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## Notes from the President ---

I would like to thank the club for entrusting me with the Presidency. With the teamwork of my fellow Officers and Board Members, we can help the Sierra Tuolumne Kennel Club become a greater and solvent organization.

The new year has started off with a bang -- our Winter Classes having more dogs entered than the total entry of last year's AKC agility trial! Thanks to all who have come to help the instructors -- it has been greatly appreciated. The schedule for the rest of the year's classes has been set. (See the dates as posted in this Newsletter.) Tell people about the classes and come join us in presenting the best dog classes in the county!

One challenge for each of you: Find a new person to join our club. The more active members we have the more we will be able to accomplish. See you at the February meeting!

**Fred**



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

## Welcome New Members:

**Maureen Frank**

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Maureen, thanks to her parents, has had the opportunity to live in a number of locations – Greece, Hawaii, San Francisco, New Jersey, Sacramento, San Diego, Los Angeles, Oregon and now in Tuolumne County for the past 10 years. She was actually born in Berkeley (her friends say that explains a lot about her!) – where she got her first puppy and has had dogs her whole life.

Maureen has a B.A. from San Diego State (Majored: Political Science and History) and a Masters of Public Administration from USC (Intergovernmental Relations)

She currently works for Tuolumne County in the County Administrator's Office as a Senior Administrative Analyst and is responsible for: Department and Budget Liaison for the Department: Sheriff, D.A. Public Defender, Probation, County Fire, and Ambulance. Basically one could say she works with the Guns and Hoses Departments. As most of you already know she is also the Emergency Coordinator for the County which means she makes sure that all the right people are called and they have the right tools to handle various emergency situations. In addition she is the Deputy Purchasing Agent for the County which means approving contracts and doing the buying and the Community Development Block Grant Coordinator for the County managing some of the County's construction projects. WOW -- Sounds like a good worker bee to have in our Club!!

But, Maureen's true loves are Murphy (11 year old,

yellow lab mix, male) and Bailey (9-1/2 month, Border Collie mix, female). She looks forward to coming home to them after a hard day's work. Maureen said Murphy and Bailey get along great and quickly became best buds. Murphy went through all the puppy training classes when he was younger and is now assisting with the training of his younger sister! Bailey is currently attending the obedience training classes and can't wait for Wednesday nights!

### Laurie Norton

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Laurie and husband Wayne currently live in Modesto but are looking for property in Tuolumne County so they can someday join us "mountain folks." Laurie has worked at EJ Gallo as a project manager for many years and some of us have had the good fortune to sample some of her products!

Laurie's father was a livestock dealer and she grew up with livestock all her life. She said animals have been a part of her life as long as she can remember. At a very young age she was catching the family horse, leading it to a hitching rail and climbing on. In her teens she rode and showed quarter horses and her dad always had a stock dog or two around, usually Aussies or Border Collies. In later life her dad told her that he never had to worry if he had a sick or runt animal because he knew Laurie would adopt it and take care of it for him. If he bought a herd of sheep he usually gave her the pick of one to raise -- and sure enough she would pick the runt or orphan, and always wondered why her dad was smiling at her. It was one less worry for him.

A year ago December, Laurie's father passed away and she had an intense desire to locate and purchase a cattle dog. She felt it was destiny for her to own an Aussie. At that time she had two Rottweilers that had been with her for years. She went to every website on the internet researching Australian Shepard breeders and found one that she especially liked. It was a coincidence that it was from her hometown, Placerville, where she had gone to high school. Laurie and the breeder (Linda Buell of Woodstock Kennels) got to know each other and she signed up for one of their pups. Laurie said that little did she know from contacts through this little pup (Ryder) she would meet some great friends. One of Ryder's brothers went to Cherie Gessford and a half sister went to Bonnie Belisle. She is thankful that their association

introduced her to STKC and the many fantastic members that she said she feels privileged to call her friends. Laurie said the more she learns from the dog classes, the more she finds there is to learn!. She really appreciates all the help from the classes and outside events and wants to thank the Club for giving her the opportunity to join and experience this lifestyle and share it with others that have the same passion about dogs as she does.

