

## 2011 SSCNC Executive Board

**PRESIDENT**  
Rene A. Nunzir

**FIRST  
VICE PRESIDENT**  
Mary Lou Just

**SECOND  
VICE-PRESIDENT**  
Kim Studley

**TREASURER**  
John Michelmores

**SECRETARY**  
Mary Jo Weigand

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**  
Rhonda Davis  
Kim Lemke

**STANDING COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS**  
**Rescue Chair**  
Dottie Michelmores

**Committees**  
Legislative Watch  
Web Site  
Fun Day  
Education

### Inside this Issue:

Insider News-SSCNC Members /.....	2
Meet The Board	
Executive Board cont./.....	3
Hair-Raising News	
Information from the outside.....	4
Canine Anaplasmosis.....	5
SSCNC Membership Renewal.....	6

# The Stripper

Volume 2011: Issue 2



## Dog-Gone Smart

$e = mc^2$

Dogs' Intelligence are on a par with 2-year-old humans, says psychologist and leading canine researcher Stanley Coren, PhD, of the University of British Columbia. They can count, understand more than 150 words and intentionally deceive other dogs and people to get treats!

The intelligence of various types of dogs does differ and the dog's breed determines some of these differences, Coren says. "There are three types of dog intelligence: instinctive (what the dog is bred to do), adaptive (how well the dog learns from its environment to solve problems) and working and obedience (the equivalent of 'school learning')."

Data from 208 dog obedience judges from the United States and Canada showed the differences in working and obedience intelligence of dog breeds, according to Coren. Border collies are number one, poodles are second, followed by German shepherds.

As for language, the average dog can learn 165 words, including signals, and the "super

dogs" (those in the top 20 % of dog intelligence) can learn 250+ words.

Dogs can also count up to four or five. And they have a basic understanding of arithmetic and will notice errors in simple computations, such as  $1+1=3$ .

Four studies he examined looked how dogs solve spatial problems by modeling human or other dogs' behavior using a barrier type problem. Through observation, Coren said, dogs can learn the location of valued items (treats), better routes in the environment (the fastest way to a favorite chair), how to operate mechanisms (such as latches and simple machines) and the meaning of words and symbolic concepts (sometimes by simply listening to people speak and watching their actions).

During play, dogs are capable of deliberately trying to deceive other dogs and people in order to get rewards, said Coren. "And they are nearly as successful in deceiving humans as humans are in deceiving dogs."

## Meet the 2011 SSCNC Board

**President Rene Nunzir:** I got my first schnauzer, "Marigolde" (a mini) when I was 11. I have had all three sizes of Schnauzers in the last 40 years and find each one has their own strengths and weaknesses. I did Schutzhund with my Giants and my last mini, "Keya", was active in therapy work and assisting patients rehabilitate from strokes and hip replacements with licensed therapists. I currently have three standards in my house, "Senate" is 11-years-old and has exceeded all expectations I had for him. We played in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Herding and Schutzhund. Siblings, "Tank" and "Irene" (aka The Evil Twins) are going to be 7 in September. Irene herds and has definite opinions about what is fun (Lure coursing and stalking squirrels) and what is not fun (just about everything else). Tank is my Wal-Mart Greeter who thinks he is a Border Collie.

He has earned his Odor Recognition for Birch in the new sport of K9 Nosework and we hope to Trial in late 2011. When I am not wrapped up in dog activities, I am employed in the area of Industrial Security.

**First V.P. Mary Lou Just:** Don & I got our first Standard Schnauzer in 1969 and he earned a UD Title. In the early 70's we got "Madchen" who earned her CH & UD (the highest titles available at that time) and is the first SS to earn the TD Title. We have bred & owned 11 SSS who have earned both CHs and Obedience & Tracking Titles. We presently have "Fanny", the first SS to earn a Herding Trial Title. We have served the SSCNC in many positions. Both Don & I have been president of the SSCA and I am presently the Companion and Performance

