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## The Squeak of the Wheel *President's Report*

OK, so weren't the goats fun and interesting? Using Boer goats for the Willowside Ranch trail in July turned out well. They were very even and almost all the dogs figured them out pretty quickly. I have to admit, they ducked around me at the pen in a situation I don't think any sheep would have, but I didn't make that mistake the second day.

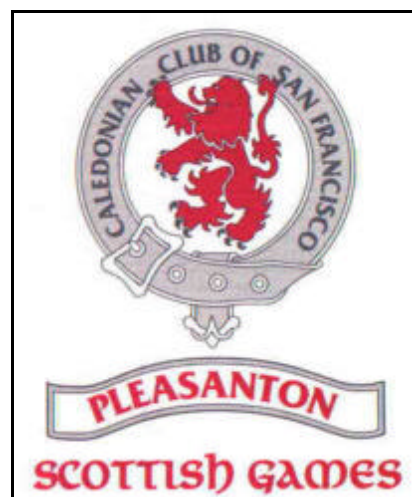
Thanks to Pam Cornell and Willowside Ranch for hosting this event. It is a beautiful facility and I particularly enjoyed having to wear a jacket in July!

Thanks also to Mike Canady who supplied the stock and served as our judge. Jennifer Stewart and Cris Flint did a terrific job at set-out ably assisted by Mimi Wilson and Karen Wessinger.

Thanks to our volunteers, Carol Zoltowski on hospitality, Yvette Cook on awards, Sandi Andersen for lining up the troops and everyone else who helped out.

The Pleasanton Scottish Games trial was held over Labor Day weekend and was fun and successful as always. We thank all the handler's for their flexibility and understanding about the smaller arena this year. Regardless, this is always a fun event and I look forward to it every year.

Thanks to Russ Dotson, Cris Flint and Yvette Cook for making this trial happen.



And thanks to the Caledonian Club of San Francisco and our sheepdog coordinator, John Grey, for hosting us.

And coming up on November 16-18 will be the Thompson Ranch SDT at the Thompson Ranch in Auburn.

Kathy Hoffer, Polly Lowry, Jan Davis and Charlotte Jones have done the organization and fund raising for this event and have done a wonderful job.

Thanks to Susie Thompson for allowing us to come back and run this trail again. This has already become a much-anticipated event and I'm looking forward to it.

See you in Auburn.

*-Rusty*

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# A Report on the Free to Be Ranch Classic 2007

**Free to Be Ranch  
Mountainair, NM 87036  
July 26-29, 2007**

*"I organize the trial with all classes so the new handler can watch all levels of experience and the open handlers can enter other classes available."*

-Geri Abrams

owner, operator, manager,  
Free to Be Ranch

## ***Testimonials and Comments from participants:***

*"I like the diversity in open outruns. The trial is well managed, organized and has lots of amenities."*

Wilda Bahr

*"If you are going to drive...the four day venue makes this worth the effort..."*

Yvette Cook

*"It is the most challenging trial of the yearly circuit."*

Jennifer Clark-Ewers

*"My favorite trial of the year... most challenging...changes all the time...efficient..."*

Michelle McGuire

*"Very, very, very nice trial... One of our favorite places to go from Texas."*

Herbert Holmes

*"I know what to train for next year!"*

Mike Meredith

**Here are some notes about**

**the trial designs held on two separate and different fields.**

Open field:

- ◆ 120 acres with lots of different terrain
- ◆ set out pens in every corner of the field
- ◆ a different course each day
- ◆ outruns from 650 to 750 yards
- ◆ day 4: double lift, turn past the post, international shed and pen for all handlers

Second Field: Open Ranch [Pro Novice], Ranch, Novice classes

- ◆ 40 acre flat field
  - ◆ Open Ranch class: 250-300 yard outrun, full drive, pen for
  - ◆ Ranch: shortened outrun and drive to prepare handlers for Open Ranch class
- Note: for this class, an open handler may take in a young dog if it has not competed in another class before*

**And amenities for trial participants:**

- ◆ 3 cooked meals offered daily with a free handlers dinner Friday night
- ◆ Adequate shade, Porta-Potties, dunk tanks, garbage containers on each field

- ◆ Water for stock, dogs and trailers is filtered
- ◆ Gifts for each handler
- ◆ Early arrivers can rent sheep to practice with dogs
- ◆ Trial manager promptly returns query calls
- ◆ Award checks given each evening
- ◆ Crews of friends, students, members of the Herding Club contribute to the success of the trial
- ◆ Lots of paddocks and fenced areas to air groups of dogs
- ◆ The town of Mountainair is 3 to 4 miles away
- ◆ Turner Inn and RV Park has all necessary amenities including friendly managers, showers, septic off-load privileges, laundry room and more...

**The Future Plans for Free to Be Ranch...**

- ◆ Purchase 20 more contiguous acres to extend the venue on the open field side
- ◆ Increase electrical and water outlets for RVs
- ◆ Septic facility near gate for off loading
- ◆ Bid for the 2010 Nationals.

