

General Membership Meeting  
Monday, April 17, 2006  
Meeting hosts – Jerry and JoAnn Gritz

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Helmbold at 6:06 p.m. Members present were: Fred and Pat Helmbold, Linda, Cherie, Sydney, Warren, Louis, Pat Barnes, Jan and Rocky Costa, Jim and Carol Frazier and Mary Barrett.

Guests were: Richie and Dorothy Moulthrop (Leonbergers), and Liz Sederquist (Great Dane, Boston, and Maltese). It was unanimously voted by the members present to welcome Richie and Dorothy into the Club.

Agenda items:

President Report – Fred: He read a resignation letter from the Board of Directors from Rebekah Mastro. Fred also asked for anyone who would be willing to be on the Board to take Rebekah's place. Louis parents have been in need of care and Rebekah has taken on that job, and it looks like it will be a long term situation. Fred asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Rebekah by the Secretary.

Fred also shared the AKC's new Code of Sportsmanship, which is on their website, and is on all of their premium lists/flyers. Fred attended the San Diego Pet Expo which is one of the largest events of its type. All of the newest gadgets, products are shown there. He shared a brochure on a new cooling pad that is better than what is currently available. Fred also showed a potential type of ring tape that we could use. It is called "Muletape", and it was passed around.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: Nothing to report this month.

Secretary's Report – Linda: The Constitution and Bylaws have been sent off to AKC and we have not yet heard back from them. They are also on the website. Received a letter from Terri Arrington thanking us for the class she recently took.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: A monthly Profit and Loss sheet was passed around and she provided the final numbers for the agility trial and Big Show.

Committee Reports:

Obedience (Basic) – Linda: Have 16 signed up. Graduation will be May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m. Already have registrations for the next session starting May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Conformation – Linda: Have 8 signed up. Class is doing well.

Puppy Class – Cherie: Have 8 in the class

Rally Class – Cherie – Have 8 in Rally (8 must be a magic number this session?)

Agility (Linda/Cherie): A date was set for a work party on April 29 at 10:00, starting out at the Shed, and then moving to the Humane Society field and trailer. This will also be a time to get items for the Pet Expo to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> (more on that later).

We will be starting classes on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Jim and Carol will be hosting a Fun Run/Skill Building class starting Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be 6 weeks in length at \$50 public and \$40 Club members.

Sunshine – JoAnn: There were no March or April birthdays. Cards were sent to Sydney, Jan and Peaches, Cherie and Clavey, Louis and Rebekah. JoAnn also had a card which we all signed for Leslie McCulloch who was struck and injured by a tree that crashed down on her while walking to her front door. It happened Sunday night (April 16<sup>th</sup>). Leslie suffered a compound fracture of the leg, and possible shoulder injuries. Our wishes for a speedy recovery for Leslie!

Membership – Pat H: Linda and Bruce have new email addresses: Linda: [tyedyed@hughes.net](mailto:tyedyed@hughes.net) Bruce is [copperoaksdobes@hughes.net](mailto:copperoaksdobes@hughes.net)

Publicity – Sydney: Nothing to report.

Education – Bonnie: Absent, but Linda reported that the First Aid Class taught by Marjorie Trebino and attended by members was very well received and we were all well fed!!! We should seriously think about having another one for those that were unable to attend this one.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie: Nothing new, but she will put the news article about Leslie in the binder.

Website – Linda: Some changes and corrections made. The Premium is up for our agility trial. Links for the Big Show (vendors, parking, etc.) are active.

Howler – Bonnie: No report, but she had Warren ask for volunteers for “Dog of the Month”. Larry and Spike will be April, and Dorothy will do June’s issue. Watch for those articles!

Old Business:

Big Show – Linda: Things are moving. We have all contracts for Judges done. Totally approved by AKC. Flyers have been sent out to all clubs in California, Nevada, Oregon and Arizona. We are also distributing flyers to the dog shows and Cherie will be taking some to shows she is attending. Ralph Price, our Show Superintendent rep, has offered to carry forward any flyers we are putting on the table and said he has never had a club do that before!

Judges Dinner – Report for Bruce by Linda: We will be having the Judge’s dinner for the Big Show in the Front Line/Bonanza Building. Dinner will be chicken and tri-tip, salad, pasta salad, bread, coffee, tea, water. By having the dinner there, we save \$200 off the rental cost.

AKC Agility Trial – Linda: Judge will be Kylie Bourke. Premiums are on our website. Getting entries, but very small so far. Photographer will be Peggy Sells from Mi-Wok and she will have a discount for club members. Jan and Rocky have offered to host the Judge’s dinner at their home and will be having chicken and tri-tip. We may have members bring a dish, but more on that will be announced later on.

Old Business:

Update on the Plaque purchase – JoAnn: Laurie Norton donated a plaque to the Club. It was M/S/P by Pat B./Carol to go ahead and purchase the name tags to be engraved and also a identification plate.

Report on Humane Society/Pet Expo - Bonnie/Fred: Warren reported for Bonnie that it will be on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Westside. There was a lot of discussion about what to bring, etc. Members should bring their own chairs and wear their nametags (if they have them, and the Club t-shirts). Schedules will be set for demonstrations based on the times when the Pet Expo will have their “Extreme Canine” events. We plan to have a space for a rally demo, and agility demo, and an obedience demo. AKC has sent educational material and Linda will be photocopying the Club’s brochures and handouts. The items we will need for the Expo will be picked up at the Shed and Trailer the day before (work party).

Braggs:

Sydney and Miles (Border collie) – He received his Advanced Rally title on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Merced with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Sydney moved him up to Excellent A on Sunday where he got a 1<sup>st</sup> place and a Qualifying score.

Dorothy and Cowboy (Leonberger) – Cowboy was honored at the Leonberger National Specialty for his 350+ Therapy/Hospice visits. For this, he received a Heart necklace made out of Leonberger fur.

JoAnn and Sunshine (Aussie) – In March they went to Arizona, to the Jumping Chollas Club and did NADAC agility. Sunshine had 9 qualifying runs!!!

Liz and new puppy – Liz’s new Maltese puppy is getting more beautiful by the day. She will be eligible for the next puppy class and she plans to get her started in conformation since her long-term goal is to show her.

Cherie and Mori (Aussie) – He obtained his Advanced Rally title, and has 2 Excellent Rally legs (requires 3 for a title). He has many Level 3 and 4 legs in CPE.

Cherie and Clavey (Aussie) – He obtained all Level 1 titles to make him eligible for the CPE Nationals. He also has several Level 2 and 3 qualifying scores.

Linda (for Bruce) and Echo (Doberman) – Bruce took Echo to Fresno and got Reserve Winner's Bitch on one day from the 6-9 month class. He then took her to Sacramento and at the Doberman specialty on Friday; she won Grand Sweepstakes and was again Reserve Winner's Bitch from the 6-9 class.

Upcoming Meetings:

May – Jim and Carol Frazier

June – Bonnie and Warren Belisle

It was M/S/P by Pat B/Warren to adjourn at 7:40. Tonight's meal was gourmet marinated, BBQd chicken.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant  
Secretary