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Letter from the President

Next General Meeting:

**October 8, 2003
7:30 p.m.
Kirkland Fire Station #27**

Elect AKC Delegate



Once again **WE** have successfully presented our August show and made it out the other side essentially unscathed. This was not a miracle, but simply the result of a lot of people with a common interest, working together to achieve an important goal.

Phil and his hard working grounds crew, assisted by several Sammamish and Specialty club members, spent Wednesday and Thursday locating gear in the trailers, distributing it around the grounds and performing the magic that turned two empty fields into 24 show rings arranged in neat squares. Late Thursday afternoon Muriel, Ken and I finally managed to get the fire lane established around the perimeter of the show grounds just as we were inundated with all the RV's that had been driving up and down 520 waiting for the clock to strike four. The Friday and Saturday Specialties and Agility Trials came together very nicely, again with the assistance of several Sammamish Club members. Washington State Obedience Training Club members joined with Sammamish Club members to test dogs and handlers for the CGC on Saturday afternoon. In the field next to the CGC area, Jessica presented a lively Fly ball demonstration with all the dogs loudly voicing their approval.

Sunday morning preparation for the show was the usual organized chaos that suddenly smoothed out at 8 AM just as the first notes of the National Anthem were broadcast across the show grounds. Vandra covered all of the tables

in blue cloths, followed by Nancy with flowers, just as ring stewards and judges were arriving with more stuff to go on the tables. Karin successfully filled all of the rings with stewards and all of the stewards did a fantastic job according to the judges (and they should know!). Muriel and Reggie put together a Continental breakfast for everyone and then started on their rounds of the rings, delivering refreshments to the judges and ring stewards. Ken grabbed his list and headed to Costco to pick up lunch items and all the other things that we always remember that we need at the last moment. Muriel and Reggie also prepared the tables for lunch and found chairs for everyone between their rounds to the rings. We have got to keep that team together! They do a great job.

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3-Month Calendar

October 8	SAM Meeting 7:30 p.m.
November 12	SAM Meeting 7:30 p.m.
December	Meeting/Holiday Party TBD

All meetings at the Kirkland Fire Station #27 except December and January.

Flyball!



(President's Letter, cont'd)

Deb spent the whole day answering questions at the club table, and Nancy almost sold out of catalogs! Jan wandered the grounds during the day, answering questions and making sure that all was going as planned.

After completing my duties as Obedience Chair, I spent most of the day asking people to please not park in the fire lanes. I gave up counting how many trips Ken made to the Hilton, Seatac Airport and the Wyndham Hotel Sunday afternoon and evening. I do know that we eventually got all of the judges where they wanted to be and they were all happy when they got there.

I admired the speed with which Doug, Bo and the grounds crew got the equipment torn down and stowed Sunday evening. No sooner was the Borzoi announced as the Best in Show winner than I noticed blue tents folded and standing ready to be reloaded in the trailers. The plug was pulled on the PA system and the table it was sitting on folded and stowed in the Abbey Rents truck. And we finished Sunday evening just as we had started Thursday morning, with club members assisting in the grounds clean-up and the stowing of gear. Instead of asking, "Where is ...?", the question was now, "Where does it go?" The last person I saw before I left was Phil, still working on the grounds.

WE make a great team. WE put on a great show. Thank you to every one who assisted in any way to make this show a success.

Respectfully,
Dee Carlson, President

The Sammamish Kennel Club August show featured a Flyball exhibition.

So what is Flyball? Flyball is a team sport that was invented in California in the late 70's. In the early 80's, the sport became so popular that the North American Flyball Association ([NAFA](#)) was formed and became the worldwide authority for Flyball.

Flyball is a relay race with 4 dogs on a team. The course consists of a starting line, 4 hurdles spaced 10 feet apart and a box. The first hurdle is 6 feet from the start line and the box is 15 feet from the last hurdle for a 51 foot overall length. The dogs jump the hurdles and steps on a spring-loaded box that shoots out a tennis ball. The dog catches the tennis ball and then runs back over the 4 hurdles. When the dog crosses the starting line, the next dog goes.

