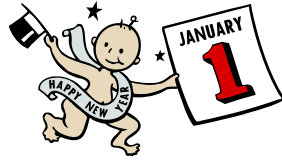




# DARTBOARD

Newsletter of Dog Agility Racing Team

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WELCOME 2010!

Well, it's a new year! Here's to successful training and enjoying the bevy of new dogs out there! The newsletter is changing! DARTDog of the month, and other columns coming soon.... Any calendar inputs, clinics, book, CLEANRUN or video reviews, please email along with your suggestions or newsletter feedback to Shelley at [agilecardis@yahoo.com](mailto:agilecardis@yahoo.com)

## Membership dues

It's time to send in 2010 membership applications and dues. The membership application can be downloaded from the 'Membership' page of the DART website: [www.dartagility.org](http://www.dartagility.org). Send it to Tracy Lovelis (address is on application) with your dues... \$20 individual membership, \$30 family membership. DART Points (that you earn from working at trials) can be used to pay your dues. **Dues deadline:** end of February. If your membership has lapsed, please re-apply.

## Dart members rock at akc agility invitational

Although a small club, DART was well represented at the December AKC Agility Invitational held in Long Beach CA over the weekend of Dec 9-11, 2009. Skipper, Major, Sprint, Pyro and Letti all participated (their humans, too!). The AKC Agility Invitational began 4 years ago and has been part of the larger AKC Eukanuba National Championships. This year was the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AKC and as such, saw an enormous entry from the breed "fancy" in the breed championship classes. The Long Beach Convention Center was packed with people and dogs, from door to door. Agility was hosted in a separate, temporary structure outside the main building complex. While the weather was not optimal for a tented structure, the footing for agility was hands down (paws up?) better than previous years. The courses were challenging but fast and the comraderie was high during the competition. Congratulations to all the qualifiers and participants! See the brags section for individual details. Check out YouTube for the dog dish "boat races" on the river inside the agility crating tent ☺





## December 2009 Meeting notes

*Holiday dinner, gifts, and officers election:*

Extra special thanks to Jean O'Neill for all her years of support to DART agility! We know Jean's thrilled to be living close to family in Colorado and was happy to leave the Inland Empire weather behind. But she'll be missed here locally!

The meeting kicked off with the traditional Claim Jumpers catered turkey dinner (YUM). After everyone was stuffed, the 2010 club officers were formally approved, a short general meeting followed and then the holiday loot was distributed by Tracy, the official DART "santa"!

### **2010 DART Officers:**

**President: Scott Lovelis**  
**Vice President: Gary Jones**  
**Treasurer: Teresa Rodney**  
**Secretary: Leslie Rudy**

**Membership: Tracy Lovelis**  
**Newsletter: Shelley Permann**  
**Librarian: Lisa Jones**  
**Member-at-large: Lisa Dewey**

### ***Old business:***

- ACSD club has requested DART equipment rental for their Jun 5-6, 2010 trial. Approved by club, Scott to act as chief course builder.
- Equipment purchases approved: 24" weave poles (3 sets), 1 new spread [double] jump, 1 new extended spread [triple] jump – order with Duncan, Action K9sports.
- Club has declined to send an AKC legislative liaison to the San Francisco AKC general meeting this spring (no AKC reimbursement, so club approved non-participation).

### ***New Business:***

- The holiday gift exchange! The gifts included many doggie gifts, toys and cookies, doggie motif blankets, etc. A good time was had by all!
- Leslie Rudy and Lynn Ehrenberg were recognized with gift cards for all their extra efforts over 2009 supporting DART trials.
- UKI Agility International is a new agility organization beginning after Jan 1, 2010. Club members discussed possible future involvement, no interest at this time.
- DART had multiple members competing at the recent 4<sup>th</sup> annual AKC Agility Invitational – congrats to all for qualifying and running. See brags section for DARTDog results and short article earlier for more details!



