

OFFICERS

FEBRUARY 2006

President: Diane Tardy
Vice President: Candi Marzano
Secretary: Sue Henly
Treasurer: Sue Ritchie
Board of Directors: John Ready
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GENERAL MEETING

The General meeting of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the Peninsula Branch (Gig Harbor) Library - 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. N. W. in Gig Harbor at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to everyone interested in the sport and welfare of purebred dogs. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at the Harbor Monsoon Restaurant, 4628 Pt. Fosdick Dr. in Gig Harbor. Board meetings are open to all interested members. Dinner is 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

CLASSES

Conformation/Socialization classes are ongoing at Peninsula Pet Lodge at 2319 Pt. Fosdick Dr. in Gig Harbor. Classes are held every Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 per person for any number of dogs. Instructors for February are: Christine Maxfield, Diane Tardy, and Ellen Michel. Instructor help is always needed - call Diane Tardy at (253)857-6520 and volunteer to help.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Start thinking about how you can help at our 2006 dog shows and obedience/rally trials. If you want to volunteer for any committee, do it now to make sure you get the job you want. Mark your calendar now - the dates for this year are September 23 - 24, 2006. Contact John Ready, Show Chairman at (360)769-7236 to volunteer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors has appointed the following Nominating Committee to select a slate of nominees for office in the coming year: Chairman: Sue Henly; Larry Richardson and Carol Cain. Alternates are: Karen Walsh and Allan Immerman.

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Get your information about the new titles your dogs completed in 2005 ready to submit to Theresa Miller by March 16, 2006 for the Annual Club Awards. Be sure to include the date and show where the dog finished the title, and how you want the dog's name printed on the certificate. Instructions and rules for the Annual Club Awards are included elsewhere in this newsletter. Titles include: Championships, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Hunting, Field, Working, Herding, Lure Coursing, Earthdog, and Agility. In addition to titles, the awards also include Breeder of the Year, Show Dog of the Year, Performance Dog of the Year, and Inspirational Award for the Outstanding Club Member of the Year. Give suggestions for the Inspirational Award to any Board Member.

BRAG BOX

Karen Walsh, Diane Tardy, and Shelly Dillingham brag that their Chow Chow SING FU'S BLESSING FOR JADE won Winners Dog and Best of Winners from the 12 - 18 class for two points at the Puyallup Cluster in January.

Sue Ritchie and Shannon Kelly brag that their Keeshond CH. SHAMROCK'S PERFECT TIMING earned his first qualifying score in Excellent A Agility Jumpers with Weaves at the Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington trial at Elma on January 1, 2006. They also brag that their Keeshond CH. KEESBROOK'S SWEET DREAMS finished her Agility Excellent Jumpers title at the Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington trial on December 31, 2005 - Christy Maxfield handling. CONGRATULATIONS!

Larry and Betty Richardson brag that their Standard Poodle CH. WINDEMERE ENCHANTED COUNTRY has a new litter of 8 - 5 males, 3 females. All doing well.