



**THE BARKER**

**JULY**

**2010**

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**B-OB MATCH SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH**

As we have been telling you at the meetings, Sammamish is putting on a B-OB Match Saturday Aug 14th at Marymoor Park, Field #7. Matches are necessary as a Compliance event for our eligibility as an AKC Member and licensed Club.

We are being joined by Specialty Clubs, the Basset, Borzoi, Saluki, Whippets and the All Hound Club of Bellingham who also need the B Match for their compliance event. As with our Shows, we hope to get support for our All Breed Match after they finish their Specialty Match. At any rate we will all split the fee for the field.

Dee is heading up our Obedience event and we are opening the entries to Mixed Breeds. This will be a good dry run to see how this all works out for our show the end of the month.

Judges are: Sporting: Barbara O'Neill, Hounds: Patricia Wiseman, Working: Fran Stephens, Terriers: Cliff Hewitt, Toys: Rick Davis, Non Sporting: Dana Plonkey, Herding: John Dewing.

Mark the date on your calendar. And we can always use Club Members to help out. Please let us know if you will be available. Either Jan or me. [Rusty]

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Yes you are right, I ran this notice last month. So lest you forget, I am running it again. We need volunteers to help set up, to ring steward, and to take entries. Either contact Jan or me or Dee if you know how to do Obedience .



**Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner.**

## President's Report

If you were at the June meeting, you may have noticed that the President was sporting a soft cast on her left wrist. The cause a broken wrist, which makes typing a real trial. So in lieu of her healing, Beverly has submitted this article of interest.

### **Is There A Truth About Dog Food?**

In the New York Times Science Section of June 1, Jane E. Brody wrote an article, "The Truth About Cat and Dog Food." It was an interesting three column thesis which in the long run told us nothing truly new about commercial dog food. She raises some interesting questions about whether people who invest in high-end pet foods really are getting their money worth, whether their pets are healthier and happier, whether they live longer and are these high-end foods any better than the generic versions sold in supermarkets and big-box stores. Recognizing the high value most people in America place on domestic animals and distressed by recent recalls of contaminated pet foods two scientists decided to examine the pet food industry and the evidence for the values of its products and the claims made for them. The so-called premium pet foods cost three to four times more than supermarket brands and within the premium brands there is a wide price range too but all seem to list strikingly familiar ingredients meeting basic nutritional standards. Most important it is claimed to look for products labeled "complete and balanced" indicating that they meet the nutritional requirements listed by the Association of American Feed Control Officials. This organization, in conjunction with the Food and Drug Administration, state officials, and the animal feed industry develops model regulations for pet foods, which are voluntary unless encoded in state laws. "All pet foods are made from the byproducts of human food production," one of the scientists who report on this matter stated. "No matter what the package says, your dog is not getting whole chicken breasts, but what remains after the breasts have been removed for human food," she goes on to say. No agency requires proof of pet food health claims and according to Jane Brody while pet food companies say they do research, it is rarely done in a scientific fashion, with comparable control and experimental groups. Many people according to this article pay good money for marketing gimmicks. It is said that if characteristics like natural, organic, holistic, or vegetarian are important to the pet owner it maybe worth it for them to pay top dollars for pet foods that claim to provide the desired attribute, even if there is no official or enforced definition of the claim. Sort of like a pig in a poke is it? Why not establish an agency to really ensure what is said is really being done one must wonder.

**General Membership Meeting of Sammamish Kennel Club**  
**Fire station #22, Kirkland, WA**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

President, Beverly Little, called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. In attendance: Cliff Hewitt, Barbara O'Neill, Bo Gloster, Dave and Rusty Kingery, Geri Orta, Laura Young, Jan Leikam, Dee Carlson, Beverly Little and Michelle Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Barker.

Secretary's Report: none.

Treasurer's report: none.

Board report: the Board voted to join the Canine Health Foundation and have a liaison appointed to receive communications. Bo Gloster volunteered for this position. The motion was granted to approve Bo as the liaison.

**Committee reports:**

Standing Rules-

The following headings were reviewed by the membership: goals, mission statement, general standing rules, club membership, finances and standing committees. Dave Kingery moved we strike the Budget Committee section. The motion was granted with 9 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained. Other strikes and changes were discussed. They will be reviewed, with a copy distributed by the committee for approval at the July meeting.


The second half of the Standing rules will be discussed at the September meeting.

**Next meeting:** July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 picnic at Marymoor Park.

Motion granted to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Brown, Secretary



**News from the National Specialty Borzoi Club of America May 21st**

From the BBE class, Winners Bitch in an entry of 142 bitches, under Breeder Judge Christopher Neale

Zooropa Laureate Adrienne Picture This, owned by Patty Anderson and Jan Leikam

Sire: Ch Adrienne High Performance [Hot Rod] x Dam: Ch Laureate Adrienne Taking Flight

Bred By: Patty Anderson & Monica Barry

**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO PATTY AND JAN. FOR A VERY EXCITING WIN!!!!**



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## AKC Delegate's Report June 6-7, 2010 Atlanta, Georgia

The AKC Board has backtracked, probably only temporarily, on its decision to charge conformation judges a \$50 annual fee, and a \$5-10 fee for each breed licensed to a judge. I suspect this will come back with some modifications, but the premise will remain. Probably excluded will be judges who are delegates (as they cannot charge stipend) and Junior Showmanship judges.

