



Sammamish Kennel Club
Newsletter

The Barker

Next Month

May 3....Board Meeting

May 10..Sam 7:30PM

Special

Notified Meeting

Fire- house 26 Rose Hill

9930 124th Ave NE

Kirkland

NEW ! May Meeting Place



Our Meeting place has changed. We will be meeting at Fire-house 26 which is in Rose Hill area of Kirkland

Northbound: take exit 18 [85th str] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right onto NE 85th Str. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left, Continue almost to 100th St , turn right into parking area in front

Southbound: Take exit 18 to Redmond Eastbound onto NE 85th Str., turn right. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left. Continue almost to 100th St. turn right into parking area in front.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is a very important vote on an amendment to a long time Standing Rule coming up at the 10 May membership meeting. The amendment, if passed, will allow Sammamish Kennel Club members to enter and handle their own dogs at our August and January shows.

Is this a good change? Or a bad change? Or just a change? If it passes, will it, should it, cause other changes in how our Club handles this and other events? Shall we consider it okay for a member to 1) participate in the selection, or recommendation, of a judge for their class (breed, obedience or rally), 2) socialize with their judge the evening before the show/trial, or 3) steward for their judge (but not for the class in which they are entered)? If we can enter our show, should the same logic be applied to photographers? Do we care how it looks if the Show Chair, Obedience Chair or any Club member wins their class, BOB, Group, BIS, High in Trial or High Combined? Will we gain membership if the amendment is passed? Will we lose membership if the amendment is not passed? Or is a discussion of any questions of this nature unnecessary because we are all intelligent people, as are our judges, and we will **all** act accordingly, with integrity?

I do not know the answers to any of the previous questions, or if they are even important to anyone. They are just thoughts that occurred to me while I was trying to decide how I might vote on the amendment (which will only happen in case of a tie vote by the members present). Some things to think about –maybe.

Rusty and Deb have put a lot of work into our web site www.sammamishkennelclub.com . Go take a look at it and tell us what you think!

Respectfully,
Dee Carlson
President – Sammamish Kennel Club

Officers

Pres. Dee Carlson

VP: Rusty Kingery

Sec: Muriel Clifford

[for the interim]

Treas: Jan Leikam

Board

Bo Gloster

Patty Hull

Beverly Little

Verlynn Johns

Minutes for 12 Apr '06 General Meeting for SKC

Present at the meeting were:

Beverly Little, Cliff and Judy Hewitt, Michael Krolewski, Muriel Clifford, Patty Hull, Bo Gloster, Nina Neely, Verlynn Johns, Julis Johns, Jan Leikam, Rusty Kingery, Laura Young, Dee Carlson.

Dee called the meeting to order at 7:43p on 12 April 2006.

Beverly L. moved, 2nd by Rusty, that the minutes from 8 February be accepted without corrections.

Business from the president/board

Dee received a letter from Reggie Gausman resigning from both the board and the club. There are 3 vacancies on the board due to Reggie's resignation, Deb Lewy's resignation from the board and as the editor for the Barker, and Pat Wilaby's resignation from the board. Verlynn Johns and Beverly Little have agreed to fill two of the vacant positions, Michael Krolewski is considering the request to join the board to fill the 3rd vacant position.

Dee is currently updating the club roster. Anyone that has any changes needs to contact her immediately. When it's finished, she will be sending it out to all club members.

Deb Lewy has been the membership chairman however, if she chooses to leave this position, Dee would like someone to volunteer to take it over.

Rusty Kingery has agreed to take the position as editor for the Barker and handed out this month's issue to the club and will mail to those who were not in attendance. She would like our input for articles or items of interest. Rusty encourages people to send her brags, litter announcements, etc. Deb will be helping Rusty for the short duration.

Show site for August 2006 show

Dee: Our area at Marymoor is still under construction. As soon as possible, she will get a map so we can start planning the set up, there will be changes and options to how it's set up this year.

The over-flow parking issue was discussed. There was a loss of revenue at last year's show due to the fact no one was collecting parking fees for people parking across the street from the show grounds. This year it will be covered and fees will be collected. We have hired Chris Liden to do the parking this year instead of Mr. Danburg. Jan will send a letter to Mr. Danburg to officially notify him of our change in parking vendors. Parking fees will increase this year. We will be charging \$35 for over night parking and \$6 for day parking.

