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CONGRATULATIONS CHERIE!

January 24, 2002

NATCH-V Lichen's Moon Dancer AAD, MX, MXJ,
and of course CGC.

On Saturday, January 19, 2002, Moon her last Gamblers Class leg to earn her NADAC Agility Trial Championship. The V stands for Veterans that dogs 7 years and older are considered.

Moon is my daughter's, Kate, dog. She trained her in Obedience and then when Agility came on the scene, in that venue. I started showing Lichen in Agility and after 6 months I asked Kate if I could take Moon along and show her also as she was trained. It was a challenge at first because Moon thought she had to mind only Kate. The night Moon came and slept under my bed instead of in bed with Kate I knew we were a team.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2002

President, Fred Helmbold called this month's meeting, hosted by Cherie Gessford, to order at 6:09 p.m. The following members were present:

Minou Alexander, Linda Grant, Fred & Pat Helmbold, Mark & Holly Azevedo, Nancy Wyllie, Sydney Seiver, Ann Brown, Patti Martlew and Bruce Bertholf.

Guests present were Sharlene Craig and Sue O'Brien.

Nominations for the 2002 Board of Officers and Directors were held. Sharlene Reed withdrew her nomination as Secretary, so the position has a vacancy. The outcome of the voting was:

President, Linda Grant; Vice President, Cherie Gessford; Secretary, vacant; Treasurer, Fred Helmbold; Board of Directors, Mark Azevedo, Bruce Bertholf, Lindsay Stark

Secretary – Linda: The Leonberger Club will be hosting their Regional National Specialty at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds on February 16-17, 2002. STKC will be providing 2 rings (one obedience and one conformation) of equipment. Setup time is after 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 15th.

Calendar in the Howler – A 4-month calendar of upcoming events will be printed in the Howler.

Treasurer – Fred/Mark: Mark gave an update on the Club's financial status.

Committee Updates:

Membership – Pat: Linda reported that there is not a good membership program, so another way of making the membership booklets will be

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In November of 1996 Moon entered her first NADAC Trial. Gamblers Class was our nemesis. When Moon turned 8 all of a sudden she understood it and we took off, getting 9 required legs in under one year. She also got faster.

Now what? Well, when most dogs are retiring out of Agility, we will go towards her ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) Championship with only 5 Gamble legs to go. Moon has been in their Agility Merit Dog Program the first three years it was offered

nationwide. She placed 15th in 1999, 14th in 2000, and 15th in 2001. Not bad for a hometown girl.

Then why not a NATCH-2, she only needs 2 more jumpers legs and those once elusive 10 more Gamblers legs, she has hundreds of points over for the Regular Agility Class legs.

At nine years old Moon has a long Agility career ahead of her, so she tells me.

Cherie



CONGRATULATIONS ANNE!

1/20/02 - At the Santa Clark Dog Training Club, in San Jose, Obedience trial - largest obedience trial in years. Huge entry. Holly got (1) High Scoring Tracking Dog and (2) 1st place in Utility B in a large class of 27 dogs and got 27 points (she only need 11 point) and got her OTCH!!!

Holly got her OTCH in only 10 months (average time is more than a year) at only 4 years, 4 months old. Only 100 OTCH titles are awarded each year Nationwide by the AKC. I'm so very, very proud of her. She is now:

OTCH Lone Hill Wild Mountain Holly VCD2, UDX, TD, AX, AXJ, NAC, NJC, CGC, TDI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 16, 2002

LEONBERGER NATIONAL SPECIALTY
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California

The Club will be providing obedience equipment and ring set ups for the 2002 Leonberger National Specialty. We may be called upon to assist in setting up, etc.

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2002

AUSSIE CONFORMATION AND ALL BREED OBEDIENCE
Central Valley Australian Shepherd Club, Memorial Park, Kingsburg

Pre-entry \$8.00 a class, Day of show - \$12.00

I have a flyer for more info. This is a great opportunity to obtain another obedience degree! (All obedience begins with sits and downs)

APRIL 27, 2002

AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT TEST SOCIETY
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California

Temperament Test – open to all breeds. Paperwork has not yet been received, but we are listed on their website and getting email requests for information. We'll need helpers.

