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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March is the month we get together and congratulate our fellow members for the titles they have worked to put either before or after our dog's names. If you haven't sent Patty and I the information yet, please get to it. Time is drawing neigh. This March we are moving our Banquet to a new place. Many of us were disappointed at the Xmas Party at the Crab Cracker, both menu and service. Angelos has been in Bellevue for many years and has a great reputation. The menu we will be working from is on page 5. and the directions are on the back page.

We will hold a brief meeting to talk with Bo about the vote that is coming up on the Group realignment, so he will be instructed as to how the Club would like him to vote at the March Delegate meeting.

Don't forget also to send him your nominee for the Sportsman Award for this year. We will vote on that as well.

Please introduce yourselves to the New Members and applicants that you will see at the dinner. Susan and Len Plouff, who have Stewarded for us many times. Ellen Winningham, who was at the Jan Show, learning the ropes from Sandee. Also Jenny Merritt, who has just been voted in.

Be sure and get your RSVP to Jan, your new titled dog info to Patty and me.

See you at the dinner.

Rusty



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

Sammamish Kennel Club

February 8, 2012

Board meeting and General meeting combined

Meeting called to order by President Kingery at 7:02PM. Present were:

Rusty Kingery, Patty Hull, Nancy Warfield, Jackie Blumenstetter, Geri Orta, Jan Leikam, David Kingery

And membership applicants attending their first meeting, Susan and Len Plouff

The minutes of the last meeting were not available. No secretary's report.

Patty Hull presented a preliminary financial report.

President Kingery presented the 2012 calendar of events.

March 7 The awards dinner
April 11 General membership meeting
May 9 General membership meeting
June 13 General membership meeting
July 11 Picnic meeting at Marymoor
August no meeting
Sept 12 General membership meeting
Oct 10 General membership meeting
Nov 14 General membership meeting
Dec 5th Christmas meeting

The Board appointed the following committee chairs: Michelle Brown will be added to Membership to replace Paul Blumenstetter. Jan Leikam added to Historian, Standing Rules should have included Nancy Warfield. The rest as was posted for last year. Check web page for full report.

Nancy Warfield presented the application of Len and Susan Plouff

The annual award dinner will be Wed, March 7 at 6PM at Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue WA. (map & directions on back page)

AKC Sportsmanship award.

Please have all nominations along with a short statement as to why you think this person should be our AKC Sportsman of the year to Bo Gloster prior to the March 7 awards dinner. We will vote at that time.

The Reserve BIS award will be mandated as of July of 2012. After much discussion it was decided to leave the color of the rosette up to the trophy chairman as it is a non-regular class and AKC has not directed any specific color scheme.

We will also take the final vote to direct our AKC delegate, Bo Gloster, how to vote on the Group realignment question at the Awards dinner.

Jan Leikam moved to donate the annual donation of \$1500 to the WSU Veterinary Scholarship fund, Patty Anderson seconded. Patty Anderson, Treasurer, was directed to issue the check.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Leikam

Veterinarian Speaks Out on PETA and Westminster

by Libbye Miller; DVM

“Adorable mixed breeds” get cancer, epilepsy, allergies, heart disease, and orthopedic problems just like purebreds. I see it every day in my veterinary practice but mixed breed dogs aren’t tracked like the purebreds so they have a reputation as “healthier” that is actually undeserved in many cases. “ It is so sad that a lot of folks, including young veterinarians these days, buy into the “hybrid vigor” baloney. The vet schools have been infiltrated by the Animal Rights Extremists, who are teaching them this junk science in order to push their agenda. All animals have a certain amount of genetic load, which is to say there is absolutely no animal without some genetic problem of some sort of another.

• *Know anyone who wears glasses? • Has allergies? Thyroid problems? • Weak knees? • Flat feet? • A skin condition? • Arthritis? • A gap between their front teeth?*

These are all genetic imperfections. No human is genetically “clean.” Neither is any individual of any species on earth. So this idea that dogs should not be bred because they might have a genetic problem, and that breeders are somehow “evil” for breeding them, is ridiculous. Every single individual of every single species has at least a few genetic conditions. To use PeTA’s logic, all breeding of all kinds (including having human babies) should halt immediately. And to be honest, Ingrid Newkirk (the woman who founded PeTA) does believe exactly that. She thinks that humans should become extinct, along with dogs, cats, etc. This ridiculous scenario is precisely what she would like to see happen. So folks, if that is what you want...if you agree with Ingrid Newkirk’s whacky views, send your hard earned money to PeTA. They will help to ensure you are not able to own a dog or cat or hamster or any other pet in the future. They will see to it that you can’t eat meat or fish or eggs or any type of animal-based nutrition. They will work to shut down places like Sea World, the zoos, etc. so you cannot observe the many wonderful animals on the Earth. Eventually, once they accomplish these things, they may turn their efforts to making it illegal for humans to procreate. If you don’t agree with their extremist views, wise up and start supporting those who truly do love, care for and enjoy interaction with other species here on our little blue planet. The fanciers of the breeds, those you see exhibiting their dogs at Westminster and other dog shows, work very hard to eliminate serious genetic conditions. They screen their breeding stock with every available test. They research pedigrees before breeding into other lines, to check for similar clearances in those animals. They contribute money to research organizations to further the work being done to track down genetic problems. They contribute blood, cell samples, etc. from their own animals to help with DNA and genome studies. They have made great progress so far, and they continue to work hard at it.

