

CKCOJ News

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March 2007

Upcoming Events

as listed on the CKCoJ Website

March

10 Sat, **Basic Obedience Class** begins at DZ Middle School Commons, Saturday mornings after 10 am. Contact Jill Grose at jillg@gci.net if you have questions.

15 Thurs, **CKCOJ Board Meeting** - Valley Library Conference Room - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

April

Coming Mid April Agility Classes & Practices - Beginners I Class (introduction to agility taught by Anita Martin), Intermediate Class (taught by Jill Grose), & Advanced Practice Sessions (facilitated by Sherrie Jens) Melvin Park For more info, contact Jill Grose at jillg@gci.net

14 Sat 15 Sun, **UKC Obedience Trial** - Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada - 4 Trials. For more information contact lbarnard@yt.sypmpatico.ca

May

26 Sat, **Juneau Agility Club** (Subsidiary of CKCOJ)
AKC Agility Fun Match Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Melvin Park Judge: Lisa Miller
For more info, contact Jill Grose at jillg@gci.net

26 Sat 27 Sun, **Agility Handling and Skills Seminar** Saturday pm and Sunday.
Instructor: Lisa Miller Open to all dogs -- **no breed restrictions**
For more info, contact Jill Grose at jillg@gci.net

Late May Rally-O Level I Class begins 6 week class For more info, contact Vicky McLaughlin 780-6558

June

9 Sat, **Patricia McConnell** Seminar -- 9 am - 4:30 pm Centennial Hall, Ballroom 3.
One Day Seminar: "**For the Love of a Dog: The Biology of Emotion in People and Dogs**"

15 Fri 16 Sat 17 Sun, Yukon Kennel Club - CKC Conformation, Obedience, and Rally(?) Trial, Whitehorse Yukon Entries close May 18.

July

Mid July Fri & Sat **Rally-O Level I Trial** Four Trial weekend **Judge: Kathy Hocker;**
Trial Chair: Vicky McLaughlin at Riverbend Covered Play Ground

Details and registration on the CKCOJ web site www.CKCOJ.org

Minutes
CKCOJ Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2007
Juneau Public Library
6:30 – 8:30pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jill Grose, President, at 6:34 p.m., a quorum was present.
Board Members Present: Grose, Nelson, McLaughlin, Utermohle, Barnes.
Members Present: Hoffman, Messick, Stephens, McGregor

II. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions: III. B. Housekeeping CKCOJ and JAC; and, III. C. Dog-e-wag Phone

b. Approval of Minutes, January 18, 2007

Approval of board minutes was unanimous.

c. Approval of Treasurer's Report, January 2007

Utermohle submitted the financial monthly reports. Add documents were reviewed by the Board. Utermohle answered questions and the Board approved the reports as submitted. Grose advised that the expenditures allocated for agility fun match should be allocated $\frac{1}{4}$ for fun match and $\frac{3}{4}$ for agility seminar.

d. Approval of New Members

No new membership applications were received.

III. Discussion Items

a. Educational Programs – Messick and Nelson

Messick resigned; no business to report. Nelson requests the membership contact her if they have ideas for topics.

b. Housekeeping CKCOJ and JAC

Hoffman reported on issues outstanding requiring action by the Board:

1. Item IV.c. from May 06 meeting has not yet been changed in the constitution. This item says "Jill made a motion for the board to approve the Juneau Agility Constitution as amended, and to authorize her to send it to AKC for their acceptance." The motion passed unanimously.
2. Bylaws, Article I, Section 3.; the AKC and ADPT need to be added.
3. Membership applications are unclear. The application does not state that you become a member of the subsidiary JAC and the fee paid supports CKCOJ and JAC.
4. The JAC has no web presence.
5. New agility equipment purchase will lower club funds below \$5,000.

February minutes continued.....

The Board's response:

1. This item will be addressed at the next annual meeting, Oct. 07.
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 3. Motion: by Grose, seconded by Utermohle; Add information to the application that when you join CKCOJ you are a member of any subsidiary clubs too. Passed unanimously.
 4. Motion: by Grose, seconded by Nelson; JAC bylaws will be posted to the web. Passed unanimously. Utermohle will follow this item to completion.
 5. This item was discussed. Grose explained the need for the equipment, the equipment has not been purchased yet, the club balance at this time is in excess of \$7,000 and the income that agility will generate. In the previous year agility did lose money, however that is not the expectation for 07.
- c. Dog-e-wag Phone - Nelson
Nelson reported a total of seven phone messages and two emails were received since the last meeting. She recommends getting rid of the phone, however, she will monitor it until the next meeting. A discussion of possible ways to advertise the club's email address followed. Barnes volunteered to check on what the Juneau Empire charges and will report back at the next meeting.

McLaughlin left the meeting.

IV. Action Items

a. Policy 13

After discussion of the changes recommended by the Board at the last meeting and the recognition that there was not enough notice of the proposed changes; the following three changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

1. Either eliminate Policy 13, but can still use doggy dollars in your possession; or adopt any changes described at the last meeting and included in the February newsletter.
2. Members may use 50% or 100% of their doggy dollars.
3. Leave facilities liaison as is, \$15 per mo. Mt Jumbo and \$20 per mo. Community Schools; or change both to \$5.

