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The Latest Poop

January 2005

Message from our President

Happy New Year Runners! It has been a crazy start to 2005 with all the weather in Northern California and Nevada. I hope everyone has dried out from the rain and shoveled out from all the snow.

On behalf of the Officers, we are excited to be serving the Club and look forward to a great year. We have some exciting things planned and hope that all Club members will be able to participate in as many events as possible. Coming up—we have our fabulous Awards Party. Even if you are not able to attend the party, please remember to turn in your Awards forms as soon as possible. We need time to get everything prepared for the event.

Also new this year—Ready 2 Run Bucks. After a vote of the club this last summer, this program has been initiated in order to provide a reward to our members who volunteer their time to work at Ready 2 Run events. We also hope that this program will encourage more members to volunteer so we can see some different faces!

As we are coming up on our 4th year as a Club, I wanted to remind everyone that Ready 2 Run is more than an agility club. We are also dedicated to giving back to the dog community by donating proceeds from trials to different charitable organizations. So far, we have contributed to the Reno-Sparks SPCA, the Sacramento SPCA, the Pepper Memorial Classic Fund, the Starfleet Canine Aid Foundation and local rescue organizations. We hope to continue this tradition and can only do it with your help.

— Cherie Singer

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Welcome New Members

Kevin and Tina Stewart with their
“Belize Feral Dog” Ambi and
Flat Coated Retriever Breeze from Fremont, CA

Elissa Cline and Mack Miller with their
“All Americans” Sally G and Andy P
from Oakland, CA

Laurie Raz-Astrakhan with her
Border Collie Blue from Berkeley, CA

Ann Raines with her Aussie Willow
from South Lake Tahoe, CA

INTRODUCING... READY 2 RUN BUCKS

Who is eligible to earn Ready 2 Run Bucks?

Only Ready 2 Run members in good standing will be eligible to earn Bucks.

How will you earn Ready 2 Run Bucks? You can earn Bucks in several ways and Bucks will come in three denominations: \$5, \$10 and \$20.

- A. You will earn \$10 if you sign up in advance to set up a trial. The times at which you must be available to be at the park will be clearly outlined to you and you must stay until the task is completed.
- B. You will earn \$10 if you sign up in advance to take down a trial. This will require more flexibility since the time the trial ends will dictate when you need to be available. Again, you must stay until the task is completed.
- C. You will earn \$15 if you volunteer to organize the Raffle at a trial. This will require working with the trial committee to obtain prizes, as well as set up and take down of the Raffle.

- D. You will earn \$20 if you volunteer as the Chief Organizer of the Awards, the Awards Party, the Summer Picnic or the Christmas Party.
- E. You will earn \$10 if you sign up as a Deputy Ring Steward, Deputy Scorekeeper, Deputy Course Builder .
- F. You will earn \$10 if you volunteer to setup, keep track of and sell Ready 2 Run Wear at R2R Trials.
- G. You will earn \$5 for any other acts in which the Club Officers or Trial Committee has felt that you went above and beyond the call of duty as a Ready 2 Run member

How can I spend my Ready 2 Run Bucks?.....

Bucks can be spent on R2R trial entries or can be credited to the purchase of R2R wear. They are NOT transferable and will expire after 2 years. It is the recipient's responsibility to keep track of their Bucks once they have earned them. There will be no credit for lost Bucks.

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UPCOMING READY 2 RUN EVENTS

April 9-10: Specialty Classes Trial
Fuji Park, Carson City
Contact Jane Diamond
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April 29-May 1: NADAC/ASCA Trial
Fuji Park, Carson City
Contact Cherie Singer
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June 10-12: NADAC/ASCA Trial
Fuji Park, Carson City
Contact Karin Bell
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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this newsletter. However, mistakes or oversights do occur. The newsletter editor, Lynn Saunders, would love to hear from you if anything was missed or if you have any suggestions.

Membership Dues

It is that time again. Time to renew your R2R dues. Our new VP, Marie, has mailed renewal forms to members along with the Awards Party invitation. Please return, *even if you have renewed your dues*, so we can update our database.

