



CLUB NEWS

Welcome New Members....

Kent Lind, Kathleen Wiest, Judith Erickson, and Chris Williams.

Rally-O practices -- Open to All

Beginning Monday, April 15, there will be a rally practice at Harborview covered playground each Monday at 6:30 p.m. One person will be designated each week to have a course set up by that time. Anyone interested in rally is welcome to participate. This is a good way to work on your rally skills prior to our seminar and trials in May. The \$10 one-time cost pays for your use of the covered playground all summer long. CKCOJ has Harborview playground rented each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6 -- 9 p.m. from now until September. What a deal! For more information, contact Heather at h-stockard@gci.net or 586-2838.

Practices at Covered Playgrounds

Beginning in May, we will start meeting at Riverbend School Covered Playground on Monday & Thursday evenings. Cost will be \$10 for the entire summer for both locations Conformation and/or Obedience (designated times for Conformation at Riverbend). Contact Susan for more information at blackice@gci.net

Rally Practice

Starting this Monday night at 6:30 p.m., there will be an open rally obedience practice at Harborview covered playground each week. There will be a course set up and anyone is welcome to come practice. With our seminar and trials coming up, this is a good opportunity to come hone your skills. The only cost is the \$10 per summer playground fee. If you haven't paid it yet, I'd be happy to collect your check. Contact Heather for more information at h-stockard@gci.net



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Thank You!

Hi Folks,

Another obedience trial has come and gone. We worked hard and it paid off!! In my opinion this was an extremely successful trial. HUGE CONGRATS to all of our participating members, who had a qualifying score or made an improvement since the last trial. Remember, it's progress not perfection! Congrats also go out to all of our first timers who took the plunge and got their feet wet in either novice or sub-novice. It can be a huge and scary undertaking and you should be proud of all of your performances. Everyone looked great out there.

As Obedience Trial Chairperson, I would like to send out my very deepest thanks to all of the members who contributed their time, hard work and support to make this trial a success.

Very first and foremost, I would like to send out the biggest THANK YOU to Alexis & Camille for taking on the endeavor of teaching the sub-novice/novice class after I injured myself. Without the two of them at the forefront, the trial would never have been this successful.

Special thanks also go out to Alexis for taking on the task of Obedience Trial Secretary as well as Trophy Chairperson. The gifts were absolutely wonderful. Chris & Heather Stockard another huge THANK YOU for taking on the task of Chief Ring Steward/s and helping to both organize and train new stewards for both of our ring run thru's and the obedience trial. Pam Webb deserves another BIG THANKS for being our run thru judge and just being there to give me moral support. THANK YOU Don Golnick for always helping out at our trials. Thanks again to Chicory Eddy, our own personal in house trial vet. To both our run thru stewards and trial stewards Camille, Chris Urata, Gina, Heather, Mary, Melissa, Janelle, Jill Grose, Jill Taylor & Suzy H. Let's not forget Sue McGregor for opening her house up for the judge's pot luck dinner and for her constant moral support, Gaile for giving Allan Immerman a grand tour of Juneau, Camille for preparing the trial program, arranging the judge's dinner and buying the judge's gift. Jill G. did an outstanding job as our first class photographer! The munchies which were provided by Cherylann, Deb & George were much appreciated by humans and dogs alike. Last, but certainly not least!! OUR GRUNTS! Who were the backbones through thick and thin to help with picking up equipment, cleaning mats, setting up, breaking down and hauling equipment to and from our storage unit. A HUGE THANKS goes out to Alexis, Aran, Camille, Chicory, Chris S., Deb, Don, Gina, George, Grey, Heather, Jill, Pam, Pete, Sue M. & Vicky.

Hope to see you all at our next trial.

