



# Scents & Nonscents

November, 2008

## VST Arrives In Albuquerque!



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! On October 25 and 26, 2008 Ed Presnall conducted a hands-on introductory urban tracking workshop here in Albuquerque. AKC Academy. We then met on Sunday morning at the UNM campus to actually practice VST.

These variable surfaces are seen around business parks, colleges and universities. The dog learns to follow a scent even if it changes from grass to concrete to dirt to asphalt, etc. Ed is recognized by many as being one of the leading and most innovative trainers in the sport of tracking, especially VST. We had 14 working handlers and dogs and 9 audits coming from Southwestern towns such as El Paso and Midland TX, Vernon, UT, Vail, AZ, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and Albuquerque.

The best laid plans seem to fall apart at the last minute. We initially planned and got permission with Lynn Wilson's help to use the Albuquerque Academy, but decided that the workshop needed to be moved to UNM Main campus, since we got such a great response for the workshop. With permission from the UNM Activities Center we planned on meeting at a designated parking lot on Saturday morning. However, Penni Adrian received an invitation on Thursday to attend an Obama rally to be held on the UNM campus on Sat. Penni was quick to contact our Albuquerque Academy contact person again in order to regain permission to hold our Saturday session back at the UNM campus to actually practice VST.

Ed's method of teaching VST is broken down in small parts with lots of rewards for the dog as the dog is smelling his way down a track (the dog finding the path that Ed had walked hours earlier and being rewarded with food as the dog finds articles such as leather, cloths and plastic items along that path).

Thinking about doing this sport? THINK TWICE! The VST has an average of a 5% pass ratio and takes months and lots of patience on the handlers and instructors part. There are quicker ways to get titles on our dogs, but we that are committed "trackers" love looking at the back side of a dog as he is working his way down a track slowly wagging his tail and finding articles. It is TOTAL concentration on the dogs and handlers parts as the dog is tracking down a path whether in Placitas or on a campus. If you are eager to try this sport, you can contact Lynn Wilson or Carolee Douglas for further information. —Carolee Douglas



## How to Contribute:

SDOC's newsletter "Scents & Nonscents" is published 11 times per year.

Contributions are welcome at any time, provided they are in an electronic format (\*.txt, \*.doc, \*.jpg, \*.tiff) and received by the deadline.

Send your items and ideas to the Editor.

Deadline for the next issue is Jan. 5

Information is believed correct at the time of printing, however the Editor and staff bear no responsibility for errors or omissions.

The Editor is deeply indebted to Saul Rovinsky & Nancy Pollock for copying and mailing, and to Lynn Wilson and Janice Anthes for posting to the Club's website.

## November/December Obedience Schedules

Tues. 6:15 Agility....Ongoing  
Tues. 7:30 Super Drill ongoing. Sehmer  
Wed. 12:30 Drill Class Ongoing. Pollock  
Thurs. 6:15 Agility. Ongoing  
Fri. 6:30 Run Thrus Ongoing. Various trainers  
Sat. 9:00 Kindergarten Puppy Training,

It looks like SDOC trainers will be vacationing during December as I have not indication of classes starting then. I'm certain classes will be starting in January so be sure to check with the Registrars. This applies to AGILITY classes as well.

SEE SEPARATE SCHEDULES FOR FULL AGILITY INFORMATION AND TIMES



## Fall/Winter Events

*Details, details...*

**MEETING DATES:** Remember that the November and December general meetings will occur on the Friday BEFORE Thanksgiving and Christmas. The November meeting will be on November 21, and the December meeting will be on December 19! The Board Meetings will move up accordingly.

REMEMBER OUR DOGGIE GIFT EXCHANGE!!!!!! At the December meeting, all dogs and owners are invited to bring an unwrapped gift for the gift exchange. After names are drawn, the DOGS get to pick out their gifts from the pile. Bring a gift for each dog whom you bring to participate. This is great fun for the owners, and the dogs seem to enjoy it as well.

