



Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club

CSSC Bulletin

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Upcoming events

- *May 3: Clicker training workshop, plan for agility trial and specialty*
- *May 16-17: Agility trial*
- *May 29: Spring specialty*
- *July 26: annual meeting*
- *August: fun match and picnic*
- *November 27: Winter specialty*
- *January 2010: Holiday party, board and membership meeting*
- *February 21 or 22, 2010: Activity and meeting*

President's message

Although it doesn't seem like it at the moment, spring and the height of the dog show season are just around the corner. At our May meeting we will meet at my place to work on final plans for the upcoming agility trial on May 17 and spring specialty show on May 29. The clicker-training activity is a lot of fun – for those who haven't done it before, it's amazing to see dogs get the idea in only a few minutes and become eager learners as you try to shape their behavior using "dolphin-training" techniques. Please bring a dog to train and plenty of tasty, one-bite-sized treats. I'm hoping for good weather so we can train

outside, but if not, my garage should be big enough. As an added inducement, everyone gets a guided tour of the farm, just in time for the best part of farming: newborn lambs, goat kids, and chicks.

In the meantime, remember that this is the year HSUS and the other animal rights organizations are making a big push to outlaw breeding state by state, with laws designed to make dog breeding difficult to impossible introduced in 24 states so far and at least ten others waiting in the wings. The Massachusetts bill (S.B.774) has yet to be considered, and the "devocalization" bill (formerly H.D.653, now numbered H.B.344) is a par-

ticular concern for Sheltie owners. We will keep you informed if hearings are scheduled. But there are many other bad bills, and only a few good ones to undo the damage caused by animal rights laws and activities. Keep informed at the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners website at www.massfeddogs.org. Pet lovers have a huge majority over the few extremists who want to take our animals away from us, but our legislators will understand that only if we call, write, and show up in large numbers at hearings to preserve our right to own and breed purebred dogs. -Bonnie Chandler

Your help is needed at our agility trial!

The agility trial on May 17 is approaching. This is the one annual event where our club reliably makes enough money to fund our other activities and keep us financially sound. We need warm bodies, and you don't even have to know your way around an agility ring to participate.

On Friday, May 15, set-up for the trial begins at 1:00 pm. Come to the baseball

fields at the Wrentham Developmental Center. We need help setting up the rings and unloading the equipment from the trailer.

Sunday is Colonial's trial, and help is appreciated all day, but particularly at the conclusion of the trial at approximately 4:00 pm. We will break down the rings, repack equipment, and do general cleanup.

A key position that needs

to be filled on Sunday is a judges' hospitality coordinator. This person makes sure that the judges' coolers are stocked with cold drinks and snacks and obtains lunch for the judges from our food vendor.

Please contact Alanna Kelly for further details on how you can help and when you will be available. You can call 781-769-9247 or email Alanna@pondhouse.com.

Rachel Page Elliott, 1913-2009

Pagey was my mentor and teacher and friend. She was a great lady in the fullest sense of the words—gracious, generous, warm, sensible, kind and focused on dealing with the truth. She had a wonderful and welcoming way about her. As a teacher, she was amazing. Her work on dog anatomy has changed the way we examine canine structure. Many dog standards have been changed after acknowledging her research. She was always inquisitive, always learning herself, always sharing what she knew. She was the author of *Dogsteps* in two editions and produced an amazing film with the AKC on canine movement. At one time she was very active in presenting seminars on canine movement and anatomy and many of us attended all we could as she was always including newly filmed dogs in slow motion.

She lectured all over the world. I especially learned from my visits to her home. When I began in dogs, if I had a dog and did not know why it moved the way it did, I brought it to Pagey who filmed it, discussed it and then we carefully analyzed the dog and the film together. At one point she said I have too many skeletons in the closet and in fact gave me two dog skeletons! She took them back years later to continue her study.

Pagey was 96 years old. She bred Golden Retrievers and always had a special love of the breed. She had one of the best minds and she continued to learn her entire life. She will be remembered and she will be missed. I regret that I will be judging the day of her service. But she will always be with me as friend, teacher, and role model.

