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## PLEASE HELP RESCUE THE SHOW 'N GO

*By Shiro Torquato*

For several years members of VHOC have enjoyed the opportunity to train at the Show N Go's sponsored by the Canine Obedience Club of Ventura County. This event takes place several times a year at the Oxnard Community Center Park. Unfortunately, the last event scheduled for April was cancelled due to a lack of people to help run the event. According to Patti Kroger, Show and Go Chairperson, the club is down to only 9 active members, which is not enough to run this very popular event. So, in order to hold the next match scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, the club needs our help. Patti shared that the events are at risk of being permanently cancelled without more hands to assist the already over-stretched club members.

Currently, they are in need of at least five volunteers: two who are willing to relieve the Open and Utility ring judges for approximately 1 ½ hours and three others to work as stewards in the Open, Utility and Novice rings. More volunteers are welcome, of course. Let's use the power of VHOC's strong membership to help another club and rescue this event.

If you are willing and able to help keep this important training opportunity going by volunteering your time for the Show N Go on June 19th, please contact Patti Kroger directly at [TKogger5441@aol.com](mailto:TKogger5441@aol.com).



**If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email C. Hills, VHOC Newsette Editor at: [cahills1@verizon.net](mailto:cahills1@verizon.net)**



*Dear Editor* 

Please send brags, photos, announcements, articles, and other information to Carole Hills at: [cahills1@verizon.net](mailto:cahills1@verizon.net)  
**on or before the 8th of each month.**

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# BRAGS & SCORES

## AGILITY


**Laurie Burnam & Scout:** *April 16-17, 2011, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lake View Terrace, CA:*  
Elite Regular, 10-Q, 1st Place, Elite Regular, 10-Q, 1st Place, Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place,  
Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 4th Place, Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, 4th Place, Open Chances, 10-Q,  
1st Place, 2nd Leg, Novice Touch 'n Go, 10-Q, 3rd Place, 3rd Leg—**TG-N Title!!**

**Ed. Note: What a great weekend little Scoutie had! Congratulations!!**




**Yvonne Garst & Captain:** *May 8, 2011, Hollywood DOC, Newhall, CA:*  
Novice Pref JWW, 1st Place, 1st Leg.

**Ann Hills & Trace:** *March 27, 2011, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Fillmore, CA:*  
Elite Hoopers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg.

**Ann Hills & Trace:** *April 16, 2011, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lake View Terrace, CA:*  
Elite Weavers,  10-Q, 3rd Place, 1st Place.

**Ann Hills & Tucker:** *April 17, 2011, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lake View Terrace, CA:*  
Elite Hoopers, 10-Q, 1st Place. (first time Tucker ran and qualified with Ann as Handler).

**Carole Hills & Tucker:** *April 17, 2011, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lake View Terrace, CA:*  
Elite Tunnelers,  10-Q, 1st Place.

**Carole Hills & Tucker:** *May 7-8, 2011, HDOC, Newhall, CA:*  
Exc Pref JWW, 100, 1st Leg; Exc Pref STD, 100, 1st Leg.

## News flash...Boo gets his MACH 1 Title!

*By Nancy Giltner*

Boo and I have spent the last year working on our MACH. That elusive Double Q number 20 was making me crazy!

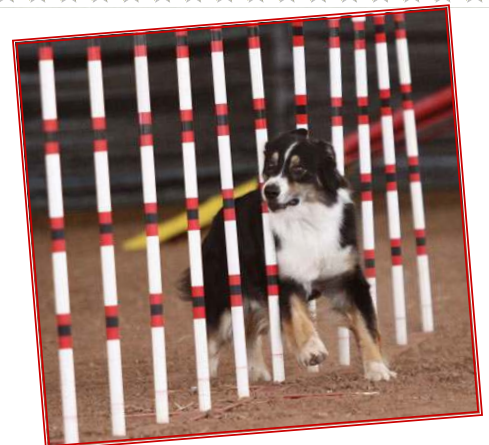
Boo is such a good boy. We spent a lot of time struggling with our weaves, but we were able to work through it, and now Boo is quite the pro! **Thanks Terry for your help!** Once his weaves were fixed we only had one issue left to conquer... most of our missed Double Q's were "Handler" related! Since I would not bend to Boo's request to bring in a ringer, we waited it out, and Sunday we prevailed!! We have both grown from our experience and have become a better team.