Show report

Jan Leikam is the show chairman for the August 2006 show,

Bo Gloster will be the show chairman for the August 2007 show,

Jan Leikam is the show chairman for the January 2008 show The judges committee for this show (January 2008) will be Jan Leikam, Laura Young and Cliff Hewitt

Judges panel report for Aug 2007

Bo reported the panel is not quite ready yet. He needs to talk to several people first because of a mix up. Bo received the list of obedience judges for this show from Dee.

Show Chairman for January 2007 show

Pat Wilaby has resigned as show for the 2007 January show, Jan Leikam will be the new show chairman for this show.

Trophys for August 2006 show

Pat Wilaby has resigned as trophy chairman for the August 2006 show, Verlynn Johns has agreed to become the new trophy chairman for this show.

Premium List for the August 2006 show All the information that will appear in this premium list must be to Jan no later than 15 May 2006.

Publicity

Dee asked Muriel if the newspaper had been notified of our August show in time to be included in the summer section of activities. It had not.

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Benevolence report

Bo, Patty and Deb are working on this. Their suggestion is our donations stay almost the same as last year's with the exception of postponing our donation until January 2007 to the Canine Health Foundation, as there will be a matching fund raising challenge from AKC in '07 and our donation would automatically double. Last year we sent a check to LVMA to provide care for animals affected by Katrina. Laura Young will look into which organization would be best to support this year for the continuing care of these animals.

Memberships

Dee asked Muriel Clifford to send letters to Don Martin and Dick Beckwith concerning their membership due to the SKC. Bo moved and Rusty seconded it and everyone voted unanimously to award Merle Marsh and Margaret Wageman emeritus status. They are founding members of the SKC. Muriel Clifford will send them each a certificate to acknowledge their new status.,

Ad Hoc committee report on changing a standing rule

Patty Hull reported that she presented the committee's finding to the board and the board, although unanimously opposed to such a change, chose to present it to the general membership to vote on the change.

The standing rule presently states:

To avoid any potential charges of favoritism or conflict of interest, Sammamish Kennel Club members and/or persons residing in their households shall not show, handle or exhibit, either personally or through an intermediary, any animal owned wholly or in part by Sammamish Kennel Club members and/or persons living in their household, nor shall act as an agent for others at the Sammamish Kennel Club shows. The restrictions listed above for members shall also apply to show photographers.

The suggested change reads:

To avoid any potential changes of favoritism or conflict of interest, show photographers and/or persons residing in their households shall not show, handle or exhibit, either personally or through an intermediary, any animal owned wholly or in part by show photographers and/or persons living in their household, not shall act as an agent for others at the Sammamish Kennel Club shows.

Bo Gloster presented the pro side of maintaining the standing rule as it **now** reads. **Michael** presented the pro side of **changing** the standing rule. (inserts enclosed)

A general discussion followed, it was pointed out there is about a 50/50 split amongst the all-breed clubs whether they allow their club members to show their dogs at their own shows. Almost all of the urban clubs restrict their members from showing, the rural clubs often need the entries and therefore, their members are allowed to show. Issues of ethics and integrity came up and were discussed as well as other issues. The vote on this will take place at a notified meeting on 10 May 2006 at our new meeting location, fire station #26 located in the Rose Hill area of Kirkland.

New appointed committee chairman

Laura Young has been appointed as our education committee chairman.

Notified meeting

The vote will occur on 10 May 2006 at our **NEW** location at firehouse #26 located in Kirkland at 9930 124th Ave NE, in the Rose Hill area.

New Members

The club voted in 3 new members:

Clifford Hewitt, Judy Hewitt, Nina Neely

Congratulations, and welcome to our club.

There was a first reading for Carol S. Chittum

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15p

Respectfully submitted by,
Muriel Clifford, secretary

Proposal against change in Standing Rule: Presented by Bo Gloster

Hello all, I hope that some of you receive this email prior to this evening's meeting of the General Membership. I am quite pleased that the Board of Sammamish has allowed the question of members' dogs being exhibited to proceed to the General Membership. I have been asked to offer my reasons for my strong opposition to this rule change, and I believe Michael K. will speak to the other side. Regardless of the vote and outcome, I am anticipating the relief we will all feel when this issue is settled and we can move on to shows, education, social events, free of the tension and emotion which has surrounded this issue. Let me initially note that the Board is opposed to the rule change, but has willingly passed it onto the membership, so as to embrace a democratic function, and to proceed openly and constitutionally. I would like just briefly to enumerate my reasons for opposition, and suspect there are indeed others.