Sincerely Yours,

Susan Rasmussen, Obedience Trial Chair

Shootin' the Breeze

Are you ready for some sappy stuff? I've been away from my dogs for two weeks and so I'm feeling sort of guilty. I've given the dogs their extra walks and their special treats since returning, but I must do more! So... I have been invited to a wedding at the beach tomorrow, and since it's at the beach I had to ask, "Can I bring my dog?" Not surprisingly, for Juneau anyway, the answer was "Of course!" I began to reflect on the things we do with our dogs that "regular" people just aren't privy to ...

For example, at my own wedding, our golden retrievers were in attendance. How many others have included their canine companions in special ceremonies or celebrations? (I'll bet each one of us has a "dog stocking" for Christmas!) Who among us has taken a vacation, planned around a dog event? And if we do have to take a dog-free trip, don't we look first for a good "dog sitter" rather than a "house sitter"?

Has anyone out there bought a vehicle with dogs in mind? I know I have – the van I drive now was specifically purchased because of the number of kennels it would hold. Hey, it's not sexy, but man! Can I fit a lot of dogs in it! And speaking of big investments – have

you redone parts of your house to better accommodate dogs? I'm in the process of putting in new, hard flooring in the bottom floor of my house because carpet just doesn't cut it with 4 dogs. And how about internet time – how much of yours is spent on one (or more) dog lists? In my house, dinner has been late on more than one occasion because I had to read just one more breed-related email.

However, my point is this – we give a lot to our dogs, but how much more do they give to us? How empty would your house feel if you arrived home to no pitter patter of dog feet, no wagging tail or shoe-in-the-mouth game to greet you? What if you had to watch tv alone at night, no one curled up next to you on the couch? What if no one was absolutely DYING to go with you the next time you drove to the grocery store? Who loves you no matter what you said or did at work? Who else makes you feel like a magical goddess for simply providing a bowl of mush at the end of the say? Our dogs give us so much – is it any wonder we make some accommodations for them?

Give your dog a hug for me!

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
March 21, 2002

1. Call to order: 6:35pm, present: Sue McGregor, Chicory Eddy, Jill Grose, Terry Henson, Aaron Felker, Suzy Herbison, Barb Deyell, Linda and Bob Shaw

2. Consent agenda

- a. Approval of agenda: approved
- b. Approval of new members: Kent Lind, Kathleen Wiest, Judith Erickson, and Chris Williams approved
- c. Approval of February minutes: approved
- d. Acceptance of treasurer's report: accepted

3. Action items: none

4. Discussion items:

- a. Fall obedience trial Sept 14 and 15 at the Armory
- b. Agility Seminar: Bud Huston seminar on June 1-2, max. 15 dog/handler teams at \$100, unlimited number of

- people without dogs at \$50
 - c. Club librarian has been e-mailed, but haven't had a response yet, will continue trying to contact her
 - d. Community Fun Day post-poned due to time constraints
 - e. Coupons/pamphlets for GHS to hand out post-poned due to time constraints
 - f. Raising rates for classes post-poned due to time constraints
 - g. Members requirement to volunteer will put statement on paper applications stating that members are expected to volunteer, already present on web application
- 5. Routine updates**
- a. Correspondence: community salmon Derby: no donation, and Instructors course offered by Ian Dunbar
 - b. Training committee: will report at next meeting
 - d. Insurance committee: on hold till April
 - e. Job description committee: absent
- 6. Adjournment** - adjourned at 7:13pm M/Chicory, S/Terry

DRAFT AGENDA

Agenda, CKCoJ Board Meeting

April 18, 2002 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location TBA

1. Call to order
2. Consent agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of new members
 - c. Approval of February minutes
 - d. Acceptance of treasurer's report
3. Action items
 - a. Club librarian
 - b. Raising rates for classes
4. Discussion items
 - a. Membership forms: who keeps?
 - b. Community "Fun Day"
 - c. Coupons/pamphlet for GHS to hand out
5. Routine updates
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Training committee
 - c. Insurance committee
 - d. Job description committee
6. Adjournment

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Wags and Brags

The March 23/24 dog show was a very good one for Seapoms! On Saturday Seapoms' Samson, aka Sammy, won Winners Dog.