Premium Available

Pepper Memorial Classic Canine Cancer Fundraiser

**April 16-17, 2005
Fuji Park, Carson City, NV**

**\$32,000 raised to date for
Pepper's Fund**

For information:

**www.mdt-agilityability.com
E-mail: train@mdt-gilityability.com**

Happy Birthday!!

Betsy Grundman—January 12

Phyllis Sanders—January 15

Lyndy Pickens—January 31

Kevin Lamb—February 5

Jack Childress—February 7

Kit Richards—February 13

JoAnn von Lohmann—February 23

Bill Tobyansen—March 18

Katrina Anderson—March 19

Sarah Ownes—March 20

Judy Dryer—March 25

Ann Kitchen—March 25

Marj Ross—March 28

Andy McIsaac—March 28

Karin's **Tasha**, who turned 13 in December

Lin's **Sweep** and Greg's **Trapper**
both turned 4, and **Gats-B** turning 10

And Cherie's **Joker** who celebrated his 1st
birthday in December

AWARDS PARTY

Saturday February 26, 2005

Atlantis Hotel-Casino

Cocktails @ 6:00 pm

Dinner @ 7:00 pm

*Watch for your invitation in the mail and
please RSVP quickly!*

Our competitive nature will show
Conformation style this year... so groom for
the show ring!

Questions about the party?

Contact Lin at 775-425-2375

Please make sure to get your awards info
to Cherie Singer and Karin Bell

By January 31st

R2R December Holiday Party

Our last meeting of the year was held on December 4 at Jane Diamond's new house. Club business was limited to voting on the 2005 slate of Officers, and a reminder from Greg for video and photo submissions for the incredible, funny, and inspiring Year-End Club Video he puts together for the Awards Party.

Jane was a gracious hostess and we were duly impressed with her new digs. The dog guests outside were happy in the spacious backyard. Inside, the baby crowd included Lynn's 9-week old Sheltie Liam, Jane's 8-week old orange tabby kitten Oliver, and yes, a human baby was amongst us, Jack & Joanna's baby Jenna joined in the festivities.

After a lively gift exchange, and many rounds of "stealing" of gifts by Patrick (the wine, fleece blanket, and "ear mitts", made famous by Lin, were the popular gifts for "stealing"), all guests left having enjoyed a festive evening and with a fun gift.



NADAC NEWS

NADAC Changes To Gamblers Rules

The following notice was posted on the NADAC Yahoo Group List:

Hi Group,

After much consideration, I have decided that for the period of January 1 to June 1, 2005 I will once again allow people to transfer higher level legs to a lower level title. This will occur for GAMBLERS ONLY, no other classes. So if you compete in Open Regular and get an Open level gamble, I will transfer it back to complete a Novice level Gamblers title. Or you can transfer Elite to the Open or Novice level. This option is NOT available for any class except Gamblers. So if the results come in with a higher level qualifier and you have not completed the lower level basic title, then we will transfer that qualifier.

NADAC E-Mail Group List

Are you part of the NADAC group list? To join, go to www.yahogroups.com. Search for: NADACagility; click on "Join This Group" to create your own Yahoo! ID.

NADACagility—1935 members; established August 31, 2000. There are many posts to this list, however NADAC often posts important information such as the above.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Here is your chance to step up
and help out your club.*

*There are positions open for all types of jobs.
Please consider helping out where you can.*

TRIAL CHAIRS & SECRETARIES: We are planning our trials for 2006 and need to fill these important positions. Both require excellent organizational skills. The trial secretary must be comfortable with database entry. **We can train you!** Contact Cherie Singer at 775-742-2288 or kennelup@yahoo.com