Recently while looking through old pictures Laurie ran across one of her dad with his Aussie at his feet with the biggest grin on his face you ever saw. I think he is pleased now to know Laurie has her Aussie at her feet!

Laurie's 8-yr. old male Rottweiler, Kody, just lost his brother in December and is glad to have Ryder around to keep him young!

Laurie would love to eventually get involved with the STKC obedience training programs as well as entering some obedience shows -- after Ryder finishes training her, she says!! Laurie is looking forward to working at some of our upcoming shows this year -- YEA! Let's get her signed up. Another area she has expressed interest in is to assist with fund raising efforts.

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### 2005 Dog Training Class Schedule

Mother Lode Fairgrounds

April 6 – May 25

June 15 – August 3

August 31 – October 19



*"Who said I wasn't trainable??!! – Just don't touch my bone!"*



**Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Monday, January 17, 2005**

Meeting Hosts – Jim and Carol Frazier  
Start time: 6:13 PM

Members and guests attending: Cherie, Pat and Fred, Pat B., Sydney, Carrie, Leslie, Bonnie, Carol and Jim, Rebekah, Ann, Jo-Ann, Jennifer, and Laurie Norton.

President – Cherie acting President; Call the Annual Meeting of the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club to order.

Vote on new Members – Maureen Frank and Laurie Norton. Both are voted in using Official Ballots.

**Vote on 2005-2006 Officers and Board of Directors**

Nominations:

President – Fred Helmbold

Vice President – Cherie Gessford

Secretary – Linda Grant

Treasurer – Carol Frazier

Board Members – Bruce Bertholf, Lewis and Rebekah

Mastro, Pat Barnes, Pat Helmbold.

All the Nominees voted in.

President's Report – Fred: Next Board Meeting set at Linda's house, Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. All Members are invited to attend.

Still need volunteer for the February Meeting. Jim and Carol volunteer. It was decided by those present to have a standard potluck, hosts will not be furnishing the main course. This was decided because they hosted January also.

Cherie feels we need to raise the donation to each month's hosts to \$3 because of all the costs incurred.

Vice President's Report – Bruce: (report covered by Fred) A rebuilt copier is being considered, lease or purchase, would be about \$75 to \$100 a month. We would not purchase a Service Agreement.

Secretaries Report – Cherie: None

Treasurer's Report – Fred: The 2004 Annual Budget Report was around to the Members.

Class Reports -

Basic Obedience – Fred: WOW! There were 44 signed up that night, it was decided to split the session into two sessions. One will be at 6:00 and the other at 7:15 and Conformation will be cancelled at this time.

A second building is being considered, but in the mean time bleachers will be set up to separate the Basic from Puppy Class.

Rally Obedience – Cherie: There were 13 in class, with more coming next week. Many drove long distances to get to the class. No other classes are being offered around this area.. Rally became Titling as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. I think Rally will revitalize Obedience. The Advanced participants agreed to come 15 minutes early to get extra help with the more difficult exercises

Puppy - Cherie: There were 13 signed up, with several more coming next week.

Howler Editor – Bonnie: There will be a new feature article, it will be "Dog of the Month". Members are asked to send the editor, either via Email or regular mail, a photo and a short write up on their dog or dogs. This should be lots of fun for us to show off our dogs.

Membership – Pat H: A list of 2005 Members was passed around. Information pages on new Members were available. Rebekah – Wouldn't it be a good idea to list all the info about new Members in the Howler also besides the sheets at the meetings.

Fred – We should send out the Membership list every January so all Members are aware who renews.

Fred – Not all the Vets know they are Honorary Members.

Carol - Maybe a letter could be sent to them.

Fred – We could post a list of Honorary Members in the Howler.

Cherie – Explained who all the people on the list were, with help fro Carrie.

Fred – We need a committee for deciding who should be on this list and the qualifications.

Publicity – Sydney: The article did a good job of getting many people to call about classes. Not many Members saw it, but the public did.

Sunshine – vacant: Jo-Ann volunteers, subject to Board approval.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie: The good "Conformation" article in the Democrat is all.

2005 AKC Conformation Show – Carrie We have week 34, which will be the last weekend in August this year, the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

We have the Fairgrounds for that date, but not having a contract until a week before the event bothers Carrie.

