

In with the new—for a new beginning



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From the President's Desk

Well, this is our last winter Show. It has always been a very successful Show, being joined with Tacoma and Puyallup Kennel Clubs for the 1st set of Shows for the New Year. Rotating around the weekend to make sure everyone got their due as of course Monday is not the biggest day for entries. We take on a new adventure, with putting together a 2 day, back to back Saturday and Sunday at the Cascade site in 2017. So far all the Specialty Clubs are still with us and we have picked up 2 new ones, the Goldens and the Mals. Plus the prospect of another Group Club. We will know more about that after the Specialty Club meeting with us later this month.

In the meantime, of course I hope you all know that our Show is Sunday, January 17th at the Showplex in Puyallup, this year. Show starts at 8:00 AM and ends whatever time Best In Show has taken place. Those of you who have volunteered to work the Show, THANK YOU! It takes a bunch of people, [and then some] to run a Show. [[be there at 7"30 AM]]

In the meantime, the New Year means dues are due. Send to Jan Leikam, 12910 238th SE, Snohomish Wash 98296.

\$10 for single membership or \$15 for family membership. If you have already paid, Thank you! If not — they are now due .

Next Meeting will be in Feb, the 2nd Wednesday at 7PM at the Rose Hill Station 26. Be thinking about collecting your info for the Awards Dinner in March.

See ya next week in Puyallup

Rusty



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

Xmas dinner at Angelo's. A low turnout missing some that had thought they would be there. But nice present exchange. Everyone must have been satisfied with their draw, as no stealing took place. I think you know all by sight.



AKC Delegates' Meeting

Orlando Florida , December 10-11. 2015

This meeting was held in conjunction with the Eukanuba Championship Show at the Orlando Convention Center. Frankly there was not a lot of business transacted, which is somewhat typical of the December meetings. Much centers on the upcoming elections to the Board in March.

At different meetings, the candidates were introduced, or questioned, or they made presentations. I will at our next meeting provide the candidates' names, but note that Caroline McCateer who judged for us this summer is running. She handled herself well. A good friend, Bill Feeney, golden retriever fancier, is running to be renamed. Tom Powers, Patricia Cruz and Rita Biddle are in the running. The emphasis, as it is lately, is on the diminishing of AKC power and numbers, as well as threats from the Rightists. The sport is graying, the numbers are dwindling (registrations, etc). And yet surprisingly Eukanuba was AKC's biggest show in 20 years (when all entries are included: agility, obedience, conformation). I would note that the crowds were markedly diminished. The bleachers were hardly full, and one whole section from previous years was not constructed. And ringside spectators during the day were markedly less.

The Sammamish Club should be pleased that our votes for Lifetime Achievement Awards were not cast in vain! Patti Strand from Portland was the recipient of the Conformation award, and our neighbor, John Cox, was the Companion Events recipient. I was honored to be asked to sit at the Conformation head table with Patti and others from her fan-club! It was delightful.

I tried desperately to find out the status of the territory discussion, but it is still in committee and there was very little mention of it, either at the Coordinating Committee or the Rules group. As I often say: stay tuned.

There is anew information sort, Stephen Smith, with whom I spoke prior to Orlando and subsequently there. He is so determined and both bright and very nice. I encourage all of you to go to the improved- and improving – AKC website. He presented in several venues, and had a high profile in the Eukanuba “Vendors” Area”. He is a nice change.

There was a video presentation “In Memoriam”. It was touching but so sad to acknowledge all the greats we have lost in 2015.

Best wishes to all of you for 2016.

Bo Gloster



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SHOWPLEX AT THE
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