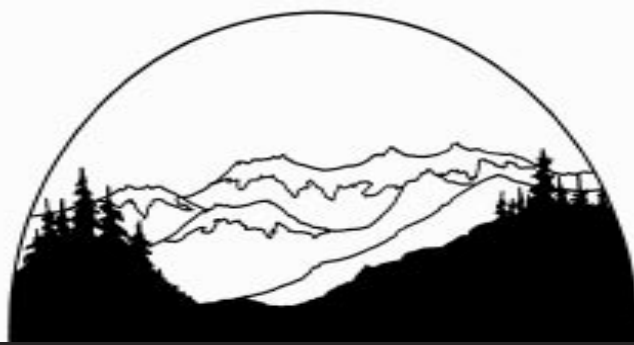


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President's Message

The big event of the past month was the HRKC agility trial (which I missed). I hope all who were interested, attended and enjoyed themselves. We'll want to talk about repeating at this location.

The board will be appointing a nominating committee this month and needs five "volunteers". One board member and four others, two of these are alternates.

Question—do you want to have a Bred By Exhibitor competition at the 07 or 08 conformation shows. Please show up and let us know what you want.

The awards committee headed by Nancy Tinker, will be ready for final details and nominations this month. This is new this year, so please help Nancy out with a good response. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting Christmas party).

It should be a fun busy meeting this month. Be there!

Joe Larson
President

Membership Matters

Dinah Palmtag & Dale Bagby, 155 Belenski Place, Sequim, WA. Household Membership. Dinah & Dale own German Short Hair Pointers and have been involved in hunting dog clubs. Dale is past-President of the Central Coast North American Versit Hunting Dog Association.

Dinah has attended the last two club meetings and also our club "B-OB match". They are sponsored by Jan Garrison & Nancy Tinker.

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The following membership application will be voted on at the next general KC meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2006.

Dick & Loie Lindner, 51 E. Mindy Lane, Sequim, WA 98382; (360) 683-6266, email: dlindner@olypen.com; Household Membership. Dick & Loie Lindner own Standard Poodles and exhibit in Obedience & Rally.

Dick & Loie lived in Phoenix and were involved in the Phoenix Field & Obedience club for four years. The Lindners' are sponsored by Carolyn Money and Chris Cornell.

Jan Garrison
Membership Committee

HRKC Monthly Meeting
Wednesday
October 18, 7 p.m.
Greywolf Vet Clinic
1102 E. Washington St.
Sequim, WA 98382

Variable Tracking Test

Washington State Obedience Training Club will hold their first Variable Surface Tracking (VST) test on Sunday, November 26th, 2006, at two sites in the Seattle area.

It will be a 6-track test judged by Sil Sanders and Anne Hershey, M.D.

Entries close on November 8th. To receive a Premium List, contact Sue Cox at 206-524-2468 or johnandsuzanne@comcast.net, or visit www.wsotc.org and click on "Calendar" for a downloadable P/L.

Sue Cox,
Test Chairman/Secretary

Calendar

October

- 2.....Yom Kippur
 - 6,7.....HSUS Emergency Training Workshop
 - 9.....Columbus Day
 - 16.....National Bosses Day
 - 18.....HRKC General Meeting
.....7 p.m. Greywolf Clinic
 - 24.....United Nations Day
 - 31.....Halloween
- November
- 7.....Election Day
 - 15.....HRKC General Meeting
.....7 p.m. Greywolf Clinic
 - 23.....Thanksgiving

Minutes HRKC September General Meeting

The general meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was held at Greywolf Veterinary Clinic in Sequim at 7:00 p.m. on September 20, 2006.

Officers Present:

Joe Larson, President; Mariko Saum, Vice-President; Ron Fye, Treasurer; Mary Franden, Secretary; Nancy Tinker, Board Member; Melissa Smith, Board Member

An attendance sign-in sheet was passed around the room: Eighteen members and two guests were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Larson at 7:05 p.m.

Joe asked for a roll call of the members who were present.

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August general meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

B. President's Report

Nothing to report.

C. Secretary's Report

Mary Franden reported on the AKC proposal to partner with the Petland chain of pet stores to facilitate on-site AKC registration of dogs at the point of purchase. Printed details were provided. Mary also brought a binder of photos from the All-Breed Show that were sent to the club by Callea Photo.

D. Treasurer's Report

Ron summarized club expenses, income, profits and net worth to date. Bills are in from the All-Breed show; the show was profitable. The club is in the black. The treasurer's report was accepted.

E. Report of the Committees

HISTORIAN: Anne Andritch was absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan reported that new memberships were approved by vote at the August meeting. Details will be provided for the newsletter. There are two other membership applications pending that will be considered at the October general meeting.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Ron reported on the Club's Responsible Dog Owner-

ship Day activities. Poor weather caused a lower than expected turnout, with approximately 7 club members attending. Net profits from the day were approximately \$3200, with half going to the humane society and half going to WAG.