1. Philosophically, I believe that we, as individuals, need to return to the Dog Fancy a modicum of the riches we receive from it. This world provides us with entertainment, competition, friendships, rewards, incentives, and for every dog show we attend, we are appreciative of the hours of work, labor and preparation that goes into the production. On two days a year, (the January and August All Breed Shows), we are afforded an opportunity to return a small amount of that largesse. We do this by working the show, greeting the exhibitors and visitors, working to iron out glitches, and committing to constant improvement.
2. On a nuts and bolt issue, the Show Chair and Committee depend on the volunteerism of our members. Rusty would fare poorly if she could not fill her stewards' roster, and all are aware of the occasional difficulty in manning all the rings. If club members are showing a dog or two, there seems little question that this problem will be significantly multiplied by the distractions, time demands (grooming plus animal husbandry at the shows).
3. There will always be a taint attributed to a win at one's own club show. The exhibitors will note it, the points will be attributed to an inherent sense of unfairness and advantage, and our Club will suffer from this reputation. And I mean this in two ways: first, in the loss of reputation, and secondly, in the impact it could have on future entries.
4. We would next need to devise and foster guidelines. Should a Club Member exhibiting a dog be invited to socialize at the Judges' dinner or reception? Should someone from the Judges' Selection Committee be allowed to show to a Judge from his or her panel? Should the hospitality worker? How about the Show Chair? And if disallowed from showing due to Club guidelines or AKC regulations, who will volunteer for these positions in the future? So what happens to our social gatherings and committees?
5. In some ways, the name of the game is competition. Obedience people are seeking advanced titles and rankings, and conformation folks are seeking breed points, but often just major wins. There are always minor pointed shows nearby, but majors can be few. So indeed, there is the notion that these 2 shows offer for some opportunities for majors-but that is what often generates the enthusiasm for entries, and I would not want others concerned about unfair or preordained outcomes.
6. The Club needs to avoid fine-tuning this proposal in a way to permit handlers on Club Members' dogs, while rejecting the owners' involvement. This is an economic disparity, and also provides competitive edge to campaigned or handled conformation dogs (as opposed to obedience, agility, etc, where handlers are rare.)
7. Lastly, I would ask you all to reflect on the bigger picture, and consider for a minute our work environments, positions of authority and responsibility in other areas of life. We all need to embrace the corporate, educational, fiduciary, or social model, where the organization is truly bigger than an individual's component. I believe that is in the best interests of this Club, for its continued success, for this proposal to be rejected. I ask you to look at the standing rule from this angle.

I look forward to having this discussion with all of you.

Best personal regards,
Bo Gloster

AKC Adopts New Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.

Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.

The sportsman judge, judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors. The Sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.

The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.

The sportsman respects the AKC by laws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs

Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors,

Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport

Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them

Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock

Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of the positions offered or bestowed upon them

Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog

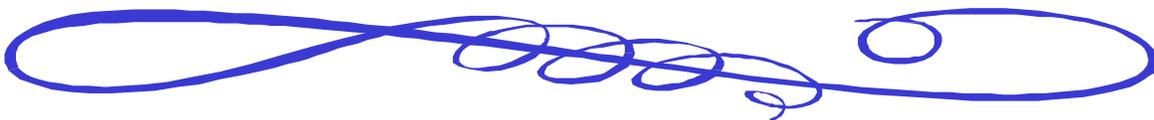
Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club or themselves while taking part in the sport.



Food for thought

Decisions are made by those who show up

So are we failing you – – – or are you failing us?



Reasons for Allowing showing of dogs by members during show

Positive Reasons:

Perk to members

To encourage member to remain in the club, we need to provide benefits. Many people are members to provide a service to the dog show community via our two shows. To this end, they provide time and effort to make these shows happen.

Active dog showing members would appreciate the addition of more local shows. A local show provides the members a venue for breaking in puppies and an easy platform for showing multiple animals. If one has a breed with fewer majors, additional opportunities are always welcome.