## Executive Board Contact Information

### **PRESIDENT**

Rene A. Nunzir  
Telephone: 925-449-4659  
Email  
NUNZIRR@peoplepc.com

### **FIRST VICE - PRESIDENT**

Mary Lou Just  
telephone: 530-878-3612  
Email  
[demljust@pacbell.net](mailto:demljust@pacbell.net)

### **SECOND VICE - PRESIDENT**

Kim Studley  
telephone: 209-605-7621  
Email  
[ALWAYSSTUDLEY@gmail.com](mailto:ALWAYSSTUDLEY@gmail.com)

### **TREASURER**

John Micheltmore  
telephone: 916-978-0289  
Email  
[DMMICHE@pacbell.net](mailto:DMMICHE@pacbell.net)

### **SECRETARY**

Mary Jo Weigand  
telephone: 925 413-8932  
Email  
mjsweigand@gmail.com

### **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

Rhonda Davis  
telephone: 925-736-1936  
Email  
[RHONDADAVIS@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RHONDADAVIS@sbcglobal.net)

Kim Lemke  
telephone: 925-216-6894  
Email  
cdah@comcast.net

### **Rescue Chair**

Dottie Micheltmore  
telephone: 916-978-0289  
Email  
[DMMICHE@pacbell.net](mailto:DMMICHE@pacbell.net)

### **Committee Chairs**

Fun Day—pending  
Specialty—Kim Studley  
Legislative—pending

## News- On, For, or About our Members

Congratulations go out to "Raz" and owners Don & Mary Lou Just and Liz & Harv Mohrenweiser on his #1 SS in the Country Status and his recent Group 1 win at the Santa Clara KC shows under Judge Donna Buxton.

\*\*\* \*\*

Congratulations to "Mae" and owners Ken & Viola DalBusco on completing her Grand Champion title in January at the Portland Rose Classic.

\*\*\* \*\*

Rene Nunzir reports that "Tank" passed the bitch ORT (Odor Recognition Test) for the new K9 Nosework Sport in January and can now compete in Nosework Level 1 Trials- which they are hoping to do later in 2011.

Congratulations go out to Dottie Micheltmore and Bear for earning his Tracking Title.

\*\*\* \*\*

Judy Georgeson continues to put up a valiant fight against her cancer. Prayers and well wishes are greatly appreciated by Judy and her family.

\*\*\* \*\*

We wish Liz Mohrenweiser a speedy recovery on her recent hip replacement surgery.

\*\*\* \*\*

Stripper Corrections:

Last issue should have noted that Paul & Janice Bissonnette are sponsored by Mark Allen & Don Dalton.

Also that Nistka earned HER Championship.....



Rembrandt (a Rescue) watches another "Ruffle his Feathers!"



## Meet Your Board Members(Cont.)



Chairperson. We belong to many dog clubs and have served as many Chairs. I have been judging Obedience since 1991, SS since 2001 and Rally since it began in 2007 and have had the honor and privilege of judging the National Specialty in 2005. We have another hobby, that of winemaking since 1964 and yes, we have medals from the CA State Fair for our wines. Don & I have been married for 50 years, with four children and 8 grandchildren.

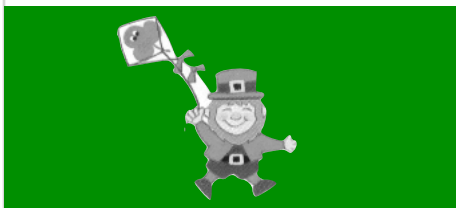
**Second V.P. Kim Studley:** My husband Lonnie and I joined the SSCNC in 2009 when we purchased our first Standard, "Lana". We found the club a wonderful resource. It helped us to become educated about the breed and engaged with our dogs. We have met a lot of new friends and enjoyed training and showing our dogs. In 2010 we added another standard to our family, "Finn". I enjoyed showing him to his championship, watching him earn his Grand Championship and earned a Rally title on Lana. We wanted to get involved and contribute to the organization that has given so much to us. I would like to encourage all members to take advantage of the activities the club provides. If you are interested in serving please contact me. There are all levels of

service and our club is run by volunteers. It is fun and rewarding. We need active members to thrive. I hope your dogs bring you all the joy that ours bring to us. Looking forward to another great year and the new challenge of serving as Show Chair.

