

THE HOWLER



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ---

With the responsibilities of putting the AKC Agility trial on, along with personal responsibilities, I was unable to get a "Howler" out on time. I've included all meeting minutes in this issue. You can also check the website (www.stkc.org) and see if they are on-line. I can sometimes get them on the website before they are put in "print".

Thanks to everyone who helped out in whatever way at the AKC Agility Trial. We should be very thankful that we have Crew from the Tuolumne County Probation Dept. Without them, it would be much harder to put these types of shows on. Thank you, Fred ☺

Our classes are winding down for the year, and we should all be thinking of the "Big Show". This is one time when we can thank the exhibitors for attending and helping our Club. Without the income from the Big Show, many of the niceties that this Club provides to its members would not happen. Let's all come on out and help at the Big Show.

The final revision of the Policy Manual is also attached. It will be voted on at the October meeting.

So until next month,

Happy Heeling, Consistent Weaves, and Perfect Stacks.

Linda

Interesting Figures

This is a compilation of the entries and dogs shown at our Big Show since 1999. The information for the years prior is not available on line. This definitely indicates our numbers are increasingly declining. We are equivalent to a show in Alaska or Hawaii!!

	Saturday		Sunday	
	Entered	Shown	Entered	Shown
1999		699		700
2000	911	626	899	599
2001	958	710	929	641
2002	771	499	806	519

STKC General Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2003

Hosts – Jim and Carol Frazier

Called to order by President Linda Grant at 6:15 PM

Members present - Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Lindsay Stark, Ann Brown, Jim and Carol Frazier, Bob and Arlene Proebsting, Patti Martlew, Sydney Seiver, Jo-Ann Gritz, Al and Mary Kennedy, Holly Azevedo, Nancy Wyllie, Louis and Rebecca Mastro.

Guests – Pat Barnes, Boston Terriers

Agenda:

Vote – all: Pat Barnes voted in as a member.

President's Report – Linda – Update on "Big Show"

1. Final Draft on the Premium List has been received. Needs to be reviewed and sent back to MB-F by August 28th.
2. Special Committee Meeting set for October 20th for finalization of all assignments, equipment needs, positions, etc.

Secretary's Report – Cherie: None

Treasurer's Report – Fred: The accounting sheet from January to August was passed around.

Update on September AKC Agility Trial

1. "Put Together Party" on September 4th, a Thursday, starting at 6:00 PM at Linda's, with food provided by Club, sides brought by members.
2. Lindsay reported there were 210 on Saturday, 218 on Sunday as of August 17th. Eight had signed up for the Seminar so far.
3. Various members are looking into the food option.
4. From Linda, a big "THANK YOU" for all of those that showed up for the Work Party and the Put Away the next day. We were even entertained by the fire and CDF at Table Mountain.
5. Set up for Trial at 8:30 AM on Friday, September at the Fairgrounds, with members setting up their personal setups at noon.
6. Be there time on Saturday is 6:30 AM.

7. Seminar time still has to be finalized.
8. Judges gift to be a \$25 gift certificate to Clean Run store and a STKC shirt.
9. The gift to participants was discussed. It was finally decided to give dog cookies.
10. It was discussed how to cut costs but still keep the longevity of the show along with the philosophy of gift giving at agility trials.

Update on the Rattlesnake Avoidance Class – Linda

Their website was difficult to get info off of. It will be pursued.

Committee Reports:

Basic Obedience – Linda: Next session starts on Wednesday, August 20th. Already have a few signups. Need to confirm instructors. We will need to have a week off, because Linda and Bruce will be gone to Dobe Nationals, which would fall on Graduation.

Intermediate and Puppy – Cherie: So far, 3 signed up in both.

Conformation Class – Linda: There will be no more classes until January 2004 due to the work and show schedule of Ken O'Brien and Sharlene Craig.

Agility Classes – Linda: We have 4 pre-entries for Beginning and 3 or 4 for Intermediate so classes will start on Thursday, August 21st at 5:30 PM. We need to reschedule Fun Runs.

Sunshine – Holly: Fred and Mark's surgeries.

Trophies – Holly: Club members need to pay now to get in Premium, the list was passed around.

Membership Solicitor – Mary: Mary would like a list from instructor from each class on which ones might be good candidates.

Membership Coordinator – Pat: During the year, members can make changes in their books using information posted in the Howler.

Publicity – Sydney: Information put on the radio. Flyers handed out at Responsible Dog Ownership Presentation at the Library. Arlene will make up business cards to hand out to members to hand out to the public.

Education – Let's think about what we would like to have for future meetings.

1. Have Dr. Croom do an acupuncture demonstration.
2. Have Mike Moffit do a chiropractic demonstration.
3. Five members went to the Humane Societies Adopt a Puppy Evening.
4. Sydney did a Responsible Dog Ownership class at the Library.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie: None

New Business

Ann had tracking flyers.

Linda had agility flyers.

