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Meeting Dates & Places

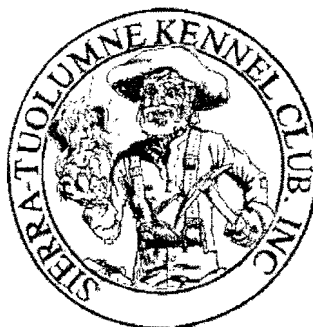
THIRD MONDAY 6:00 PM

November 8: Linda Grant **PRE-SHOW**
December 20: Galka's - Xmas party (doggie gift of \$12 - \$15 per person), **BYOB**, Guests welcome
January 17, 2000: Dan & Charlene Bertelli
February 21: Gordon & Carol Biederman
March 20: Cherie Gessford
April 17: Ann Brown
May 15: Fred & Pat Helmbold
June 19: Jim & Jo Mitchell
July 17: Darcy Zimmerman

Prospective Members

Jim & Mynde Bunker
Sonora
Shiloh Shepherds

John & Marla Dymesich
Sonora
Australian Cattle Dog & Queensland



AKC LICENSED CLUB
#4135

AKC Show 11-12 & 13

ENTRIES: Saturday total dogs: 903
Total entries: 925
Sunday total dogs: 921
Total entries: 945

VENDORS: 14 to date

RV'S: 65 to date

DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT: 60

Dinner is for the show workers at The Sonora Oaks. Cocktails at 7:00 pm with dinner following at 7:30 pm. Melanie will be serving a buffet with tri tips and salmon.

TATTOO & EYE CLINICS: Held on Sunday only from 10 to 2. Unentered dogs are welcome.

Heeler

Dorothy Folley
Sonora
German Shepherd x

Mary Sohl
Tuttletown
English Springer Spaniels

These prospective members will be

Dates to Remember

THERAPY DOGS: Sonora Community Hospital Unit 6 & 7, Skyline, Covey Cottage, Tuolumne General all welcome therapy dogs. Call before you go.



STKC Meeting: Monday 11-8, **PRE-SHOW MEETING** at Linda Grant's, 20140 Woodchuck Rd. 533-2276

SHOW SET-UP: Friday 11-12, 9:00 am. at fairgrounds. RV's will begin arriving by noon.

SHOW: Sat 11-13 - Be at fairgrounds at 6:30 am. Sun 11-14 be at fairgrounds at 7:00 am

OBEDIENCE CLASSES: Next session begins on Tuesday, January 11 at 3:00 pm at the fairgrounds. To date 3 have signed up. There will be an intermediate class if at least 5 people are interested at 1:45 pm. We will be able to hold class indoors in case of rain.

AGILITY classes will resume in April.

voted into membership after attending two meetings.



A dog star is born in IMAX glory

His name is Obie, he lives in Carmel, and he's making his movie debut

By **MARY BARKER**
Herald Staff Writer

About eight minutes into the interview, even the Los Angeles clouds parted.

Suddenly, the dog-eat-dog audition was over.

Obie, a Belgian Tervuren from Carmel, had just landed his first film role. No other collared hopeful even came close.

"This dog was incredible," said Charlie Sammut, who runs Wild Things animal rentals ranch near Salinas and helped train Obie for his movie stint. "He's one of the greatest animals I've ever worked with in my life."

And in July, at a theater near you, this obedient 6-year-old — who looks like a big hairy German Shepherd with a mahogany tint — will be playing the part of Roy's childhood dog.

Roy as in Siegfried and Roy. As in the dark-haired one. As in Vegas. As in their IMAX 3-D life story.

"The Magic Box," starring — well, sort of starring — Obie Meyer as "Hexe."

There's nothing cameo about this canine's performance. Obie not only had to be Roy's best friend for however many takes, he had to save a 6-year-old Roy from drowning in a mud bog.

In real life, Roy was waist deep in a German swamp when Hexe ran to a nearby farm and began jumping around the two men working there. They eventually found Roy and rescued him.

Obie provided the perfect movie re-enactment.

"Roy just loved the dog," Sammut said. "There definitely was a magic there."

But, best friend, no.

That distinction belongs solely to



Tom O'Neal

Obie and an ex-farmer named Herb Meyer.

If you want to know just how deep this runs, after the movie shoot, Sammut offered to pay anything to buy Obie from Herb. Herb wasn't selling.

Because before Obie went to Hollywood, he and Herb created something that can't be altered by fortune and fame and rubbing noses with rare white tigers.

This man and this dog have been a predictable duo for almost five of Obie's six years. No matter where or when Herb tosses a tennis ball into the air, Obie is there to catch it. It isn't an illusion.

When Obie — named for Obi-Wan Kenobi in "Star Wars," except Herb misspelled it — was training with Sammut for three months, Herb picked him up and brought him home every weekend. When Obie traveled to L.A. for 2 1/2 weeks, it was the first time he and Herb had been apart for more than a couple of days.