**DUES ARE DUE!!!** Within this newsletter, you will find a form to renew your membership. Please return it promptly and indicate any activities in which you would like to help. Hint, hint, we could use a regular photographer for the newsletter. Membership will be dropped if you have not paid by January 31.

The SDOC Awards Brunch will be held at the Officers' Club on Sandia Base on January 4, 2009. Be sure to get your information in to receive a plaque or awards bar if you already have plaque. There should be a form for this in this issue of the Newsletter as well. A form to sign up for the Brunch is also enclosed. Come join us even if you are not receiving an award. It's FUN!



# News Notes from the Neighborhood

Your Editor

**Mike Kuliasha Award:** The Mike Kuliasha Award is presented to the Club member who has shown by their activities whether up front or behind the scenes that they truly support and work for the Club. Mike was a member who was extremely active in the 1970s and '80s and epitomized the actions of a member; he was always there when needed, spotted things that needed doing and did them without waiting for support, showed sportsmanship and generally was Johnny-on-the-Spot whenever something came up. A perpetual trophy is kept in his name and is in the trophy cabinet in the foyer at the Club. Be sure to take a look at the trophies in that cabinet some time. They are a salute to many of our members over the years. If you have suggestions for nominees, contact Pam Sehmer by December 15.

**Holiday Food Collection:** Every year, at this time, we have a food drive to help fill the shelves at the local Roadrunner Food Bank. With the economy what it is, this year it is very important to help with this. Please leave donations of canned and non-perishable items on the table in the training room. Be as generous as you can since the need is so great this year. Vickee Jones will come by and pick up items. The last pickup and delivery will be on December 14. Give yourself a 'feel good' moment by donating!

### Another Brag:

Vickee Jones' Gordon Setter Indra earned her second Novice Standard leg and Nov. Jumpers leg at the Bouvier National all-breed agility Trials Oct 21 & 22. She finished her Novice Jumpers title November 2 at the VVKC Agility Trials. On the weekend in between, Indra and offspring Jada were entered in back-to-back Hunt Tests in Bernardo. Both came home with Junior Hunter titles. This earns Indra the Beauty Brains and Birdsense Award from the Gordon Setter Club of America. This was Jada's first title –she turned 1 year old 9 days later.

**Training Year**  
(per the SDOC Training Regulations)  
For these purposes, the training year will be from December 1 to November 30 of the following year. The total hours of any class which begins on or before December 1 will be credited to the following training year.



## Editor's Musings

To register for  
any Agility  
class, contact:  
Dee Falk  
at  
262-9762  
or  
deefalk@quest.  
net

It's been quite a year, this 2008. SDOC had many many successes, and not too many problems, at least not ones that showed up on my desk. I am thankful for that, but even more, I am thankful for our wonderful and growing member-ship. We have a number of new members who have jumped right in and helped in many places. I've gotten most of my articles on time and managed to usually get the newsletter out on an appropriate date. I've had a bit of a learning curve with Microsoft Publisher which is the program used to create this newsletter. I'm still learning new tricks which led to the little clip art decora-tions in this edition.

One thing that would make me very grateful is if more members would submit pictures from obedience and agility trials. I could sure use a regular photo-grapher to take pictures at the SDOC events. I find myself usually involved in other areas such as stewarding and scorekeeping so that my good intentions of lots of pictures fail. Someone on whom I could depend for pictures would be treasured. I could also use more 'reporters' who would write up stories of events or experiences and submit them. I know that there is a lot more 'news' out there.

All in all, it's been a good year for ye olde editor, and we look forward to the next one. Happy Holidays, whichever ones may apply to your household. See you in print next year!

—Laurel Drew, Editor

## Rally Classes & Drills

*Jane Winkler*

REMINDER:  
Drills cost \$5  
per dog per  
session.

The new Rally Beginner's session will start on Sunday, January 11. I will start at 3:00p.m. and will run for six weeks. Students MUST have basic obedience skills—sit, down, stand, stay and heel. Contact the Registrars to sign up for this class. It will be limited to a total of 12 students. All the rally signs for all levels will be covered.

