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Happy Holidays !

TALE OF TWO SISTERS

When you hear the kennel name KUBISTRAUM you know many of their dogs will have titles at both ends. Recently, Ch. Kubistraum's Forever Amber, HXAd, HIAsd, CDX, RE,

CGC,TDI, TC, ROM

received a first in the GSDCA as well as in our club; that is the esteemed title of P.A.M Champion who also has an ROM. Verna Kubik and Ginny Bailey are the sister team of Kubistraum that achieved this with Amber.

A few weeks ago I sat down with Ginny and Verna at their home in Houlton, WI and asked them how it all started. Verna tells me she started back in 1970. She had always admired GSD's from the experience many of us had watching the popular Rin Tin Tin. At that time she set out looking for a quality GSD in the Grand Forks, SD area and she was referred to Linda Dries Kofstad. She had been told that she was someone who had quality shepherds. She bought a bitch puppy sired by GV Hollamar's Judd,ROM out of Can. Ch. Jubilee v Cellar-Schloss, ROM, CD (whose sire was Falko vCellarSchloss sire of 16 Ch.'s) X Robin of Nikeral,ROM. There have been many successful cooperative breedings between these two kennels Falkora and Kubistraum over the years producing two high Selects (Kane and Oz). Both sires proved to be prepotent and many quality animals came from them.

Ginny was living on the west coast and finally bought a home in 1979 and soon afterwards was feeling the need for a companion dog. A male dog, Atari, came to her from Verna as a Christmas present in 1982. More interested in training than conformation, she entered him in an obedience class that was instructed by the late and wonderful Bob Penny. The first title C.D. was accomplished. Thereafter, Verna sent a female Flame, who Ginny took to the level of UD. Flame had a litter which produced Cricket who when bred to GV Quick was the ancestor of OZ. And so she continued to work her dogs in all performance areas over the years attaining many titles on her Kubistraum dogs. (continued on page two).

Pictured on next page: Amber finished her breed championship in a 6 week campaign with two 5 point majors and a major reserve.



PICTURE OF P.A.M. CH. KUBISTRAUM'S FOREVER AMBER, HXAD, HIASD, CDX, RE, CGC, TDI, TC, NA,ROM OWNERS: VERNA KUBIK AND GINNY

BAILEY

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I asked Ginny about her feelings when she realized that Amber had reached such a unique achievement. She said that she was of course excited, proud and amazed at this accomplishment. Verna quickly talked about Amber's special qualities which made her so easily trainable saying that she was what was termed in *herding* as 'biddable'. That is the quality of always trying to do your best and to please someone.

I then asked Ginny, "How much work do you put into one dog's training?" She said, "work your dogs for short periods, ten to fifteen minute sessions. Consistent praise, motivate with food. Voice is your greatest aid. Watch your body language and footwork—dogs pay a lot of attention to these. It's really important to let them know when they get it right."

"I started with Amber at the age of two after Verna sent her to me and when I found she was easy to train we went into herding. Within 5 months she had gone on to attain HT,PT, Herding Started and was given a High in Trial. CD work started a few months later and in 3 shows she had a CD.

Turning back to Verna, knowing how they both value training in both rings, I asked what do you value as a breeder. Temperament, health, longevity and structure was her answer. Her advice for breeders today I) Start with a good bitch from a quality litter. Ask about previous generations' health and look for deep OFA in the pedigree. 2) Make a commitment to learn from all sources. 3) Decide the purpose of each litter when you breed and 4) Do not be afraid to make mistakes—there are no short cuts.



Amber in Southern California working Barbados sheep in a C course setting.

Amber has been worked on ducks as well as sheep and she has done Ranch style herding events as well

Amber is pictured here at the Five Valley Kennel Club in Montana going Best of Opposite Sex under Judge McGinnis and handled by J.R. Alcantara.



MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF

MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting

At the Animal Inn Training Center, Lake Elmo, MN

November 9, 2007

Meeting came to order at 8:37pm

In attendance Verna Kubik, President; Kelly Salava, Vice-President; Conni Sokolouski, Secretary; Pamela Magadance, Treasurer: Board members- Liz Oster, Julie Swinland Eileen Varhalla.

There were 27 voting members present

Mike M. moved to dispense with the reading of the 11-07-07 Board and 10-12-07 Membership meeting minutes. Dave B. Second and passed.

President's Report: Covered in meeting

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: A research company will be sending me an email asking Breeders to participate in a brief survey; it will be forwarded on to all club members. Any one interested please follow up on this matter. AKC Rally B match approved. The Tails up dog training facilities sent out a flyer with their new location: 1116 E. Highway 13, Burnsville, MN 55337. This might be a possible location for matches and or shows. A trophy catalog was received and passed on to Peggy Simerson.

Treasures Report: Reports for Sept 2007 Profit - \$170.12. Checking S&C account as of Sept 30, 07 - \$4,103.52, Savings accounts: S&C - \$397.11, Savings account \$5,942.06.

Profit for Oct 2007 - \$625.38 Checking S&C account as of Oct 31, 07 - \$4358.90, Savings accounts: S&C account - \$337.11, Savings account - \$5942.06.

A detailed account of all checks written for Sept. and Oct 2007 was handed out.

A copy of an Expense Report was handed out with an explanation on whom and how to fill out if you are requesting to be reimbursed for \$25.00 or more.

As of November 7th, there is still \$1,620.00 outstanding in UNPAID DUES – the dues deadline is Nov 15th.