CALENDAR

- Feb 6 HA=HA**
Annual Meeting
Contact Pat Conaster
775-425-5560
- Feb 26 R2R Awards Party**
Atlantis Hotel-Casino
"Groom For The Show Ring"
- April 9-10 R2R**
NADAC New Classes Trial
Contact Jane Diamond
janeomaha@yahoo.com
- April 16-17 Pepper Memorial Classic**
NADAC/ASCA
Contact Lin Battaglia
train@mdt-agilityability.com
- April 25 HA=HA**
Spring Fling Fun Day
Contact Pat Conaster
775-25-5560
- Apr 29-May 1 R2R**
NADAC/ASCA
Contact Cherie Singer
kennelup@yahoo.com
- May 28-30 WAG**
NADAC/ASCA
Elk Grove, CA
Contact WAG
www.k9wag.com
- June 4-5 STKC**
NADAC/ASCA
Sonora, CA
Contact Linda Grant
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- June 10-12 R2R**
NADAC/ASCA
Contact Karin Bell
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Northern Nevada and Truckee/Lake Tahoe Hit Hard With Snow

Northern Nevada and the Truckee/Tahoe area have been hit hard with heavy snowstorms — weathercasters say it is the worst since 1916! While being housebound allowed many R2R runners to catch up with chores they usually abandon (for agility of course), cabin fever set in and runners got sore muscles from shoveling and snowblowing (guess more of us should volunteer for course building to keep those arm muscles buff!).

The dogs went stir crazy, but some got out and tried agility in the snow fields (Lin's gang). Looks like the winter agility training will be on hiatus for a while! (these photos were taken in December, before many more feet of snow fell!)



Weave poles are slower in the snow. Gats-B, Trapper and Fallon (who can hardly be seen behind Trapper).



Lonely mdt-AA equipmentThe snow will be around for awhile.



Fallon = An A-Frame Avalanche

The Rainbow Bridge

Y'all
1993-2004

Sharon Bradshaw recently lost her Papillion Y'all. Eleven year old Y'all crossed over the Rainbow Bridge January 8th after suffering a stroke.

The time comes when we all will have to say farewell to our four-legged friends.

Please let Lin know of a member in need so that we may extend our deepest sympathies to those members who have

You Know Your Dog Owns You If...

- ... you own thousands of tennis balls, but no racket
- ... you bought the expensive ergonomically correct dog crate
- ... your Christmas cards are from both you and your dog

BABY NEWS

Lynn Saunders' new sheltie puppy Liam at 11-weeks old with big sister Chloe.



The Rescue of The Belizean Beach Dog aka “Ambi”

The following is an amazing rescue story by our new member Tina Stewart.

While vacationing in Belize in August of 2001, our last stop brought us to a location with an alarming number of thin, hungry looking dogs. What a way to ruin a great vacation. As the owners of four dogs, we couldn't resist and spent five days sharing our meals with them, letting them lie under our chaise lounges and giving them fresh water on the porch of our beach cabana.

We set out to learn more about them, as a few of them appeared to have shaved underbellies due to being spayed. The locals told us that a vet was in the area attempting to care for them. Being the animals lovers we are, we tracked her down to learn that she was there from England. She told us that the local town council was lacing hotdogs with cyanide to control the population. The vet, Bron, was attempting to provide medical care and was spaying and neutering as fast as she could. She worked out of a very small, one room cottage and had only four crates for containment, so progress was slow. The informal rule was that if a dog had a collar it was to be left alone; no collar indicated it was a target.

After a few days, two of the dogs seemed to have chosen us for the suckers that we are and followed us everywhere. At the end of our visit we donated money to the cause, which earned us two collars to put on the dogs.

We left Belize with these dogs on our minds, as they'd very quickly become great companions. Upon our return we kept worrying about them and emailed the vet we had met and asked her to let us know how they were doing. Our idea was to bring these two dogs to the states and find good homes for them (we already had four dogs).

After many attempts to figure out how to send two crates to Belize it turned out to be less expensive and less risk to just go get them.



