

THE HOWLER



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ---

Hello – Well, by the time most of you receive and read your issue of the "Howler", the Big Show might be over. The members who have worked hard on putting this Show together need a round of applause. Trying to make this event happen, and do it professionally and within the AKC's rigid rules, etc. has been a big learning experience for everyone. We didn't have only the Big Show to put on either – we had the By-Law Revisions, the Policy Manual, the ASCA/NADAC Trial, the AKC Trial, obedience classes, agility classes, conformation classes...the list goes on. Oh, did I forget about "personal lives?"

So, thank you to everyone that pitched in and helped out in whatever way you could.

Memberships are up for renewal for 2004. Our new By-Laws state that they are delinquent on January 1 of each year. I've included an renewal form in this issue. Of course, you can always "hand deliver" them to me at the Fairgrounds at the Big Show ☺.

Until next month,
Linda



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

Contact Linda

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Linda Grant's Residence

Called to order by President Linda Grant at 6:00 PM

Present: Linda Grant – President; Bruce Bertholf – Vice President; Cherie Gessford – Secretary; Fred Helmbold – Treasurer; Marry Kennedy – Board; Pat Helmbold – Board Patti Martlew – Board; Al Kennedy – Board

Agenda Items:

1. Big Show update:
 - a. Parking – Bruce – 6 motor homes so far
 - b. Vendors – Linda – 8 so far
 - c. Veterinarian – Bruce – Wes Wittman
 - d. Judge change – Linda – Mrs. Houston Clark has a conflict in Non-Sporting Group because she will be judging the same at Westminster.
 - e. Motel – Fred – look for a motel next year without exhibitors staying there
 - f. Motel hospitality person needed
 - g. EMT – Jennifer Munday will be called
 - h. Parking – Bruce – Moose already contacted
2. Agility:
 - a. June 11, 12, 13, 2004 will be at Summerville High's baseball field. It will only cost \$50 per day plus the cost of cleaning the restrooms, which should be done both days.
 - b. Northern California ASC has been contacted to sanction the ASCA part. PASA has a conflict with that date.

- c. The accounting looks better for the September Agility Trial than originally thought. Final accounting should be available at the October meeting.
 - d. We will look into either Summerville High or the Standard Park Complex for our September Agility Trial.
3. Holiday Dinner Changes need to change our current policy:
- a. After much discussion it was decided to charge \$12.50 per member, \$7.50 for children included in a family membership, and \$20 for each non-member or guest. There will be a No Host Bar. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. M/S/V Al/Fred/Passed
 - b. It was approved that by Board action, special guests of the Club may be invited. M/S/V Fred/Cherie/Passed
4. Policy Manual:
- a. Bruce and Pat were not E-mailed the updated version.
 - b. Bruce had called AKC this week to find out the status of our Bylaws. They had been accepted. The Board had not received notice of that acceptance.
 - c. Lindsay had not contacted AKC as per her agreement with the change in the Secretary position. We have not received any mail from AKC in months.
 - d. The Board made a few minor changes to the Policy Manual.
 - e. It was voted to accept the revised Policy Manual. M/S/V Bruce/Pat/Passed
 - f. The Policy Manual will be published in the October Howler.
 - g. Voting on it will be at the October meeting.
5. Class Procedures:
- a. Al and Mary brought up some health concerns they had about dogs in our classes.
 - b. A line will be added to the Class Application that states that the applicant will not knowingly bring a sick or diseased dog to class.
 - c. Then if there is a disease that occurs after classes have started, a note from that persons vet must be presented to the instructor that the dog is disease free, before the dog can come back to class.
6. New Business: None
7. Adjourned at 8:10 PM M/S/V Fred/Bruce/Passed

Submitted by
Cherie Gessford
Secretary

HOLIDAY PARTY!!

Monday, December 15, 2003

6:00 p.m.

Peppery Gar and Brill

\$12.50 per member (payable in advance – forms included elsewhere in the Howler)

Peppery Style Buffet

(ribs, chicken, beef; garlic potatoes, beans, salad, bread, beverages)

"Wild and Crazy Gift Exchange" - \$20 per person gift

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club

General Membership Meeting

October 20, 2003

Hosts – Fred and Pat Helmbold

Meeting called to order by President Linda Grant at 6:05 PM

Members present: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Bruce Bertholf, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Ann Brown, Sydney Seiver, Patti Martlew, Al and Mary Kennedy, Jo-Ann Gritz, Pat Barnes, Carol Frazier, Charlene Craig, Holly Azevedo.