**Treasurer John Mitcheltmore:** My introduction to Standard Schnauzers was when I met Dottie 30+ years ago. She owned 4 SS's, and was a member of the club and showing them herself. Her male, "Baron", and I hit it off. After a period with no Schnauzers in our lives, we were asked to foster an 18 month old, male SS (non-show dog). We fell in love with "Shadow", who lived to be 14. When our youngest of our kids moved away, we decided to get involved in the SS club again. We selected a male out of Texas, "Bear", 10 weeks old. He is now 4, and we have had him in Rally, Obedience, tracking, herding and SAR. Two years ago we inherited "Dani" from Mark and Don. She's a female SS about 6 months younger than Bear. She also does Obedience, Rally, Herding and now started Tracking. Bear and Dani have become best friends! My professional background is in accounting, working as a CPA. I have been the club Treasurer for 2 years, and Dottie (my assistant Treasurer) is our Rescue Chair.

## The 2011 Executive Board (Cont.)

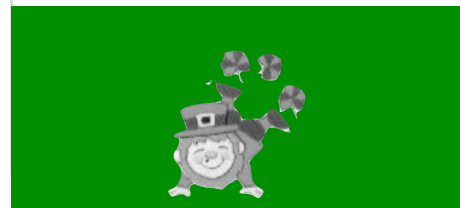
**Secretary Mary Jo Weigand:** "Strudel" was our family's 1st Schnauzer 26 years ago. She was a great companion for our 4-year-old son, Erik. When she was 12 we got our 2<sup>nd</sup> Schnauzer, "Schnapps", for son Nik. Training was easy as Schnapps followed her lead using the dog door, playing fetch, etc. Fast forward to 2008: Schnapps was 12 when Dru, my husband, and I got "Sasha". Living in the bay area, we were asked to join SSCNC. Our first three Schnauzers have been companion dogs. But when Sasha was 6-months-old, we received a phone call telling us about this 4-month-old male who needed a home. "Becks" soon joined our dog family of two! Today, to our surprise, 15-year-old Schnapps joins his great niece & nephew once or twice a week on their 5 mile walks. (Schnauzers are competitive!) Becks has championed and we are looking forward to entering other areas of club activities with both of the young "fur faces"!



**Member-At-Large Rhonda Davis:** My love affair with Standard Schnauzers began in 1982 with the arrival of "Bentley" (Ch. Charisma Sundance Kid) Since that time, I have been owned by six other Standard Schnauzers. When my husband, Paul, and I retired about 4 years ago, we decided it was time to follow our passion and begin a breeding program ourselves. Our first **Blackhawk** litter arrived in June of 2008 and we have had four more litters since then. I have served in many capacities as a member of the Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern CA. I began as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, next President, and now a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors. Paul and I spend most of our time with our 4 furry friends either hiking, playing at a local dog park, enjoying a dog show, or just relaxing with them at home. "Sophie", "Beau", "Jackie-O" and "Ellie" certainly fill our lives with joy!



**Member-At-Large Kim Lemke:** My husband John and I live in Pleasanton with our Standard Schnauzer "Jack", Yorkshire Terrier "Gunner" and our two cats. We also have three horses we board in Pleasanton. Jack is my first Standard Schnauzer and I was attracted to the breed for its size, intelligence, athleticism, work ethic and appearance. After finishing Jack's conformation championship we started obedience training and recently completed his rally novice title. We enjoy hiking the East Bay Trails, sometimes just the two of us and sometimes with others. Some of our favorite regional parks include Lake Chabot, Briones, Sunol and Pleasanton Ridge. There is nothing quite like leaving the hustle and bustle behind and enjoying the great outdoors. And an added bonus to Jack joining our family are all the wonderful Standard Schnauzer friends we have made.



## Hair-Raising News!

**Warning!** Someone is trying to poison dogs with rat poison at Las Palmas Dog Park, Sunnyvale. They even left a note "All dogs must die". Please share with all your dog friends. (Hope they catch this evil person.) Keep your eyes out and check ahead for rat poison or baited foods left on the ground. If you do a search for dog poisoning on the internet, you will see other incidents in other places.

