



**NOVEMBER** **BARKER** **2010**

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- Pres. Beverly Little*
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- Sec Michelle Brown*
- Treas Jan Leikam*
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- Bo Gloster*
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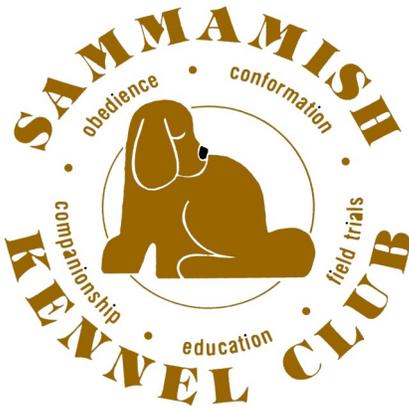
**We did indeed have a Fashion Show of Sammamish garments.**

We also looked thru a catalog that Nancy had given us. Nancy is going to check with her source and bring some estimates, colors and prices for our November meeting.



NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEARS OFFICIERS from the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor in November. Election of Officers at the December Meeting

- PRESIDENT            RUSTY KINGERY
- V. PRESIDENT        BO GLOSTER
- SECRETARY            MICHELLE BROWN
- TREASURER            PATTY ANDERSON
- BOARD MEMBERS
- DEE CARLSON
- DAVE KINGERY
- JAN LEIKAM
- GERI ORTA
- NANCY WARFIELD
- AKC DELEGATE STILL HAS ANOTHER YEAR OF HIS TERM AND NOT UP FOR ELECTION - BO GLOSTER



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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've been researching a couple of things for more details. I looked first for a bit more on Pet Insurance.

Delving into a half dozen companies' policies I couldn't find one that covers anything related to breeding, pregnancy, and whelping. Those are major items of concerns and cost to dog breeders.

If you have an older dog (age depends upon individual insurance companies) you can only get accident coverage, not health coverage. Chances are an older dog will need coverage far more for a serious illness than he will for getting run over by a car or some such.

All the companies want to provide "well pet" coverage. Generally the coverage costs more than just paying the vet's bill for inoculations and routine exams. A few will cover pre-existing conditions but those conditions are quite limited. They don't include things such as hip dysplasia, cancer, or heart conditions.

As far as I can see the only way to make pet insurance really worth it is if your pet gets a serious, covered condition AFTER buying insurance and outside the "waiting period."

A better way might be to simply establish a pet savings account and deposit a comparative amount into it each month and collect a little interest. That way it will be available when you need it and not depleted when you don't. That's "self-insurance" and looks to me more cost effective.

The other thing on my mind is the AKC's reported financial ails. While the AKC did have an operating deficit of \$192,000 for April 2010 compared to April 2009 AKC's investments during that same month earned a gain of \$1.5 million.

AKC also spent a reported \$10 million on recent "improvements" (really necessary?) to their offices in New York City and Raleigh. AKC doesn't even own these offices they rent them! Nice for those landlords?

AKC pays their top execs very, very well. In 2008 the reported compensation for 11 top AKC executives ran from a low of \$141,370.00 to \$629,303.00. That's more than Obama and Biden make combined. Is it really more difficult to run the AKC than the USA? The execs also receive other perks such as expenses, a 38-hour workweek, and other compensations.

In most companies when an exec doesn't succeed in recovering from a downward spiral he's replaced, not kept on and rewarded.

It seems to me right now the AKC is placing more and more economic constraints on the fancy instead of looking into it's own house for some corrective and cost-cutting measures to balance it's budget.

Beverly Little, President

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The statement below will be on the AKC Website ASAP and you may share the above statement with members of the judging community and other interested parties.

"Solicitation of Assignments" sent by John P Wade, Director of Judging Operations. Effective immediately members of the judging community may solicit assignments and advertise their services including approved breeds. Please remember to be factual in the information provided the fancy. You may direct your comments to John P. Wade, Director of Judging Operations for the American Kennel Club at [jpw@akc.org](mailto:jpw@akc.org)

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Mc Donald's 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Kirkland, WA**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

President, Beverly Little, called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. In attendance: Dave and Rusty Kingery, Nancy Warfield, Nolan Rundquist, Jan Leikam, Dee Carlson, Beverly Little, Patty Anderson, Bo Gloster, Sandee Isaacson, Michelle Brown and guest, Julia Johns.

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

President's report: none  
Secretary's Report: none.  
Treasurer's report: none.

**Board report:** the board recommends to the general membership to accept Jan Leikam as Aug 2011 and 2012 show chair. The motion was accepted to have Jan as Aug 2011 and 2012 show chair.

**Committee reports-**

Nominating committee: the slate was read by Michelle Brown. President- Rusty Kingery, Vice President-Bo Gloster, Secretary-Michelle Brown, Treasurer- Patty Anderson, Board of Directors- Jan Leikam, Dee Carlson, Geri Orta, Dave Kingery and Nancy Warfield. AKC Delegate- BoGloster, serving an unexpired term. January show committee: Jan Leikam reported the supported entry is Corgies.

**Unfinished Business-**

Standing Rules: will be post poned until the next meeting due to the Chair of the Standing rules committee was not present to continue the update.

**New Business-**

Christmas Party: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Crab Cracker in Kirkland.

SAMM Attire Style Show: a few vests and jackets were shown. Nancy Warfield will bring 2 choices of vests (fleece and cotton), and 2 kinds of jackets with prices from brochures to the next meeting.

**Membership:** Rusty Kingery read Julia Johns application for the second time. Also Sandee Isaacson is welcomed back to the club.

