



Next Month

June 7...Board Meeting

June 14 **Sam**
7:30PM

Fire- house 26 Rose Hill
9930 124th Ave NE

NEW June Meeting Place



Our Meeting place has changed. 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



April 28

Ms. Jan Leikam
Sammamish Kennel Club
22022 133rd Ave. SE
Snohomish, WA 98296

Dear Ms. Leikam:

The Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine Awards and Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, was held on April 21, 2006. Over 200 hundred scholarships worth more than a total of \$232,000 were awarded that evening.

Your contribution to the success of our scholarship program is very important. On behalf of the college and all of the veterinary students please accept our sincere thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Ritzenthaler received your award (s) this year. A copy of the program is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Gilbert A. Burns

Gilbert A. Burns, DVM, PhD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What does Sammamish Kennel Club do for me? I heard this question at our last meeting and have thought about it extensively ever since. The question bothered me because, for me, there has always been many answers. Aside from the several free meals (the Judges Receptions in January and August, the Awards Banquet in March, and usually, a summer picnic) and the occasional educational programs, the club gives me the chance to associate with like minded people to attain common goals, both personal and organizational. I have the opportunity to converse with and learn from each and every member of Sammamish Kennel Club. I can ask a question about almost any topic dealing with dogs with the confidence that some one with more experience than I, will probably have a good answer, or will know where to find an answer. I find the free exchange of ideas and information among Club members to be invaluable in my life.

Because Sammamish Kennel Club is a club that believes in peer recognition, each year in March we hold an Awards Banquet. If I care to submit the proper information about awards that my dog and I have earned in the prior year (and explain all the alphabet soup behind his name), the information will be published in *The Barker* and I can add another certificate to my Dante collection. Peer recognition is a very good thing not only for our egos, but also lets the other members know what we have been involved in as it may be different than what they have been doing. I never used to give Lure Coursing much thought until I met all the people in the Club that own hounds who Lure Course and they invited me and my herding dog to give it a try. Wound up really enjoying it (so did Dante) and had my horizons broadened.

For me, Sammamish Kennel Club is a conduit for information about the health, safety and welfare of dogs and nearly everything that may affect them. This information is provided by AKC and our Club members. We receive information about everything from legislation in other states, to genetic advances in medicine, to better nutrition for our dogs, to dogs and people that have lost their homes due to tragic weather conditions. If I so choose, I can use this information to make a difference in the life of my dogs and help those that need it most.

The biggest thing that Sammamish Kennel Club has given me is the opportunity to give back to the dog fancy, instead of only being a taker when I enter my dog in some one else's show. I can assist with selecting judges for a show, chair a show or club committee or work on that committee, measure a field in which to place show rings, negotiate contracts for rooms at a hotel or for the show grounds, arrange for the judge's dinner, judge a match, pick up poop on the show grounds, contribute my time as a club officer, attend cluster meetings, stand in the rain and explain for the 100th time that the show has been cancelled, chair the Obedience and Rally Trials, find and coordinate events for the Performance ring, assist in setting up the show grounds and be the last one to leave the grounds 5 days later after a final check to make sure we left nothing behind, including trash. In the all the years that I have been a member of Sammamish Kennel Club, I have had the opportunity to do all of these things and many more.

Sammamish Kennel Club can only be of value to me if **I choose to participate** in the activities of the Club. If I sit and wait for the Club to come to me, I am going to be very lonely and disappointed. When I began my association with Sammamish Kennel Club, the Club did not join me, I joined the Club. It is I that take the initiative to get involved, or not, and fulfill the obligations for which I volunteer. Sammamish Kennel Club does a lot for me and I will forever be grateful.

Respectfully,
Dee Carlson
President – Sammamish Kennel Club



Minutes of General meeting May 10th, 2006

General Meeting called to order by Dee Carlson at 7:42pm Introductions of attendees and visitors. Carol Chittum will have second membership reading today and Leslie Sena guest.