*-Submitted and compiled by Yvette Cook and Carol Zoltowski.*

# 2007 Pleasanton Scottish Games SDT Results

## Advanced High combined:

Sandi Andersen & Harley

## Reserve High Combined:

Colleen Duncan & Reba

## Intermediate High combined:

Yvette Cook & Ace

## Reserve High Combined:

Wendy Wood & Jan

## Saturday 9/1: Advanced

1 Cris Flint Darby

2 Colleen Duncan Tess

3 Jeremy Morrison Smoke

4 Colleen Duncan Reba

5 Sandi Anderson Harley

## Saturday 9/1: Intermediate

1 Jeremy Morrison Luna

2 Yvette Cook Ace

3 Suzanne Anaya Kilt

4 Wendy Wood Jan

5 Bonnie Richardson Nessa

## Sunday 9/2: Advanced

1 Sandi Andersen Harley

2 Suzanne Anaya Jet

3 Colleen Duncan Reba

4 Gloria Supernaw Moss

5 Jeremy Morrison Smoke

## Sunday 9/2: Intermediate

1 Yvette Cook Ace

2 Colleen Duncan Hope

3 Carolyn Erdman Chance

4 Wendy Wood Jan

5 Bonnie Richardson Grace

## Recipe for Puppy Chow Pie

### Ingredients:

1 baked pie shell or graham cracker crust

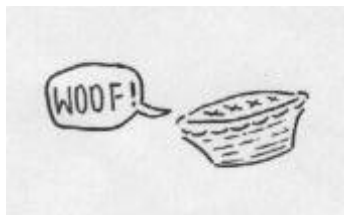
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

3 tbs. peanut butter

2 tbs. margarine

5 cups vanilla ice-cream

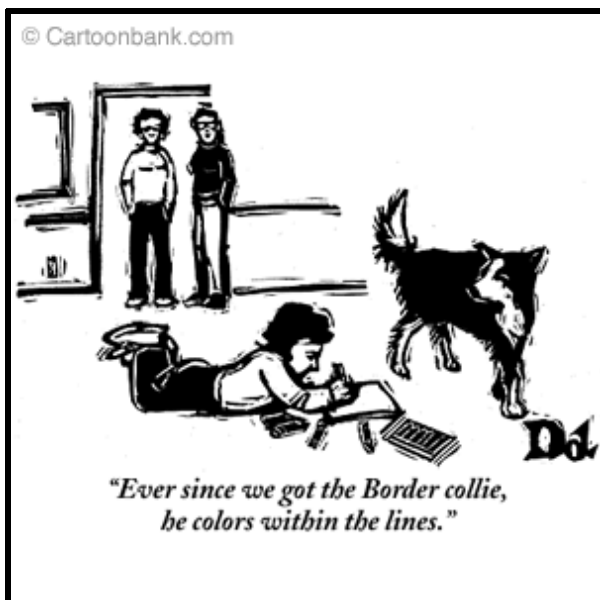
Mix and stir chips, peanut butter and margarine in small



pan over low heat until melted. Stir constantly. Set this mixture aside to cool to room temperature.

Set about 5 cups vanilla ice cream out of freezer until you can stir it with spoon and mix in the chocolate mixture. It will not fully mix in, it sort of marbles.

Spoon into pie shell and freeze for 2 hours. When ready to serve, take out of freezer 5 minutes before serving.



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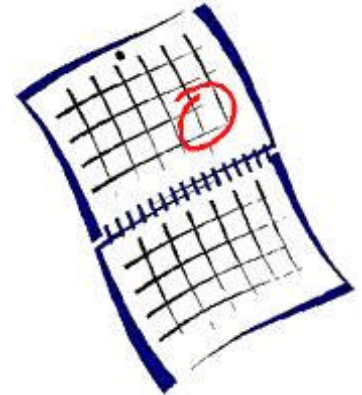
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## Upcoming Events ...

- ◆ **October 5:** State of Jefferson SDT, Tulelake, CA
- ◆ **October 6-7:** Hubbard Ranch SDT, Hubbard Ranch, Bonanza, OR
- ◆ **October 26 - 28:** Fifth Annual Point Pleasant SDT, Elk Grove, CA
- ◆ **October 27:** Kurajong SDT 1/O-1/N - Plymouth, CA
- ◆ **October 28:** Dunigan Hills Trial - Zamora, CA
- ◆ **November 3 - 4:** SJVBCA Fall Trial - Porterville, CA
- ◆ **November 9 - 11:** Fifth Annual Point Pleasant SDT, Pt Pleasant Ranch, Elk Grove, CA
- ◆ **November 12 - 13:** Alun Jones Clinic, Pt Pleasant Ranch, Elk Grove, CA
- ◆ **November 16 - 18:** Thompson Ranch SDT, Thompson Ranch, Auburn, CA
- ◆ **December 1 - 2:** SJVBCA Coalinga SDT, Coalinga, CA



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