- Charlotte McGowan



Pagey and Tammy at an agility trial. Pagey began to train in agility when she was in her 80s.

Through either luck or fate, Pagey was one of the first to introduce Kim and me to canine structure when we were just beginning in the sport. We attended a seminar in 1989 which included Pagey speaking and showing her film *Dogsteps*. It was a formative experience that has shaped our approach to breeding sound Shelties.

It wasn't until a few years ago, however, that I was fortunate enough to get to know Pagey a little better. I joined the ARFF agility club here in Carlisle where the club had weekly practices at Pagey's River Road Farm. Pagey would come down to the field every week with Tammy, her Golden, to do a brief run-through. She always had a kind word and personal greeting for every-

one there. We were always welcome to join her on the porch for a glass of sherry and conversation.

Even during the off-season, Pagey generously offered her house as a gathering place for brunches and video viewing. She displayed her intricately hand-cut jigsaw puzzles and showed us her jigsaw, describing the process of making them. One of her puzzles famously sold for \$27,000 at auction, a world record. The proceeds went to health research for the Golden Retriever Club of America.

This past February, club members gathered for brunch at Pagey's to watch *Dogsteps* with her. What better way to spend a cold February day?

- Carolyn Ing



An honor guard of 50 Golden Retrievers, including Pagey's beloved Tammy, stood vigil before the memorial service. (photo by Ted Fitzgerald)

Board and general meeting minutes - February 22, 2009

Board meeting minutes Harvard, MA

Board members in attendance: Bonnie Chandler, Louise Cote, George Donnelly, Cindy Hanlon, Carolyn Ing, Alanna Kelly

Meeting called to order at 11:30. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Alanna Kelly, treasurer, reported that the bank balance as of February 21 was \$8,688.42. Expenditures are expected for the upcoming agility trial and spring specialty. The Mass Fed of Dog Owners membership was renewed.

Corresponding secretary's report: Jody Champlin, corresponding secretary, was absent.

Spring specialty: Carolyn Ing, specialty chair, reported that all approvals have been received. Kathy Fuller will be coordinating the raffle since Pat Wright will not be able to attend. The parade of rescue dogs will be coordinated by Donna Vera. Carolyn will send the updated specialty info to Linda Loring for posting on the CSSC

website. Like last year, the rally trial will be held after the conclusion of obedience in the same ring.

Winter specialty: Judges have been confirmed for the November specialty and WCKC shows. The Friday specialty judge will be Michael Esch. Judges for the supported entries will be Marie Ann Falconer and Wendy Wilhauck. Carolyn noted that WCKC selected the weekend judges and that CSSC was not asked for input on them.

Agility trial: Alanna Kelly, chair, reported that Kim Reeher and Pamela Cumming will be the 2009 judges. Erin Shaeffer Philibert will be one of the judges in 2010.

Old business: Membership renewals were discussed. Several members have not replied to our repeated requests for membership reminders. Long-time members our treasurer had not yet heard from include Rosemary Dispirito and Kathy Cooke. Ann Hart will not be renewing her membership.

New business: AKC compliance. Because the club did not hold an event within ten

miles of its territory during 2008, which the AKC defined as Worcester, we are required to have twice as many required events to fulfill the requirements to hold future dog shows. The club would need to have one additional event to add to its current schedule. The board discussed additional activities the club could hold to fulfill the requirements. The possibilities included having an MDR-1 clinic, a Canine Good Citizen event in conjunction with the fall match, and other public education events. The board decided to investigate the MDR-1 clinic, and Bonnie Chandler volunteered to follow up. The published prices for the test are \$70 each for up to three dogs and \$60 for four or more.

Anti-dog legislation in Massachusetts and New Hampshire were discussed.