MAY 18 – 20, 2002

USASA AUSSIE AGILITY TRIAL (AUSSIE NATIONALS)
Carson City, NV

Linda Grant, Agility Chair. Open to all AKC Breeds on Saturday/Sunday. Aussies only on Monday.

JUNE 8 – 9, 2002

ASCA/NADAC AGILITY TRIAL
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California

Judges ~ Mary Gutknecht and Lori Vanderburg, from Seattle, WA.

SEPTEMBER 7 – 8, 2002

AKC AGILITY TRIAL
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California

Judge ~ Ann McQuillen from Placerville area.

SEPTEMBER 21 – 22, 2002

GOLDEN GATE PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB
ASCA/NADAC AGILITY TRIAL

Club will be providing AKC agility equipment and key position. Judges will be Tammy Weibe and Judy Boone.

Next General Meeting

February 18, 2002, 6:00 p.m.

LINDSAY STARK'S HOUSE AT:
QUARTZ JACKSONVILLE ROAD
JAMESTOWN, CA
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PETLOVERS@MLODE.COM

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figured out. Memberships are delinquent on March 1st.

Obedience – Linda: We have 18 in Basic/CGC and Puppy has 14. Puppy instructors are Lindsay/Holly. Lindsay will be on vacation for Classes #3 & 4, so Pat and Sydney will provide assistance. CGC Instructors are Linda, Cherie with assistance from Bruce and Sydney. Graduation will be February 27th. Next session starts on March 13th, Session #3 will start on May 29th. Ann Brown will be giving an obedience demonstration with Holly on Week #6 (February 13th). There will be an agility demonstration (outdoors, weather permitting), on the following week, February 20th).

Humane Society Donations – Fred: The Club is presently donating \$100 of food per month to the Humane Society. Dusty's Den is handling delivery of the food, and they reported that the Humane Society is presently going through one bag every other day.

Therapy Group – Sydney/Ann: Ann Brown has offered to assist Sydney. Bruce is still trying to obtain his certification from TDI. Linda provided Sydney a reporting requirement from TDI. Fred reported that the AKC Gazette had a nice article on TDI Bernese Mountain Dogs in the recent issue.

Agility – Linda: The Club does not have a location for Classes, but Lindsay Stark has offered her field next to her business as a location for the classes and FunRuns. The Agility Group will remove rocks, and get it set up. We'll also use the orange snow fencing to rim the perimeter.

Howler – Nancy: She needs information for the

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Dog's Letters to God

Dear God,
How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God,
When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God,
Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around in a car? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but wouldn't it be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle?

Dear God,
If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God,
Is it true that, in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God,
If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

Dear God,
More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God,
When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God,
We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God,
Are there dogs on other planets, or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street!

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Ann Brown's Broccoli Salad Recipe

4 C fresh broccoli crowns (no stems) - chopped
3/4 C raisins
3/4 C sunflower seeds
1/2 C chopped red onion
6-8 slices crisp bacon, crumbled
Dressing: 1 C mayonnaise
1/3 C sugar
3 Tbsp. seasoned rice vinegar

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Hiking Committee – Minou/Cherie: This new committee will arrange weekly hikes. Minou and/or Cherie will provide dates and times.

Upcoming Events:

February 16-17, 2002 – Leonberger Specialty

April 27, 2002 – ATTS Test, Fairgrounds – Linda: Awaiting information from ATTS. Information will be provided at the next meeting for those interested in exactly what the ATTS test is all about.

June 8-9, 2002 – ASCA/NADAC Agility Trial – Linda/Lindsay: Linda reported that the Judges have been secured, room reservation done, and the paperwork has been submitted. Nancy will be Chief Scorer.

September 7-8, 2002 – AKC Agility Trial – Linda/Lindsay: The judge is secured and paperwork has been submitted and approved by AKC.

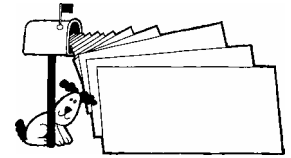
Discussion was held regarding purchasing another Laptop Computer for use at the Agility Trials. It was M/S/P by Cherie/Pat, and passed by the General Membership to have Linda and Nancy research a new computer. Fred will check prices through his work.

November 11-12, 2002 – AKC Conformation Show: Linda/Fred – more to follow.