Fred had a sample new ring sign. One bid was over \$1000, the other was \$516 for all new conformation signs. M/S/V Jim/Bruce/Passed to buy the signs from Sign Pro for the lower bid.

Next Month's Meeting – Sydney's house

Brag:

Sydney & Tess – third place at Bow Wow Luau in the 36 weave pole challenge.

Linda & Pandi – 2002 USASA Year end awards, # 2 Novice 16" Standard Preferred, and #7 in Novice 16" JWW Preferred.

Carol & Emmy – got her highest score yet in Intermediate Obedience Graduation.

Jim & Emmy – made every contact on her last run at Starfleet Fun Match, with every weave pole in 5 runs. She stayed at his side when Jim fell, and didn't leave the ring.

Pat Barnes & Ruby Jewell – the new Boston puppy, will be picked up on 8/20.

Jo-Ann & Sunshine – at a CPE Trial, 5 Q's with a first place in Snookers.

Rebecca & Lori – a new Boston puppy, Lovely Lil Luci Lou, Chips is 100% recovered.

Al and Mary & Fella – did the 36 weave pole Challenge in 15 seconds at Aloha, he now gets his teeth brushed with a Crest Spin Brush, and he issues a challenge for any other dog to accomplish that.

Cherie & Moon – another Elite Gamble leg, ranked for 2003 #7 and #8 in nation for Novice by USASA.

Cherie & Mori – first conformation weekend, 1st Open Black, Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed, with 2 points, all in ASCA Altered Conformation.

Meeting Adjourned: M/S/P Al/Bruce/Passed at 7:30 PM.
Submitted by:

Cherie Gessford, Secretary



Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club
Board of Directors Meeting
August 26, 2003
Location: Linda Grant's
Started at 5:55PM

Present: Linda Grant, President, Bruce Bertholf, VP, Cherie Gessford, Sec., Fred Helmbold, Tres., Al Kennedy, Board; Mary Kennedy, Board; Ann Brown, Board; Patti Martlew, Board, Pat Helmbold, Board.

Others present from Policy Manual Committee: Lindsay Stark, Holly Azevedo, Nancy Wyllie.

Agenda Items:

1. Policy Manual Revisions – Policy Manual Committee Report - There was much discussion about the revisions. Final compromises were reached. Lindsay will type up the changes decided on at the meeting, she will E-mail them to those present. They will be put in the October issue of the Howler, to be presented for acceptance at the October general meeting.
2. Update on AKC Agility Trial – Lindsay: The Trial is almost full, with 281 runs on Saturday and 290 runs on Sunday. A full Trial is 300 runs a day. There was discussion about the seminar on Friday. There was some confusion about the time. Lindsay will contact Mike Omartian for clarification, then the participants will be notified of the exact time. The "Put Together Work Party" will be at Linda's house on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 PM. We will do food as usual.
3. Update on the Big Show – Linda: We still need a vet. Bruce would make calls. The Premium has to go to MBF on Thursday.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Will be set at September's General Meeting

Adjourned at 8:25 M/S/Vote Fred/Pat/Passed

Cherie Gessford
Secretary

There are many STKC-Logo items available for purchase

T-Shirts	\$10.00 (XXL: \$14.00)
Tank Tops	\$8.00 (XXL: \$10.00)
Sweatshirts	\$17.00 (XXL: \$20.00)
Hooded/Zip Sweatshirts	\$25.00

Items will be available for purchase at Graduation, October 15th or contact Linda

Obedience Graduation

Graduation for Puppy, Basic and Intermediate Classes will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds.

STKC hosts a Hot Dog and Soda BBQ for all participants and helpers.

Club clothing (T-shirts/tanks/sweatshirts), sport bottles, CGC patches and pins, will be available for purchase.

We can always use people to help out by setting up, being part of a "crowd", or handing out Club literature.

This will be the final session for 2003.

STKC General Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2003
Hosts – Sydney Seiver

Called to order by President Linda Grant at 6:05 PM

Members present - Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Jim and Carol Frazier, Arlene Proebsting, Patti Martlew, Sydney Seiver, Jo-Ann Gritz, Al and Mary Kennedy, Louis and Rebecca Mastro, Pat Barnes.

Agenda:

President's Report – Linda

1. IBoard meeting set for Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 PM at Linda's house to discuss class attendance, Holiday dinner, and AKC report on seminar.
2. September Howler – minutes, etc. will be combined with the next issue. Minutes are on line.
3. A big "Thank You" for all those that worked at the September Trial.

Secretary's Report – Cherie

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Fred

1. The accounting sheet was unavailable this month.
2. The preliminary AKC Trial profit is about \$800.

Round Robin – AKC Agility Trial

1. Raffle – a. A big success, went over very well. b. Should start ahead about 120 days before the event to approach merchants. c. Need formal letter from President to present to merchants.
2. Score Table – a. Only one problem, getting Performance classes to work, but problem has been

solved now. B. Thanks to Linda for the use of her new motorhome, it was cool, comfortable, and inaccessible to competitors.