NEWSLETTER: Patricia Pedersen asked that any submissions for the October Newsletter be sent to her by the first week of October, so that she can publish the newsletter the second week. She has digital photos she took at the All-Breed show in July; so if anyone would like a copy on CD, they should contact her.

TRAINING: Chris will speak with Sue Tyler about starting a new CGC/TDI class.

2007 SHOW CHAIR: Mariko reported on progress in obtaining judging confirmations. Chris has spoken with Mrs. Blake and got the OK for the use of the Blake Family Property for 2007. We also have the OK for a Friday Shar-Pei specialty, and our spring Agility Trial.

There was a discussion on adding a Bred-By class for Saturday only. Mariko will write a letter for publication in the newsletter, and members will discuss it further at the October meeting.

The club voted to raise entry fees from \$23.00 to \$24.00

Suggestions for trophies for 2007 would be welcome. Jan said that it would be best to decide by December, so that we can have trophy descriptions for the letters soliciting donations. The letters go out in February. If anyone has trophy ideas, it would be greatly appreciated if they can include a source, photograph, and price for the item(s).

FALL AGILITY TRIAL: Nancy reported a good entry for the Fall Agility Trial, nearly double the entries from the Fall 2005 trial. Possible reasons include the extra day, and the new venue.

There was a discussion about food service, and the club agreed to

compensate Irene for travel to Olympia if we don't come up with another solution prior to the trial date.

PROGRAMS: Carolyn is looking into possible programs for next month.

CLUB AWARDS: Nancy will prepare a write-up for publication in the newsletter. Nominations will need to be sent in, along with documentation. There is a requirement that the recipient has attended at least six club meetings. Awards will be presented at the December Christmas party.

BRAGS: Please send brags to Patricia Pedersen for publication in the newsletter.

F. Unfinished Business

Chris talked about the Emergency Shelter Workshop coming up at Carrie Blake Park. The workshop has filled, but there is still a need for volunteer canines for the disaster scenario. There is similar workshop scheduled for the weekend of September 29 – October 1st in Spokane Valley.

G. New Business

There was a discussion of possible sites for the Christmas Party. Mariko will look into the possibility of using Bella Italia Restaurant, and will report back.

Ron reported that the club has a \$15,000.00 Certificate of Deposit that will come due on October 16th. The membership voted unanimously to have Ron make the decision whether or not to roll it over or move the funds into a different account, according to what the options are at that time.

H. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at Greywolf Veterinary Clinic on October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Franden
Secretary



HRKC September 2006 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at *Goin' To The Dogs* in Sequim at 7:05 p.m. on September 14, 2006

Officers Present: Joe Larson, Mariko Saum, Ron Fye, Nancy Tinker, Melissa Smith, Anne Andritsch, Mary Franden

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July 2006 Board Meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

B. President's Report: Nothing to report.

C. Secretary's Report: Mary Franden reported on an AKC proposal to partner with the Petland pet store chain to register dogs on site. The board discussed the initiative and agreed to take it up in the September general meeting.

D. Treasurer's Report: Ron Fye detailed current balances in club accounts, as well as income and expenses YTD. Treasurer's report was approved.

E. Report of the Committees

2006 All-Breed Show: Nancy reported on a successful conclusion to the 2006 All-Breed Show. Ron noted that the Peninsula Daily News keeps photos from events at their website, and makes them available for purchase.

2007 All-Breed Show: Mariko has the proposed judging slate, and is in the process of contacting judges; letters to judges have been sent out. Mariko discussed newspaper coverage for the 2007 show.

Fall Agility Trial: Nancy reported that the fall Agility Trial is ready to go. Set up will be Friday morning; we will have enough club members on site.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Public Education: Ron reported on a successful "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" program at Carrie Blake Park. Fewer spectators than anticipated showed up, likely due to poor weather. Ron sent photographs from the event to the AKC.

Programs: There was no program at the August meeting due to the picnic. Mariko suggested a talk by an attorney about dog contract law as an idea for a future meeting.

Awards: Nancy Tinker will present information at the October meeting. Awards will be presented at the Christmas party in December.

Club Website: Mary Franden will call a meeting of the website committee sometime in October.

F. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished business was introduced.

G. New Business: Joe led a discussion of possible sites for the Christmas Party. Mariko Saum agreed to contact Bel Italia Restaurant and see if it might be a possibility. Another possibility would be to have the dinner catered at Pioneer Park.

H. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Brag from our members

Wolfie earned his Masters Agility Preferred. He also earned his Masters Agility Jumpers Preferred.