The Big Show

1. Entries have closed. We have 704 on Saturday, and 746 on Sunday. There are fewer dogs than entries as some dogs are entered twice, such as Conformation and Obedience.
2. We should show up at 6:30 AM, as the show starts at 8:30 AM.
3. Judges – Linda has all judges. One judge had a conflict, so conflict breeds were moved to other judges, and another judge has been hired for her Non-Sporting Group.
4. Judges Arrangements – Linda/Fred; Aladdin reservations have been made.
5. Judges Dinner – Fred: Will be at the Peppery Gar and Brill. The house special will be served. Time will be announced later, but probable about 6:30 PM.
6. Best of Breed Medallions – Linda: This year the medallions are punched into a card with congratulations on it. This is more professional.
7. Conformation Stewards – Linda: NORCAL Stewards Club will be doing it again. All arrangements are made.
8. Obedience Stewards – Cherie: Have two professional stewards, with Patti and Sydney volunteering from the Club.
9. On Site Parking – Al/Bruce: Moose Club has declined at this late time. We need club helpers.

- Fred will get some Probation Department workers. Jim offered to help also. Linda will have her motor home set up for workers to use.
10. Parking Reservations – Bruce: There are 47 so far. Will set up spaces like last year. It was discussed who could help from the handlers.
 11. Vendors – Linda: We have 7 vendors signed so far. Three more are coming and paying day-of. Then there is one more that has expressed interest. That makes 11, a lot more than last year.
 12. Grounds – Fred: probation crew will assist.
 13. Pooper-Scoopers – Fred: contacted Foothill 4H will provide services.
 14. EMT – Fred: Jennifer Mundy has changed her mind about being at the show. Linda will Email Florence to get ruling about not needing a fulltime EMT because the hospital is so close. Charlene said that there are several exhibitors that are EMT's.
 15. Vet – Bruce: Wes Whittman will be the vet.
 16. Eye Clinic – Bruce: Dr. Olin won't be coming even though he said he would. We were not able to get another vet to do it.
 17. Golf Carts – Linda: We will have 4 this year, 2 are clubs, one is Linda's, and one is Fred's. One will be dedicated to Obedience, and one to Hospitality.
 18. Trophies – Holly: She will not be at the Show but will deliver them.
 19. Hospitality – Pat: Breakfast - Will have the usual plus donuts this year. Lunches – There will be Deli trays and soups plus salads and assorted cookies. Judges will have lunch breaks from 1:30 TO 1:30. So food will be available throughout that time span. Coffee will be provided up front during Groups and Best in Show.
 20. Judges Gifts – Pat: Pat is embroidering the judge's names on the bags. All the contents will be put in next week.
 21. Flowers/Decorations – Linda: Nancy was unable to attend tonight. She will be at the Fairgrounds on Friday to decorate.
 22. Educational Booth – Linda: Leeman's will do it again this year.
 23. Ring Signs – Fred: We have new number ring signs this year.
 24. Money Takers – Linda: We need more club members to take money this year.
 25. Judging Program – Linda: They will be sent to her and she will give them out when she receives them.
 26. Dress Code – Linda: Members should not wear clothing with Club insignias on them. We should wear dressier cloths in Club colors. We may wear our name tags.

Policy Manual – Mailed to all Members in the September/October issue of Howler. The date revised will be 10-20-2003.

Vote M/S/P Cherie/Al/Passed

Obedience Graduation – October 15, 2003

1. Intermediate – Cherie: We had 6 graduates.
 2. CGC – Linda: We had 8 graduates.
 3. Puppy – Cherie: We had 11 graduates.
- Everyone hung around for a long time after Graduation and just talked and enjoyed the evening. Next session will be in the Manzanita Building and will start on January 14, 2004. Puppy, CGC, Rally and Conformation will be offered. Jo-Ann asked to have business cards made up for Club members to hand out to people that we meet or see new puppy owners.

Holiday Dinner – Linda: The Dinner will be on December 15 at 6:00 PM at the Peppery Gar and Brill. It was approved by the Board of Directors to charge a fee of \$12.50 for Members, \$7.50 for children(underaged) that are in the family membership plan. Non-members may come for \$20. There will be a no-host bar. The menu will be the Peppery Style Buffet/Grill. Invitations will be going out after the Big Show. We will have the usual gift exchange or steal with a \$20 gift brought for each person if you wish to participate.

Letter of Resignation -Linda read Lindsay's letter of resignation.

Our equipment must be removed by October 31, 2003.

Fred has permission to put the trailers on land owned by the Humane Society. All of the agility equipment will be put in storage.