Applications for new membership were read and approved by the board. The two applicants were Randine Parry and Paul Morris.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

General meeting minutes

Members in attendance: Bonnie Chandler, Louise Cote, George Donnelly, Cindy Hanlon, Carolyn Ing, Alanna Kelly, Susan Morris, Madison Donnelly, Dawn Donnelly, Carolyn Johnston, Randine Parry, Paul Morris

Guests in attendance: Jacqueline Bell

General meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. All the items discussed in the board meeting were brought up in the general meeting. Additional items were new members and the selection of the fall match judges and 2010 spring specialty judges.

New members: Randine Perry and Paul Morris were voted in as new members.

Judge voting: Marcia Bitter received the most number of votes for the 2010 spring specialty. For specialty sweeps, Pete Denbow was selected. Jennifer Moore and Becky Jarit were selected for the fall match.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45. The Golden Oldies video was then enjoyed by the membership.

2009 spring specialty trophies and pledges

Spring is finally around the corner, and it is that important time to pledge trophies for the upcoming 2009 spring specialty. Trophies for this show will be both unique and special. They will be original sheltie ceramic artwork by Youlia Anderson of Furrytale Ceramics located in PA. You

can see her artwork on her website at www.furrytaleceramics.com. I am hoping to have photos of our ceramic pieces put up on the Colonial website for all members and exhibitors to see. Below are the trophies for Breed, Obedience, and Rally and the amount of each tro-

phy pledge. You can also pledge a rescue rosette as well as donate to the general trophy fund. It would be great if each member could pledge the same trophy that they did last year. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Once you have heard back from me that you have that particular

trophy, please mail your check, made out to CSSC, for the pledge amount to me, Robert Olsen, at 372 Cushing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Thanks for your continued great support. See you at this special event!

- Bob Olsen

Clicker training workshop and show planning on Sunday, May 3 at 12:30

Our next club meeting will be on May 3 at Bonnie Chandler's house in Harvard. Board meeting will be at 11:00 and lunch and refreshments start at 12:30 for the general membership and guests. At our meeting, we will be discussing the details of planning for our agility trial and spring specialty show. After that, Carolyn Johnston will lead a workshop on clicker-training your dog. Clicker training is an effective training method whether your chosen venue is breed, obedience, agility or

just general-purpose training. Bring your dog and plenty of very small, but tasty and extra-special treats.

Don't forget to bring a dish or beverages to share. Guests are welcome.

Directions to 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard MA 978-456-3169

From I-495:
Exit onto Route 2 going west. On Route 2 take Exit 38, Route 110/111 South. Turn right off the ramp (it's the same no matter which way you were going on

Route 2). Cross over highway and take the first local road on the right (small island in the middle of the road with signs for Fruitlands Museum and Old Shirley Road). Follow straight to #183 Prospect Hill Road. The road name changes at the Depot Road crossing. You will pass Fruitlands and a scenic overlook on the right, then a side road on the left. After the side road we are the fourth house on the left, a red house on a hill with three mailboxes squeezed between two close drive-

ways. We are the farther of the two driveways. If you miss it, turn around where the road joins another road, and backtrack three driveways on the right.

From the northwest: I-91 to Route 2 East. Then follow directions above.

From the Mass Pike West of Worcester: I-290 North to I-190 North to Route 2 East, then follow directions above. From the Southwest: I-390 North to I-290 North to I-190 North to Route 2 East, then follow directions above.

Brag!

Lori Underwood: It was a good weekend in Suffern, NY at the Wallkill and Rockland County KC shows on Feb 20-22. On Friday, Vogue Happy Camper, "Foster," was WD/BOW for two points from the 9-12 month puppy class. CH Vogue Take-Out, "Domino," took Best of Breed all three days, plus a Group 3 on Saturday.

CH Vogue Take-Out, "Domino," was Best of Breed at the SSC of Greater Baltimore specialty on Friday, March 13. The entry was a three point major in dogs and five points in bitches.

CH Vogue Take-Out "Domino" was Best of Breed April 5 at the Great Barrington KC. Congratulations also go to Janet Whalen for Genesis The Sentinel, "Louie," for taking winners dog.