Hoffman and Utermohle volunteered to prepare and post a special notice of the upcoming vote and the changes proposed to Policy 13.

February minutes continued.....

- V. a. Event Planning
 - 1. Patricia McConnell Seminar – June 9, 2007
McGregor reported on a check she received from Pet Nanny and she expects a check from Wee Fishie; the two checks are for \$250 each. She passed around the tickets for review and reported that Fairbanks would like to share our expense and have Ms. McConnell come there. A downloadable registration form will be made available.
 - 2. Status Report on Agility, Rally-O and Obedience Classes and Trials
Grose reported that she will be checking into fees paid for the use of Swampy Acres. She is going to contact them about using the facility of varying length of times and adjusting the cost proportionately. No report on obedience and rally-o trials.
 - b. Committee Reports – none.
 - c. Correspondence – junk mail only.
- VI. Next Meeting
March 15, 2007 at Mendenhall Valley Library, 6:30 p.m.
- VII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Edie Barnes, Secretary

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Thursday, March 15, 2007
6 :30p.m., Valley Public Library

- I. Call to Order

- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of Previous Minutes – February 15, 2007
 - C. Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report
 - D. Approval of New Members

- III. Discussion Items
 - A. Housekeeping CKCOJ and JAC
 - 1. Membership Application Change; Add JAC Info
 - 2. JAC Bylaws Posted to Web – Utermohle
 - B. Juneau Empire Advertising Costs – Barnes
 - C. Dog-e-wag Phone – Nelson
 - D. Business Cards
 - E. Educational Programs - Nelson

- IV. Action Items
 - A. Policy 13 Vote(s) on Proposed Changes
 - B. Two Year Uncashed Checks

- V. Routine Updates
 - A. Event Planning
 - 1. Patricia McConnell Seminar June 9, 2007
 - 2. Status Report on Agility, Rally-O and Obedience Classes
 - B. Committee Reports
 - C. Correspondence – Utermohle

- VI. Next Meeting – April 19, 2007

- VII. Adjournment



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Current CKCoJ Board:

President - Jill Grose

Vice President – Pam Nelson

Treasurer - George Utermohle

Secretary - Edie Barnes

Member at Large – Vicky McLaughlin

Other Volunteers:

Facilities Coordinator - Jill Grose

Agility Liason - Jill Grose

Conformation Liason - Susan Hoffman

Mt. Jumbo Class Coordinator - Susan Hoffman

Newsletter Editor - Donna Leigh

Premier Sales - Jill Grose

Club Historian - Sue McGregor

Club Librarian - George Utermohle

Club Webmaster - Perry Shipman

Doggie Dollars Coordinator - Cheryl Jebe

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Club e-mail lists

Ckcoj-announce- General announcements, no discussion.

Post message: ckcoj-announce@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: ckcoj-announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: ckcoj-announce-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner: ckcoj-announce-owner@yahoogroups.com

Newsletter Contributions Welcome!

Please e-mail items you'd like published to
Donna at halibut03@yahoo.com



The CKCOJ has some highly useful training
leashes and harnesses available for
purchase.

**Buddy System Hands Free
Leash
and
Front clip harnesses**

For information on sizes and colors
available or to purchase
a leash or harness
contact Jill Grose at jillg@gci.net

Club Library Has Training Books And Videos

The club's library has a number of books and videos to help you train your dog. Topics covered include agility, basic obedience, competitive obedience, rally obedience, fly ball, and therapy dog training, as well as, behavioral training, clicker training, puppy training, and tricks and games. The list of the available titles contained in the library can be found through the front page of the club web page (look at the bottom of the right hand column) or at <http://www.ckcoj.org/members/documents/CKCoJLibrary07-2006.pdf> If you would like to borrow a book or video from the library, contact George Utermohle at norwaypt@gci.net.

Donations To The Club Library Are Welcomed

If you have canine training or education books or videos that you think are useful but you no longer need, consider donating them to the club library. Other people can benefit from training and educational materials that you no longer need. If you have items to donate to the club library, please contact George Utermohle at norwaypt@gci.net.

Patricia McConnell Seminar

**"For the Love of a Dog: The Biology of Emotion in
People and Dogs"**

June 9, Saturday, 9 am - 4:30 pm
Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive, Juneau, Alaska
Hosted by the Capital Kennel Club of Juneau

Wags and Brags

The fun continues down here in Oregon! Ajax had a CPE trial on Feb. 17/18 and got 5 Q's, one each in Colors, Wildcard, Jackpot, Fullhouse, and Jumpers. All together it earned him his CL2-H and CL2- F, all he needs is one more level 2 Snooker leg and he will have advanced to level 3 in everything! On Feb. 24/25 all three dogs competed in a NADAC trial. The "old boys" showed their little brother how it's supposed to be done :) Apollo had a 5 pt run in Standard on Saturday and a 10 pt run on Sunday. Badger got two 10 pt runs in Standard on Saturday and another 10 pt run on Sunday. Both also competed in Elite Chances but didn't qualify. At the Elite level the distance challenge in Chances is incredibly difficult, even at this big trial very few experienced dogs qualified. Ajax only managed one Q in Touch N Go on Saturday and one in Tunnelers on Sunday. There were several knocked bars and missed contacts in his runs. I never thought I would be "one of those people" who pull their dogs from the course for not sticking a contact, even if they did touch the yellow zone. But Ajax is so fast that he needs to hold his "2 on/ 2 off" or he will end up flying off the equipment. I have pulled him a couple times now, and it seems to really be helping.