[Click Here](#) to access more information.



**Dognapping!** It happened again and dog stealing is on the rise (from backyards, apartments, patios, and people who leave their dog tied to a pole to shop). Don't leave dogs in cars or tied up unsupervised: A few days ago, in San Francisco, someone (smashed & grabbed) stole a Pomeranian out a parked car.

*"Known" dognapping in San Francisco (NOT ALL ARE SMALL DOGS)*

**January 2009:** Chihuahua taken from city shelter

**March 2010:** Australian cattle dog taken from Market Street Safeway

**April 2010:** Pit bull mix abducted in Mission neighborhood

**September 2010:** Maltese swiped from Richmond Safeway

**March 2011:** Pekingese taken from owner's car in SoMa



## The Outside World (Educational Opportunities, the AKC, Dog Health and Safety)

The AKC Board has proposed many changes to upcoming AKC events. Some of these Amendments are still under review with proposed votes later in 2011. Some of the proposed changes are:

### CONFORMATION

In January the Board approved amendments which would have created a **Reserve Best in Show**. The ribbon color for this award would be White and Yellow

Additionally, they are looking at placing a FIFTH and SIXTH place **Group awards** when there are 12 or more breed/varieties in the ring on the day. Proposed colors for the 5<sup>th</sup> placement are Blue and Yellow and for the 6<sup>th</sup> Placement it is Red and Yellow

Based on a request from the Board, staff presented the criteria it will use to determine the success of the **4-6 Month Beginner Puppy** competition during the 2011 pilot program. The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition may be offered by all-breed clubs or parent specialty clubs as a special attraction. These are No Points awarded classes and the Board has offered this program to All Breed and Specialty Clubs when Approved.

### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

The Board reviewed a staff proposal to add a Master Class to the Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations. **Master**. This class will be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have won the 10 first place wins in an Open Class Competition.

The calendar for this class will be November 1-October 31 of the following year.

### OBEDIENCE

Titles may be earned after three successful scores under TWO different Judges. It used to be under three different judges.

### LURE COURSING Ability TEST

Staff presented its plans for a new AKC event called a **Coursing Ability Test**. This will be an introductory level coursing event open to all AKC registered dogs and dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. The Coursing Ability Test, will be effective February 15, 2011 and is open to Standard Schnauzers who care to try this speedy sport.

The Coursing Ability Test is a Non-competitive pass / fail event fashioned after the sport of lure coursing; Dogs run singularly; Open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC; Females in season may not enter.

Pass: The dog must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a stated maximum amount of time. Max time: 600 yards - 2 minutes; 300 yards - 1½ minutes. The maximum time is not meant to be difficult to achieve. It is meant to prevent a dog that "walks" the course from passing.

To earn a suffix title:

- Three passes = Coursing Ability (CA);
- Ten passes = Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA);

- Twenty five passes = Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX); a higher numbered title will be awarded for every additional twenty five passes (e.g. CAX2 = 50 passing scores).

### HERDING TESTS

#### Herding Test

Testing and time commence when the lead is removed. The dog should demonstrate a controlled pause (stay in position until released or sent). Once the lead is removed, the handler may assume a position away from the dog and appropriate in relation to the stock, but the dog should remain in position. The Judge then signals or instructs the handler to send the dog. A dog that "breaks the stay" shall not fail for that reason alone.

#### Pre-Trial Test

Testing and time commence when the lead is removed. The dog must demonstrate a controlled pause (stay in position until released or sent). Once the lead is removed, the handler may assume a position away from the dog and appropriate in relation to the stock, but the dog must remain in position. The Judge then signals or instructs the handler to send the dog. A dog that "breaks the stay" shall not qualify.

Once a dog has attempted or completed all test elements, regardless of whether it qualifies, it must leave the arena on lead.



Conformation



Jr. Showmanship



Blackjack jumping in Obedience



Shelby doing Herding

## Canine/Feline Anaplasmosis

Thank you to Lakeland Veterinary Hospital for the following information

### ***What is Anaplasmosis?***

Anaplasmosis is an infectious disease. This lives inside of the white blood cells and can cause a variety of problems. You may also hear this disease referred to as Ehrlichiosis. This can infect both dogs and cats.