MB-F has been contacted and will send us a contract to look at. A committee needs to be set up for selecting Judges.

Committee heads were discussed and volunteered for:

Vendors and RV's - Linda

"Read All About It" - Carrie

Publicity - Lewis

Grounds - Fred/ Jim

Obedience – Cherie with Ann, Pat B., Sydney, and Jennifer helping.  
Hospitality – Pat H. and Jerry  
Catalogs – Carrie  
There are still areas that need to be filled, especially Trophies.  
At the next meeting these will be brought up again.

AKC Agility Trial – Carol:

The date of October 15-16, 2005 is open with both AKC and Summerville. A motion was made to contact AKC for that date as our Trial date. Jim/Ann/passed  
We can set up on the Friday before on the baseball field. No vehicles on the field, which will mean a little more carrying.  
Bonnie: Would like a jobs list to put in the Howler. She will contact Linda.

NADAC/ASCA Agility Trial – Linda/Cherie; Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Dog Park – Fred/Bonnie: Bonnie and Bruce will be the committee to continue working on this project. Bonnie had drawn up a map so the grant writing process could start.  
Ann – Thought the Membership should know that the Board decided not to hold the Obedience Classes there. There were a variety of reasons. It would just be Agility and other events. It was brought up that it was never going to be a public Dog Park because of insurance issues.  
Carrie – Will we have Agility Classes or Fun Runs this year? An option might be to set up temporary fencing and work on the dirt this year. This will be looked into.  
Carrie – Wanted to know about getting on the local Cable TV with a segment for STKC. Sydney will work with her and try to make contact.  
Carrie – Wants our Club to look into the fixed central meeting place idea. This will be brought up at the next Board Meeting. The By Laws Committee needs to be updated and could work on this.

New Business: Rebekah – We should have flyers etc. to be given to new adoptees about the Club and Classes.

Annual Meeting adjourned: at 7:40 Cherie/Jennifer/passed

Brag:

Jo-Ann & Jed – At the ASCA Nationals got a 1st in Jumpers and two 3rds in Regular with really fast times.  
Jo-Ann & Sunshine – At the ASCA Nationals got a 1<sup>st</sup> in Jumpers and a 4<sup>th</sup> in Regular, also with very fast times.  
Bonnie & Kiah – Kiah was introduced to the Sierra Club hiking group. She would sit and offer her paw to shake to the members. Her good manners were showing.  
Jim & Emmy – At the NADAC/ASCA Trial in Madera in December she got 2 Q's, but refused to do any weaves. She also did a "30" jump", there was a person on the course setting a jump, to the wrong height, so Emmy cleared the bar at 30" and the person and then continued through the course as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

Pat & Dexter – He can run a full course now and doesn't run off the course when Pat messes up.  
Cherie & Moon – Earned a 9<sup>th</sup> place in Regular at the ASCA Agility Finals at Paso Robles. Only one more Elite Gamblers leg to go for her 7<sup>th</sup> Agility Trial Championship.  
Cherie & Mori – At a Pre-Trial at the ASCA Nationals he was 4<sup>th</sup> in a Conformation Class. He also got 2 Q's in the ASCA Nationals Agility Trial. In the last two months he has earned 5 Outstanding and Superior Agility titles in NADAC.  
Jennifer & Keeper – She earned her C-CATCH (CPE Agility Trial Champion) in October. Editor's note: This is a first for our Club in CPE.  
Jennifer & Jack Flash – He earned his Novice Jumpers title in NADAC.

**Next Month's Meeting:**

Thank you Jim and Carol for "volunteering" your home once again for our Feb. meeting. **MEMBERS TO NOTE: No main dish will be served -- so potluck dishes to bring should include main dishes as well.**

**Also Note: New donation to dinner hosts will be \$3.00**

Jim and Carol Frazier's on February 21, 2005  
15624 Curtis Circle, Sonora (209-533-3476)  
Directions traveling East from Sonora on Hwy 108 –  
Right on Tuolumne Rd., left on Black Oak Rd., left onto Barron Ranch Rd., left onto Curtis Circle (veering to left fork) – about ½ mile up on left side. STKC banner will be out.  
(Note: Long driveway, cannot see house from road.)