We are pleased that so many of our students have qualified in Rally, and we want to keep you all as competitive as possible. Practice your signs and short exercises during the holidays, and we'll have a headstart in getting ready for the spring trials!

And please remember to have a safe and HAPPY Holiday Season.

—Jane Winkler

To register for  
any Obedience  
class, contact:  
Marcia Sullivan  
At 286-2617

An advanced run-thru session will follow the Novice session. It is aimed at dogs and handlers who can already work individual signs and want to practice more advanced work.

If there are any errors in this notice, please blame your editor; I'm working from some brief notes and my memory.



# Upcoming Agility Classes

Dee Falk

**NOTE: DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!** We will make every effort to keep persons registered for classes informed of these changes. If in doubt, please contact the Agility Training Director, Dee Falk (262-9762 or defalk@quest.net).

## PUPPY AGILITY:

Tues. Oct 21 at 6:15 pm —tentative, need instructor

## AGILITY PREP:

Thurs. Oct 2 at 6:15 pm —Newsted & Glover

## BEGINNING AGILITY I:

Mon. Oct 6 at 7:30 pm —Need Instructor

## BEGINNING AGILITY LEVEL II:

Wed Sept 24 at 6:15 pm —Hannah/ Carl Agee

## JUMPERS CLASS

Wed. at 6:15 pm —Started March 26, 2008

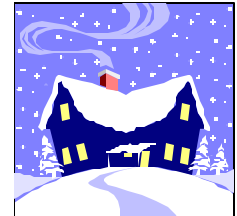
## INTERMEDIATE AGILITY I and II:

Wed. Oct. 15 at 7:30 pm —Julie Fillinger (II)  
Sun. Ongoing at 6:30 pm -Phyl Collier (I & II)  
Please contact Phyll Collier directly.

## COMPETITION DRILL CLASS:

This is an ongoing drill type class with instruction for any competition level. Handling skills and course interpretation will be the focus. Drop-ins welcome. Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m. starting June 14, 2008. \$5 per class. Toi Tsohoh, Trainer. Please call 203-0861 to confirm time.

Sunday agility drill started May 18th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Phyllis Collier or Melanie Mead for details. Drill classes are not held on local trial week-ends. See event calendar at [www.swcp.com/sdoc/](http://www.swcp.com/sdoc/)



# Happy Holidays

## The Usual Holiday Culprits

As usual, I want to warn folks about the Holiday culprits that can lead to an unwanted trip to the vet.

Keep all foods under cover and away from your hounds (cats too). Turkey fat and skin may seem like a wonderful treat for your pets, but it can quickly lead to diarrhea and a thoroughly spoiled holiday. Limit turkey treats! Also, watch out when you are baking those cookies. Chocolate, especially bakers chocolate can lead to death. Don't panic if FiFi eats a couple M&Ms, but much more than that is verboten!

Watch out for tinsel and tree ornaments. They can really tear up a dog's innards. One thing I do to lessen the tree hazard is to hang bells on all the lower branches as an early warning system. Putting the tree in an ex-pen also works nicely.

Remember that poinsettias can cause illness, and mistletoe can kill. Most plants and dogs should not come in contact during the winter season. Enjoy that amaryllis on a high counter or mantel.

Just use logic, if it could hurt a human, it could hurt a pet. Have a Happy Holiday.

Join SDOC's  
YAHOO! group:  
**SandiaDogOC**  
**@yahoogroups**  
**.com**  
Contact  
Rosemary Burtch  
at  
rosybee@earthli  
nk.net with  
questions



## The Prez Sez

*Vickee Jones, President*

Contact Jeff  
Robb at  
345-9681  
or  
[jeffreym.robb@  
verizon.net](mailto:jeffreym.robb@verizon.net)

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2008. As if we haven't stayed busy enough with our dogs and club activities, the holiday rush will soon be upon us. The partying started at the club with the Halloween meeting. Many dogs were in costumes ranging from cute to cool to creepy. Much laughter ensued as they paraded around the training room with Jeff Robb emceeing both the costume parade and games. Cathy Robb headed the hospitality table with help from many including Peggy Coleman. Marco and Kim Banales weren't able to attend, but decorated our front walk with lots of pumpkins to set the mood. Thanks to all!

