



Next Month

July 5...Board Meeting

June 12th 7:30 PM
Sam KC Member Mtg

Fire- house 26 Rose Hill
9930 124th Ave NE

Kirkland

July 12th Meeting Place



. We will be meeting at Firehouse 26 which is
in Rose Hill area of Kirkland

Northbound: take exit 18 [85th str] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right
onto 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.

Officers

Pres. Dee Carlson
VP: Rusty Kingery
Sec: Verlynn Johns
Treas: Jan Leikam:

Board

Bo Gloster
Patty Hull
Beverly Little
Muriel Clifford
Ken Carlson

July 12th Meeting Dessert Pot Luck

**Bring your favorite dessert !
Plates and implements will
be provided**

**Save up your calories for the
day. Last time we did this
we had some delicious goodies to sample!
We will once again be at the Fire Station
at Rose Hill, address and directions
above, meeting at 7:30PM and tasting as
soon as possible!!!!**



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sammamish Kennel
President's Letter for
25 June 2006

Club
the Barker

Obedience Trial?

By successfully competing in obedience classes, a team **may** earn an AKC Champion title, much like conformation classes; however, that is about where the similarities stop. Obedience classes are broken into 3 levels: Novice, Open and Utility.

To earn the Novice title, Companion Dog (CD), I must qualify in the Novice class at 3 separate Trials, under 3 different judges. To qualify in the Novice class, I must achieve a score of at least 170 points and earn at least 50% of all possible points for each exercise in the class. The Novice exercises are: heel on lead, figure eight, stand for examination, Heel off lead, recall, a 1 minute sit-stay and a 3 minute down-stay. In the Open class, we, my dog and I, can earn the Companion Dog Excellent title (CDX) if we successfully complete the heel off lead, figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve over the high jump, retrieve on the flat, the broad jump, a 3 minute sit-stay out of sight, and 5 minute down-stay out of sight. In the Utility class, we can earn the Utility Dog title (UD) if we successfully complete the signal exercise, directed retrieve, directed jumping, scent articles, and moving stand. The qualification requirements for Open and Utility classes are the same as for the Novice class.

Sounds pretty simple until I find out that I can lose from ½ to 5 points if my dog fails to sit perfectly any, and all, of the numerous times that he is required to do so as we perform the various exercises. One point can be lost for each time that my dog lags, forges or bumps me while we are heeling. I can lose from 3 to 5 points if I give him the same command twice (either voice and/or signal), talk when I am supposed to be quiet, move any part of my body when I am supposed to be still, stop when I am supposed to be moving, turn in a direction other than what the judge directed, turn too soon or too late, or hesitate after a turn. Varying numbers of points can be lost for any number of other common, petty mistakes that are usually caused by nervousness when I know my dog and I are being watched **VERY** carefully. Not as simple a picture as it might first appear.

If, after earning the UD title, I care to continue competing in Obedience classes, I can enter in both the Open and Utility classes at the same Trial. **If** we manage to qualify in both classes, at the same Trial, **10 times**, we earn the Utility Dog Excellent title (UDX). And if I am really determined to keep punishing myself and I am not totally stressed out (or completely insane) by this time, we can eventually accumulate enough points (100) to earn the Obedience Trial Champion title (OTCH). The manner in which OTCH points are accumulated is very complicated and would take a book to explain.

The bottom line, after all this, is that it is often easier to put a breed Championship on a three legged dog (no offence meant to all of the three legged dogs out there) than it is to earn an obedience OTCH. Dante and I have come as far as the UD title and we are working on the UDX. On days that I feel really insane, I tell myself that we will continue and strive to earn the OTCH; on days when I am more rational, I wonder why I occasionally fall into such insanity. Anybody have a three legged dog that they do not need?

Respectfully,
Dee Carlson

President – Sammamish Kennel Club



Minutes of General meeting May 10th, 2006

Sammamish Kennel Club
Minutes of General meeting June 14th, 2006
Kirkland Fire Station #26

General meeting called to order by Dee Carlson at 7:35pm

Members present: Verlynn Johns, Rusty Kingery, Doug Haldeman, Bo Gloster, Laura Young, Beverly Little, Jan Leikam, Patty Hull, Muriel Clifford, Dee Carlson.

Guest: Carol Chittum

Corrections to May general meeting: Patty Hull was left off the attendance sheet.

Amendments to General meeting minutes of 10 May 2006: Dee Carlson told Laura Young she must send the board written documentation of all her allegations against Carol Chittum.

Corrections accepted and Jan moved to approve the minutes as corrected and amended. Beverly Little seconded. Motion passed.

President's report: New AKC conflict of interest policy will go into effect as of January 1, 2007.

Bo, Jan and Laura will keep the board informed of activity regarding this new policy.

Secretary's report: Liz Ritzenthaler thank you letter was read regarding her scholarship provided by the SKC.

Read Carol Chittum's letter requesting that her membership application be held in inactive status.

Treasurer report: The Treasure's report was read and filed with the Secretary.

Board report: Dee spoke of the motion for Bo to vote against the proposed AKC by-law modification that would allow professional judges to become AKC delegates. Delegates meeting is in June.

The draft of the show grounds at Marymoor Park are still being revised by Dee and the show committee.