Melissa Smith

I'd like to brag on our Black Standard Poodle Male who entered his first Rally-O trials at Shelton on the 23rd and 24th. He qualified (Novice B) on Saturday and took second place on Sunday with a 98. I cost him 10 points Saturday when I blew a station or he'd have had a 98 that day as well.

Dick Lindner

Shasta finished her RE at Gig Harbor KC, Sept. 23 & 24 with first place and a score of 100 each day. That makes three of those in completing her RE.

Fred & Flori Page

just a few brags about Isabella my Havanese....

Isabella received 2-5 pt. majors and 1-4 pt. major this last summer: She took Best of Opposite Sex, June 10 at Puyallup, Best of Winners, July 30 at Sequim and Best of Breed, Aug 19 at Enumclaw. Isabella is going to chase after that coveted last point with Handler Dixie Sick in Vancouver the end of October!

Isabella also received her CGC Certificate from AKC on June 6, 2006.

Jennifer Haugland



Tessa

This is my latest addition to the pack. Tessa, born July 22, 2006, the first of a litter of nine (9). I picked her up at Klamath Falls OR while I was at the BC Handlers Finals. She made the trip with me, Roy and Jenny to Lodi CA and home.

She is a typical border collie, very sweet, very active, and already attracted to sheep and chickens. She comes from good stock. Her sire placed 8th in the finals.

Patricia Pedersen



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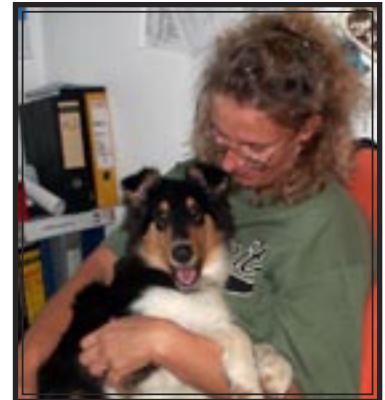
Well traveled puppies!

A litter of nine rough collie puppies, bred by Mary Franden, have found new homes across the US and in Europe.

Lakota, shown below in Sequim with her new owner, Christiane Schneider, traveled more than 8,000 miles to her new home in Simmern, Germany (near Frankfurt.)

Lakota's littermates are now living in Washington, Illinois, Texas, and California.

Christiane and Lakota at home in Germany.



A Border Collie Trialing Primer



Bala, Wales is credited with the first organized sheepdog trials in Great Britain in 1873. Entries came to test their skills in a fashion so as to simulate conditions incurred in every day chores on the farm. Ten dogs competed before a crowd of some 300 people.

Sometime later the International Sheepdog Society was formed to develop a set of rules to govern trials that spring up across the country and a Registry for those who wanted to record the ancestry of sheepdogs.

Here are the basic rules for trialing in the "Open Class".

Each competitor and dog are required to begin their "run" from a station or post. The dog may be cast (sent) from either side and the "outrun" should follow the shape of a pear.

The "Lift" is the first actual contact the dog has with the sheep and determines how they behave throughout the course. Not too pushy and not too timid.

The "Fetch" is the delivery of sheep in a workman-like manner through a set of gates straight to the handler. They should be turned as closely to the handler as possible to set up for the "Drive".

The dog pushes or guides the sheep from the post through another set of gates about 100-150 yards away. Then the "Cross drive" begins, another 100-150 yards through another set of gates.

The line through the second drive gates should be straight to the center of the "Shedding Ring".

The "Shed" or separation of one to three sheep, depending on the trial, demonstrates the ability of the dog's ability to divide or separate a flock. It demands absolute teamwork between the handler and dog.

The "Pen" is also a team effort, although the dog is required to bring the sheep to the pen without assistance from the handler.

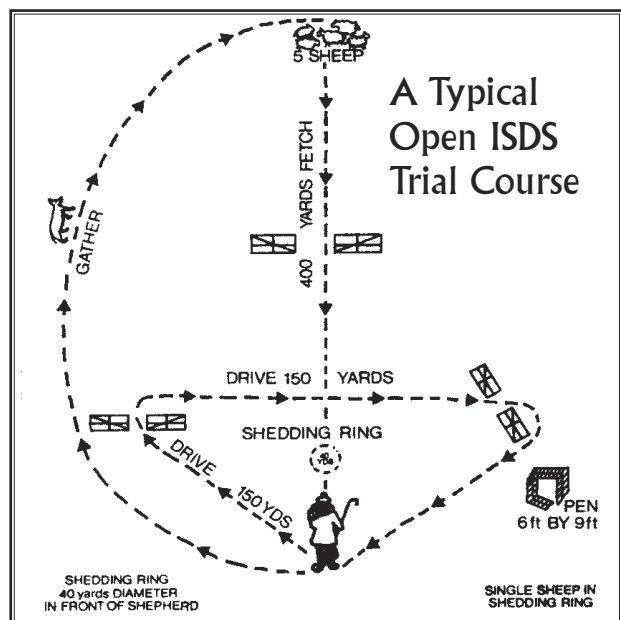
Although it is a team

effort, points are deducted for too much help from the handler.