To order SDOC  
t-shirts and  
sweatshirts,  
contact Estelle  
Metz  
Stay warm or  
be cool, in  
style!

The agility seminar was the final event the club hosted for the year. Kudos to Dee Falk, Lisa Barry and all others involved in its success. Thanks also to all the club members who volunteered to clean the agility field prior to the seminar.

During this busy time of year I hope each and every one of you find a moment to relax, reach down and pet your dog and be thankful for all you have. We will be collecting canned/boxed goods to donate to a local food bank again this year. You may leave your donations in the training room by December 14.

Also, please make time to attend our last two meetings of the year. Each meets a week early due to the holidays. Our November meeting, which includes our Election, will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The December meeting falls on the 19<sup>th</sup> which includes the popular doggie gift exchange. For our newer members – if you wish to participate you bring an unwrapped dog toy for each dog you bring. It's hard to say who has the most fun – the dogs picking out their toys or the members watching.

Happy Holidays!

---Vickee & the Gordon Girls

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
TO  
OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND  
THEIR DOGS!***

# Brag, Brags, and More Brags!

*Any title, any venue, any sport*

- Pat White's Standard Schnauzer, Corey (Ch. Von Stocker's Jazz Encore) finished her CDX with a first place at the Bouvier National Specialty show & trial. YAY!!!!
- Lynn Black has a pretty big brag this month! Her Belgian Sheepdog, Windy, earned her first two Novice legs at the SDOC trial in Sept., then finished her CD the next weekend in Greeley, CO. The next weekend, she was bOB both days at the Colorado Club show. Lynn says, "Since she still needed a major to finish her CH, we headed off to the highly competitive Canton, TX show. Go figure—Valencia Valley is 3 miles from my house so I drive 750 miles to show!" A good move though, Windy was WB/BW both days earning back to back 4 point majors to finish!! Windy is now known as Ch. TakiShan Black Mariah CD RA CGC. WOW!!!
- Kim Terrill took first place in Grand Prix at the USDAA national agility specialty in Phoenix. Don't know who she took, but I suspect it's her super little BC. Congrats, Kim!!!
- Laurel Drew's young greyhound, Cinder (Huntington's Cinderella) earned her Junior Courser title, her first leg on her Junior Oval Racer title, and two more points toward her Championship in the last three weeks. Busy little gal for sure!
- Marcie Jensen's Rumor (Dobe) won the Fast Class and Open JWW in Lubbock recently. Congrats on breaking that long dry spell!!
- Leonore Abordo's Py earned his AKD Field Championship with a 5 pt. major. His name is now: FC Avalon Victorian Pyre CGC, GRC, RTD, SC RA FCh. WOW!!!



Has your dog accomplished something new? E-mail all the details to the Editor. AND—if there's a "CH" or "X" anywhere in that title, please include a picture of your dog!

## Jeff's Stuff!

*Jeff Robb, Obedience TD*

I want to thank all of the obedience trainers that taught classes for SDOC this year. Your efforts were appreciated immensely, and you contributed to the success of our Club. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group willing to teach our classes.

In order to acknowledge the time and effort our trainers have put in, please report your training hours for the year to the Obedience Training Director before Thanksgiving—yes, count those hours that may go beyond Turkey Day and to the end of December. Please (e-mail or snail mail) to me at the Club P.O. Box or [jeffreym.robb@verizon.net](mailto:jeffreym.robb@verizon.net). These hours are the basis for our Trainer's Award in honor of Helen Yarwood, a dedicated trainer who died several years ago.

After you take a holiday break, I will be back asking you to help us out again next year. Enjoy your Holidays, think about what classes you want to train next year, and THANKS again.