## Braggs:

Braggs – lots of very successful teams in the last couple of months, well done! Apologies if I missed any from the meeting – there were lots!! Alphabetized for ease of reading... Tracy won the draw & got the \$\$ in the pot <g>.

- **Mike & Diana Bebaeff, "JoeJoe"**: 4 for 4 at the TVSSC club trial, Sheltie High in Trial "Ella H. Memorial Trophy" winner (I think)
- **Mike & Diana Bebaeff, "Hailey"**: 1st place, 12" Novice Jumpers – go baby dogs!
- **Lynn Ehrenberg, "Skipper"**: AKC Agility Invitational results— 5 clean rounds, **Top Chihuahua**, 6th of 100 overall 8" dogs, **11th place 8" finals**
- **Lisa & Gary Jones, "Major"**: AKC Agility Invitational results – 4 clean rounds, **Top Beagle**, **2nd highest AKC Hound Saturday (\$150!)**; 13th of 76 overall 12" dogs
- **Tracy Lovelis, "Charlie"**: completed first trial -1st place in ASCA (I think) jumpers – go baby dogs!
- **Shelley Permann, "Letti"**: AKC Agility Invitational results—**12" winner** (\$400 J&J gift cert, iPod Nano, \$200, DogSport Magazine subscription, crystal trophy); 5 clean rounds, **Top Cardigan Corgi**, 3rd place **Herding Dog Saturday** (\$150)
- **Teresa Rodney, "Sprint"**: AKC Agility Invitational results—**Top Flatcoat Retriever**, **Top Sporting Dog Saturday** (\$200!)
- **Leslie Rudy, "Wicket"**: completed MACH1 at the Pap trial over Thanksgiving

## DARTDOG profile:



DARTDOG: "Sprint", "Sprinty"

Age: 5

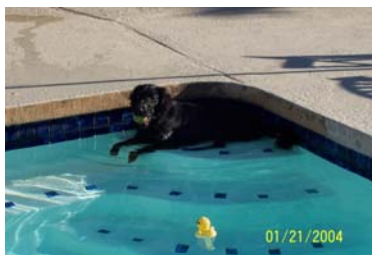
Hometown: Fountain Valley

Accomplishments:

Obedience: CD

Dock Diving: Senior

Favorite Pastime: staring at lights!



female -- Flat-Coat Retriever  
 Team captain: Teresa Rodney  
 Favorite Motivator: Mom!  
 Hunting: JH, WCX  
 Agility: MACH3 MAD

## Doggy dictionary:

**LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

**DOG BED:** any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor or better yet, on their laps.

**SNIFF:** A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop.

**GARBAGE CAN:** A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

**DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person want them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

**WASTEBASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home

**SOFAS:** Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

**BATH:** This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

**LEAN:** Every good ACD's response to the command "sit!" especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

**BUMP:** The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

**GOOSE BUMP:** A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require..... especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above.

**LOVE:** Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.



### *2010 upcoming meetings & events:*

- **Feb 7** DART board and general meeting at the Lovelis home
- **Mar 20-21** USDAA trial at Santa Fe Dam (most likely?) in Irwindale CA. Full slate of titling classes (+ dbl Mas Jumpers) plus GP and Steeplechase will be offered. Chris Vaught (mas) and Sue Eastman (S/A under Karen Gloor supv) judging.
- **April 17-18** USDAA trial at Grace Yokley middle school in Ontario CA. DAM/PVP tournament with two Mas classes each day (snooker/jumpers and gamblers/jumpers). No other classes offered. Scott Chamberlain judging.
- **May 15-16** AKC trial at Grace Yokley middle school (probably) in Ontario CA. Standard and JWW classes offered. Mixed breed to be included? Kylie Bourke, judging (poss another too).
- **Sep 18-19** AKC trial at Grace Yokley middle school (possibly) in Ontario CA. Standard and JWW classes offered – mixed breed included. Judge selection in work.

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