**A big thank you to all who offered advice and support!**

**And now...on to MACH 2!**

**MACH BOO IN ACTION**



# BRAGS & SCORES

## AGILITY (continued)

**Debbie Lang & Quila:** *May 8, 2011, HDOC, Newhall, CA:*  
Exc JWW, 100, Exc STD, 100—**Double Q!**

**Cathy Schmidt & Lola:** *April 12-13, 2011, Collie National Specialty, Tulsa, OK:*  
Open Standard, 1st Place, 2nd Leg, Open Standard, 1st Place—**OA Title!**



## HERDING

**Ann Hills & Trooper:** *May 7-8, 2011, TCASWA Stockdog Trial, Leona Valley, CA:*  
Advanced Sheep, 105, Q, 2nd Place, Adv. Geese, 92, Q, Adv. Sheep, 100, Q, Advanced Ducks, 89, Q.

## OBEDIENCE & RALLY

**Yvonne Garst & Captain:** *April 6, 2011, Bernese Mountain Dog Club  
← ← National Specialty, Del Mar, CA:*

Novice A Rally, 2nd Place, 1st Leg.

**Yvonne writes:** **Yea, we finally got our very first leg :)**

**Yvonne Garst & Captain:** *May 8, 2011, Hollywood DOC, Newhall, CA:*  
Novice A Rally, 1st Place, 2nd Leg.

**Debbie Lang & Quila:** *May 8, 2011,  
Hollywood DOC, Newhall, CA:*  
Exc Rally—**Qualifying Score on Mother's Day!**



**Patti Rovtar & Chili:** *Apr 30, 2011, Lake Mathews KC, Chino, CA:*  
Open A, 191, 2nd Place, 1st Leg!

**Patti Rovtar & Chili:** *May 1, 2011, Lake Mathews KC, Chino, CA:*  
Open A, 197.5, 1st Place, 2nd Leg!!

**Patti Rovtar & Chili:** *May 7, 2011, Rio Hondo KC, Newhall, CA:*  
Open A, 191, 2nd Place, 3rd Leg! **WooHoo Chili—CDX Title!!! →**

**Patti writes:** "I would like to express my appreciation to Flo Walberg for all of the help she's given to Chili and me. I am forever grateful for her experience, her kindness and her dedication to the dogs and the venue....oh, and she's a character, too! :-)) Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Flo!"

**Flo Walberg & Tailor:** *Apr 17, 2011, Joshua Tree ASC, Palmdale, CA:*  
Novice B, 199, 1st Place—**HIT!**  
Novice B, 200, 1st Place—**HIT!!**  
Novice B, 200, 1st Place—**HIT!!!**

**Flo Walberg & Tailor:** *May 7, 2011, Rio Hondo KC, Pomona, CA:*  
193.5, 1st Utility Leg.

**Flo Walberg & Tailor:** *May 8, 2011, Hollywood DOC, Newhall, CA:*  
198.5, 2nd Place, 2nd Utility Leg.



# SUPER STARS INDY & JENNA MALCHOSE



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## American Kennel Club News AKC Grand Champion Program Adds Achievement Levels

### ~ Grand Champions Can Now Earn Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Designations ~

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce a new enhancement to the Grand Champion program Achievement Levels. Beginning May 11th, in conjunction with the implementation of the 2011-2012 [AKC Point Schedule](#), Grand Champions will have the ability to earn the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows.

The Bronze Grand Championship will require 100 points, the Silver Grand Championship will require 200 points, the Gold Grand Championship will require 400 points and the Platinum Grand Championship will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, owners will receive a special recognition medallion and certificate, and the AKC website will be updated monthly with the names and breeds of all Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum dogs. “We are happy to highlight the highest achievers in the Conformation ring with the creation of the Grand Championship Achievement Levels,” said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. “Many exhibitors brought their Champions back into the rings to complete the Grand Championship or continued showing when they normally would have stopped after obtaining a Championship title. The Achievement Levels give them an opportunity for continued recognition and achievement.”

The online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at [www.akc.org/grandchampionship/](http://www.akc.org/grandchampionship/).

Grand Championship judging will remain the same: all Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points at no additional entry fee, and points will be awarded, at the judge’s discretion, to Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. Once a dog completes the Grand Championship title, points will continue to accrue as it reaches the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; there is no reset. If a dog has already accrued 100 or more Grand Championship points since the beginning of the Grand Championship program, the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designation will be awarded retroactively. For assistance with determining point totals, view our [Grand Championship Point Counting Document](#).



For more information about the new AKC Grand Champion Achievement Levels, visit [www.akc.org/grandchampionship](http://www.akc.org/grandchampionship) or contact [eventplans@akc.org](mailto:eventplans@akc.org).