Draw for membership

To encourage members to join, one has to provide benefits for being a member. Most people have many things vying for their time. By eliminating a restriction for a show date or two, one is providing an incentive to joining the club.

Negatives Debunked.

Reduces time members are working

It is assumed that allowing showing will reduce the amount of time to work.

Currently most members are spending large amounts of time at various breed rings or away from the club's working stations at the show. The most dedicated workers are the ring stewards. And we have made time for people to leave for other activities.

Many of our current tasks are performed by outside people because the club does not have the membership to fill the positions.

Reduces prestige of club

Prestige is defined as:

prestige

n : a high standing achieved through success or influence or wealth etc.; "he wanted to achieve power and prestige"

[syn: prestigiousness]

Source: *Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary (1913)*

Prestige \Pres"tidge\ (?; 277), n. [F., fr. L. *praestigium* delusion, illusion, *praestigae* deceptions, jugglers' tricks, prob. fr. *prae* before + the root of *stinguere* to extinguish, originally, to prick. See *Stick*, v.]

1. Delusion; illusion; trick. [Obs.]

"The sophisms of infidelity, and the prestiges of imposture." --Bp. Warburton.

2. Weight or influence derived from past success; expectation of future achievements founded on those already accomplished; force or charm derived from acknowledged character or reputation.

"The prestige of his name must go for something." --Sir G. C. Lewis.

I do not believe one is harming the prestige of the club by having members show. Our past accomplishments have had little to do with our lack of showing dogs.

Since our major accomplishments of the year are tied to our shows, one is measuring our club prestige based on the impressions of our shows.

Putting on a show does not in itself give the club prestige. Most of the characteristics that I attribute to a dog show are:

- How important is the show eg Westminster, Great Western, Montgomery
- How impressive is the win eg number and quality of competitors
- How big a draw for my breed
- Quality of the judging
- Quality of the show site eg parking, grooming area, power/water, access to the rings
- Interaction of the club with the exhibitors and judges

People complain that member have an unfair advantage

To look at a dog show, most exhibitors lose. In fact there are extremely few winners even going down to the pointed dogs in the breed ring during an all breed show.

The reasons for losing are numerous and varied. When people lose, they attribute their lose to many things and generally to things that have little or nothing to do with their loss. Personally, unless the complaint is AKC rule violation, I would just acknowledge the complaint and ignore it.

Draw backs:

Member dinners prior to the show may be less attended by judges or members.

A line of thought is that the member who are showing may influence the judges just prior to the show OR that judges would stay away from the dinner to reduce the impression of favoritism from contact.

If I was really interested in influencing a judge, I would have done it long before the dinner. I cannot image a stupider place and time to attempt to change a judge's mind.

Similarly if a judge can be influenced by eating dinner with a member, then you one should pick another judge.

As one progresses up the ladder in number and quality of breed and time in the breed, most exhibitors become known by the judges. I know and am known by many judges and I am the less experienced and much lesser known member of my kennel. One does not nor could not restrict one's exhibiting only to judges that they do not know.

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Jan Leikam - Spenser



Am. Can. Intl. Ch. Inherit The Wind, CD, RN CGC, TDI

Spenser gained his Int'l CH, CD, Rally Novice and was certified as a Therapy Dog this past year. His latest venture is as an assistant in the lower grades for the Shelton Schools and is currently pursuing his CDX title.

More About Spenser!



■ Therapy Dog Extraordinaire!

"I was warned that one of the little girls mother had just tried slitting her wrists and was put in the hospital this a.m. Poor little one--Spenser let her lay down next to him and as she read, she kept petting the side of his face and ear. He never moved a muscle for 20 minutes. She didn't want to leave but I assured her we would see her next week.

The class bully (they didn't tell me til after) was so in love with Spenser that the counselor came in and asked to take a picture of them. Afterwards, she told me no one would believe he was hugging a dog.

They brought a blind lady in to meet Spenser (apparently his reputation is spreading through town already). She has a seeing eye dog (GSD) and she spent the whole time on the floor with him feeling him all over and asking questions. Two other ladies were with her and one was in tears at the work we were doing with the kids." – Elizabeth Moon, owner