

General Membership Meeting  
Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.  
Meeting hosts – Fred and Pat Helmbold  
Monday, October 16, 2006

President Fred called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Fred and Pat, Linda, Bruce, Cherie, Sydney, JoAnn, Pat, Carol, Leslie, Jan and Rocky, and Monika.

President's Report – Fred: The Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The cost will be \$20 per person for tri-tip, chicken, pasta, salad, veggie, garlic bread, and dessert. We can provide wine with the meal. This will be the same menu that was served at the Judge's dinner in August. We'll need a minimum of 25 people.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: No report this month.

Secretary's Report – Linda: provided some information that has been received in the mail.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: She provided a Balance Sheet which was passed around. The profit for the Big Show was shared, and Carol showed the breakdowns on that. The Club Medallions have been moved around to be better distributed. She also showed a comparison of all shows from 1997 to present. The average profit was \$7300.00.

Agenda Items:

Nominating Committee – Pat Barnes, JoAnn, Leslie: Pat indicated the following have been nominated: Bruce – President; Cherie – Vice President; Linda – Secretary; Vacant – Treasurer; Board Members – Jan, Rocky, and possibly Mary B. At the November meeting we will open nominations from the floor. Nominations for those that are not present must have a letter from the nominee.

Committee Reports:

Obedience/Rally/Puppy – Cherie/Linda: Graduation will be October 25<sup>th</sup>. We'll need helpers for CGC. Hot dogs and sodas provided, and Rocky will be the Chef. We'll start CGC at 5:00 to get through the 25+ students. Cherie has 5 in Rally and 15 in Puppy classes. We have one or 2 students who will be graduating this week because they will not be at graduation. The next set of classes will be starting January 10, 2007 and the other sessions are posted on the website.

Jan shared a story about a small dog and its owner that came to the Casino. The security people thought the dog was a Seeing Eye dog and they did not know what to do. Well, they contacted Jan knowing she had dogs. Jan investigated, found out the dog was a "Service Dog" for the lady. The owner has seizures and the dog alerts her when she is having a seizure. Jan is going to provide information to the employees about the difference between Service Dogs, Seeing Eye, Therapy dogs, etc.

Sunshine – JoAnn: Birthdays – Rocky's is today. A card was sent to Sydney who was in a minor accident with her vehicle after class last week. Jim and Jean Collins were involved in the earthquake which happened in Hawaii. JoAnn also shared a story with the members present.

Howler – Monika: Carol and Indy will be the “Dog of the Month” for October, and JoAnn and Jed will be the November “Dog of the Month”.

Publicity – Sydney: Nothing to report this month.

Agility/Fun Runs – Carol: Last week was the final week. This week’s session will start at 5:00 with a free fun run, and then they will put the equipment away. Bring rakes, wire cutters, etc. Rebar will need to be pulled out so that they can weed eat the field. Fred stated that if the garbage is set into a pile then his crew will dispose of it.

Upcoming Events:

Big Show, April 8 and 9, 2007 – Update from Bruce and Linda: Met with the Yosemite KC this past weekend in Merced to get familiar with the fairgrounds. Had dinner at the restaurant that the Judge’s dinner will be at and it was wonderful. The Judges’ dinner will be on Saturday night. It should be very nice. Made reservations for the judges at the Holiday Inn Express, so that is taken care of.

Lunches will be provided by the restaurant. Morning hospitality is provided by the Club and is set up in the Superintendent’s space. This will be for the Judge’s stewards and Club workers and will be muffins, coffee, juice; similar to what we provide at the agility trials. The Judge’s will have a continental breakfast in the hotel.

Yosemite has provided a Best in Show food buffet for the exhibitors which cost them \$250 a day and we will not be having that to cut back.

All judges for conformation have been approved. Need to get the Rally and Obedience judges assigned. Cherie is having difficulty getting in touch with the YKC Obedience Chair, but will continue to pursue it.

The NorCal Stewards Assoc will be providing the conformation ring stewards. The Yosemite KC is the only club that NorCal provides obedience stewards for and if we can find stewards on our own, we will save a lot of money for both clubs. Cherie will work on that.

Additional Items:

JoAnn made a comment that she had heard that AKC will now allow AKC Clubs to host NADAC and USDAA agility trials since they were in existence before AKC’s trials were, and the Board will be voting on it. Several members stated that they had not heard that, and all that they heard was that the Judge’s are exempt from judging non-AKC events. There are some types of trials that are exempt, such as American Herding Breed Assoc., Coonhound hunts, etc. JoAnn will get her information source and provide it to the Club.

Bruce updated the members on the AKC and Petland agreement. AKC has rescinded it’s agreement with Petland to have Petland provide AKC registrations to the dogs they sell. There was much uproar and letter writing to AKC in opposition to this.

Bragg:

Sydney and Tess (Australian Cattle Dog): They got their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Q's in Novice Rally.

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): Achieved his 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Q in Advanced and Excellent towards his RAE degree.

Mary and Buddy (Rat Terrier): 1<sup>st</sup> Q in Novice Rally at the San Joaquin DTC in Galt. Achieved 4 Q's at the CPE trial in Turlock – with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>.

JoAnn and Jed (Aussie): At Fuji Park in Carson City, Jed had an 18 second ASCA Novice Jumpers run!!

JoAnn and Sunshine (Aussie): She received a certificate for Regular Veterans Outstanding Performance from NADAC. (JoAnn corrected the title she received from what she had bragged at the meeting).

JoAnn and Bennington (Aussie): She had his photo done by Ann Clayton Photos, including a nice collage, which she shared both of them. Their plans are to back near for an annual photo.

Carol and Indy (Golden Retriever): They went to their first agility trial in Turlock and met lots of dogs. Slept most of the day, and Indy also lost more teeth.

Carol, Jim and Emmy (Golden Retriever): Emmy didn't have a good weekend at Turlock, but she had great weaves and contacts.

Fred – shared a scrapbook that was made by his daughter-in-law in memory of Sugar, and Fred passed it around.

Bruce and Velvet (Doberman): Velvet won 3 out of 4 of the Veterans classes at the Nationals in Colorado. Won an Award of Merit from the Veteran's class, out of 134 or so, Best of Breed dogs entered.

Bruce and Echo (Doberman): Echo won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Futurity class at the Nationals.

Linda and Tali (Aussie): Tali, after only entering one AKC trial this year, was ranked #7 and #10 with the United States Aussie Association (USASA).

Cherie and Mori (Aussie): Mori is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> USASA in Excellent B Rally.

Cherie and Burns (Aussie): Burns, who is expected to arrive in Sonora this Friday, is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Herding Started Sheep with AKC.

Meeting was M/S/P by Bruce/everyone to adjourn at 7:15. Next month's meeting will be at Jim and Carol Frazier's.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant  
Secretary