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## OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Flo Walberg has armbands, attention belts  
and armband sticks for sale.

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Proper emergency planning can help save the life of your pet. The American Kennel Club has prepared the following checklists to help pet owners pack a portable pet first-aid kit and prepare for an emergency evacuation. Preparedness is important in any disaster situation and these checklists can be applied to any emergency that calls for evacuation from your home.

<u><b>Evacuation Checklist for Pets</b></u>	<u><b>Portable First Aid Kit for Pets</b></u>
<p>Dog medicines, i.e. heart worm, flea, ear mite medicine, etc Dog Bowls            Dog Food (1-week minimum, 2-week suggested), dog treats, etc.            Can opener            Leashes: walking leash, short leash            Harness (to attach to seat belt)            Extra dog tag, (masking tape, laundry pen) Cell #,            Hotel # and Room #            Pet records stored in waterproof container or plastic sealable bag            Crate            Dog bed/blanket/toys            Supplies/paper towels, rug cleaner, toilettes, towels, flash light            Current dog photographs with your notification information: (useful for fliers should your dog go missing or must be left at shelter)            Dog friendly hotel listings/ telephone lists            Shampoo            Litter/portable litter pan            Duct tape            Bottled water            Pet First Aid Kit</p>	<p>Water-proof storage container for kit            Antiseptic/anti-bacterial cleansing wipes/Alcohol prep pads            Eye wash            Eye and skin wash in one            A sock (foot wrapper)            Latex surgical gloves            Electrolyte powder (add to water on hot days)            Emergency space blanket            Small flashlight            Bottled water            Medicated balm            Leash and collar            Soft muzzle            Flexible bandage            Gauze roll            Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip hair around wounds            Wood splint            Paper towels            Plastic baggies            Small cold pack and hot pack (self activating)            Cotton swabs            Antibiotic ointment/packets            Tweezers            Space for copy of dog's papers &amp; vet records (sealed in plastic bag)</p>

## **Obedience & Rally Matches**

**2nd Saturday of each month**

Monthly obedience/rally matches held at Louise Park, Van Nuys, S/E corner of Louise Ave./ Sherman Way, west of Balboa. Nested courses: novice, advanced, excellent. \$5.00 per run or 3 runs for \$12.00. Entries at 9:00 a.m. Judging at 10 a.m.

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## Valley Hills Obedience Club Board Meeting Minutes

*Dawn Esposito, Recording Secretary*

**Date:** April 10, 2011 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Nancy Giltner

**In Attendance:** Laurie Burnam, Dawn Esposito, Nancy Giltner, Ann Hills, Carole Hills, Allison Pobirs, Jennifer Voogt and Sandy Walton.

**Minutes were READ and APPROVED:** Yes

**Treasurer** (Carole Hills): **Beginning Balance:** \$10,816.57 **Ending Balance:** \$11,442.74

**V.P.** (Carole Raschella): Nothing to report

**Recording Secretary** (Dawn Esposito): March 13, 2011 were read and approved (via email).

**Corresponding Secretary** (Ann Hills): S.C.D.O.C. Minutes – see Council.

**Membership** (Cindi Malchose): Three new member applications (announced and approved via email):

Pamela Frimer – Golden Retriever (Kayla) – Sponsored by Moira Cornell – Rally & Agility.

James Selman – Belgian Malinois (Cairo) and Doberman Pinscher (Nina) – Sponsored by Moira Cornell – Obedience & Rally.

Susan Deher – American Eskimo/Sami – Sponsored by Sarah Sykes – Rally.

**Publicity** (Christy Tattersall): Nothing to report.

### Training

**Competitive Obedience** (Moira Cornell): Nothing to report.

**Beginning Obedience/Rally** (Laurie Burnam): 8 dogs in Obedience, 6 in Rally

**Agility** (Kim Simons): Nothing to report.

**General Meeting** (Stephanie Colman/Ann Hills): Friday, April 22, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Spring Training and Fun Dog Photos! RSVP to Stephanie Colman [stephanicolman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephanicolman@sbcglobal.net)

**Seminars** (Nancy Giltner): Possibility of Cheryl Bartlett – trainer/behaviorist. Dates TBD.

Herding Instinct Test/Seminar – suggested instructor, Kyle Trumbull-Clark.

**Website** (Jennifer Voogt): Added Calendar section. Added the "News & Events" section to the homepage, left hand side (e.g.: class cancellations or upcoming meetings). Remind members and students to check it out. Instructors to send Jen an email ([jennifervoogt@gmail.com](mailto:jennifervoogt@gmail.com)) if a class is canceled, etc. and she will update on website.

