place: Denise Fournier and *Monkey*
3rd Place: Clemmie Thompson and *Ned*

Conformation Results – (Continued)

• **Class III Dog:**

1st Place: Melanie McNeil and *Juno*
2nd Place: Dawn Bushong and *Pablo*
3rd Place: Terry King and *Hoss*
4th Place: Taffi Owen and *Bo*

• **Class I Bitch:**

1st Place: Jan Frias and *Sarah*
2nd Place: Dorothy Angus and *Dillon*

• **Class II Bitch:**

1st Place: Kathy Kinney and *Josie*
2nd Place: Chris Blanco and *Lacey*
3rd Place: Jackie Phillips and *Dot*

• **Class III Bitch:**

1st Place: Leshek Fiedorowicz and *Tori*
2nd Place: Dawn Bushong and *Penny*

Election Time

It's time to elect the 2011-12 MBDC Ca Board. Here are the candidates and statements:

President: Kitty Norwood

Vice President: Dawn Bushong

Secretary: Lloyd French

Treasurer: Ann Dahlin

Board Members: Dorothy Angus, Betsy Jones, Chris Blanco and Denise Fournier

Candidate Statements

Kitty Norwood, President

I've been a board member of MBDC of CA for five years and president for 2 years. Rex, my herding mix with attention problems, has earned his MB-RE, MB-CD and MB-C and also does APDT Rally. I want to provide more opportunities for our members to enjoy other activities with their mixed breed dogs working toward Versatility titles. I plan to keep the club attuned to members needs if members shift to showing more in AKC trials than Mixed Breed matches.

Dawn Bushong, Vice President

I've been a member of the MBDC of CA since 2004, a board member since 2005, and have also held the positions of Secretary and Vice-President during that time. I have two dogs who I show in MBDC Obedience and Rally: Pablo (Pablo Angus Bushong MB-UD MB-RAE MBVX5 RL1 CGC), a Lab-something mix and Penny Fuzzy-Logic's A Penny Saved MB-CDX MB-RE MB-VX5 RL1CGC), a Shepherd-y mix. I enjoy serving on the board, as it lets me be more involved with the Club and help find ways to hold more events and reach more prospective members.

Lloyd French, Secretary

I have been an active member of the MBDC for over ten years. The club has introduced me to the many activities I enjoy with my dogs including agility, rally obedience and regular obedience. Diego has earned his Novice Rally title and will receive his Medallion this year! Whether actively competing or just having fun, I love being a part of this club. Rosie, Diego and Red-dog all vote for the Spring Fling as one of their favorite events each year. It is a privilege to participate on the board. I think it's very important that we maintain our club identity and continue to offer events for all mixed breed dogs.

Ann Dahlin, Treasurer

I would like to continue as a board member and help keep our club operating. I have three Mixed Breed dogs that I actively show in two Rally venues (AKC and APDT) and in AKC Obedience. My main interest in the club is to continue promoting competitive Obedience and Rally for Mixed Breeds. I am also open to having our club partner up with other organizations or clubs in order to grow, take new directions in obedience and rally, and to keep ourselves active in the larger dog-showing community.

Candidate Statements (continued)

Betsy Jones, National Representative & Board Member

I've been a member of MBDC of CA since joining the Club with Kyla, my Golden Mix, in 1986. Kyla and I earned her MB-UB and MBCH. Currently I have two dogs: Smedly, a Border Collie/Aussie Mix MBDC adopted from the Santa Cruz SPCA and Happy, a Cocker Spaniel Mix rehomed from a friend who had to leave the area. Smedly & I have earned titles in Agility, Obedience and Rally. Happy, a more recent rescue and 14 years old, is still learning the basics and enjoying life in his new home. I have served MBDC of CA on the original By-Laws Committee, as Membership Chair, as a Board Member, as Chair of various committees over the years and most recently as President from 2002 to 2009. I have a strong commitment to shelter/rescue dogs, especially Mixed Breeds, as well as to our Club. I look forward to the further challenge of serving the California Chapter as our Representative to the National Club if elected. Thank you for your consideration, and more importantly, thank you for making Mixed Breed Dogs a part of your life!

Chris Blanco

I am running for a position on the MBDC of CA Board. I served the last five years and would love the chance to serve another year. Please consider me when you cast your vote. Thank you very much!

Denise Fournier

I've been a member of the MBDC since 2007. My dog Monkey and I have participated in Rally and Conformation. Monkey has his MB-RAE and a few conformation points. I would like to be on the board because I am concerned with the future of the club and wish to do what I can to keep the club viable. I think we need to branch out and offer different sports and activities to mixed breed dog owners to help increase our membership. I also think we need to emphasize that due to the smaller nature of our club, the individual can help bring about change. Case in point - the recent changes to our conformation rules. I feel that I played a small part in those changes simply by asking questions to get some insight as to why Monkey consistently won his class but never got any further. My questions lead to the discovery that small dogs seem to be at a disadvantage and the eventual overhaul of the event. How far would I have gotten in a club the size of the AKC? Regardless of the election results, I want to thank you all for being members and for your consideration. Let's work to have a wonderful year full of positive energy and can-do-it'ness!

Dorothy Angus

I have been a member of the MBDC of CA since 1988. I was on the Board for 9 yrs then took some time off to train my dog, Jasper, a beautiful Aussie/Border mix who became a Grand Champion in conformation and *almost* got his CDX. I had to send him over the Rainbow Bridge this past December and I miss him terribly. I currently have Dillon, a JRT/Chi/? mix and Ditzzy Diva, a Husky/Border/? mix. I look forward to being on the Board and getting this club back to where it was in the 90's when we had lots of members and one of the largest workshops around(14 rings!). I know we can get there if we all work together as club not just as individual members.

OFFICIAL BALLOT 2011 ELECTION

Proposed Slate of Candidates:

President: Kitty Norwood
Vice President: Dawn Bushong
Secretary: Lloyd French
Treasurer: Ann Dahlin
National Representative: Betsy Jones
Board Members: Dorothy Angus
Betsy Jones
Chris Blanco
Denise Fournier

I approve of the slate of candidates as presented above.

or

I do not approve of the slate of candidates as presented above, and cast my vote for the following write-in candidates:

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Board Members: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please print your name: _____

Please return postmarked no later than **May 12th, 2011**, to our Election Proctor:
Terry Hawkins, 125 Ipswich Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Or

Email your vote to: Terry Hawkins (tbthawk@pacbell.net) or Margaret Reed (margaret.reed@maxygen.com)

Or

Ballots may also be presented in person at the Spring Fling, May 15, 2011, by 11:00am