"I couldn't be with him because he's bonded to me and that would make it hard for the trainers," Herb said. "I missed him and he missed me, too. When we got back together, we were as happy as can be."

There is just so much history.

The time Obie took half a dozen dinner rolls, one at a time, from the baking tin on the counter. The day he stole the chicken out of the frying pan. The 20-minute, nonstop runs on the beach (Obie, not Herb). The way he sleeps by Herb's door and settles in next to his chair at Herb's Monterey office.

"When I'm at work," Herb said, "he lies down and puts his paw up in the air and I have to hold it until he goes to sleep."

"Animals are such loving companions. They don't ask for much and they never talk back to you. He's just a pal."

From Obie As "Hexe"
in the IMAX 3-D Picture,
"The Magic Box"
produced by
Siegfried and Roy
Mirage Hotel
Las Vegas



General Membership Meeting Minutes Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc. September 20, 1999



The meeting was called to order by Club President Stu Galka at 6:10 pm. The following members and guests attended the meeting at the home of Stu and Sherry Galka: Linda Grant, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Lindsey Stark, Martha Johnson, Cherie Gessford, Mike and Sharlene Reed, Carol and Gordon Biederman, Lexie Quirie, Molly Mathiesen, Ann Brown, Sydney Siever, Jim and Jo Mitchell (welcome home!), Don Leonard, Augie Panelli, Cathy and Stan Ames, Charlene Bertelli and Nancy Wyllie. Club members also met Mary Sohl, who owns Riley, a Springer Spaniel.

The following prospective member's applications were read: Mindy Bunker (Shiloh Shepherds); Dorothy Folley (German Shepherd/RottX); and Marla and John Dymesich (Australian Cattle dogs).

Treasurer's Report – Sherry: She reported on the status of the Checking, Savings, and CD accounts.

Secretary's Report – Linda: A correction needs to be noted in the August meeting minutes. Darcy Zimmerman was present, and she also got a leg in Open Regular in Agility at the Carson City show with her dog, Annie.

Sherry read a thank you note/suggestion letter from Jo Ann Mather our AKC agility trial judge.

Upcoming Events: Stockdog Clinic in Valley Springs.

Committee Reports:

Obedience – Graduation will be October 13th. 4:15 pm for Intermediate. 5:00 pm for CGC/Therapy. Jeff Wittman, DVM, will have a Microchip clinic and there will be Therapy testing by Stu and Sherry. \$10 for

CGC students/\$20 for non-CGC testing/drop-in.

Agility – Graduation of Basic and Intermediate will be October 14th.

Education – Flyers on the AKC Show has been sent to the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce and distributed to their membership. AKC has a new Individual Dog Registration Application (sample passed around).

Publicity – The Union Democrat recently had information on Club Therapy Dogs, our AKC agility trial, and a spotlight on Stu and Sherry Galka.

Therapy – Due to the recent newspaper coverage of our Therapy dogs, many local homes have shown a desire to have our dogs come and visit: Thumbs Up!; Skyline Place and Goldridge.

AKC Agility Trial – September 11-12, 1999

Thank you to the following people for helping at the 9/4 workday: Stu and Sherry, Sharlene and Mike, Fred and Pat, Cherie, Linda, Carol and Gordon, Darcy, Ann, Martha, Barbara and Stephanie!

Thank you to the Friday Set-up Crew: Stu and Sherry, Linda, Barbara, Lindsay, Ann, Don Leonard, Carol and Gordon, Margie, Gary and Fred's Probation Dept Crew.

There was general discussion of the various areas that were lacking or needed changes. The Club will be ordering two barrel/chutes and two double jumps conforming to AKC agility regulations.

AKC Show/Trial – November 13-14, 1999

Chairman – Stu/Assistant Chair - Sherry
Pre-Show workday – October 31st, 10:00 a.m. Load trailer, etc at the Galka's
Set-up on Friday, November 11th at Noon with Fred's crews. Saturday, November

12th, need to be on the grounds at 6:30 a.m.
Saturday dinner: Cocktails at 7:00, Dinner at 7:30 pm (dinner will be Pecan encrusted Red Snapper or Prime Rib)
Sunday, arrive at 7:30 a.m.

