

FEBRUARY 2008

OFFICERS

President: Diane Tardy

Vice President: Candi Marzano

Secretary: Sue Henly

Treasurer: Sue Ritchie

Board of Directors:

Charlee Byford

Christine Maxfield

Karen Walsh

John Ready

Pat Shaw

GENERAL MEETING

The General meeting of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 3901 Murphy's Landing Marina 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 14, 2008 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 Sally Sullivan's Training Center -7320 S. E. King Rd in Port Orchard. Classes are held every Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 per person for any number of dogs. Instructors for February are: Christine Maxfield, & Diane Tardy. Instructor help is always needed - call Diane Tardy at (253)857-6520 and volunteer to help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOW COMMITTEE

Start thinking about how you can help at our 2008 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 20 & 21, 2008. Contact Ric Byrd, Show Chairman at (360)426-9323 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: John Ready, Nancy Waggoner and Richard Camacho. Alternates are: Nancy Byrd and Guy Tardy.

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Get your information about the new titles your dogs completed in 2007 ready to submit to Theresa Miller by March 20, 2008 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, Inspirational Award for the Outstanding Club Member of the Year and the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Give suggestions for the Inspirational Award and Outstanding Sportsmanship Award to any Board Member.

BRAG BOX

Charlee Byford and JoAnn Gustafson brag that their Shih Tzu NINGSIA'S TEXAS RANGER went Winners Dog and Best of Winners Friday and Saturday, and Reserve Winners Dog on Sunday at the Puyallup Cluster shows on 1/11-12-13/08. They also brag that their Shih Tzu PIEN JI' S RED FRED (entered Sunday only) won Winners Dog and Best of Winners from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class at the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers show on 1/13/08 - giving Charlee both Winners Dog and Winners Bitch from the Bred-by class. Charlee Byford also brags that her Shih Tzu PIEN JI'S LOLLI DOLL went Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex both Friday and Sunday and Reserve Winners Bitch on Saturday from the Bred by Exhibitor class at the Puyallup Cluster shows on 1/11-12-13/08.

Ric Byrd brags that his Big Boy NATHAN WILLARD is home from Iraq after 2 ½ years.

Sue Henly brags that her Standard Poodle CH.NEVERMORE CARNEGIE, CD completed his Companion Dog degree in obedience with qualifying scores at the Sammamish Kennel Club show and Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers show on 1/12 - 13/08.

If you can't make it to a meeting, you can mail your brags to: Sue Henly, Secretary, 6320 Gregory St. W., University Place, WA 98466 or E mail to: gigharborkenclcb@peoplepc.com

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- MEETING February 24, 2008

The General meeting of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club was called to order by Vice President Candi Marzano at 7:35 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza Restaurant in Gig Harbor, WA. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Marzano introduced guest Michelle Owen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence was read from: AKC - A letter explaining the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Program for all member clubs; Happy Holiday wishes from the AKC Companion Animal Recovery - promoting microchip clinics as fundraising projects for dog clubs; letter asking for club nominations for the Annual AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards; letter to the Agility Trial Secretary asking for the Disaster and Emergency Plan form for the trial; AKC Public Education Corner Newsletter for December; E-mail - Seasons Greetings from PetPAC; E-mail from the Rabies Challenge fund informing us that the canine Rabies Studies have Begun; E-mail from the Agility Trial Secretary informing us that the Judge for 2008 is Mark Upshaw; Flyer advertising Way to Weave with special 10% discount for clubs; E-mail from ShowDays Information informing us of their "Guide To Dog Show Information"; E-mail from Fort Lewis Special Events asking us to participate in their annual "Kids Day" event on April 3, 2008; letter from Friends of Canine Research Collection requesting a donation; flyer from Rose City Labrador Retriever Club advertising an Educational Reproduction Seminar with Dr. Robert Hutchinson; E-mail advertising Dog Health Care

Resources.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in all Sound Credit Union accounts: \$32,666.38.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOW COMMITTEE Show Chairman Ric Byrd announced that there would be a Show Committee meeting on February 24, 2008 at his house in Shelton at 12:00 noon. Motion was made by the Show Chairman to raise show entry fees this year, due to additional costs imposed by AKC - First entry: \$26.00; Additional entry: \$20.00; Bred by Exhibitor: \$18.00; Juniors: \$15.00; Additional Junior: \$8.00. MSP. Ric Byrd will check on the AKC policy that the first event held by a member club is given a free application fee. Question arose about the hiring of judges - and Show Chairman explained that depended on scheduling, previous assignments, and previous entries. Allan Immerman announced that the Timberland Kennel Club shows would be held in Elma this year due to the flooding of the Centralia fairgrounds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Camacho requested a letter be sent to Steamboat Island Veterinary Clinic thanking them for sponsoring the Conformation classes recently held in Shelton. He will provide the address to the Secretary. Nominating Committee members recently named by the Board: John Ready - Chairman, Richard Camacho and Nancy Waggoner. Alternates: Guy Tardy and Nancy Byrd.

NEW BUSINESS

A presentation was given by Jim Dok on the AKC Political Action Committee. A Fact Sheet and Explanation Sheet are included in the Newsletter.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. MSP
Respectfully submitted: Sue Henly, Secretary