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**DOG OF THE MONTH**

**"Miles" (Border Collie)**

Owner: Sydney Seiver



Miles is a 4-year old male Border Collie who was abandoned in a yard with an adult female Border Collie at 3 months of age. Sydney was helping walk dogs at the Humane Society and found out the female was adopted, but the pup was still in Animal Control with only 3 days left! There was no room to move him over to the Humane Society.

Even though Sydney already had two dogs she knew she had to adopt him – a decision she has never regretted. He is a sweetie and very intelligent – working his way up to being a demo dog in CGC classes as well as having earned six agility titles. Sydney hopes to compete with him in Rally Obedience very soon. Miles favorite spot is in Sydney's lap or snuggling next to her at night making a nice warm blanket for Sydney on these cold nights. Yes, this was a match made in heaven

and Sydney loves him very much. ♥

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Please send your doggie story and photo for an opportunity to be featured in the "Dog of the Month" column. Thanks, Bonnie ([mtbonnie@hotmail.com](mailto:mtbonnie@hotmail.com))

**San Francisco Passes Humane Dog Law**

By Kim Curtis, Associated Press Writer

(Contributed by Carol Frazier)

SAN FRANCISCO - In this famously dog-friendly city, dog owners are "pet guardians," the local shelter keeps strays in "apartments" — and, as of Tuesday, man's best friend is entitled to certain perks.

A new "backyard dog" law says canines are entitled to a change of water once a day, palatable and nutritious food in a non-tipping bowl, and a dog house with a top, bottom and three sides. Tying up the dog is highly discouraged.

The law, passed by the Board of Supervisors, was modeled after a similar one in Los Angeles, and is aimed at owners who keep their dogs outside, according to a spokeswoman for Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who sponsored the legislation at the request of the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

"What it really does is tell these owners what the minimum requirements are if they're going to keep their dog outside," said Carl Friedman, director of Animal Care and Control.

He dismissed complaints that the effort is frivolous. "I say, 'Look at some of these abandoned and mistreated animals I deal with and you'll feel differently,'" he said.

Friedman said Animal Control officers routinely see dogs chained to a fence with no protection from rain and wind, rodents in their food bowls and tipped-over, empty water bowls. Dogs are often sick, malnourished, wet and cold.

Of the estimated 100,000 dogs in San Francisco, about 100 are in custody at Animal Care and Control at any given time, Friedman said. About 800 dogs are euthanized each year because of severe medical and behavioral problems



**Sunshine Chair > JoAnn Gritz**

Good News! Everyone's healthy, but please let JoAnn know if there's someone who needs a card!!

**General Membership Meetings -- 2005**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 6:00 p.m.)

*February – Carol & Jim Frazier (THX!)*

*March – Jennifer Slater*

*April – Rebekah & Lewis Mastro*

*May – Carol & Jim Frazier*

*June – Bonnie & Warren Belisle*

*July – Cherie Gessford*

*August – Pat & Gene Barnes*

*September – Jo-Ann & Jerry Gritz*

*October – Pat & Fred Helmbold*

*November – Rocky & Jan Costa*

*December – Restaurant*

Contact Show Chairmen or Secretary to sign up for a spot on the **Volunteer Roster** for upcoming Shows

**STKC SHOW SCHEDULE – 2005**

**-- VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS --**

**June 4 & 5 – NADAC/ASCA Agility Trials**

**Summerville High Baseball Field**

Judge: Ric Pitman

**Show Chairman: Bruce Bertholf**

**Secretary: Linda Grant**

**August 27 & 28 – AKC**

**Conformation/Obedience**

**Mother Lode Fairgrounds**

**Show Co-Chairs: Carrie Stroble**

**& Sharlene Craig**

**October 15 & 16 (TBD) – AKC Agility Trials**

**Summerville High Baseball Field**

Judge: TBD

**Show Chairman: Bruce Bertholf**

**Secretary: Linda Grant**

**STKC SHOW SCHEDULE – 2006**

**June 10 & 11 – NADAC/ASCA Agility Trial**

**Summerville High Baseball Field**

**Board Meeting – 2005**

**CHANGE** from Feb. 7th to **Feb. 14th**– 6:00 pm @  
Linda Grant's

(Interested Club Members are Invited to Join)



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