

# MEMBER OF THE MONTH-RUTH NUNN

I was born in Washington D.C. and lived in Takoma Park, MD until my father was recruited to work as Comptroller at Cal Ship on Terminal Island. He drove to start immediately while mother stayed to sell the house and enlist our German Shepherd Dog in the Coast Guard. My mother, grandmother, little sister and I followed on a train that turned out to be mostly a troop train transporting military personnel from the east coast to the west coast.

I have lived in Long Beach, Garden Grove, LaHabra, Hawthorne, Lawndale and back to Long Beach. I am divorced with 2 sons; Mitch who lives in Long Beach and is a respected actor/director at the the Long Beach Community Playhouse and Ramsey who lives in Memphis Tennessee, works in the offices of an Intramodular Freight company on the Mississippi River and is the father of my 2 lovely granddaughters.



I trained my first obedience dog, a Sheltie mix, when I was 12 years old but never competed with him because I got into horses. In my teen years, I competed in horse shows, gymkhanas and in rodeos as hazer for bulldoggers. I was also on a drill team and rode in parades.

After my marriage, we had Bulldogs (husband's choice) but in 1965 I fell heir to a Samoyed (which became my breed of choice for 52 years). My Sams and I earned 4 UDs, 5 CDXs, 2 CDs plus 5 UCDXs and 5 ASCA CDXs. I also had a Silky Terrier and a German Short Hair Pointer which earned CDs. One of my Sams was the first Samoyed to earn an AKC Herding Title and another also earned her HS on sheep. Two of them were trained as my Service Dog for their lifetimes.

I trained my first Sam at SWOC with Howard Cross. I became his assistant trainer for a couple of years and then apprenticed under Homer Wilson at SAVKC. I have trained advanced Obedience Classes for CHAOS, a private training school and Lomita Obedience Training Club.

My current dog is Stella, a 4 year old hound mix acquired from the Long Beach ASPCA to become my newest Service Dog when Ty became too old to do the job. I needed a wash and wear dog which bonded to me

immediately and she filled both those bills. She is the most intuitive dog I have ever had and loves to

work. The great surprise is that she loves to retrieve and jump and even likes the obedience ring. After 8 years out of competition, she has put me right back in the game. She has earned her BN and CD and is currently working in Open. (Sometimes her rules, not AKCs).

I also belong to CHAOS and Lomita Obedience Training Club for which I am Council Representative. I serve as Corresponding Secretary for Southern California Obedience Council and am Chairman of the Top Dog Rules Committee.

My fondest memory of my obedience career is the final leg of our first UD, at which I made history by fainting.

I guess that's about all I have to tell. Some would call it a boring life but I have no complaints, I have loved every minute of it

Obediently,

*Ruth*