**SDOC October Meeting Minutes, Cont. from P. 9**

**Announcements:**

- Lynn Finley reported people from the Batan Park neighborhood lodged complaints with the mayor's office following the Golden Retriever match at the park. The GR club is trying to work with the mayor's office to straighten out the problems.
- Annual collections for the Roadrunner Food Bank will begin next week.
- Please remember that Pet Vet Market offers SDOC members a 10% discount on kibble when you present your SDOC membership card.
- The awards banquet will be at the Mountain View club on January 4, 2009. Watch the newsletter for details, especially the application for plaques and title bars.
- Membership renewal forms will be in the newsletter.
- Marcia Sullivan is retiring as Obedience Registrar. If you are interested in taking on this job, please contact Vickee.

Dee can be reached at  
262-9762  
or  
[deefalk@qwest.net](mailto:deefalk@qwest.net)

**Membership:**

**First Readings:** Bill and Nita Burns

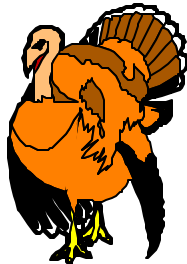
Diane Davis

Richard Cummings

Susan Neal

**Second Reading:** Karen Seabrook, Clinton Wolf and Lyn Martin were unanimously elected into membership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.



*HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL!*

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**Officers, Board of Directors & Others**  
*2008*

**Members of the Board:**

Officers:

President: Vickee Jones

Vice President: Richard Irlend

Treasurer: Maggie Gee

Corresponding Secretary: Estelle Metz

Recording Secretary: Laura Echeverria

Board of Directors:

Pam Sehmer, Toi Tschohl, Karen Paone,

Bob Hall, Susan McGowan

**Ongoing Programs:**

Obedience Director: Jeff Robb

Agility Director: Dee Falk

Editor: Laurel Drew

Production Staff: Nancy Pollock and Saul Rovinsky

Web Wizard: Lynn Wilson

Thank you one and all!

# SDOC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

*Maggie Gee, Substitute Recording Secretary*

**Call to Order:** President Vickee Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the training room of the SDOC training facility at 7050 San Pedro NE in Albuquerque.

**Attendance:** Board members attending were Vickee Jones, Estelle Metz, Maggie Gee, Laura Echeverria, Karen Paone, and Richard Irland.

**Recording Secretary:** Minutes of the September general meeting were approved as written.

**President's Report:**

- Thanks to John Welby for replacing the barrel for the chute. Phyllis Collier is now working on the chute.
- Thanks to Kim and Marco Banales for the pumpkins outside the building.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- For the month ended September 30, 2008, SDOC has a net operating profit of \$3,196. Revenues for the month totaled \$27,175 (includes training class revenue \$3,358, Obedience Trial entry fees of \$7,835, Agility Trial entry fees of \$15,357, and raffle proceeds of \$625). Expenses for the month totaled \$23,979. Cumulative year to date through September 30, 2008, SDOC has a net operating profit of approximately \$19,679 compared to a year -to-date profit at the same time in 2007 of \$27,434.
- Detail report is available for review by appointment with Maggie Gee.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:**

- AKC is requesting information on our new board of directors.
- AKC has processed the results of the September agility trial.
- AKC sent us a list of the nominated delegates.
- Estelle has a vendor (MalMom Designs) she would like to invite to the obedience trials.
- Barb Mitchell suggests that we add a line for email addresses and phone numbers to the judges' contracts. The contracts will be updated when we have used up the current supply.

**Obedience Director's Report:**

- Classes are finishing up for the year. Jeff will be scheduling for January soon.
- Estelle Metz has been promoted to head instructor for Open.

**Agility Director's Report:** There will be a seminar on the agility field on November 15 and 16. Vickee asked for volunteers to come help pull weeds so the field looks sharp for the seminar. Several people volunteered. To help with the clean up, please contact Vickee.

**Tracking Report:** Carolee reported that the VST seminar drew people from several states and was well received. The committee hopes to hold a sanctioned VST test in the spring as a prelude to being certified to hold Variable Surface Tracking tests in the future. The club will host a TD and TDX test this winter.

**Old Business:** The board met Tuesday to review the training regulations. Karen Paone is working to incorporate changes requested during the review. The regulations will be distributed early next year.