Kathy Ryan: I'm very excited to report that a black bitch I co-own with Jackie Corwin (FL) went Group One from the classes at the Boca Raton Dog Club on February 21. Royale Crest Bi Design was handled to the win by Jackie.

On February 28 at the Mid-Florida SSC under judge Alexandra Luhrs-Briggs, a tri puppy bitch that I co-own with Jackie Corwin won Best in Sweeps. Royale Crest Sunaire Essence, "Izzie," is by Royale Crest Legend of the Falls out of Royale Crest Bi Design, the bitch that won the group the previous weekend. Izzie's very limited show career includes minor points from the puppy class and a major-reserve on the Florida circuit. Izzie was handled to all of these wins by her breeder, Jackie Corwin.

Then on March 1, our blue puppy bitch, Sunaire Royale Crest Made Ya Look,

was Best In Sweeps at the Mid-Florida Shetland Sheepdog Club. She was handled to the win by a friend of Jackie's, Stephanie Riley of Trilliant Shelties. "Skylar" is sired by Lochlyn American Dream (maj. ptd.) out of Royale Crest Dancin' in The Moonlight.

On March 6 at the SSC of SE Florida, Royale Crest Sunaire Essence was Best in Sweeps under Rebecca Cram (morning show) and Geoff Browne (afternoon show). Not wanting to be left out, Sunaire Royale Crest Made Ya Look was Runner-Up to Best in Sweeps under Geoff Browne. There was no runner-up competition in the morning show. She was also one of the three bitches that judge Sue Christie considered for winners. She didn't win, but we were very proud of our naked (she blew most of her coat) little girl!

Bob Olsen: I am very excited and proud to announce that MACH Bare Cove Blue Lite Special, "Rush," owned, bred, and handled by Paulette Swartzendruber, and co-owned/bred by yours truly, won the 16" class at the 2009 AKC National Agility Championship in NC on March 29. Rush is by CH Sunaire Light Up the Sky x CH MACH Bare Cove Trend Keeper. Rush and Paulette are quite the awesome team!

I am also happy to announce a new title for Rush. In addition to his NAC (National Agility Champion) title, he added his MACH2 title just before the AKC National Agility Championship.

Cynthia Hanlon: Dream-catcher Erin Go Bragh, AX, AXJ earned her Excellent Standard and Excellent Jumpers Agility titles at the American Bullmastiff trials on March 7-8. Erin is owned and bred by Cindy.

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How to qualify for annual club awards

Titles that are earned from May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009 will be eligible for awards at the annual meeting in July 2009. In order to qualify, you must be a member in good standing; you must attend two meetings and work at one event during the year for which you are receiving the award; and you must send proof of the title and date to Alanna Kelly by June 1, 2009.

The awards are 9" x 12" plaques arrayed with twelve brass plates, one of which is engraved with your dog's name, title and year earned. Once you receive a plaque, the club will engrave additional brass plates for subsequent titles earned.

Visit the club website
www.colonialssc.org

Join our Yahoo group:
groups.yahoo.com/group/ColonialSSC

Membership and dues

Annual club dues are due each year on September 1. Membership fees should be submitted to the club treasurer. Fees are as follows:

Adult: \$15

Junior: \$12

Family: \$25

Non-members may subscribe to the club newsletter for an annual fee of \$12.

Potential members interested in applying can download an application from the club website (www.colonialssc.org) or by contacting Alanna Kelly, club treasurer. New members must have attended two club events and have received endorsements from two current members in good standing.

One more thing . . .

Did you notice anything missing from the bulletin, such as a brag, article or announcement? Well, that's because you didn't submit it personally to me, your newsletter editor! I troll for fresh newsletter nuggets but

can't guarantee that you will be included unless you send them to me directly.

The submission deadline for the next issue is Saturday, June 13, 2009.

- Carolyn Ing

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Remember to bring raffle items for the agility trial and the specialty! If you can't make it but have items to donate, call or email Alanna or Carolyn.