New Business:

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Dear God,
Are there mailmen in Heaven?
If there are, will I have
to apologize?



Dear God,
Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpet thing, again?

Dear God,
Can I have my testicles back?

CONTINUATION/ADDENDUM TO "BRAGS"

December 17, 2001 meeting

Janie Azevedo – Has a new Miniature Schnauzer, which is the first puppy from Paddington Bear. He has Top Producer Status in Mini Schnauzers, which means he has 5 champions.

Lindsay and Becca (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) – Outstanding certificate in Novice Standard agility and Open Jumpers Certificate

Lindsay and Tobey (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) – 1st Qualifying leg in Novice Jumpers agility

Holly and Kodi (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) – Open Jumpers leg (agility)

Holly and Bella (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) – Open Jumpers and Novice Gamblers title (agility)

Nancy and Otter and Jake – were in the parade with the Humane Society and wore "antlers". Very cute!

George Hart (Dusty's Den) – bragged that he was able to get 5 Golden Retrievers to sit still for a photo that was used as an ad in the Union Democrat. (Five Golden's Ring!)

Rocky and Peaches (Aussie) – Peaches is great at letting Rocky know when the horse got loose, and helps him load up the wood, and also is great at catching footballs!

Fred and Pat and 8 Bernese Mtn Dogs – showed a photo of 8 Bernese Mtn Dog puppies (their own litter). It was amazing that Fred got them all to hold still long enough to get the photo.

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The Club members requested a formation of a Committee for the Revision of the Constitution/By-Laws and Policy Manual (as needed). Committee members will be: Lindsay Stark, Ann Brown, Holly Azevedo, Nancy Wyllie, and Fred Helmbold.

Next month's meeting will be held at Lindsay Stark's home in Jamestown. Nancy Wyllie passed around a signup sheet for the next year's host homes. Linda Grant will host the Board meetings.

Brag:

Sydney and Tess (Australian Cattle dog). They went to Soulsbyville Methodist Church for Men's Breakfast to talk about Therapy Dogs. There was nothing like a room full of Methodist's with breakfast sausages and eggs to make a Therapy dog happy! Lots of interest generated in our Therapy program.

Linda and Dexi (Australian Shepherd) – at San Mateo received 1st place, Winner's Dog and Best of Winners for 3 points and his 2nd major towards his Championship. This gives him 8 points.

Cherie and Mori (Australian Shepherd) – at the lone ASCA show, Mori received his ASCA Companion Dog (CD).



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March ~ Fred and Pat Hembold

April ~ Patti Martlew

May ~ Ann Brown

June ~ Mark and Holly Azevedo

July ~ Fred and Pat Hembold

August ~ Bruce Bertholf

September ~ Sydney Seiver

October ~ Bruce Bertholf

November ~ Minou Alexander

December ~ Restaurant

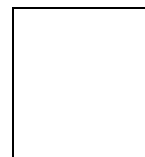
Some items for a Canine First Aid Kit

betadine
kwik stop
sterile eye wash
cortisone-antibiotic eye ointment
tea tree oil
bag balm
rescue remedy
nail clipper
magnifying glass
pen light
soft muzzle
cotton gauze bandage wrap - 1.5 inch width, 3 inch width
Vet Wrap -- 2 inch width, and 4 inch width (4 inch is sold for horses)
Ace bandage
first aid tape
cotton gauze pads
regular bandaids
cotton swabs or Q-tips
Benadryl
Bee-sting kit
buffered aspirin
Pepto Bismol liquid
Anti-diarrhea medication
New Skin liquid bandage (useful for patching abrasions on pads)
hydrocortisone topical spray (such as Cortaid brand)
oral syringes (for administering liquid oral medicines, getting ear drying solution into ears, etc...very useful!)

razor blade (paper wrapped for protection)

matches
sewing needle
tweezers
hemostat (useful for pulling ticks, thorns, large splinters, etc)
small blunt end scissors
canine rectal thermometer (get one made specifically for dogs)
antibiotic ointment (such as Bacitracin)
bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide
bottle of isopropyl alcohol (rubbing)
alcohol or antiseptic wipes (in small individual packets)
jar of Vaseline
Epsom salts

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