

# WAGGIN' TAILS

*Newsletter of the  
Hangtown Kennel Club of  
Placerville, CA*

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## November 2018 CALENDAR:



- 3rd Therapy visit -Western Slope
- 5th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 10th Eskaton Placerville
- 12th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 13th **General Membership meeting**
- 17th Tree decorating downtown Pville (LaBerge)
- 24th Eskaton Cameron Park
- 24th Zoo Tree decorating, Folsom (Tibbals)
- 26th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 30th **Board Meeting**

**Need info on the Therapy Dog dates? Contact Dennis Collingwood or Dorris Wiglesworth**



### Nominations from Committee

President: Dorris Wiglesworth

Vice President: Sharon Loertscher

Secretary: Cathy Keeler

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Clark

Treasurer: Cheryl Tibbals

Board Member positions: Dennis Collingwood and Carol Sweeney

Nominations will be taken from the floor at November Meeting see Constitution for procedure!

**Want to help with the January Match?  
Contact Patty Skinner! 626-6160**

## HKC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

### Melinda Grosch ~ Waterproof Labradors

Charter Member - Life Member

Melinda has always had a strong interest in animals and growing up in the tiny community of Stonyford CA she dreamed of owning a horse. Then in 1969 "Big Red" came on the Wonderful World of Disney. Immediately begging for an Irish Setter Show Dog was added to the pleas for a horse. Melinda's father was very opposed to the idea of another dog (he owned a field Lab) but offered a compromise: If Melinda fed and watered Tar and cleaned up poop without any whining and minimal reminders then he would think about getting her a puppy. Melinda received a Labrador Retriever puppy for her eighth birthday. After a harrowing change from the small town of Stonyford to Placerville in 1972 and surviving lots of teasing (probably would be called bullying now) in school Melinda finally found a reason to like Placerville - an ad announcing that a kennel club was forming. Melinda is a charter and life member of Hangtown Kennel Club of Placerville, CA. She attended the first public meeting in 1980 just after her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thus, she was old enough to be a member without having to ask a parent to become a member also. Yes, that's 38 years. She is also currently a member of Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club, the Labrador Retriever Club (national club), and County-Wide Dog Training Club. Melinda started teaching obedience classes for Hangtown KC in 1983. Melinda taught classes for almost 10 years for Hangtown KC before moving to Santa Rosa in 1993. After a brief time focusing solely on her own dogs' training, she started assisting Lee James with Puppy Kindergarten and Intermediate classes for County-Wide Dog Training Club and taught classes there until April of 2018.

An avid student, Melinda has attended numerous seminars on dog training over the years. In an attempt to share her love of learning Melinda volunteered to be the Seminar Co-

Chair for Hangtown Kennel Club. This has allowed her to invite nationally and internationally known trainers and behaviorists to present their knowledge to people in Placerville and Northern California. In 1981 Melinda purchased her first conformation dog, Braemar Abigail, another Labrador. Despite her early interest in Irish Setters Melinda has only owned Labrador Retrievers and currently lives with two Labradors: Lydia and Sonja. Although most of her dogs have been bought or kept from litters as conformation dogs, only one has earned a Championship. However, all of her dogs starting with Abigail have earned performance titles. Melinda has participated and titled in Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Rally, Hunt tests (AKC and North American Hunting Retriever Association), Trick Dog, and Flyball and is interested in Nosework. Here are the dogs and titles: Braemar Abigail CD; Cinderhill Sweet Talk CD CGC; Cinderhill India CD WC CGC; SR Braemar Savoy Truffle CDX TD JH RE CGC; Waterproof Olivia of Braemar CD TD WC FD CGC (TD title earned by roommate Kyla Smay); Cinderproof Just a Dream CD TD RE WC CGC; CH Cinderhil Saddlehil Lastword BN CGC (Beginning Novice title earned by Mary Clark, Barbie's Co-owner); Waterproof Cinderhill Lydia RE BN TD WC CGC (and some trick dog titles through Do More With Your Dog and certified for testing on Birch in nosework) (TD again by Kyla Smay); and, Belgairn's Ice Storm at Summit View Ranch (Sonja is in progress for everything!) After an early retirement in April of 2018 Melinda is looking forward to spending more time with her own dogs and continuing to volunteer organizing events and performing many other behind the scenes tasks for the various clubs she belongs to.



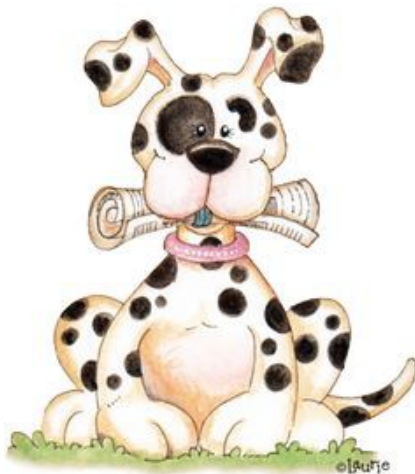
This Lab image may be from the local artist Tamara Burnett. Tamara has been in several of our training classes with her dog Jinger. I found this image on the internet but there was no artist name attached. Mary Clark

**HKC CHRISTMAS TREES!**

Vearl LaBerge has inquired if we would like to once again decorate trees along Hwy 50 during the holidays. The consensus was that we would be interested in doing that! Cheryl Tibbals then suggested that we also decorate a tree at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. The consensus was again that we would like to do that. Contact Cheryl or Vearl for more details. **The dates for decorating are: Saturday, Nov.17 and Saturday, Nov. 24 respectively.**

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WE STILL ARE AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE on Dec. 2nd. WILL HAVE THAT AFTER THE NOVEMBER MEETING. STAY TUNED...



**Upcoming Seminar and Matches:**

Nov. 17 Obedience Workshop: Granada Training Center, Galt Space Limited to 30 runs. See attached flyer.

Jan. 12, 2019 Structure in Action – with Pat Hastings sponsored by the Doberman Club. Flier attached

February 9-10, 2019 Oakland DTC presents: Diane Bauman Obedience Seminar at Fetch Sam in San Jose. \$260 for both days. All participants are welcome to bring a working dog! Go to [www.oaklanddogtraining.org/events](http://www.oaklanddogtraining.org/events) for information! (Editors note: two carloads of us old timers attended a working week with Diane in Seattle many years ago. We had a blast!)

April 6-7 - Michele Pouliot Seminar – sponsored by HKC! Michele is a champion Freestyle competitor with her Springers and Aussies. She is active in many areas of Performance Competition. Details to follow!

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**\*\*HKC dates to remember:**

Sunday, January 6, 2019 is our upcoming B Match with a concurrent OC/RO workshop! Tell your friends! Flyer to be done soon by Jane Andrew.

Saturday, January 19, 2019 HKC Annual Awards banquet. Vearl will be sending out the information so PLEASE respond

to her at your earliest convenience. Also fill out your awards forms when I send them next month...

**EDITOR'S CORNER:**



Just a short note this month...I will be having hand surgery on Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> so I am not certain as to next month's newsletter. My hand will be in a cast for at least 6 weeks – I am having three surgeries done at once. Ouch.

I will try to get someone to help me so we can have the important announcements out to everyone in a timely fashion but there won't be a Spotlight or recap of the meeting or events...

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Mary Clark

Editor