Are there unethical breeders? Certainly, there are. Just as in any group of humans, you will find the good and the bad. United States VP Elect Joe Biden, for example, managed to find a not so good one when he got his new German Shepherd puppy. I don’t know who did his research for him, but they obviously didn’t do their homework if they were looking for a responsible breeder. Joe has the right to get his dog from whomever he wishes, but if he was trying to set an example of purchasing from a responsible hobby breeder he went off the track this time. That’s too bad, but it was his choice. Unfortunately, breeders like that may be a lot easier to find because of their high volume and high profile. If you are looking for a nice family pet from a breeder who will be there for you forever, you need to do due diligence. You won’t get that from a pet store. You won’t get that from the guy selling dogs out of his pickup truck in the WalMart parking lot. You won’t get that support from a high-volume breeder, either. Yes, it takes a little more time and effort to find someone who really cares and does all the work to breed the healthiest, happiest puppies possible and then stands behind those puppies. This is a living being that will be part of your family, hopefully, for many years. Isn’t it worth a bit of effort to find a breeder who will be there for you and that puppy forever? And guess what? Shows like Westminster are a very valuable resource for finding breeders who do care and who use the best possible practices, as well as for learning more about the various breeds. Bravo to USA Network for broadcasting the Westminster Kennel Club show all these years. May they enjoy continued success through the ongoing inclusion of such programs. I will be eagerly watching this year’s show!”

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OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This year again we are asked to elect one of our members we feel merits this AWARD.

Please send a nominee and a brief description of why you think this person should be awarded this recognition, to Bo Gloster, AKC Delegate at bogloster@AOL.com prior to the Banquet. Vote will be taken there . The AWARD is presented at the Summer Show in August in the Group Ring.

Notice from the AKC

January 12, 2012

Dear Member Club President,

Now in its fifth year, the **American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award** celebrates our constituents who deserve special recognition for having made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

Last year we instituted a change in the process for the award, and will continue the process in 2012. We will not be sending out a mass mailing of medallions to all Member Club Delegates as we had in previous years. Any Member Club wishing to award the medallion in 2012 must designate one officer to email me at nxs@akc.org stating that their club does indeed wish to participate this year. Please supply me with the name and address of the person to whom the medallion should be mailed. The person identified may either be a club officer who will be in charge of the presentation or the actual medallion recipient.

We have purposefully left the structure of the program up to each individual club so that you may determine the exact process by which your recipient is selected and the particular criteria to be used.

Please inform us of your club's winner of the award so that we may continue to list the recipients on our web site. Direct all questions and recipient information to me vial email at nxs@akc.org.

We have received feedback from many member clubs and recipients expressing their appreciation for having such a recognition program. Our sincerest wish is that this program will instill a greater appreciation for Outstanding Sportsmanship and deepen our sense of pride in the Sport of Purebred Dogs.

On behalf of The American Kennel Club, we congratulate your club's recipient.

Sincerely,



“If you do not know a breed’s correct silhouette you should not be breeding or judging the breed.”
Richard G. (Rick) Beauchamp

AVAILABLE MENU FOR THE PARTY

Antipasti * Insalate

Vongole Manila Clams 10

Funghi Affogati Sauteed mushrooms 8

Misto Meat, cheese & vegetables 12

Melanzane Eggplant parmigiana 8

Manzo Salad Filet mignon salad with Roquefort 14

Caprese Salad Fresh mozzarella & tomato over field greens 8

Cesar Salad Traditional dressing lg.8 sm.5

Pasta

Fettuccini Alfredo Pasta with cream, parmesan & butter 12

Cannelloni Al Forno Sausage, beef & spinach crepes baked with mozzarella 14

Seafood Cannelloni Dungeness crab & Chilean shrimp in cream sauce 17

Linguine Alle Vongole Fresh clams, white wine butter, or tomato sauce 15

Pollo * Chicken

Marsala Chicken sauteed with Dry Florio Marsala wine & mushrooms 17

Carne * Steaks

Filet Mignon 24

Filet Mignon Roquefort Roquefort chesse & Port wine sauce 27

The Italian Steak Topped with sweet pepper sauce 27

RSVP to Jan Leikam wayne-
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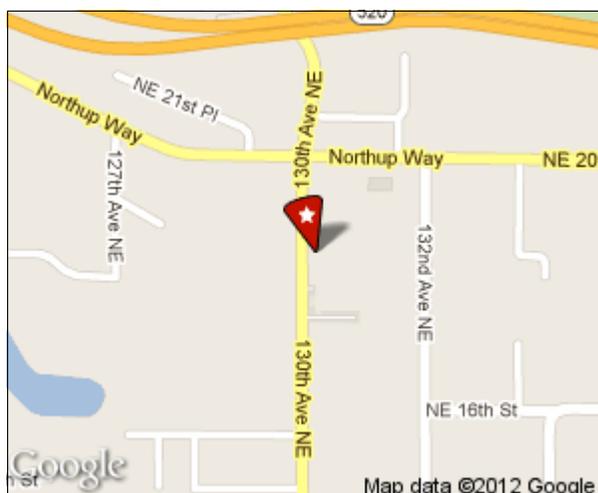
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**AWARDS BANQUET MARCH 7TH,
SOCIAL AT 6 PM DINNER AT 6:30 PM
RSVP**



Angelos Ristorante'

Directions:

From I 5 or I 405

Take 520 exit eastbound

Take Exit 5 [124th Ave. NE

Turn left on NE 20th St/Northrup Way

Turn right on 130th Ave NE

Angelo's is on the left