

TAILS OF THE PLAINS

March 1, 2004

Next meeting ~ March 9th @ 7:00 pm~Book & Bean
3808 SW 6th St (for more information see page 3)

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As noted in the minutes contained in this issue, the opening date for our **May agility trials is March 10th. If you have even the slightest inclination to enter, you will want to bring your entry to the meeting** to give to Janet. She will hand deliver the entries to Marcia at opening.

These trials are always full and generally close on the second day. Openings cannot be held for club members.

Unlimited member access to our beautiful new training building is a wonderful privilege, one that we've not had in the past. Take it upon yourself to be responsible and know what the rules are for the

building. These have been published previously in the newsletter and are also posted on the inside of the door of the training building. Read them, know them, obey them. And remember, the first two rings are for the general membership. ***The third ring is Judy Deshong's only.***

The club as well as individual club members donated to help purchase a motorized tricycle for Sandy Dupree. If you'd like to see what your good deed has done for this woman, you can see the presentation and Sandy in action at <http://sandy.pnp-agility.com>. The file is in Windows Media Video (.wmv) format.

Quote of the month:
We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare.
And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.
-M. Acklam

Q's & Legs Report

When you think of agility the thoughts that come to mind are speed, athleticism, & split-second timing. But for one who has chosen a breed that doesn't fit this description and can bring out the best in his dog, the teamwork can bring many different rewards. You see, it doesn't take a "hard-driven" Border Collie or a "lighter-than-air" Golden Retriever to succeed at agility; it merely takes perseverance and the ability to imagine it and make it happen. Success lies in the accomplishment, that perhaps no one else can achieve. Such is the story of David and Boudin. Brags on page 2



Boudin flies through the tire jump.

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Brag's continued

At the Colorado Springs trial, Boudin made three Novice Preferred runs, scoring 100 each time, winning once, and going 2nd place twice (to Figgy, the English bulldog; what a trip! To run she puts her head down low like a BC, then her legs thrash so hard that dirt clods fly out behind her. I think these two dogs must be the essence of why? the Preferred class). Saturday's Novice JWW run finished that title, so he moved up to Open on Sunday, and but for my moving early and sending him into the wrong tunnel opening, his run was clean and under time, just barely; I'm hoping this means we can compete at the next level. Running the two Standard courses made me thankful for the training and practice help we've gotten from the club; at walk through I found myself thinking: hey, this is good, this isn't as hard as what's usually up at Darlene's, we CAN do this...THANKS everybody!!! One last item to this brag: there aren't very many Sealys in the world, and even fewer that try agility; **Boudin, it turns out, is the**

first Sealyham ever to earn an AKC agility title, or even two. A tempest in a teapot, I realize, but I'm really proud for him, and glad they didn't do it first in California.

From Judy DeShong:

Went to Hobbs the first weekend in February. Saturday, Tank got his first open leg, 195, Harley placed 1st in Utility and 2nd in Open.

High Combined on Saturday. On Sunday, Tank got his 2nd Open leg, 194. We had a very problems, was working on a 199, and our brain or should I say his brain turned to jelly. Harley placed 4th in Utility and 1st in Open.

Last weekend we went to Midland. To say the least, it was a great weekend for Harley, He placed 1st in Utility and 1st in Open on both days. Took High in Trial and High Combined on both days. Tank on the other hand is another story. Headed to Lubbock this weekend, hope that red dog finds his brain before then.

From Jinger Guinn: Cassi and I went to Tulsa last weekend, Febru-

ary 21&22, for an agility trial and she made me quite proud! The first run of the weekend was for her last leg to get her AXJ title and not only did she do her weaves she got her title with a 1st place. She also got one more leg towards her AX title, with another 1st place, with only one more leg to go. She did her weaves all weekend so I am thrilled I think more about that then her titles, those are a bonus.

From Lynne Tellman: Buttons earned two open legs this weekend in Lubbock with 2 first places

From Sheri Anderson:

Kira received another UDX leg Sunday in Lubbock at the SPOTC shows.

From Judy DeShong: Headed to Lubbock last weekend. Red dog (aka, Tank) found his brain and finished his last leg to earn his CDX title. Ran into tough competition, but Harley earned a 3rd place in Open and a 4th in Utility on Saturday and a 4th place in Open and a 5th in Utility on Sunday.

Feb. 10 Board Meeting

Jerry called the meeting to order at 8:20. Board members present were Jerry, Lynne, Joe, Johnny, and Michelle.

Accounting --Taxes are to be paid. Some are late due to several factors. Michelle asked for access to the PO Box. She will make sure all information at the bank is changed to that address. The bank still has the old address on some things making them late.

Light--Jerry has purchased a 1000-watt light for the parking lot. He will ask Marty to look at it.

Sign--Sam's has a sign 4ft by 8ft with 150 letters. The board approved its purchase. We will ask Kyle to see if he can build a stand.

Training Building Pictures--Jerry brought up the walls in the building. He recommended the board allow members to commemorate titles by placing their picture with their dog on the wall. The member would provide the picture and frame. The board will present this idea at the next club meeting.