Members present: Bo Gloster, Verlynn Johns, Dee Carlson, Jan Leikam, Jessica Wilcock, Muriel Clifford, Cliff Hewitt, Martin and Nancy Warfield, Michael Krolewski, Laura Young, Nina Neely.

Motion made to approve April minutes. Motion adopted.

President's Report: Verlynn Johns has taken over this position from Muriel Clifford who was the temporary **secretary**.

Secretary report : None

Jan Leikam reported that AKC sent letters out stating that Working Dog Sport events have been approved.

Treasurer report: None

Committee reports:

Rusty wanted everyone to know that the Grange donates the printing of the "The Barker" for the club. Please check their store out.

The board approved the Borzoi club to use our obedience and rally equipment for their Nationals May 2006.

Benevolence committee report still working on info as to the amount that will be turned over for donation.

Membership Beverly Little will assume Committee Chair

Club still needs to measure the grounds at Marymoor for the August show.

Parking of overflow still a question for August show - how to share with other event taking place on same day.

Judges committee: Bo and Jan are finishing up the judges for the August 2007 show

Trophy Chair: Verlynn stated that the trophies have been purchased for the August show 2006.

Web page has been reported to be off line. Jan will contact R. Lynn for possible billing payment. Members stated they could not find the address of new meeting location from the web site because it was down. Mention that post cards had gone out via USPS stating the time and location.

Membership reading by Dee: Second reading for Carol Chittum

Bo asked if we could discuss questions regarding Laura Young's information that was brought up regarding Carol Chittum. Carol Chittum also responded to questions regarding Laura Young's concerns of her applying for membership.

Bo also spoke regarding the Sieger show hosted by the Bernese mountain dog club that would like to hold it on Saturday before our show in August. Do we even have the space available for them to have it. This is pending on measure the grounds of the show in the near future.

Dee Carlson read the existing Standing Rule that will be voted on and then read the proposed Standing Rule. No further discussion. Michael Krolewski asked that a roll call vote be taken.

Vote taken: 7 no's, 4 yes's, 2 abstain, Standing Rule will stay in place

Discussion took place as to having more communication with club members and respecting all club members.

Nancy Warfield volunteered to be program chair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Submitted by Secretary Verlynn Johns



Information Insert

----- Original Message -----

From: Bob Kane

To: Bob Kane

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 5:53 AM

Subject: Fighting the Anti's - Important Update

Dear AKC Dog Owners,

Three years ago, the Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (SAOVA) distributed the attached national review of anti-hunter and anti-animal breeder efforts to attack our sport and past-time. This 2006 update isn't as thorough or detailed as that earlier "Glass Half-Full" message, simply because it's important to bring a deteriorating situation to everyone's attention without waiting until the last votes are counted in every state legislature. The antis have achieved two milestone victories on each Coast and appear on the verge of a third in Sacramento.

Most anti-breeder inspired state laws and local ordinances take the form of confiscatory licensing fees for intact animals, breeder licensing or outright breeding bans. License tag costs for breedable dogs have been increased astronomically in some areas, with spay-neuter (altered) fees a fraction of that amount. Albuquerque, NM instituted a \$150 intact fee and microchip requirement on May 22, 2006. Such economic penalty measures are universally unpopular and difficult to enforce, as are private breeder restrictions.

Los Angeles County has passed an ordinance that requires all dogs to be sterilized and microchipped, effective June 3, 2006. It applies only to those dogs kept in unincorporated areas, but cities such as Los Angeles are being urged to enact similar requirements. Should the cities follow suit, 10 million people will be soon be so regulated, more than the population in *forty-four* states. Dogs may be exempt from this requirement if they are registered with an approved registry and are either titled, entered in an approved competition annually, or owned by an individual belonging to a dog club with **enforced breeding restrictions**. Animal rightists are currently fighting to further tighten these exemptions' details. Required intact licenses for breedable dogs cost \$60 per year; altered ones cost \$20. Litters must be reported to the county, as must every puppy buyer's identity. Additional requirements and penalties of this sterilize and track program may be found at <http://animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us/html/Main1.htm> LA County says it's hiring additional animal control officers to go door to door to enforce this anti-breeder ordinance. A fringe group of AKC fanciers supported this rule, which passed without a dissenting vote.

