

## 2018 High Point Champions: Steve Moody & Maddie



**STEVE MOODY AND MADDIE OF VALLEY FORD, CA**, are our 2018 High Point Champions. The championship is awarded annually to the dog and handler team scoring the highest total number of points across all our designated points trials for the year.

Maddie is a female border collie, three years old during the 2018 trial season, bred by Chris Cornett of Tomales, CA.

The championship team receives a custom trophy buckle or similar prize and has their names inscribed on the “Association perpetual trophy and record of Champions.”

In the photo above, Steve is holding the two perpetual trophies inscribed with the names of all our champions. Many of those names are Steve’s, as he has now won our annual championship eight times. He previously won in 1984 and

1987 with his dog, Ruby; in 1989, 1990, 1993 and 1995 with his dog, JoJo; and in 2017 and 2018 with Maddie.

Only one handler in our 72-year history has won our annual championship more times than Steve Moody. The late Les Bruhn won a total of eleven championships.

Steve served as our 2018 Vice President and is our 2019 President Elect.



## Most Improved Novice Handler

**Above, left to right: Rainy Minton and Marnie Nunnemaker**

I first met Marnie Nunnemaker when we both attended a 2015 RESDA clinic with Bill Berhow. Marnie’s female border collie, EmmaToo, was heavily pregnant with her first litter, so both Marnie and Emma were spectators at the clinic. Even though Emma was trained as a cattle dog, and Marnie and Emma were just beginning to explore sheep herding, after a while, Emma could stand to remain on the sidelines no longer. When Berhow gave an “Away” command to another dog, Emma took it, and sped across the field.

Time has shown the passion and drive propelling Emma across the field that day run deep in both Emma and Marnie’s lines. After carefully testing Emma and her pups, Nellie and Val, through RESDA Pro Novice trials beginning at the 2017 Potter Valley Classic Sheep Dog Trial, Marnie and her team stepped up to open at the 2018 Humboldt County Fair Sheep Dog Trial, where Val took second place and Emma took fourth. They followed up a few weeks later at the 2018 Potter Valley Trial, where Val won the Open trial while Emma placed third and Nellie fifth, besting a full crowd of seasoned RESDA competitors.

We all share a passion for our dogs and we all love winning. What’s extraordinary about Marnie, voted **Most Improved Novice Handler** at the 2018 Fall Meeting, is that she offers a level of enthusiasm and support to other handlers and their dogs equal to what she offers her own dogs. In addition to her own exceptional trial performance, Marnie mentored her grand-niece, Rainy Minton, in succeeding in our Youth trials this year.

Her signature phrase, “*I’ve got the best dog on the field,*” is a sentiment Marnie shares so generously that you end up thinking she is talking about your dogs. That’s the impression I received at the Bill Berhow Clinic years ago, and it has remained ever since.

*Story: Sharon J. Heringer*  
*Photo credit: Tori Nunnemaker Minton*

## 2018 Chub Johnson Award: Donna Lea Beebe

**2018 WAS** a breakout trial year for Donna Lea Beebe. The daughter and granddaughter of RESDA High Point Champions, Donna competed in RESDA trials as a youth, but walked away and did not return until 2013.

In May 2018, Donna and her border collie, Meg, won their first trial—in the cattle dog class at Steve and Jeannie Moody’s Valley Ford Challenge. In August 2018, Donna and Meg won their first sheep dog trial—and trophy buckle—at the Sonoma County Fair. In case there were any doubts about their readiness to take home the buckle, Donna and Meg followed up by easily winning their second buckle at the Mendocino County Fair Finals Trial in September.