Insurance--We need to change the name on the agility field insurance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Minutes from February 10, 2004

Prior to the meeting we had a presentation about healing touch. There were announcements about Therapy dog information.

The meeting was held at Golden China restaurant. Jerry Smith called it to order at 7:30. Minutes and treasurer's report were both approved.

Braggs were given the biggest of which was Harley and Judy Deshong earned their OTCH.

Committee Reports

Obedience: A list of classes for the next session was distributed. Trial--Premiums will be mailed this week.

Agility: Our next meeting is the night before entries open for our May trial. You may bring them to the meeting and they will be hand delivered the next morning. **Readings:** 1st readings for Stephanie Elsa and Erin, Steve, and Joann Norris. 2nd readings and voted in was Sueanne and Chris King.

Unfinished Business

Seminar--We do not have a contract yet so further plans have not been made for the May seminar. Jerry and Judy are talking with Connie Cleveland for a possible date in 2005. **Advertisement for Obedience shows.** Johnny stated the banner and catalogue prices. They range from \$100 to \$25. Please call him if you want to advertise.

New Business

The locks on the building and gate will be changed monthly.

We are looking for an Agility Trial Secretary volunteer for our January show. Please let us know if you are interested.

Moved to adjourn at 8:05

Membership Updates

New Members

Chris & Suanne King
(returning)

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Amarillo TX 79109
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Applicants

Stefanie Elsea
Steve, Erin & JoAnn Norris

Changes

David Paul 433-3635
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Larry, Judi &
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March Meeting Place info

Book & Bean is north across 6th St. from Barnaby's Beanery. Park parallel @ the curb along the block or park @ Barnaby's asphalt lot (Barnaby's will be closed).

This store has a full coffee bar like Starbucks; plus next door is the Atomic Lounge, with a great selection of beers and interesting mixed drinks. Both will be available to serve you on meeting night.

Both businesses are owned by Dave & Monica Throckmorton who are DOG PEOPLE! They are PKC members and own two Mastiffs.

One more added plus, the whole place is Non-Smoking.

Come and enjoy an interesting evening, especially if Darlene & Laveta are in attendance! Thanks, David Paul for arranging this new meeting place!

Responsible Breeders Face Restrictions

AKC Website Friday, February 06, 2004

In recent months, responsible breeders all across the country have faced an increasing threat of restrictions on their right to breed, both at the municipal and state level. The defeat of proposed legislation in Virginia and Oklahoma was a positive victory for the purebred dog fancy, but introduction of similar proposals is likely in the future. AKC encourages dog owners to keep alert in their communities and to notify the Canine Legislation department when issues arise.

The American Kennel Club supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of respon-

sible breeders and owners. However, we oppose the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans and mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs.

The AKC's Canine Legislation department makes it a priority to help fanciers and dog clubs oppose breeding restrictions. To assist in these efforts, we have developed a wealth of materials that are available on our Web site, or by contacting the department (919-816-3720, doglaw@akc.org).

We appreciate your efforts to help protect the rights of purebred dog owners. By working together, we can help ensure that fanciers will be able to enjoy their sport for many years to come.



The "Puppy Protection Act" Introduced in the House

From the AKC website

Tuesday, November 11, 2003

The so-called "Puppy Protection Act" (PPA) has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY) designated H.R. 3484. 36 co-sponsors have already signed onto the bill. H.R. 3484 is virtually identical to the PPA introduced by Whitfield in the 107th Congress, except that it does

not require setting federal "socialization" standards for dogs. Companion legislation is expected to be introduced in the Senate shortly, sponsored by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA). The AKC urges all fanciers to write or call your U.S. Representative asking him or her NOT TO COSPONSOR H.R. 3484. For more information see

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=1916

Plea for Funds

NM Collie Rescue is out of money. We rescue collies from within NM, Southern Colorado West Texas and even parts of Arizona.

We are offering some really neat note cards and address labels on our website at

<http://www.nmcollierescue.com> If you go to the Collie Store you can find them. They can have any picture, any breed you would like on them and

come at a nominal cost.

You can also see who is available for adoption and some adoption stories.

We need your support to continue rescuing collies.

Thanks

Vicki Loucks

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Jump Into Agility!

Start your conditioning programs now! Agility starts in little more than a month.

Sign up for classes will be at the agility field on April 4 at 2:00pm.

Current classes are scheduled as follows:

Mondays beginning April 5th

7:00 Clean Run for Open to Exc A level dogs

8:00 Clean Run for Exc B only

Both classes to be taught by Nicky Trowbridge

Tuesdays beginning April 6th

7:00 Beginners I

Beginners II

Both to be taught by Darlene & Ricki

Wednesdays beginning April 7

7:00 Gambler's—dogs must have at least an Open title

Taught by Susan Kraus

8:00 Novice

Taught by Ray & Vickie Ramsay

These are the classes which currently have teacher volunteers. Additional classes may be available closer to registration.

Please contact Darlene at 373-7809 to see for which class you and your dog are ready.