3. Hospitality – a. Had the correct amount of food this year. B. Sandwich vendor worked better this year, Savemart.
4. Sales – a. Sold a number of shirts. B. Maybe will have it at the raffle booth next year.
5. Education – Need club applications, class schedules, and information at check-in or hospitality.
6. Equipment – a. Sand in trailers. b. Need a rake, shovel, ladder, and better claws for pulling up the large nails to be added to trailer. C. Newly painted equipment was great.
7. Grounds – a. "RV Host" for fairgrounds was a pain. Already taken care of. b. See about grassy area for exercising dogs.
8. Workers – a. Fred needs an assistant to handle his workers when he is in the ring working.

Update on Big Show

1. Premium List is out and available.
2. Already have 3 vendors.
3. One judge's assignment needs to be changed.
4. Only discussion at the October meeting will be the Big Show.
5. Need to firm up assignments, accommodations, setup times, parking assignments, etc.

Committee Reports:

Basic Obedience – Linda

Have 15 in class, will take this week off, will start up next week with Lesson #5.

Intermediate and Puppy - Cherie

Have 13 very active puppies in Puppy Class and 8 enthused dogs in Intermediate Class.

Agility Classes – Linda

Have 4 in Beginning and 2 in Intermediate. Won't start new classes until April, weather permitting.

Sunshine – Holly

No report.

Trophies – Holly

No report.

Membership Solicitor – Mary

No report.

Membership Coordinator – Pat

No report.

Publicity – Sydney

Was commended by all because of great coverage in Democrat.

Education –

None, will present ideas at next meeting.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie

Lots of pictures and articles for the scrapbook.

New Business

None.

Next Month's Meeting – Fred and Pat's house

Brags:

Sydney & Tess – Novice Preferred 1st place and Title, and Novice JWW 1st place and Title.

Linda & Dexi – At Dixon ASCA show, went Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed to finish his Championship – got 5 points for a total of 17 points – all Majors!

Linda & Dexi – at our Show, went 1st place in Excellent A Standard.

Jim & Emmy – CPE Trial at VAST Sept. 13 & 14 – 5 Q's – Level 1 Standard Title, 1st place in Jackpot and Standard, 2nd place in Fullhouse, and 3rd place in Wildcard.

Pat Barnes & Dexter – he did not leave fairgrounds during his runs, he stayed close to rings. Dexter was on the cover of the Democrat.

Jo-Ann & Sunshine – was on the cover of the Weekender.

Mary & Fella – in August 3rd place and Standard Q, in September at our Trial, 3rd place and Q in Novice Standard for Title, 4th place and Q in Novice JWW.

Cherie & Moon – top ranking in ASCA Agility for June 2002 to June 2003.

Cherie & Mori – ranked 24th in Nation for ASCA Agility. In Altered Conformation 2 - 1st Open Black, 2 - Reserve Winners Dog, 2 - Winners Dog, 2 - Best of Winners, 1 - Best of Breed, with more points.

Bruce & Velvet - #2 Dobie Bitches, #4 Working Group, #16 All Breeds.

Meeting Adjourned: M/S/V Fred/Arlene/Passed at 7:02 PM.

Submitted by:

Cherie Gessford, Secretary

Information from the AKC Gazette

During the month of June, registrations of 43 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 44 registered dogs and rendering 137 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 37 litters were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation and 6 were cancelled as a result of impure breeding.

During the month of July, registrations of 32 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 50 registered dogs and rendering 106 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 26 litters were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation and 6 were cancelled as a result of impure breeding.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 1 – 2, 2003
MOTHER LODGE FAIRGROUNDS
AKC ALL- BREED CONFORMATION SHOW
AND
OBEDIENCE TRIAL

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(IF YOU CANNOT HOST THE MEETING YOU SIGNED UP FOR, PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN GET ANOTHER MEETING HOST)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2004 HOSTS – LET LINDA KNOW IF YOU WISH TO HOST TO MEETING, AND WHICH MONTH!!

NOTE: DINNER DONATIONS AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE \$2.00 PER PERSON

October 20, 2003
Fred and Pat Helmbold

December 15, 2003
Christmas Party

November 17, 2003
Lindsay Stark

September 2004
JoAnn and Jerry Gritz

THE "BIG SHOW"

November 1 and 2, 2003

THE OCTOBER 20, 2003 MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED SOLELY TO THE EVENTS RELATED TO THE "BIG SHOW". ALL COMMITTEE HEADS SHOULD BE PRESENT, OR AT LEAST A REPORT PRESENTED BY SOMEONE IN THEIR ABSENCE.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO RE-READ ANY NOTES OR COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE JOTTED DOWN AFTER LAST YEAR'S EVENT. OUR DATES HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK A FULL WEEKEND, SO HOPEFULLY WE WILL NOT HAVE THE WEATHER AND RAIN TO DEAL WITH.

The "Big Show" is our major source of income for the Club. Without the exhibitors, vendors, spectators, and parking fees, we would not have many of the amenities that this Club has. So come out and help out!!

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