Ambi and Vet Bron

The Planning Begins

Bron agreed, after many emails, to capture the two dogs and provide the rabies vaccines and the health certificates I would

need for return to the states. Planning my trip with dogs at the height of summer and the warm temperatures summer brings meant we would have to fly thru El Salvador. While I'm reading the travel advisories and weighing the risks of being kidnapped or mugged as the US Travel Advisory is warning, my husband is gloating that he won by drawing the longer of the two straws, I got the short straw which was used to determine which of us had to make this journey.

Three legs of flight, El Salvador and a flight that left at midnight didn't seem quite as exciting as our first trip when we flew thru Texas. Then there is the thought of the 10-hour return journey traveling with two dogs that have never seen a leash, are not accustomed to being confined and survival has depended on staying far away from anything motorized. I was to leave at midnight on a Friday night and return at midnight on Sunday night.

What will happen to Ambi???? Stay tuned for Part II of The Amazing Rescue Story in the next R2R Newsletter!!!

Dear R2R Members,

Sean and I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has wished our family well over the past few months. I received so many encouraging notes when my grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer and I am very grateful for the support. Sean was also touched that so many of you offered your condolences after his grandfather's death. Thank you so much for thinking of us.

Thank You!

- Cherie & Sean

Prayers and Good Thoughts

Condolences to **Cherie and Sean Singer**. Sean's grandfather died during the New Year's weekend. They were unable to get to Burney, CA. for a last visit because of the big storm.

Also good thoughts to **Marie Tobyansen** for a speedy recovery. Marie will be having very serious back surgery on January 20th. We hope to see her and Ziggy back running by Spring.

R2R . . . Brags & News

From Lynn Saunders:

Chloe has completed her first year in agility and I couldn't be happier with how we did. She was able to earn her Novice Versatility title, and Novice Superiors titles in Tunnelers, Gamblers, and Jumpers. She even earned her Open Tunnelers certificate. While she has become a fantastic weaver, it took us awhile to "settle down" and not "back weave", but we both love weavers and know it will come. Now the seasoned agility champ will be teaching her little brother **Liam** all her agility tricks. Liam has joined us in class sitting in the middle of the field in an ex-pen, absorbing it all to become my next agility champ.

From Cynthia Kennedy:

Our final competitions for the year were at the Australian Shepherd Club of America's Nationals in Paso Robles. Cynthia gets a big martini for Chairing the Northern Nevada Australian Shepherd Club's Biggest Little Agility Pre-Trial there, along with Carrie Dempsey, who Secretaried. If you are very bored and want to be slightly amused, read the saga about our journey to Paso Robles and the trial at www.nnasc.com. All of our dogs did very well at the Nationals. **Rowdy and Rigel** Q'd alot in the two pre-trials and the Nationals. **Rusty** did great too, in those three competitions as well as the National Finals in which he had qualified. The



Finals had very tricky Standard courses in which he never took a wrong turn or obstacle. He also performed brilliantly in Open Obedience and was stunning in his C o n f o r m a t i o n Evaluation that was part of the Most Versatile Aussie competition. **Patrick** really looked like a pro in the breed ring and handled "The Big

R" like he was at Westminster. Rusty also was part of an Obedience Team that placed 4th. He

He would have kicked butt in Versatility if he'd gotten a herding score, but he just couldn't get his act together for that. After a week in California, we decided we didn't want to compete for a LONG time! We are now taking a vacation from sport and concentrating on work.

Kelsey Bair also had some crowd-pleasing runs and was High In Trial Junior at the NNASC Pre-Trial. During one Gamble in the Nationals, she ran **Bobbie Sue** with her usual unflappable demeanor. When the whistle blew, she really wasn't in the most optimum position, but she just sent Bob out and ran through the Gamble like she had all the time in the world, and qualified. People were stunned at how together this little girl was, and she beat several juniors who were quite a bit older. Take a bow **Kelsey!**

From Carol Lamb:

Kevin and Otis were High In Trial Junior Handler at ASCA finals in Paso Robles. Kevin is the first, and so far only, junior handler to be invited to ASCA finals. He and Patrick with Rusty were the only R2R members invited.