Although 2018 brought a new level of trial

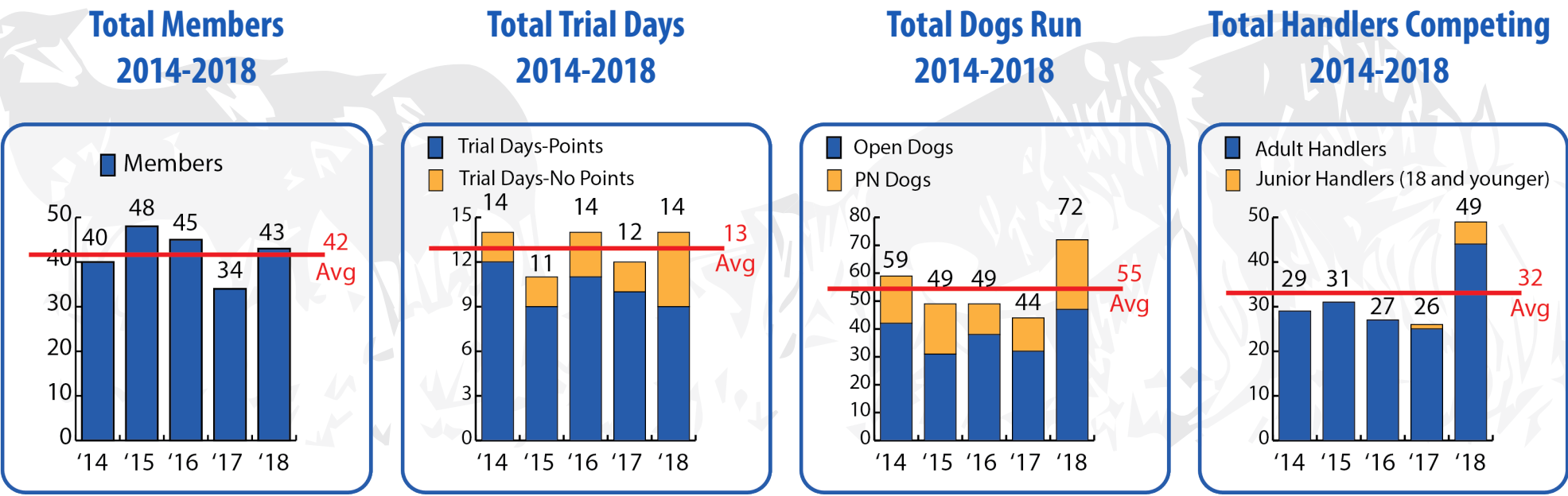
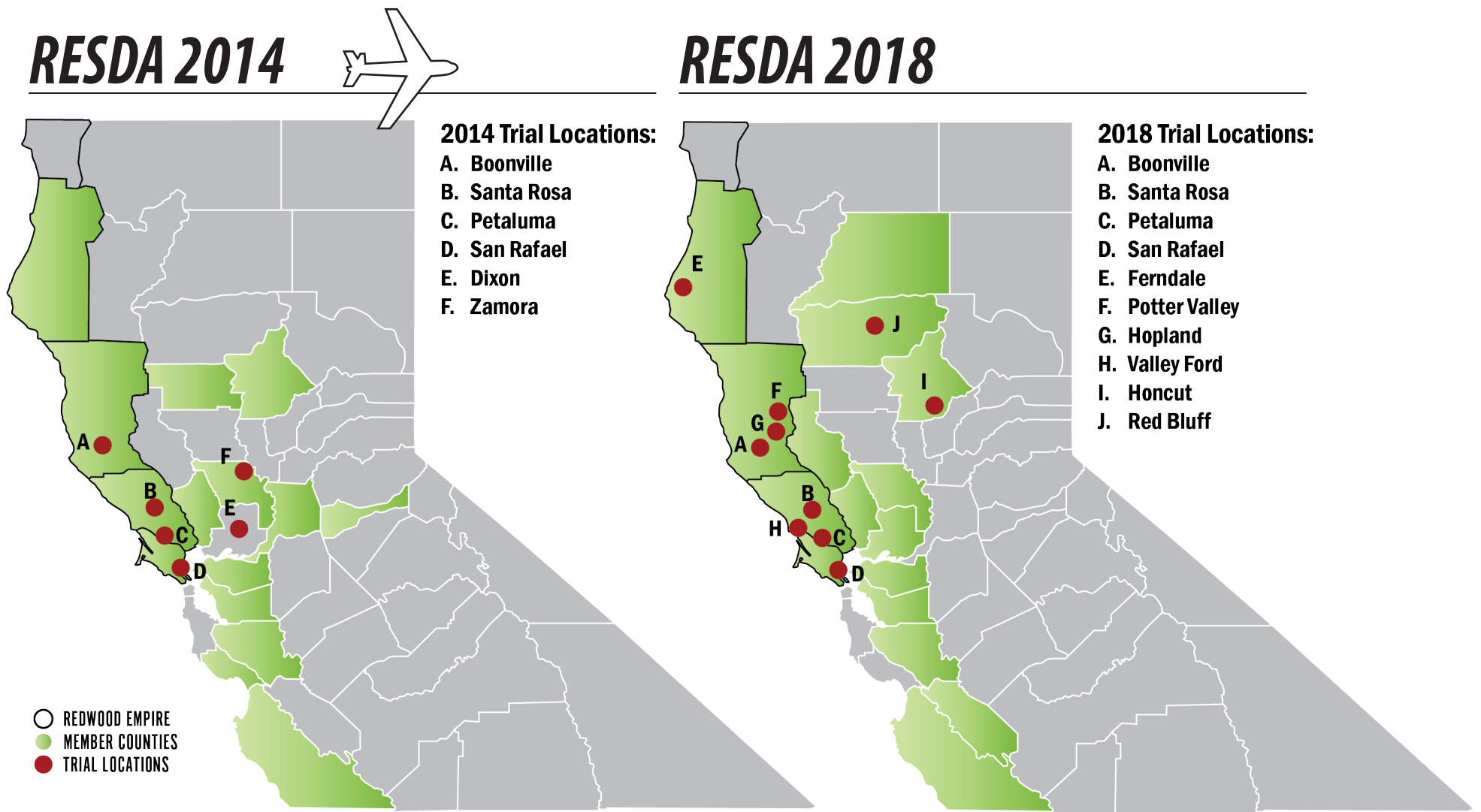
success, what hasn’t changed is Donna’s commitment to supporting the Association her family helped establish. Last year she demonstrated that commitment by leading the sheep committee, serving as our historian and organizing trial awards as well as serving on our Board of Directors as Past President. On top of all that, Donna manages to haul course equipment in the back of her Ram truck, whip up a gorgeous RESDA cake and support a PeeWee run when needed, while also running her own dogs. In recognition of her substantial contributions, members selected Donna to receive the 2018 Chub Johnson trophy, which is awarded annually to one member who made the greatest contributions to the Association that year. Donna also won the Chub Johnson trophy for 2017.