**New Business:** The board denied a request from another dog club to rent the training site for a party.

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee presented their slate for the Board of Directors for 2009:

President	Vickee Jones	Board	Pam Sehmer
Vice President	Richard Irland		Toi Tschohl
Treasurer	Maggie Gee		Karen Paone
Cor. Secty	Estelle Metz		Susan McGowen
Rec. Secty	Jacque Obermeyer		

Vickee called for nominations from the floor. There being none, Jeff Robb moved to close the nominations. Elections will be held on November 21.

SDOC Board Meetings are held on the Tuesday *prior* to General Membership meetings at the SDOC Training Building. Minutes are available for review by contacting the Recording Secretary at [lhe@comcast.net](mailto:lhe@comcast.net) or at any General Membership meeting.

Want to become a member? Get an application in the lobby at the Club building, or download from the SDOC web site!

**Cont. P. 8**



SDOC Degree/Title Cards

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Title Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Any Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Plaque/Bar Information**

I **(have) (have not)** received a plaque for the dog earning this title. If you have not received a plaque, please be sure to enter the dog's registered name above, as you would like it printed on the plaque. Only the dog's registered name will be placed on the plaque. The club will play for one plaque per dog for current members in good standing. Owners must pay for bars ordered to indicate titles earned.

Bars are available in either large size or a small size for adding and hanging from the plaque to show the titles earned by the dog. A large bar will cost \$5.00 and a small bar is \$3.50 and this price includes lettering.

If you want to order a bar showing the degrees earned during 2007 (or before), please show in the block below, exactly how you want the inscription to be engraved on the bar. Do not show the dog's name again as it is already on the plaque. Please write neatly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Bar \$5.00

(3 ¾ in w x 3/4in h)

(3 lines avail; max of 25 letters/space per line)

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Bar \$3.50

(2 ½ in w x ¾ in h)

(2 lines avail; max of 10 letters/space per line)

**Use a separate form for each dog getting a bar.** Please submit the completed form, along with your check to SDOC, P. O. Box 93053, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3053 **by December 15, 2007** (in order to have engraving ready for the annual awards banquet). Any questions, please call Maggie Gee at 856-7907.



# 2008 SDOC Membership Renewal

Folks: It's that time of year again to renew your SDOC membership. SDOC's year runs from January 1 to December 31.

Membership renewal forms and dues for 2008 are to be submitted by January 1, 2008. *As stated in the SDOC By-Laws, "A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the fiscal year. After this grace period, any member who has not paid their dues will automatically be dropped and will have to reapply for membership in the club.*

Annual dues: \$20 for individual (\$5 for jr. member) \$30 for family  
For questions or further information, please call Maggie Gee 856-7907

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## 2008 SDOC Membership Renewal Form

**Please complete neatly as information is used for SDOC directory and S&N mailing..**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ City,State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_ Dog breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual membership (\$20)\_\_\_\_\_ Family membership (\$30)\_\_\_\_\_

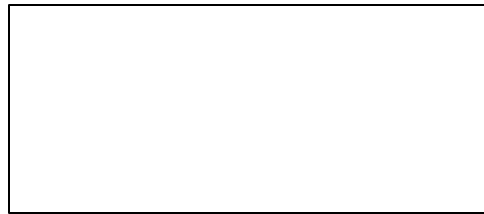
**Please indicate areas that you would be willing to help SDOC:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone committee**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Instruction**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Stewarding**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Clerical/word processing**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Maintenance**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Trial Setup**      **Other**\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form and check remittance by January 1, 2008 to:  
SDOC, P. O. Box 93053, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3053**

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## Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

**F**uture Board Meetings (in the Office at the SDOC training building) - always at 6:30 p.m.

- July 22
- August 26
- September 23
- October 28
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20



Future General Membership Meetings (in the SDOC training building) - always at 7:00 p.m.

- July 25
- August 29
- September 26
- October 31
- November 21
- December 19
- January 4 (Awards Brunch)



Remember: see [http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc\\_events](http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc_events) for local events.