The scope of these mandatory sterilization, ultra high cost licensing, breeder permitting, breed-specific, ownership limits, required microchipping and similar rules is hampered by a major data void - without more complete information, such rules are usually enforced very selectively and unevenly just a few unlucky dog owners.

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Virginia's HB339 fills that regulatory data void on dogs and their owners. HB339, the nation's first statewide dog owner database (Postmortem attachment above), requires every Virginia veterinarian to supply local governments with detailed dog and dog owner information on every canine given a rabies vaccination. That information is to be used for direct license invoicing and *MUST* be made publicly available. HB339's higher intact fees and a mandated sterilized differential were stripped from the bill before passage, but the Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA) vows to obtain these provisions next year. What's important to residents in other states is that VACA's principals are officers and directors in the National Animal Control Organization <http://www.nacanet.org/> They are vigorous and vocal advocates of this Vet required animal owner data reporting program. Be forewarned. Your privacy and dogs are at extreme risk. AKC's recognized Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders supported this bill.

The pending measure which SAOVA considers devastating is the anti-hunters' California Assembly Bill AB2110. AB2110 makes all performance hound events using rabbits, hare or fox a criminal offense. This represents an enormous precedent that threatens all dog hunting. Open field coursing, the initial focus of this bill, is one of the oldest forms of sport. It's currently legal in California, requiring a hunting license. Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) CEO Wayne Pacelle is personally lobbying for this bill, as he did the 2003 CA anti-hunting bills. AB2110 has already passed its germane Assembly law committee. It's House vote on implementation costs is currently scheduled for the Appropriations Committee on *May 24, 2006*. Please contact that committee and urge them to reject

AB2110 <http://CAapproctme.notlong.com> For more information on AB2110, sight hounds and coursing see <http://SacBee2110.notlong.com> and http://www.caninechronicle.com/Features/nelson_06/nelson_506.html There's a related, separate piece included on how to deal with hostile press that's well worth studying and saving.

These three horrific measures and scores of others across the country <http://HSUSstateleg.notlong.com> illustrate that animal rightists have gained considerable ground in the last three years. What's most disturbing in this regard is the degree to which AKC corporate and its related state groups and splinter factions are aiding and abetting in the loss of animal owners' and sportsmen's rights. AKC's role in AB2110 has been totally indefensible. AKC's 2005-2006 collaboration with HSUS and DDAL on Rick Santorum's S1139 (PAWS) bill at the federal level appears to have triggered a new degree of cooperation between certain misguided dog owners and the animal rightists.

Please carefully examine your own priorities and recent events to determine whether your clubs are supporting or damaging your interests.

Sincerely,

Bob Kane
Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance -
Working to identify and elect supportive legislators
<http://saova.org/>

New Information as of May 26, 2006

Assembly Bill 2110 (or as a PDF) died a quiet death today in the California Assembly's Committee on Appropriations. A postmortem here will follow shortly, but it is safe to say that the incredible show of opposition from so many diverse quarters put this bad legislation to rest.



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Standing Rule Results

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.
vote 7 no 4 yes 2 abstaining to change the Standing Rule. Total membership 30.

Beverly Little - Prometheus



- Multi Best In Specialty Show winner, CH Lilliput Prometheus. Won BISS at the Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast Specialty, June 29, 2005. Breeder Judge, Diane Koontz Bresee, and BISS at the Irish Wolfhound Club of Puget Sound Specialty, August 6, 2005, Judge Edward Gilbert.
- Prometheus is always breeder, owner handled by Beverly C. Little.

Nancy & Vandra – Alex

- Ch. Warscot's High Stakes Roller co-bred by Nancy Warfield and Vandra Huber and owned by Janie DiFulco
Multiple BISS Sweeps and specialty wins

