



Highland Tartan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope we make it through this rainy spring with white and tidy Westies ready for our Specialty Show and Sweepstakes on April 13 and the supported entries at the other Northern California Terrier Association and Sacramento Kennel Club shows. Digging in the wet grass can make that "clean thing" a bit of a challenge. If you can attend, we'd love to see you. An announcement of the ring number and judging time can be found further into the newsletter. There will also be a no host dinner at the Elephant Bar Friday evening.

The slate of 2018 officers and board of directors that was presented to the members by the nominating committee, Linda Gilcrest, Chair, David Snook and Kim Smith, at the December meeting was elected to office at the January meeting held at Pet Food Express in Danville. Elected at the annual meeting are Kim Smith, Vice President; Jim Gilcrest, Treasurer; Lisa Blutman, Secretary and Sherry Byrd, Board Member; Bruce Campbell, Board Member IPP and new to the board is Winnie Noble. I am again club President for 2018.



Nancy Berger sent the Pet Food Express manager a thank you. They not only allowed us to hold our meeting in their conference room at no charge, but also offered our members that purchased items a discount that day.

Attendance at the meeting was excellent. 23 members were present for the meeting and program. Pam Whiting, DVM, a club member as you know, gave a very helpful presentation on emergency care for dogs. Many thanks to Pam for giving us her time which fell in the middle of her house move. I so appreciate her generosity.

I hope you'll plan to attend our June meeting. Sherron Corner and her Westies will present a demonstration of "Trick Dog". Dogs are given, depending on their registration number, five or ten tricks to perform. One trick is to hold a treat on the muzzle for a period of time. This is an American Kennel Club recognized title. Check the events calendar in the Tartan for the date. The presentation will be held on the grounds of the UC campus Hayward.



The location is perfect even in warm weather. There's plenty of lawn with cypress trees for shade. Bring your dogs and a pot luck dish. Sounds like fun.

I also want to again remind our members that if we are to continue to schedule informal gatherings each year, we need the participation of our members. If we are to continue offering the lure course, along with the pot luck lunch, and other events each year, we need volunteers to chair and organize the events. We need volunteers for set-up, tear-down and delivery of equipment. And, we need volunteers to help operate the lure course track. Please get involved.

Linda Gilcrest has agreed to chair the Lure Course Exploratory Committee along with Jim Gilcrest, Pam Whiting and Sherry Byrd. There was discussion at the January meeting and several suggestions were made. One was to offer the lure course equipment for sale to any other club that may be interested in buying it with the condition that our club members would be invited to participate at events where it would be in use. Another suggestion was to keep the lure course equipment and continue to use it at our fun day events. However, that would be on the condition that a member would store it and deliver it to events. There isn't storage room in the club trailer because of the fencing that's used to confine the dogs during the lure course run. The last suggestion was to sell it without any strings attached and not have the use of it. If you have an idea as to how best to deal with this issue, please contact Linda or any of the other members of the committee.

Congratulations to club members, Ron and Cindy Kangas on winning our 2017 fund raiser prize. The Kangas' won the beautiful tartan wool quilt beautifully designed and constructed by Helaine Campbell at the drawing held at our annual holiday luncheon and meeting. And, thank you members and friends of the club so much for your support of the club. The funds raised help to pay for our programs.



The 2018 SFBWHWTC membership directory was mailed to the members recently. If you didn't get a copy, please let me know and I'll email it to you or you can request a hard copy and I'll send it to you.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Linda Gilcrest for accepting the Webmaster responsibilities. It's a big job. We're going to let Linda decide if she'll need assistance. We may be calling on some of you for help. Thank you Lisa and Kim for your help



collecting the website information for the new and improved website and for working with the GoDaddy people in the design.

Gail Krieger, President & Membership Chairperson

SAN FRANCISCO BAY **WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB**

2018 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT – GAIL KRIEGER

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2018 COMMITTEES

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – MARIE THOMPSON

EDUCATION AND PROGRAM – DAVID SNOOK, NANCY BERGER

MEMBERSHIP – GAIL KRIEGER OBEDIENCE

RALLY AND PERFORMANCE – NANCY BERGER

SPECIALTY SHOW AND SWEEPSTAKES – LISA BLUTMAN

STANDING MATCH AND SHOW – GAIL KRIGER, LISA BLUTMAN, SHERRY BYRD, KIM SMITH

SUNSHINE – NANCY BERGER

WEBMASTER – LINDA GILCREST

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WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA LIAISON – LISA BLUTMAN



Please consider volunteering your time by serving on one of the Club's committees. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and to help shape the future of our organization. If you are interested, please contact Gail Krieger, gailaurie@hotmail.com. *We are presently in need of a membership chairperson. Membership Chair responsibilities are fairly limited. A once a year renewal notice is mailed no later than November 30 of each year. Membership dues are collected, recorded and forwarded to the Treasurer. Dues are considered past due on March 1. After that time a membership directory is revised and emailed to the members (those not listing an email address in the directory or upon request are sent a hard copy). Other duties are to receive new membership applications and membership fees, advise the newsletter editor for announcement in the Tartan and read applications at first and second applicant's meeting attendance. This is an important responsibility but doesn't require a great amount of time. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!*



Milton – Loving life

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Annual Meeting	1-21-18	Danville
Spec & Sweepstakes	4-13-18	Cal Expo, Sacramento
Spring Mtg & Program	6-2-18	Cal St East Bay, Hayward
Fall Fun Day & Picnic	9-22-18	To Be Announced
Spec & Sweepstakes	10-20-18	Alameda Frgd, Pleasanton
Holiday Mtg & Luncheon	12-1-18	Brass Door, San Ramon



If your city, township or county has a website Community Calendar, please ask for permission to post our club events and dates

Visit us online at <http://www.sfbaywestieclub.com> for the latest news and updates!