This above probably stems from the sobering financial picture for the AKC: (Comparing 2010 to 2009) registrations down \$1.1 million, and a total revenue drop of 7% (\$1,039,000). The net surplus is up nicely however, due to diminished total expenses (Operating expenses have been reduced by \$5.3 million over 4 years!), and a surprisingly favorable investment performance when compared with the market indices.

AKC is very pleased with the Grand Championship program, and though still a source of controversy and discussion with many judges (What exactly are the parameters for deciding a dog is "Grand"?), it seems to be succeeding in getting some of those retired champions off the couch and back into the ring.

Input needed: There will be a vote at the next meeting to eliminate Board term limits, which passed out of Rules and Bylaws by a close 6-5 vote. I would think this limit decision is only 2 years old, has not gone through a complete Board rotation cycle (4 years), and maybe increasing a limit from election to the Board to a 4 year hiatus instead of one, might implement the goals of the original plan. Your thoughts?

Usually I attend All Breeds or Parent Clubs: this session I went to the Dog Show Rules Committee: somewhat chaotic and disorganized, and I found a bit remarkable –if not juvenile- the throwing of rolled-up paper balls at a Director. I will probably go back to my usual pattern of meetings. There was however a discussion to modify judging schedules in the afternoon of shows, so that the blocks are less restricted by 60-90 minute intervals, so that a judge can plow through all his/her assignments more quickly, rather than being accommodating to entry numbers, which does not factor in absentees of course. Importantly, what is underscored here, is that the scheduling is actually the Show Chair's prerogative, not the Superintendents. Also low number, small entry numbers would be judged first in this block.

I also attended both the Caucus- lot of discussion on the move to allow deaf dogs to compete in agility, which I bet will not be allowed- and the Forum presentation. The latter was a discussion of AKC relationship with Clubs, etc. And apropos of our recent discussions on the Standing Rules, here is the Order of Authority for our club (and all others):

- State Law
- Club Constitution and Bylaws
- Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure
- Standing Rules

Apparently there is some move afoot to have classes for even younger puppies (4-6 mos, 5-6 mos?) which would not allow points (So what would be the point), but a couple of Veterinarian delegates spoke against this. Also the issue of neutered dogs competing in other than Vet classes at Specialties was discussed (fear that this would play into the Mandatory Spay and Neuter crowd).

Respectfully submitted, June 13, 2010

Bo Gloster

AKC Delegate

## LOOKING BACK IN TIME



As you may remember I have asked each of you to remember when you joined Sammamish KC. I have all but a couple who have not replied. At this point in time the oldest member of the Club is Tonya Gisselberg with the year 1993. Bo and Doug are September 1994..Beverly and her husband Putnam were Charters, but they resigned their membership so she has to start again at 2000. Yet to be heard from, Laura Young, Patty Anderson, and Verlynn Johns. This led me to asking Jan, our Historian, what history might be in the several boxes she has been storing. So she brought me 2 of them to go thru. One was Pictures and Show information, Beverly's past Corresponding Secretary notebook, and Jan's past President notebook. The other box was a gold mine. There were Barkers and minutes back to 1973. The Club was founded in 1971, but evidently no records were kept until a couple of years later. This led to sitting on the floor sorting everything out by years, as it was all mixed together. A fun thing to do on a rainy day. Unfortunately, the documents in the box only went to 1988. . I'm waiting for the next rainy day now that I have them sorted into years, to sit down and read them all. But I have a 10 year gap between what was in the box and the notebook that Deb Lewy gave me of old Barkers that started in 1997.

I did scan through some of the old ones. The Club used to put on Handling Classes for both Conformation and Obedience at the Grange Hall in Redmond. Does anyone know is that still there? As I go through them I will select items of interest and do a feature on them.

One thing that I thought might be of interest to us, Show results were printed. Did you get points at the last show? Did you finish your dog? Did you place in the Group? Etc. Would you like to see that in the Barker?

Also a profile of a new member was printed. A good way to get to know our people. What is their profession or occupation, hobbies other than dog? [Is there any other?] How about now? How much do we know about each other. Would you like to see profiles of a member in each Barker?

There were also "funnies" that I might plagiarize, as none of you were around then to know that is where I got them! [big ha] Jan still has a couple more boxes and maybe I will find in one of them the missing 10 years.

I do get items people think might be of interest or humor from some of you. I do forget to give the person credit lots of times. For that I'm sorry. I promise to do better. If you see an article and think it would be of interest to the rest of the Club, please do send it on. Most can be copied and pasted onto the Publisher page. Some I have to retype.

Rusty Kingery, Editor.

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**MEETING PLACE: MARYMOOR PARK**  
**AT THE PICNIC TABLE LOT I**

This is the area that we use as an unloading zone for the Summer Show.

Hero sandwiches and cold drinks will be provided

Bring a Pot Luck , salad, or dessert

Do a Dance to the Sun God for at least a week before the 14th!

**JULY PICNIC MEETING**  
**2ND WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH 2010**  
**BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM.**  
**SOCIAL MEETING 7:30 PM**