A "Single" is sometimes done after the sheep are returned to the shed ring or area where a single sheep must be cut off from the original group and kept away to the satisfaction of the judge.

The finals course is more difficult, with 2 groups of ten sheep, five marked, two outruns, a lookback, an "international shed" (separating five marked sheep from the group of 20, and finally a pen. The course is about twice as large with two 800 yard outruns, longer drive.

"Sheepdog trials differ from any other dog competition in that they stress one thing only—the working ability of dogs under natural conditions," from *Sheepdogs and Their Masters—1938*.





Roy walks up on a difficult ewe on the way to the shedding ring in early morning. Photo by Jeff Marroni

Trials...and Tribulations

by Patricia Pedersen

Eligibility to participate in the finals is based upon the handler and dog's "standing". During the trial year, teams accumulate points based upon placing in the top 20% of competitors. This year, Roy and I had accumulated enough points to be automatically eligible as we were rated #138 in the country. The trial is open to the top 150 teams, and if for some reason these spots don't fill, the point criteria is lowered point by point until the day before the preliminary trials.

Sheepdog trialing in the US has been growing by leaps and bounds in just the last 10 years, so it is very competitive at the Open or Professional level. One is considered a "professional" when one decides to enter that level which is the highest and the most competitive level in trialing (Open).

The field is part of the Kerr Family Ranch and accommodated about a 400 yard outrun plus for the dogs. This is about a quarter of a mile for the preliminary rounds.

We were given four sheep, coopworths and coopworth crosses. For some reason, most people ended up with three very

cooperative sheep and one nonconformist. This was the ruination of many a good team. We saw sheep stopping for no reason we could see, falling down (a defensive act), and generally being cantankerous. Of course in the heat of the day, I admit I would be cantankerous or at least uncooperative to be run at a fast trot around a hot field.

For those who worry about the welfare of the sheep, they are very well taken care of. The trial folks make sure they have plenty of food and water and rest. For the finals, or even large local trials, they make sure they are not run too much in hot weather. Some teams would even be called off for unnecessarily harassing the sheep.

The first day, things did not go well. Several well known teams went down. The second day, things went a little better, but every point earned was a struggle. We joked about scores, the sheep were winning. In a working situation, when a sheep is difficult, often the dog will "grip", preferably on the nose to turn it, but that action only warrants a "Disqualification", which is

a polite, "Thank you," from the judge.

Our run fortunately was in the early morning, about 7:30. Most successful runs were in the morning, the heat of the day making the sheep cranky later. Roy had a nice outrun, lift and fetch, but we missed putting the sheep through the fetch obstacles.

Our turn around the post was a bit wide, but our drive was very nice.

Just coming into the shedding ring, one of the sheep balked. We had to put the three back onto the balker. She wasn't angry, but if she could talk, she would have said, "Hey, I had to get up early to run around this field, be separated from my girlfriends and stuffed into a 6x9 pen in the middle of nowhere, AND I haven't had my first cuppa coffee yet!"

I was fortunate that she gave me trouble at the end and not during the fetch, like others had done. But she would not go into the shedding ring. Seconds and minutes ticked. I finally left the ring and beat the ground with my crook, and finally she moved.

We finally got a shed, but Roy turned on the

As some of you know, I have been off trialing at Klamath Falls, Oregon. Usually I don't enter large trials, but since our Border Collie Finals were so close, I couldn't resist the opportunity, and also I wanted to show support for this event.

The US Border Collie Handlers Association is an organization not only for owners/handlers of Border Collies, but open to anyone who would like to join. Most trials are sanctioned by the USBCHA, and are based upon the original International Sheep Dog Association based in the United Kingdom.

wrong group and gladly put them together again. I tried again, and this time, the judges gave me an okay, and off to the pen I ran.

At that time, the ewe decided I was indeed okay, and insisted on following me nipping at my heels.

I opened the pen gate and time was called. I don't know whether I was disappointed or glad. Time passes very slowly out there.

When I came off, people did tell me they thought I had a very nice run, and many were betting I'd make it to the semifinals or top 40 teams. But alas, I didn't. We placed 71 out of 145 competitors.

It really doesn't matter as I felt honored to be in the top 150 teams anyway, and I knew we had done all we could to hold our run together without retiring or a disqualification.

Afterward, the pressure was off, I went shopping, walked puppies, and watched the rest of the runs. And especially enjoyed getting together with old friends and acquaintances. Meeting some of the "legends" in our world, and watching them perform was worth it.



Meeting 7 p.m.
October 18
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