Then Seapoms Walks in Glory, aka Gloria, won Winners Bitch. Then Sammy won Best of Winners, and went on to win Best of Breed over a very nice special! Thank you Susan Rasmusson for taking Gloria in the ring for me! Sammy went on to experience the thrill of competing in the Toy Group Ring (at least it was a thrill for me!). (submitted by Barbara Bartoo)

On Sunday, Sammy won Winners Dog again, then Best of Winners and Best of Breed!!! We were much more relaxed this time in the Toy Group ring, and Sammy pleased the Judge into giving him at third place in group!!! The ribbon was bigger than him!!! After congratulations and presentation of the Group 3 ribbon, Sammy raced out of the ring, glad to be out of the limelight and ready for a well deserved nap in his crate!!!



Apollo NAC, NG, CGC can now add NJ to his name! The one and only qualifying run my "boys" got in Ketchikan's Agility trial earned Apollo his Novice Jumpers certificate. Badger NAC, CGC had some ok runs, but his big accomplishment was that his first time on an airplane was utterly uneventful - my separation anxiety baby has finally grown up! (submitted by Chicory Eddy)



2002 Calendar of Dog Events

April 2002

27-28 Conformation/Obedience (ASCA), Wasilla

May 2002

10-12 Rally-O Weekend with Lisa Wright, Juneau
11-12 Obedience (AKC), Chugiak
18-19 Agility Trial (NADAC), Chugiak
25-27 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Fairbanks

June 2002

1-2 Bud Houston Agility Seminar, Juneau
1-2 Herding Instinct Test, Chugiak
8-9 Agility Trial (NADAC/ASCA), Chugiak
14-16 Conformation/Obedience (CKC), Whitehorse
22 Herding Fun Match (ASCA), Chugiak
22-23 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Anchorage

July 2002

4 CKCOJ Agility Demo, Douglas
12-14 Conformation/Obedience/Agility (AKC), Kenai
27-28 Agility Trial NADAC, Juneau
20-21 Obedience Trial (AKC), Anchorage
27 Herding Fun Match (ASCA), Chugiak

August 2002

2-4 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Palmer
17-18 Herding Trial (ASCA), Chugiak
24-25 Agility Trial (NADAC), Whitehorse (tentative)

September 2002

TBA CKCOJ Obedience Trial (UKC), Juneau

October 2002

19 Conformation (ASCA)
20 Obedience(ASCA)

November 2002

2-3 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Anchorage

If you know of an event in Alaska (or Whitehorse) that might be of interest to CKCOJ members, contact Camille at cstephens@gci.net

Despite some lackluster performances over last weekend in Ketchikan, Kira managed to complete a qualifying Open Jumpers run which earned her the NADAC Open Jumpers title! (submitted by Chris Stockard)



A MESSAGE FROM MAX:

My name is Max and I have a little something I'd like to Whisper in your ear.

I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise.

It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle. You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine?

Do you see a spirit, a soul inside who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time?

That is all I ask. To slow down if even for a few minutes to be with me. So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes

we age so slowly before your eyes that you do not even seem to know, until the very end, When we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we take that long sleep, to run free in distant lands.

I may not be here tomorrow, I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the waters from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me.

Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have now, together. So come, sit down here next to me on the floor. And look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as a "trainer" or even a "Mom or Dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life



(I hope) because you wanted a soul to share just such things with.

Someone very different from you, and here I am. I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet"---I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if even for only 15 minutes. Look deep in my eyes, and whisper into my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy and I will know your true self. We may not

have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short.

Love,

Max (on behalf of all canines everywhere)

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Doggie Dictionary

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

SMIFF: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat

several times, or until your person makes you stop.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves

and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

GOOSE BUMP: A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require.....especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above.



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April

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May

10-12 Rally-O Weekend (info inside this issue)

16 Monthly business meeting (tentative)

June

18 Monthly business meeting (tentative)

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