

March Skiing

I am publishing this edition of Sue's News and Views from the mountains. Robert and I are enjoying a snow vacation in Incline Village, Nevada staying with Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey and Sierra at a condo for a few days. Yesterday we were all on the slopes. Today, day #2, we stayed off the slopes what with intermittent rain and snow. This made for a good day to rest and unwind. The kids enjoyed frosting over 3 dozen sugar cookies (I baked before heading to the mountains). Then they were off to do some rock climbing followed by a game of Upwords, playing in the snow and working on a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle.



Nose to Ground

I added yet another dog related activity to my repertoire—I took on being committee chairperson for the 2017 tracking test for our local dog club. This meant organizing meetings and making sure everything was in order for a test on March 12 for handlers and their dogs to compete for a title in tracking. Tracking is a technique in which dogs are trained to locate certain objects by using the object's scent. Many of these dogs will go on to become search and rescue dogs.



Drawing Campaign

I recently posted a special promotion for my drawings on my susieimages facebook page asking anyone who would like a drawing done from one of their photos to post it to be randomly selected. The winner was Lea Ronald; she wanted a drawing of her 2016-2017 exchange student. Turns out I did a drawing (for fun) of their last exchange student, Angelina, a few years ago so she was delighted when her photo was selected! And just like the first drawing I did, she elected to purchase this drawing as well!



Day Hiking

On March 2nd, we took Dakota and Brooklyn to Sunol Regional Park District, a 6,859-acre wilderness, one we try to take our dogs to every year as it is an off-leash park. I was leery about taking Brooklyn; I wasn't sure if she would keep track of us. Turns out she did just fine. Whenever she ran far ahead on narrow trails, she would turn back and make sure we were following. Whenever we were in open field and ran too far out, we would call her back and she instantly came running. Kim & her Sheltie,



Ceili, also joined us. Lots of cows share this park so it was Brooklyn's first encounter with them. Yes, she barked at them but she learned to be quiet even when they came right up to our picnic table and watched us eat our lunch.