Upcoming Events – Linda:

Hangtown KC will be hosting an AKC B/OB Match on Sunday, December 14, 2003.

NADAC/ASCA Agility Trial – Linda: New location will be back to Summerville's baseball field on June 12 & 12, 2004. Linda will be Trial Secretary and Bruce will be Trial Chair.

We lost the dates for both the June and the September Trials at the Fairgrounds. We went elsewhere. Fred is looking into getting the September AKC Trial at Standard Park. The host at the Fairgrounds has been put on probation for the way he treats people there. Hopefully he will behave for our Big Show

Nominating Committee – Mary: The committee was comprised of Mary, Nancy, and Sydney. The only position that was open was for the Board. Carol Frazier was nominated.

The Officers are Linda, President, Bruce, VP, Cherie, Secretary, Fred, Treasurer, which were two year terms.
At the November meeting, nominations may be made from the floor.

The November meeting will be at Linda's.

Brag –

Mary/Al & Fella – 2 First Places with perfect scores at Davis DTC in Novice in AKC.

He got a 2nd and a 3rd Place at Del Valle also. He is ready to move to Open in AKC.

Carol & Emmy – Finished the Rally Obedience Class.

Jim & Emmy - Got a Q in Novice Tunnelers, and two 1st Places and Q's in Novice B Regular at Laguna Seca. But had the most fun at the beach after the Trial.

Bruce & Velvet – she had her picture in the AKC Gazette.

Jo-Ann & Jed – 1st place and a Q at Laguna Seca in NADAC/ASCA.

Ann & Holly – Got her MXJ Title at Sacramento DTC and her 6th Double Q towards her MACH.

Sydney & Miles – Got a Q in Open Jumpers at Del Valle. Got 2nd Place in Rally Obedience Graduation.

Sydney 7 Tess – Got a Q and 3rd Place in Open Preferred Standard

Patti & Stryder – Got 1st Place in Novice B JWW at Del Valle.

Linda & Pandi – 1st Place and Q in Open Preferred Standard and 2nd Place in Open Preferred JWW at Del Valle.

Linda won a Booster Bath at the Dobie Nationals in Colorado.

Linda's new puppy "Munki" Was born on 10-4-03.

Cherie & Moon – Got her Outstanding Novice Tunnelers Title.

Showed off her 2000 Point Award Trophy from NADAC. Also had her Triple Superior Elite Plaque and her 2 Plaques for Moon's 2nd and 3rd NATCH's from NADAC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. M/S/V
Cherie/Bruce/Passed

Information from the AKC Gazette

During the month of August, registrations of 96 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 113 registered dogs and rendering 236 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 87 litters were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation and 9 were cancelled as a result of impure breeding.

Dogs in Our Lives~ (Submitted by Carol McKenzie)

We aren't house-proud. If we were, we wouldn't abide the scratches on the door frame, the holes in the screen, and the darkened shine of worn spots on the chair. We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes.

We don't. If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our friends than in immaculate sofas. Shoes can be replaced, heroic retrievers are timeless.

Without dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things. Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presence. They wake us, greet us, protect us, and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history. On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts defined by the all-too-short lives of our dogs.

- Paul Fersen

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 1 – 2, 2003

MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS

AKC ALL- BREED CONFORMATION SHOW AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

November 17, 2003

Linda Grant

December 15, 2003

Christmas Party

September 2004

JoAnn and Jerry Gritz

2004 Membership Dues are Due January 1, 2004

Single Membership - \$15.00 per year
Family Membership - \$20.00 per year

Send your check and the form below to:

STKC
PO Box 1256
Soulsbyville, CA 95372

Single Membership Family Membership

Name: _____
(if any of the info below has changed, please complete)

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____



HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM:

PEPPERY GAR AND BRILL, MONO WAY, SONORA (SULLIVAN CREEK)

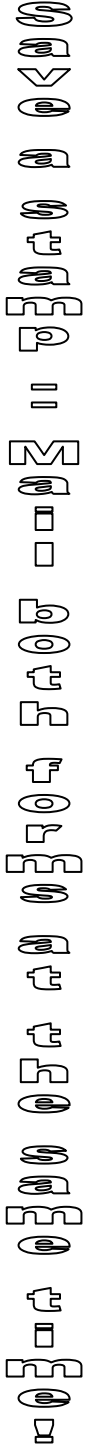
Please submit by Saturday, December 6th

\$12.50 ADULTS, \$7.50 CHILDREN, \$20 NON-MEMBER

Mail to: STKC, PO Box 1256, Soulsbyville, CA 95372

Names: _____

Total Enclosed _____



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