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President's Report

Dear Club Members,

As we reflect on the past year, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers and board members who have contributed their time and energy to making our club thrive. We are a volunteer organization and the club would not exist without all of our efforts. Special thanks go to Marty Phelan for his extensive financial work and coordination of our website, which has been invaluable to the organization. Our board members—Marty Phelan, Lori Hoover, Sharon Moore, RJ Sussman, and Erica King—continue to provide strong leadership and support.

Over the year, we offered a variety of engaging classes including Puppy Kindergarten, Manners, Summer Agility, Scent Work, and a Beginning Rally/Obedience class. These sessions have been well received and have provided both dogs and handlers with valuable skills and enjoyment.

Our club also successfully hosted three scent work trials, where many dogs and handlers earned new titles. These events showcase the dedication and talent within our membership and help promote the sport locally.

For the first time, we hosted a special dog show presentation at the Pioneer Home, where our dogs showcased agility, scent work, obedience and tricks. It was a heartwarming event that brought joy to the residents, who thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with our furry friends.

A highlight of the year was welcoming Dana Zinn, author of *Dog Driven Search*, who led a special workshop teaching beginning handling skills. Additionally, Kara Schuetzner served as a trial judge and conducted a workshop focused on dog behaviors during scent work, enriching the knowledge and experience of participants.

While we had hoped to secure rental space at Marie Drake for our classes, this did not come to fruition. Our activities continue to be limited by available facilities. We are grateful to have Mt. Jumbo and several public schools where we have hosted our classes and trials. If you are aware of any larger venues suitable for our use, please reach out to a board member—we are always eager to explore new options.

Looking ahead, we are excited for another year filled with opportunities to grow, learn, and spend quality time with our dogs. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.