**Yahoo Group** (Allison Pobirs): Events and other dog related news posted.

**Council** (Laurie Burnam): Announcements: Lomita Match May 15 at Lomita Park. Downey Match July 16 at Apollo Park. Pet Expo April 15-17 in Costa Mesa. See [www.petexpoooc.org](http://www.petexpoooc.org) for more info.

Top Dog: **2011** Judges confirmed and assigned: Selma Ashley and Jim Thomson – Novice, Shirley Indelicato and Betty Ribble – Open, Nancy Craig and Michele Illes – Utility, and Bill Iwamoto – Groups/Run-Offs. **2012** Judges: Jim Thomson, Ken Miller, Gina Grissom, Bill Iwamoto, Bob Margolis, Barbara Nowak, and Cathy Moore. Assignments will be decided at a later date.

**Trial / Match:** Another walk-through of Section II is needed. Approximately 113 parking spaces are available. Confirmed picnic table use is included in rental agreement (26 total). No electricity or water available. Need 3 RV parking spots (this should be added to permit). Re-stated that 6 porta-potties will be needed WITH wash stations.

### Committees:

**Obedience** (Laurie Burnam/Gwen Lucoff): Thank you notes from OB judges were read. Club to replace broken poles & missing signs that belonged to Laurie Burnam.

**Agility** (Kim Simons): Nothing to report.

**Agility Workers Coordinator** (Kim & Terry Simons): Nothing to report.

**Catalog** (Carole Raschella): Nothing to report.

**Food/Hospitality** (Nancy Giltner): Nothing to report.

**Judges Hospitality** (Moira Cornell): Suggestion made to add another tent. More space needed. Motion to be made at next board meeting.

**Raffle** (Cindi Malchose/Allison Pobirs/Jan Racey/Christy Tattersall): Allison made contact with ACANA at <http://www.championpetfoods.com/acana/>. They will be donating some bags of food to be used in raffle baskets.

**Show-N-Go** (Sandy Walton): Suggestion to increase moneymaking opportunities at match. Example: donations collected of equipment in good condition (dumbbells, chairs, jumps) to be sold at a discount. Suggestion to eliminate lunch and raise entry prices (\$7/\$5). Sandy also needs more help and looking for someone to take this talk over for the future.

**Trophies** (Caroline van der Wyk/Ann Hills): Nothing to report.

## Valley Hills Obedience Club Board Meeting Minutes

*Dawn Esposito, Recording Secretary*

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**Old Business:** Nothing reported.

**New Business:** Awards Banquet – plaque sponsors to pay for engraving each year. To be discussed at next meeting. Jennifer Voogt reported the following on re-planting grass at CPLS:

Per Dennis Harding, CPLS Facilities Manager, total cost to re-seed (approximately 3,600 sq.ft) is \$1,112.78 (includes topsoil, hydro-seed with fertilizer and seed cover, 2 rain-bird sprinklers, 25 ft light duty hose, & digital timer). New lawn could not be used for about 40 days. Sod estimate was \$1,300. Jennifer Voogt reported the following regarding additional lighting at CPLS: \$500 to upgrade the circuit box.

Three light options presented:

1. Double 1000-watt metal halide flood light mounted on two-wheel cart on adjustable boom, extends 8'-12'. Illuminates over 60,000 sq. ft. Operates off 120 volts and comes with 25' power cord and 15 amp plug. Cost: \$2,145.
2. Single 1000-watt metal halide flood light mounted on two-wheel cart on adjustable boom, extends 7'-10'. Illuminates over 40,000 sq. ft. Operates off 120 volts and comes with 25' power cord and 15 amp plug. Cost: \$1,325.
3. Heavy-duty portable 1000-watt quartz halogen light mounted on cart with 10" wheels, adjustable mast expands from 5' – 8'. Cost: \$381.

**Meeting Adjourned:**      **Time:** 8:35 pm

**Next Board Meeting:**      **Date:** 05/15/2011      **Time:** 6:30 pm      **Location:** Nancy G.

**Next General Meeting:**      **Date:** 04/22/2011      **Time:** 6:00 pm      **Location:** Woodley Park, Van Nuys

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### VHOC STANDING COMMITTEES

*Agility Trial Volunteer Workers*.....Kim & Terry Simons  
*Banquet*..... Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Ann Hills  
*Catalog*.....Carole Raschella  
*Food & Hospitality*.....Nancy Giltner  
*General Meetings*.....Stephanie Colman & Ann Hills  
*Newsette*.....Carole Hills  
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