### ***How does an animal get infected with Anaplasma?***

Deer ticks carry this bacteria. Tick bites spread the infection. Deer ticks can carry other parasites, including Lyme disease, so we do see pets with multiple infections. It is very important to check for other infections when we suspect Anaplasmosis.

### ***What are the signs of Anaplasmosis?***

In general most pets will show signs within 10-14 days after getting the infection. However, there are some cases where the pet will become sick months later. In most cases the signs appear suddenly.

The most common signs of infection are high fever, lethargy, and swollen painful joints. The pets become dumpy, will not eat well, and will be reluctant to move.

Other signs of infection include vomiting, diarrhea, and neurologic signs. We have seen dogs have seizures and other brain disorders with Anaplasmosis. Some pets may develop liver and kidney damage with the infection. This usually goes away with treatment, but we will want to be sure that there is no permanent damage. Some pets may develop bleeding disorders that show up as nosebleeds, bloody urine, or severe bruising on the skin.

Some pets may carry Anaplasmosis but show no signs whatsoever. In these cases, the infection may eventually be cleared by the immune system or the pet may become sick down the road (especially with periods of stress).

### ***How is Anaplasmosis diagnosed?***

Diagnosing this disease may be difficult in some cases. Here are the tests we recommend and how they help us diagnose and treat your pet:

**Complete Blood Count:** This test measures and evaluates the cells that circulate in the bloodstream.

**Chemistry Profile:** This test looks at the internal organ function. It is very important to evaluate the internal organs to make sure there is no damage.

**Urinalysis:** Pets may have kidney damage with this infection. Evaluating the urine will check for kidney damage.

**4Dx Test:** This screens for Anaplasmosis, Lyme disease, another tick disease called *Ehrlichia canis* - as well as heartworm disease. Dogs can have multiple infections. We have found that dogs with multiple infections are more likely to become sick.

### ***How is Anaplasmosis treated?***

Doxycycline is an antibiotic that we use to kill Anaplasma. This is given once or twice daily, depending on the situation, for 4 weeks (although sometimes we will treat for a longer period of time).

In severe cases, we may need to give other medications and treatments. If there are bleeding problems or organ damage, we may even need to keep the pet in the hospital for advanced care.

### ***What is the prognosis?***

With proper treatment the prognosis is good. Most pets respond within 1-4 days and will make a complete recovery.

### ***Can anything be done to prevent it?***

Good tick control is vital. We stock products that are safe and effective. Pets never develop a strong immunity to this infection, so we can see pets develop multiple Anaplasma infections over the years.

### ***Can I get Anaplasmosis from my pet?***

No. Humans can get Anaplasmosis, but we get it from tick bites. You cannot get the infection directly from your pet.

APRIL 3- LIVERMORE  
K-9 NOSEWORK



APRIL 3- LIVERMORE  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern California

Mailing Address:  
1080 Quartermaster Cyn. Road  
San Ramon, CA 94582-4845

Phone-(925) 413-8932

Email:

Secretary@stdschnauzer.com

Celebrating 68 years of  
providing quality  
Education, and guidance  
for Responsible  
Ownership of the  
Standard Schnauzer

Remember  
to **RENEW**  
your SSCNC  
Membership

**BEFORE**

**April 1, 2011**



Top of the Morning to you!

We are on the Web at  
<http://www.stdschnauzer.com>

# SSCNC RENEWAL FORM

Please fill out the below information and return this form with your **\$15.00 Annual Membership Dues**  
**Dues must be received prior to April 1, 2011** or you will be dropped from the SSCNC Active Membership Roster

Mailing Address: John Michelmore - 2749 Leoleta Way - Carmichael, CA 95608-4101

Please Make Checks Payable to: [SSCNC](#)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I / We consent to having SSCNC Club Information and News sent via E-Mail

☐ I / We wish to receive SSCNC Club Information and News via U.S. Postal Service

☐ Please contact me to help with the SSCNC Club Events in 2011

Best time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_