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## 2018 High Point Championship | Top Ten Teams (of 31 Competing)

EACH YEAR the dog and handler team scoring the highest cumulative points across all RESDA trials is awarded the High Point Championship. The 2018 total was calculated as the sum of the seven best scores. Each trial counts a maximum of 50 points towards the Championship. Each handler draws one “no point” trial, shown as NP, or judging assignment at the annual Spring Meeting. Scores for the 2018 top ten High Point contenders are shown below. The complete roster can be viewed online at [www.RESDA.com](http://www.RESDA.com).

	Handler Name	Dog Name	Top 7 Trials	Spring Trial	Tango Farms	Sonoma Marin	Marin County	Beebe-Johnson	Sonoma County	Mendo Elim	Potter Valley	Fall Trial
1	Steve Moody	Maddie	230.5	32.0	24.5	27.5	36.5	33.5	40.5	Judge	36.0	24.0
2	Donna Beebe	Meg	194.0	11.5	31.5	Judge	16.5	32.0	42.5	35.5	24.5	0.0
3	Sharon Heringer	True	192.5	19.5	25.5	18.0	26.0	Judge	36.0	28.0	30.5	27.0
4	Karen Kollgaard	Timbre	179.5	Judge		10.5	30.0	27.0	30.0	27.5	39.5	15.0
4	Steve Moody	Roadie	179.5	20.5	0.5	29.0	25.0	35.5	12.5	Judge	31.0	26.0
6	Catlyn Gilman	Bailee	174.0	19.0	35.5	28.5	22.5	19.0	13.5	29.5	Judge	20.0
7	Alison Ruhe	Jazz	151.0	NP	33.5	16.0	0.0	35.5	15.5	33.5	17.0	
7	Catlyn Gilman	Remmy	151.0	19.0	26.5	13.0	16.0	38.5	11.0	17.0	Judge	21.0
9	Carolyn Erdman	Jude	147.5	NP	21.5	28.5	28.0	24.0	11.0	0.0	34.5	
10	Colleen Duncan	Lucy	147.0	14.5	Judge				41.0	41.0	26.5	24.0