Benevolence Committee The board also fielded some more suggestions for the benevolence donations. Doug Haldeman asked that the membership consider a donation for ARNO. (Animal rescue of New Orleans)

Bo Gloster made a motion to approve the following benevolence donations:

Delta Society Pet Partners	\$300.00
JEAW	\$300.00
SPDR	\$150.00
WSU	\$1500.00
CHF/AKC	\$500.00
NW Disaster search Dogs	\$250.00
APA Volunteer Animal project	\$300.00

Seconded by Patty Hull motion passed

Bo Gloster made a motion that \$1000.00 be held aside for the distribution to ARNO or other humanitarian organizations related to canines rescue support/care following hurricane Katrina. Jan L will report back to the general membership in July.

Motion seconded by Patty Hull.

Show committee report: Jan reported no agility at our August show. The Puyallup kennel club also has declined to have agility performances at our August show due to the increase in grounds fees.

Dee also explained Saturday before our show there will be extra traffic in the early morning due to a breast cancer walk from 7:00am to 9:00 am.

Rusty is calling all members to help ring stewarding for confirmation and obedience. Please contact Rusty for confirmation and Dee for obedience and rally.

Judges committee: Cliff Hewitt, Jan Leikam and Laura Young are asking for Judge's suggestions for 8-08 august show.

Web page report: Rusty confirmed almost all changes have been updated on the web page.

Flyers: Julia Johns provided match flyers to be passed out at upcoming shows.

July Meeting: Beverly Little offered to organize a picnic for the July meeting and have a program regarding sight hounds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.



AKC DELEGATE REPORT

First off, an apology to the Club as I, at the last minute canceled my trip to Raleigh. I ran into some problems here with a whelping last week, resulting in 3 live (and still thriving puppies), a stillborn and a rush to the Vet (VCA Lynwood Vet and Emergency facility) with a puppy with a heart rate of 150-260, which fell to 40 by the time they did a less than emergent C-section :needless to say, lost that one too. Plus then spoke with Dee about some worrisome behavior by the bitch, since resolved, and probably innocuous, but I just couldn't leave her and them under Doug's care while he tried to maintain a limited work schedule. Sooooo...here I am.

The meetings in Raleigh are over, but I have been soliciting and getting reports all day. Let me summarize

1. An amendment is forthcoming from AKC Staff to cause a club which does not have a show at least every other year in its territory to lose date. This I will find out more about, it will probably fail or be modified, as many clubs, for any number of reasons, economic, etc etc, move from their territory.
2. There will apparently be no in-ring observers any longer, but rather a 1 to 1 ringside mentoring will now occur, with approved parent club mentors. this will be policy, not amendment, and once presented and promoted I'll get this to all-direct bearing on show chairs.
3. The amendment to allow professional judges as delegates was handily defeated, and needed a 2/3 vote to proceed. Failed to muster 50% (136 yea, 157 nay), but I suspect will be revisited periodically, and I would like us to continue from time to time to talk about this.
4. The next big topic will be conflict of interest in judges, restriction on other judging for other organizations, etc . Let me see if I can explain this. Judges who judge working dogs for AKC will not be allowed to judge working dogs for say UKC. But I believe that if you are invited to judge toy breeds by another organization (and don't judge toys for AKC), this would be okay. So a lure judge would also find the same restriction, but would be allowed to judge say a Seiger show. This is just starting to come up, and I believe Walter Pede is trying to take this down, insisting that it is up to Delegates (he is not one) not AKC Board. Others disagree with this interpretation of chain of command. See you in Court anyone? I'll try to stay on top of this on the list, and continue to forward pertinent posts.
- 5,. Change in process of nominations for AKC Board (Judy Daniels project) withdrawn this time around for retooling: a bad idea I think. Plus would really drag out the "Campaign" We'll see, but going nowhere now.
6. New improved AKC Website- check it out.
7. Finances in good shape. Goal is to build an endowment of \$100 million so that AKC can be self-sustaining. Now I think in excess of \$50 million, which was earlier goal. Always takes more money doesn't it? Events continue to be revenue losers, but publications, registrations,etc etc, taking care of the store.

Bo Gloster, AKC Delegate



Babies!

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We Have Babies!!!!

3 girls,born on June 9. Dam is Viviane (Ch Polar Mists of Avalon Shaman) the reserve winners bitch at the 2003 Samoyed National. Dad is Amigo (Ch. Trilogy's Blame It on El Nino). Doug and Bo, of Shaman Samoyeds, are the breeders. They are named after the Dixie Chicks, Natalie, Emily and Martie!





HELP WANTED FOR AUGUST SHOW

STEWARDS

CONFORMATION Rusty Kingery irusty@msn.com

OBEDIENCE– Rally

Dee Carlson avalon1@gte.net



Reminder

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR A JUDGE
FOR THE 2008 JANUARY SHOW?

THE JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE IS

Jan Leikam, Cliff Hewitt and Laura Young



July 2006

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We have Brags!!!!

*AM CAN CH Laureate Adrienne Luminary was BOS at the Borzoi Club of American National Specialty on May 27, 2006. Judge: Espen Eng
Breeders: J A Leikam & M E Barry
Owner: J A Leikam*

On June 12, Patty Hull's Am CH Kenai Winfield Picket Fences (Rachael), who is the mother of Am Can CH Zooropa's Singular Sensation (Solo) and grandmother to Solo's 8-month old Tana and Bristol (future champions), turned 13! Happy Birthday Rachael!

Patty Hull's Bristol (Zooropa Laurate High Banks of Bristol) was Best Junior Puppy in Futurity at the Borzoi Club of America's recent National Specialty in Olympia.

Deadline for contributions the 15th of the month. Articles, Brags or Litter announcements