Show Committees:

Grounds – Stu and Augie
Chief Ring Steward – Linda – has 5 Conformation/2 Obedience stewards.
Hospitality (Judges/Ring/Lunch): Augie and Lindsay. Assisted by Kathy DeMattei, Jo Mitchell, Ann Brown, Charlene Bertelli
Judges Dinner – Sherry (see details above)
Obedience – Cherie – Marsha Dandridge will be judging on blacktop, with her own steward. One class only. One golf cart assigned to Cherie.
RV Parking – Moose Lodge/Stu/Augie
Gate Parking Stewards: the Ames
Catalog ads are due to Linda by 9/24/99
Judge's Hospital Packs – Sharlene
Vendors – Augie – so far: Tigers, Ace Belgians, Unique Engravers, ScaleLite, Gervasee's Espresso, Tray Lee.
Tropies – Martha
Education – Carol Biederman
Sanitary Engineers – Sharlene and the Sierra Sea Scouts

Nominations:

If anyone is wishing to run for any Board office or Officer position, please contact Linda Grant. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Brag:

Ann Brown and Holly, Golden Retriever: Holly received her AKC Companion Dog degree with 3 scores of 197, 196 ½ and 197, which qualifies her for a Dog World Award! And, Holly also received her Novice Agility title with 3 consecutive perfect scores of 100 and Novice Agility Jumpers with Weaves title with 3 consecutive perfect scores of 100!! This was all done before Holly's 2nd birthday!!! Way to go! →

Lindsay and Becca, Pembroke Welsh Corgi: Becca received her 2nd Novice Agility Jumpers with Weaves leg, and her 1st Novice Agility Standard leg.

Linda and Pandi, Australian Shepherd: Pandi achieved her Novice Agility Jumpers with Weaves title at our recent AKC show.

Cherie and Moon, Australian Shepherd: Moon got one Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves leg

Molly and Stella, Doberman Pinscher: Stella just got her two front incisor teeth!

It was M/S/P by Linda/Charlene to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

October 18th meeting: Hosted by Molly Mathiesen, but will be held at the home of Manny and Ethel Brager.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda 

Linda Grant
Secretary





General Membership Meeting Minutes Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc. October 18, 1999



The meeting was called to order by Club President Stu Galka at 6:00 pm. The following members and guests attended the meeting, which was hosted by Molly Mathlesen at the home of Ethel and Manny Brager: Stu and Sherry Galka, Linda Grant, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Lindsey Stark, Cherie Gessford, Jim and Jo Mitchell, Sidney Siever, Charlene Bertell, Ann Brown, Margery Cavins, Nancy Wyllie, Don Leonard, Augie Panelli. Guests were Dorothy Folley and Marla and John Dymesich, whose applications were read at last month's meeting.

Nominating Committee: the present Board of Directors and Officers will preside in 1999-2000.

Treasurer's Report – Sherry:
Presentation of the wrap-up of the AKC and NADAC agility trials for 1999. She reported on the status of the Checking, Savings, and CD accounts. Sherry also read a letter from the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF). The MAF does research of animal diseases, etc. It was M/S/P by Jo/Augie to donate \$50.00.

Secretary's Report – Linda: Minutes from the September meeting will be included in the November's Howler.

Committee Reports:

Obedience – Graduation was October 13th with 15 CCC, 10 Therapy, and 8 microchipped. Father Skip judged the Intermediate class with 5 graduates. Lindsay and Sebastian placed first.

Next session is 1/11/2000 at 3:00 p.m., Fairgrounds. 23 apps have been sent to date.

Agility – classes again in the spring.

Publicity – Flyers for obedience have been sent. MB-F sent large posters, which were handed out to members to place at businesses. Sidney will be helping Linda with future Publicity items.

Therapy – 10 passed at graduation and leashes/jackets were presented to Linda, Lindsay and Fred.

AKC Show/Trial – November 13-14, 1999

Hosted by Breeders Choice/AVO Pet Chairman – Stu with Assistant Chair - Sherry

Pre-Show workday – October 31st, 9:00 a.m. Load trailer, etc at the Galka's

Set-up on **Friday, November 11th** at Noon with Fred's crews. **Saturday, November 12th,** need to be on the grounds at **6:30 a.m.**

Saturday dinner: Cocktails at 7:00, Dinner at 7:30 pm (dinner will be Pecan encrusted Red Snapper or Prime Rib) Signup sheet was passed around. All workers will be provided dinner, courtesy of STKC.

Sunday, arrive at 7:30 a.m.

Show Committees: - overall theme will be autumnal.

Grounds – Stu/Augie/Fred
Chief Ring Steward – Linda – has all stewards lined up.

Hospitality (Judges/Ring/Lunch):
Augie and Lindsay. Food will be:

Saturday BBQ Chicken, Sunday Italian Roast.

Assisted by Kathy DeMattei, Jo Mitchell, Ann Brown, Charlene Bertelli
Judges Dinner - Sherry (see details above)

Obedience - Cherie - One golf cart assigned to Cherie. 3 rings on Saturday only.

EMT - Jennifer Lininger - Okay
RV Parking - Moose Lodge/Stu/Augie/Fred's workers - 36 signed up so far.

