

CVGS DNA INTEREST GROUP NOTES – 16 November 2022

by Randy Seaver

A) Upcoming CVGS Events

- 1) CVGS General Meeting – Wednesday, 30 November, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted by Randy Seaver and Karen Smith. Speaker is Christine Cohen on “*Immigration: Ports of Entry*” Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5023002>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 2) CVGS Officer Elections to be held at November 30th General Meeting. Candidates for President, Vice President-Membership, Vice President – Programs, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected.
- 3) The in-person CVGS Holiday Party will be Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at the Bonita Museum in Bonita, CA 91902 (4355 Bonita Road) from 12 to 2 p.m. PST. There will be finger food and holiday cookies/treats. The newly elected officers will be installed.
- 4) There will be no CVGS Research Group or DNA Interest Group meetings in December.

B) Recent Genetic Genealogy News

- 1) Watch for DNA Sales at Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, 23andMe and FamilyTreeDNA. There are DNA Discount Sales for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For example, MyHeritageDNA is \$39 – see [Early Black Friday Sale on MyHeritage DNA](#) - \$39 (retail is \$79, expires 16 November). [AncestryDNA test is \\$59](#) (retail is \$99, expires 23 November). [23andMe Ancestry + Traits is \\$79](#) (retail is \$99, expires 23 November). FamilyTreeDNA Family Finder test is \$79 (retail \$99, expires 20 November).
- 2) Blaine Bettinger Blog Post: [Leveraging the Power of Siblings and Cousins to Narrow Relationship Possibilities](#). Included is a link to Jonny Perl’s latest improvement to the Shared DNA cM Tool – see [The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4 with option to add a second amount](#). Now you can add the shared cM values for a second person you match with (say a sibling, niece/nephew, first cousin, etc.) to reduce the number of relationships that your shared match is to you and your second person. Generally, the greater the difference between the two siblings or cousins, the more valuable the tool will be.
- 3) ["The Sawtooth Slayer" by Nathan Dylan Goodwin Was Published](#). Linda Stufflebean has an excellent review at [Hot Off The Presses: The Sawtooth Slayer by Nathan Dylan Goodwin, Book Review](#). You can get the Kindle version for \$5.99 retail or paperback for \$13.99 at Amazon (order it at https://www.amazon.com/Sawtooth-Slayer-Venator-Cold-Case-ebook/dp/B0B8ZP2V6C/ref=sr_1_1)

C) Randy’s Work

1) Finished reading *The Sawtooth Slayer* book. The forensic genealogist team can use only FamilyTreeDNA and GEDmatch to solve criminal or missing persons cases due to privacy concerns. Useful websites to find living people, including newspaper articles, people finders, family trees, etc. The team's process of taking a subject's DNA Match and finding common ancestors with other DNA matches of the subject, creating family trees of the other DNA matches, and then doing descendant research to find identity of the subject match is described.

2) AncestryDNA now has 41,277 DNA matches for me. I added Notes to some of them. MyHeritageDNA now has 10,839 DNA matches for me. Reviewed the new DNA matches on AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andMe.

D) Useful and Interesting DNA Blog Posts

- [Hot Off The Presses: The Sawtooth Slayer by Nathan Dylan Goodwin, Book Review](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#).
- [The Effect of Pedigree Collapse on DNA Matching: A Case Study](#) by Nicole Dyer on [Family Locket](#).
- [I Was Told My Dad Died at War. I Found Him Through MyHeritage DNA — and He's Alive](#) by Daniella on [MyHeritage Blog](#)
- [13 Steps To Help Find Your Native American Ancestors](#) on [FamilyTreeDNA](#).
- [Why Care About Your DNA Matches?](#) by DiAnn Iamarino on [Fortify Your Family Tree](#)
- [Rabbit Holes With Randy - Updating My AncestryDNA Match Table List](#) by Randy Seaver on [Genea-Musings](#).
- [Build Your Family Tree with DNA – An Interview with Diahah Southard](#) on [Family Tree Magazine](#).

E) Useful and Interesting DNA Videos

- Family History Fanatics: [Why Don't These Cousins Share DNA? | Genetic Genealogy Explained](#)
- Lisa Lisson: [DNA Clustering Tools To The Rescue! | Sorting DNA Matches Into Manageable Groups](#)
- Family Tree Webinars (\$\$): [The science behind MyHeritage DNA testing](#) by Gal Zrihen and Ethel Vol.
- BYU Family History Library: [What's New in Genetic Genealogy? with Bonnie Bossert](#)
- Family History Fanatics: [5 Things To Know About DNA Painter Shared cM Tool- Genetic Genealogy](#)
- Lisa Louise Cooke: [What is DNA Painter with Genetic Genealogist Blaine Bettinger](#)
- Family Tree Webinars (\$\$): [Right Place, Right Time, Right Person: Intersections of DNA and Document Evidence](#) by Paul Woodbury.
- Family History Fanatics: [Grandson Shares More DNA With a Match Than Grandfather!!! 😊](#)
- Family History Fanatics: [Why Your Native American DNA Does Not Show Up + More DNA Questions](#)
- Lisa Lisson: [Live DNA Q & A with Mary Eberle, DNA Expert](#)

F) Discussion Items:

- **Judy has 1% Basque ethnicity in her DNA according to Ancestry.**
- **Demonstrated the AncestryDNA Parents Matches**
- **Marshall noted that occasionally the wrong parent is in a tree (or there is a lab mixup).**
- **Randy pleaded for discussion and demonstration ideas for this DNA interest Group.**
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