The first team to have all 4 dogs run without errors wins the heat. Tournaments are organized in either double elimination or round robin format.



Photo from <http://eldoradoaussie.tripod.com/flyball.htm>

Minutes from the Last Meeting—September 10, 2003

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Rusty Kingery at 7:30PM. Present were: Jan Leikam, Karin Cartwright, Patty Hull, Rusty Kingery, Reggie Gausman, Vandra Huber, Wendy Galbreath, Bo Gloster, Pat Wilaby, Muriel Clifford, Michael Krolewski

Jan Leikam read the **minutes of the last meeting** which were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – August show projected income of \$2500. Report approved.

Dee is in Hawaii– No Pres. Report

Corresponding Secretary— Report approved.

Discussion of August show. Bo has requested that each Judges Hospitality Chair send separate invitations to each judge and club member for the Hospitality Suite on Saturday evening.

It was decided that Pat Wilaby would send a letter to each specialty club asking for likes and dislikes about the past August show and requesting input which would make our show better.

Patty Hull will send a letter to each of the vendors requesting suggestions from each to improve our show.

Dee has requested that all members with comments about the show should send them in writing to her so that they can be addressed by next year's Show Committee

August 2004 Show Chair: Bo Gloster elected,

January 2005 Show Chair: Pat Wilaby, Chairman with Vandra Huber Co-chairman

Judges' Selection Committee January 2005: Pat Wilaby, Vandra Huber,

Muriel Clifford

Judges Selection Committee August 2005: Bo Gloster, Reggie Gausman, Michael Krolewski

Vandra Huber wanted to state the following to be included in the minutes of this meeting:

Vandra objects to the way in which judges have been selected by one or two people only, including issuing contracts. At the October meeting we will vote on the August 2004 judges slate. She states that the selection person chose a judge for August 2004 that is incompetent and the selection person is judging in that judge's home area later this year.

Nominations were taken for the AKC Delegate. Nominated were Bo Gloster and Jan Leikam. Vandra requested that each nominee submit a profile to the Barker outlining the nominee's qualifications for this office. This position will be voted on at the October notified meeting.

Rusty presented a recommendation from the Board to donate \$400 to the Washington State Obedience Team which is competing in Southern California later this Fall at the Western International Obedience Team Competition. Dee is a member of this team and as Vandra stated that the club doesn't know what we'll get for our money, we should postpone making a decision about this donation until October when Dee will be available to answer questions.

It was also suggested that we run a "Meet the Member" feature in each issue of the Barker/

Received were the resignations of Phil Sallee due to health and of Dodie and Hal Camacia who want to be free to show more often. The contributions of these members have greatly benefited our club and they will be missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM
Respectfully submitted, Jan Leikam



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SKC August Show Results

The following are the group wins and BIS win for the Sammamish Kennel Club show on August 24, 2003.

Sporting: Golden Retriever #117 - CH
Rush Hill's Winner Take All
(SN73396601)

Hound/BIS: Borzoi #34 - CH Keani's
Silver Glacier (HM94499302)

Working: Alaskan Malamute #39 - CH
Williwaw's River Dance (WP86481602)

Terrier: Soft-Coated Wheaten #6 - CH
Doubloon's Playing the Field
(RM32090501)

Toy: Pug #21 - CH Sycamore's Sultan of
Swing (TP21086805)

Non-Sporting: Tibetan Terrier #9 - CH
Sim-Pa Lea's Razzmatazz
(NM80485001)

Herding: Belgian Tervuren #19 - CH
Ember Go's Full Throttle CD
(DL48865402)



NOTICE: On September 10, 2003, the AKC informed the Sammamish Kennel Club that it was elected as a member of the American Kennel Club.

Thanks to Jan Leikam for all her hard work in making this happen!!!

Obedience wins listed elsewhere in this newsletter.