Gate Parking Stewards: the Ames Catalogs - 250 ordered

Judge's Hospitality Packs - Sharlene

Vendors - Augie - 8 signed up

Tropics - Martha - all okay

Education - Carol Biederman assisted by Linda

Sanitary Engineers - Sharlene and the Sierra Sea Scouts

Graphics - Cherie - get sign needs to her soon!

Decorations - Nancy Wylie/Andie Williams

Trophie Medalion Preparations - Andie & Wes Williams

Chamber of Commerce Handouts - get Fred 100 flyers of what you want put in the bags for the RV's.

Brags:

Lindsay and Becca, Pembroke

Welsh Corgi: Becca received her 2nd Novice Agility Standard leg at the Mission Trails Poodle Club Trial in Hayward

Cherie and Moon, Australian

Shepherd: AKC, Hayward - 3 MX legs in 4 runs, 80/100 MX points and 50/100 MXJ points so far.

USDAA, Placerville - Masters Jumpers & Snookers

ASCA/NADAC, Tres Pinos - 2 NATCH legs.

Cherie and Lichen, Australian Shepherd:

Retired from AKC.

USDAA, Placerville - Masters level NADAC/ASCA, Tres Pinos - Vet Elite Title, Vet Jumpers and NATCH points

Cherie's daughter, Kate - received full Scholarship for 3 full years, plus all student loans have been paid.

Sherry and Shiloh (Golden Retriever) - Received two legs

towards CDX with a 3rd and 1st place at Roseville.

Stu and Grandson, Scott McMahon

- Scott received a 5 year scholarship to St. Mary's College in Moraga and was Oak Ridge School's MVP as Linebacker.

Molly - has 4 cute girl kittens needing good homes

It was M/S/P by Linda/Others(!) to adjourn at 7:35 pm. This evening's meal was fried fish (fresh caught!)

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Grant
Secretary

PRE-SHOW Meeting

- November 8th (2nd Monday!) -

6:00 PM at my home, 20140 Woodchuck, Sonora (533-2276). I'll be serving lasagna.





SIERRA-TUOLUMNE KENNEL

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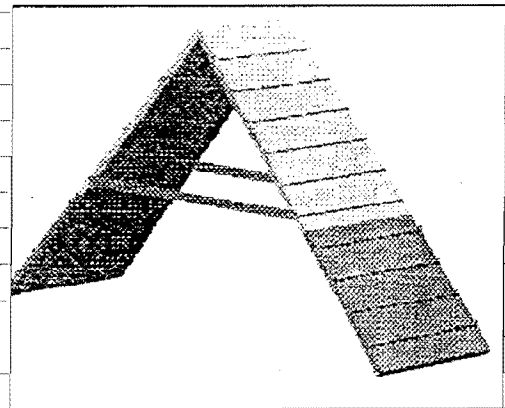
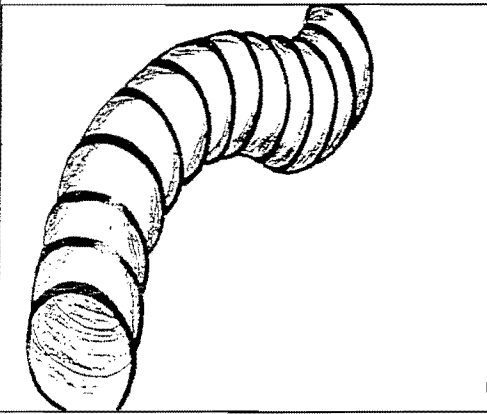
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DECEMBER 1999

Event	Date	Club/Entries/Location	Closing/Judges
AKC Trial	Nov 6 & 7	Fresno DTC, Madera, CA Mrs. D. Ladd 209-488-3141; djladd@jps.net	TBA
AKC Show	Nov 13 & 14	STKC, Sonora	Closes 10-27
OB TRIAL		Sherry Galka 209-532-9217; sleddog@lodelink.co	Supt: MBF Dog Shows; \$20 first dog
Nadac/Asca Trial	Dec 4 & 5	CAT, Madera 559.299.8592 Catherine Hartman, cmh39@csufresno.edu	Closes 11-24, 10:00 am, \$56 week-end pkg Judges: Blair Bloxham & Annelise Allan
Nadac/Asca Trial	June 10 & 11	STKC, Sonora Linda Grant, 209.533.2276; tyedyed@sonnet.com	TBA, \$56 week-end pkg Judges: Judy Boone & ?
AKC Trial	Sept 9 & 10	STKC, Sonora Sherry Galka 209-532-9217; sleddog@lodelink.com	Closes 8-28, \$55 week-end pkg Judges: Larry Brockett & Karen Ten Eyck
AKC Show	Nov 11 & 12	STKC, Sonora	Closes 10-25
Show/OB		Sherry Galka 209-532-9217; sleddog@lodelink.com	Supt: MBF Dog Shows; \$22 first dog



"We learned this last semester."