At the ASCA Nationals pre-trial, Lucy was the only standard elite dog to get the gamble out of over 60 dogs. Kevin will be 18 in February, watch out guys, Lucy will now be in the standard class and Otis will be in veterans.

Eye Witness Cynthia adds: There were several KILLER Gambles at Paso Robles and I think Kevin Q'd in all of them. People who weren't from the west and had never seen him, were slack-jawed at Lucy's incredible speed and accuracy. For his last competition as a Junior, Kevin left a hard act to follow. At the awards banquet he received a beautiful 3-piece buckle and we all screamed like idiots for him. Kevin, You're da MAN!

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R2R . . . Brags & News, continued

From Phyllis Sanders:

Rally and I had a great weekend at Elk Grove Fundraisers. He had some beautiful runs where he almost ran on auto pilot with only a few directional instructions from me.

He completed his Open Jumpers on New Years Eve and qualified in every run on Sunday. He only needs about 30 points for Superior Novice Regular. Since I'm now entering both Novice and Open Combo, it may take a while.

From Judy Chandler:

At WAG's January 8-9 CPE trial, tiny (3+ lb) Cameo managed to earn three Qs from four runs in various Level 1 classes — Full house, Colors, and Jumpers. She did not Q in her Snooker class but did manage to get 1st place in that one. She also brought home her very first agility title — CL1-F.

From Karin Bell:

Zeb has finally recovered from an injury to his front paw. For those of you who saw him at the WAG trial in November, you may have noticed that he only ran in a very few classes, the Combo Class for Gamblers of course and a Tunnelers Class. Well, at that time, he had been suffering with an injury for two weeks which we thought was getting better. We were wrong. It turned out getting much worse. Apparently, he had an infection in one of his pads of his toes. We should have known that something was wrong because Zeb would not even play with his toys, a bad sign. Our vet ended up probing the pad, putting in a drain, cleaning his teeth and Zeb's least favorite thing, cutting his nails the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Zeb rested until just last week. He is fully recovered as near as we can tell. He is full of energy and raring to go. I can't even imagine what kind of 'wild thing' will be running around at our next trial in January. Should be a show to watch.

Tasha, our Wolf mix who suffered the bear attack in May of 2003 turns 13 on January 7th. She is fully recovered from that incident and a very happy girl. It is just amazing to me to see how much better she is since her injury. Thanks for all your support when we needed it!

From Marj & Gene Ross:

It's been such a fun year for **Gene** and **Chasie**. They started trialing the end of March and just obtained their Superior Novice Jumpers and Superior Novice Regular certificates. They also have Outstanding certificates in Gamblers and Tunnelers and working hard on Weavers and TchNGo. They are both now "addicted" (like the rest of us) to agility.

Chellie and I just completed our 2000 Lifetime Points and have had a lot of fun over the past two years collecting them. We sure missed so many of the R2R members at Elk Grove over New Years. It's never the same without all of you! We can't wait to see you again!

From Markie Hoog:

After three seasons, Pons, my vet dog, still loves and enjoys doing agility. He lives for it just like me! Over the past year he completed his Novice Agility Superior Certificate, Novice Outstanding Jumpers Certificate, Novice Outstanding Gamblers Certificate, and two legs toward his Superior Jumpers. We'll move up to Open at the next trial at Elk Grove in Tunnelers and TchNGo to see how he does. I am very proud of my vet dog! He works his heart out for me.

Monty and Jacki completed their Novice Tunnelers Certificate this past year. I am pulling Monty out for awhile to try to get his motivation up. He just does not seem to enjoy agility like Pons and Jacki, but we'll keep working at it. To try to get him to have more enthusiasm, I'll enter him in our Fun Match trial and see if that helps.

Jacki is another story. She loves it! We just have to get handler and dog on the same track! She has been another type of dog for me and I'm enjoying the learning experiences with her.

A few of you knew that I totaled my van while on vacation in an accident. Thank goodness, no people or dogs were injured. I have purchased another van, and Tom and I have been converting it for camping and all my dog activities. It is going to be great when we get it all completed, no more tent camping! Hurray!