Now we need to work on those dropped bars...

I didn't realize how fast Ajax really was till the NADAC trial (it's hard to tell when you are actually running versus watching someone else). On the runs he did complete his times were consistently in the top 3 for his jump height - and this is competing with Border Collies! For example, in the Jumpers run (he knocked one bar but was otherwise perfect) the course time was 35 seconds, Ajax completed it in 16.65 seconds! Only one dog was faster, and only beat him by 0.1 sec. Once we work through the knocked bars and missed contacts, he will be awesome :) We won't talk about the last UKC Obedience trial, still working on issues in Utility... Ajax has also expanded his skills to include lure coursing, lots of fun!

Having a blast in Oregon,
Chicory Eddy with Apollo, Badger, and Ajax



Open Letter to the CKCoJ Membership

The new proposals for doggie dollars has been posted to the club's web page. There are financial issues that unless you attended the annual meeting in October you may not be aware of. The CKCoJ board assigned the task to a finance committee to analyze what the short falls were in regards to why the club's revenues had fallen in 2006 and find ways to help increase funds for this year. The finance committee recommended changes to the existing doggie dollars policy. One of the recommendations is that doggie dollars could be redeemed only up to 50% toward the purchase of events.

I need to raise a point in regards to the conduct of club members and their responsibility to the welfare of the club. When addressing the doggie dollars 50% proposal, I feel that just because a member has a fist full of earned doggie dollars, it is still up to all members to take a good look at the bottom line. The responsibility of keeping the club's finances in the black can only be done by good fiscal practices. Membership's responsibility to the club not only lies in volunteering but also ensuring that there is a good cash flow. If using 100% of doggie dollars for events puts the club at financial risk, membership should not be looking at how the policy is good for them as individuals BUT how the policy is good for the club as a whole.

Currently, the club is financially at a very vulnerable time. At the last board meeting, the club's finances were \$7,847.59. The month before the board approved the purchase of nearly \$3,500.00 worth of new AKC agility equipment plus the cost of an AKC agility fun match & seminar. These purchases are over 50% of our net worth and put the club's finances below the \$5,000 benchmark for the purchase and/or approval of any other large ticket items for any other interest or venue (registries for dogs of mixed or questionable ancestry or dogs not AKC registerable like the UKC, NADAC, APDT, etc). The purchase of this equipment, match & seminar was with the premise that more funds would be raised by various classes. Our instructor's pool has dwindled and without the ongoing public classes to support the financial well being of the club, other measures must be taken to at least help raise revenue.

When the finance committee met, we decided not to first attempt to raise the cost of classes but to first try to tackle the "devil" within. There are several things that can be done to help with finances. We can curb spending, increase classes and their prices, and the least extreme was to face the doggie dollar issue.

Consider that by the mere fact of belonging to the club, a member is already given a major discount in classes and all other events. Even with the use of doggie dollars at only 50% gives a member a significant cost savings and is way below what the general public pays for seminar, classes or trials.

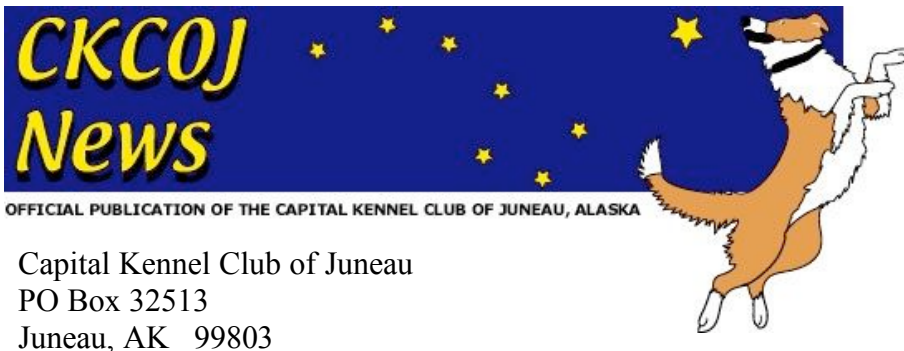
It is up to the board and the membership of CKCoJ to be responsive to the current needs of the club. The 50% usage of doggie dollars for events seems to be the simplest way to deal with the problem. As with every policy, once the club regains a substantial amount in the bank account to cover other requests as they arise, the 50% policy can be revisited and changed. At this time though, it is critical for membership to step up and help the club.

If you feel strongly about the new proposal one way or the other, please be present at the next board meeting which will be held at the valley library at 6:30PM on March 15th. All members are eligible to make their vote count.

Respectfully,
Susan Hoffman, CKCoJ Finance Committee Chair

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