**Delegates report:** Bo Gloster explained a move afoot that the AKC wants to allow the superintendants to schedule judges after lunch without breaking them down into hour or hour and half allotments. The change is to have single entry dogs judged first in the afternoon. He said it would be up to the show chair to decide whether or not to schedule this way. Also the AKC is discussing establishing owner amateur handler and 4-6month puppy groups.

**Next Meeting:** November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Rose Hill Fire station in Kirkland.

Motion granted to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm.

Respectfully,  
Michelle Brown, Secretary



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**CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 8TH CRAB CRACKER, KIRKLAND**

Jan has confirmed the date with the restaurant for the banquet room. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

As usual RSVP to Jan. Gift range \$15.00 to \$20.00. Directions will be in the December Barker



# AKC LAUNCHES NEW BREEDER PF MERIT PROGRAM

— Recognition Program Celebrates & Rewards Dedicated Breeders —

New York, NY—The American Kennel Club Announced today the launch of the Breeder of Merit program, a new initiative designed to recognize AKC's core breeders.

“The Breeder of Merit program allows the American Kennel Club to celebrate our dedicated, passionate breeders who truly are the backbone of the sport and the foundation of our organizations,” said AKC's Chief Operating Officer, John Lyons. “Our Breeder of Merit are committed to both improving their breed through health testing and selective breeding programs, and proving their breed through achievements in the show ring. They are special and will be emulated by new breeders entering the sport. Being a successful breeder in the Fancy does not come easy., Years of hard work, vision, and a willingness to do the right thing are required to be successful. Our Breeders of Merit have these qualities and deserve to be recognized.”

To achieve the Breeder of Merit designation, breeders should:

- Certify that applicable health screens are performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club.
- Hold membership in an AKC Club.
- Have a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earn Conformation, Companion and/or Performance titles on at least 4 dogs they have bred/co-bred.
- Demonstrate their commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies are AKC registered.

As part of the Breeder of Merit program, breeders will receive:

- Complimentary access to \$20.00 value per month for free online reports in the AKC online store.
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number.
- Online Record support to ensure that their records are accurate, complete and easily accessible.
- A frameable certificate of distinction.
- Free Online Breeder Classified listings along with a special Breeder of Merit designation.
- Acknowledgement on a special page of the AKC website and in the AKC Gazette.
- Free or discounted fees on all secondary transactions such as duplicate registration applications, revoke limited status applications, etc
- Breeder of Merit web banner for display on their website.
- Breeder of Merit lapel pin
- Breeder of Merit designation and gold border on registration applications and certificates for dogs bred by the Breeder of Merit.

There are many easy registration options available to the Breeder of Merit, including Full Litter, Full Litter Offspring, Full Litter PLUSW and Full Litter Offspring OLUS. Learn more at <http://www.akc.org/sixeasyways/> .

To learn more or apply for the Breeder of Merit program, visit <http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit> or contact Tina Yuhl at 919-816-3932 or [txy@akc.org](mailto:txy@akc.org).

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

### Bo joined Sammamish Kennel Club September of 1994

#### Dr. Bo Gloster



I am now celebrating more than 30 years in purebred dogs. For me, the Samoyed has captured my soul and my passion, filling my life and home with beauty, dignity, humor, and those occasional exasperating moments! My spouse, Doug Haldeman, and I have been breeding and showing Samoyeds under our kennel name, Shaman Samoyeds. Very rewarding is the successful breeding of many puppies, both for show and companionship. I take particular delight in now having 4 generations in residence, with an eye and commitment to constantly improving and honoring health, temperament and type.

I am a Board Member of the Samoyed Club of Washington State, a member of the Willamette Valley Samoyed Fanciers, of the Barbary Coast Samoyed Club, as well as of North Texas Samoyed Fanciers. Of course, I am a member of SCA, and I have served on its Nominating Committee. I am a charter member and treasurer of the Mount Rainier Working Dog Club. I have for many years been a member of the Sammamish Kennel Club, in which I have worn many hats: Board Member, Show Chairman, Specialty Coordinator, Judges' Selection Chair. Perhaps most exciting, and certainly interesting, has been serving as its AKC Delegate for the past nine years. My career in medicine seemed a natural conduit to the Canine Health Foundation activities, and I served as a President's Council Member, and a member of the Grants Committee. For several years, I sat on the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) Task Force on Canine Aggression and the Human-Canine Interaction, resulting in our publication of "A Community Approach to Dog Bite Prevention" in the AVMA literature, with speaking and media appearances following.

I graduated George Washington University Medical School in 1974, became Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine, and practiced emergency medicine in a very busy downtown Seattle hospital for 25 years until my retirement in 2003. I pride myself on having been selected by Seattle Magazine as one of the area's outstanding Emergency Physicians. My time now is even fuller. I have begun the process of judging dogs, and am now an AKC approved judge. I have had match or sweep assignments in all groups, and enjoyed judging both Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes at the Samoyed National in September, 2006. Another passion is foreign languages, and I am now studying both Italian and Arabic, to add to my comfort in French, Russian and German. Add to this mix bicycling, foreign travel, reading, pet birds and fish, cooking, and retirement became the only option.

I think, as all of us do, that this is indeed a difficult climate for our sport, with legal, political and financial threats. And yet we remain committed to it, knowing the lengthy history and persistent strength of this human-canine bond.

Let's keep up the good fight!



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**The BARKER**

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**2nd WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**  
**BOARD 7:00 PM, GENERAL 7:30 PM**



### **Driving Directions to Meeting Place**

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

**North Bound** Take exit 18 [85th Ave] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right onto 85th Str. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left, Continue to just before 100th. Which is the next signal light. Turn right into parking area in front.

**South Bound** Take exit 18 [85th Str] East . Continue along 85th to 124th and follow the directions above.