The HIGHLAND TARTAN is published at least four times per year in March, June, September and December. We encourage any Club Member to submit articles or information which they feel would be of interest to the Club. Please send material of interest to the Editor by the first day of the month of publication. All materials are published at the discretion of the Editor. Opinions are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Editor or the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club. Send materials for publication Gail Krieger, gailaurie@hotmail.com

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Advertisement costs for a Full Page: \$20.00; Half Page: \$10.00; Business Card size: \$15.00; for 4 issues.

Whelping Box: List litter announcements in the Tartan: Number of dog and bitch puppies, sire, dam, whelp date and owners. \$5/ issue, members only.

Please make **check Payable to SFBWHWTC** Payment must accompany advertisement. Send payment to: *Jim Gilcrest, 1440 Happy Valley Rd, Soquel, CA 95073*



**2018 SAN FRANCISCO BAY WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB OFFICERS
AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**FUN DAY CHAIRPERSON NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 22 EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT
GAIL KRIEGER, gailaurie@hotmail.com TO VOLUNTEER**



SKUNK ODOR ELIMINATOR

Unknown author

Nothing quite compares to a frightened skunk's sulfury calling card. The faster you eliminate the oily residue, the greater your chances of neutralizing the odor. For hard surfaces, add a cup of bleach to a gallon of warm water and start swabbing the deck as soon as possible. For washable rugs, slipcovers, and pillows, a thorough cleansing (or two) with regular laundry detergent should do the trick. As for your unlucky pup, mix a 32-ounce bottle of hydrogen peroxide with a quarter cup of baking soda and two teaspoons of liquid dish detergent, and apply to your pet's wet coat. Let the solution stay on the dog's hair for 5 to 10 minutes, then rinse well and repeat, if needed. This formula usually works like a charm. And if you're wondering why tomato juice isn't mentioned it's because it doesn't work. So spare your pooch the experience and use the juice for your next Bloody Mary instead.

BEWARE OF WILD MUSHROOMS

Unknown author

The *Amanita phalloides* is the number one cause of fatal mushroom poisonings worldwide. Originally found in Europe, it has proved to be highly adaptable to new lands and new mycorrhizal hosts. Death caps now occur around the world, from Australia to South America, but nowhere have they found a place more to their liking than in the oak strewn State of California. In the San Francisco Bay Area, *Amanita phalloides* can be found at all times of the year. Death Caps are most abundant during the heart of our fall and early winter rainy season, but they can also appear through late spring, and even during rainless summers, in areas of coastal fog drip or in stands of irrigated oaks

The scent of a Death Cap can be pleasant and sweet in youth, or foul and fishy as it decays. What puppy wouldn't give a sniff to that? Though the highest density of occurrences of Death Caps is around the San Francisco Bay Area, there are two distinct ranges in the United States. One is along the west coast (as far south as Los Angeles County and north to Vancouver Island, Canada) and the second is on the East Coast (from the Atlantic Coastal Plain of Maryland northward to the White Mountains of New Hampshire and east to the coastal islands of Maine). In California, Death Caps are associated with Coast Live Oak trees, in Oregon with chestnut or filbert trees and on the East Coast with pines. Death Caps contain acutely toxic amatoxins, which can result in liver failure or death. The most promising treatment is intravenous Silibinin, a derivative of milk thistle. Experts say that the range of the Death Cap is spreading and they are becoming more prolific. Dog owners need to take heed.

If you see Death Caps in your yard or dog park, pick them and bag them. But as a local ranger said....err on the side of caution... pick everything, bag it all and throw them out. There are other mushrooms out there that can kill. (i.e., *Amanita ocreata*, The Death Angels and *Galerina marginata*, the Deadly Galerina) If a Death Cap is ingested **SEEK MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY**. A 50/50% water/hydrogen peroxide mixture can be used to induce vomiting and may help save your pup as it's rushed to a veterinarian.

IMPORTANT LINKS

<http://bayareamushrooms.org/poisonings/index.html> or
http://bayareamushrooms.org/mushroommonth/amanita_phalloides.html





ANNUAL Spring
Specialty and Sweepstakes

The annual Spring Specialty and Sweepstakes will take place on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Cal-Expo in Sacramento.

Westie Sweepstakes will begin at 10:15 AM IN Ring 7

Regular Classes to follow Sweepstakes

This is in the main building of the Cal-Expo grounds.

Enter off Exposition Blvd from Business 80. Park in the main parking lot and come on up. There are a wide variety of vendors.

There will be a no-host dinner following the show at the Elephant Bar Restaurant.

Contact Lisa Blutman (lisa.blutman@aol.com) or
Gail Krieger (gailurie@hotmail.com) for assistance or questions

Who will be this years winners?



2018 SFBWHWTC Fundraiser



Black Leather Radley Handbag with Radley the Dog Key Fob – First Place Prize

Novelty Print Radley the Scottish Dog Motif Handbag – Second Place Prize

Burgundy Leather Wallet with Radley the Dog Logo – Third Place Prize

Donation of \$10 per raffle ticket or 3 raffle tickets for \$20 for a chance to win one of the three Radley items pictured above

Drawing will be held at the SFBWHWTC holiday luncheon and meeting on December 1 – winners need not be present





Nessie Gilcrest and Claire enjoying Easter Sunday

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