Jinny B. motioned to accept the Expense Report as a draft for accounting purposes. Sheila M. seconded and passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Training: The Fall Training Schedule was discussed. It is also on the web if anyone is interested. We are looking for volunteers to help cover the desk, please contact Verna and she will explain the job and benefits of volunteering. One free lesson is given for each hour of covering the desk. It was recommended that a note requesting volunteers be posted on the website and one the check-in table.

Thanksgiving weekend training. No training on Friday Nov. 23rd, 2007.

No training on Dec 14th POTLUCK Dinner.

Bo V. motioned to cancel training on Dec 21st. Jinny B. seconded and passed.

We will have training on Dec. 28th.

New Obedience class starts on Jan 11, 2008.

2008 Show Plans:

Michel Chaloux has asked to be released from his contract for our 2008 Specialty Show.

The next judge on the list will be contacted.

Shelia M. will send in the paperwork to the AKC for the 2008 Specialty Show.

Trophies Budget will be discussed at the next Board and Membership meetings.

Mike M and Kelly S. are looking into sites for the show to reduce our expenses further. If anyone has any suggestions please bring them to the membership meeting or contact either Mike or Kelly.

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November Match: All judges have been confirmed, a list was sent on details of the match via the email. Silent Auctions items needed. Cider and Coffee will be provided.

Budget and Finance: An AD HOC committee was formed at the last membership meeting Mike is looking into the Quick book files of the last 3 years. Mike M. asked any and all past treasures to give input into the finances will be meeting within the next 2 weeks.

Performance: AKC Herding trial sponsorship - Eileen V. reported she is gathering information on the feasibility of an AKC Herding trial sponsorship. A membership list will be sent to the AKC. We would have to hold a Sanctioned Match in the spring first.

All Breed Liaison: Roberta Moore has agreed to be the new All Breed Liaison and would like to have informal meeting. We need to as a club decide what shows we will support in the coming year.

Website: Dave B asked if anyone is still having trouble opening up the PDF. Files. He also asked if people could access the website when he placed the address in e-mails. Everyone said no and it was suggested that he add http to the address to see that helps.

Membership: We had a visitor to the meeting who is considering joining our club her name is Stephanie Fossbimder.

Breed Club Challenge: A big thank you goes out to Pam M for collecting all of the Breed Club Challenge info and a BIG THANKS to all members who received points for training their dogs and competing. We received FIRST PLACE in our division at the Nationals last month.

Pam has purchased the CD ROM from AKC to update her files of all AKC sponsored titles, If you have any titles that are not AKC sponsored or do any therapy dog visits you still must supply Pam with confirmation documentation of the activity.

Pam reported that she is looking into how we can reward members who submit titles to the Breed Challenge and would be placed into the Standing Rules.

Shep-O-Gram: Julie S. has written the Oct and Nov issues of the SOG. Diane M. is working on the quarterly issue which will be coming out in Dec.

Julie S. has purchased the printer and it has been used to print the last issue and other material for the GSDCMSP (cont'd to page 6)

| | JOIN THE GSDC | OF AMERICA TO | DAY! | | |
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| German Shepherd Dog Club of America Me | mbership Application | | | | |
| Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. M | ust be in good standing with | AKC. Membership | includes subscription to | The German Shepherd Dog Re | view. |
| Membership Type: (circle one) | | | | | |
| Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00 | | | | | |
| Dues are not tax deductible * Family is defined as same household or significant other. | | | | | |
| Make checks payabe to GSDCA (Outside the US add \$24.00) | | | | | |
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| Address | | City | State | Zip | |
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| I (we) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the AKC. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name is published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed I will be granted the right to vote | | | | | |
| Signed Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, | White Salman, WA 98672 | | Signed | | |
| hardcastle@starband.net | | | | | |
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Dr. Peggy Root Kustritz Speaks at the Canine Health Conference

Reported by Ginny Altman

I had the privilege of attending the AKC / CHF Canine Health Conference on behalf of the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation this fall. Since I am the Health Liaison for the Foundation, I made plans well ahead of time to attend the Conference.

I was delighted to hear Dr. Peggy Root Kustritz, professor in small animal reproduction at the University of Minnesota and immediate past-president of the American College of Theriogenologists. She was one of the speakers at the 2007 National Par-

ent Club Canine Health Conference which was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 17 – 19 in St. Louis Missouri. She talked not about reproductive issues, which we know to be her specialty, but about the unintentional side effects of spay and neuter. Peggy is an excellent speaker and her lecture was sprinkled with humor which kept her after lunch audience sitting on the edge of their seats.

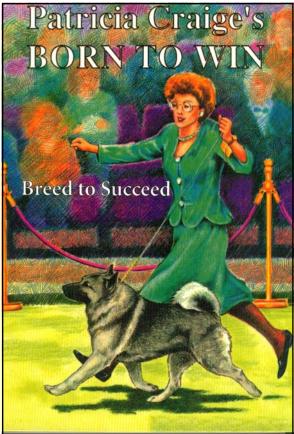
She noted that spay and neuter is a necessary part of our management of the pet population and is often part of the contract agreement between breeders and pet owners. The positive effects are a reduction in testicular cancer and a reduction in prostatic disease in neutered males as well as a reduction in breast cancer in those females spayed before the onset of the first heat. There is an average of 15 to 25% risk of pyometra in the unspayed female as well.

There have been some negative consequences that have come to light in the spayed and neutered population. These were the unintentional side effects that she noted: There is a higher incidence of Osteosarcoma in castrated males. Some studies indicate that there is a relationship between when the dog is neutered as compared to the age and maturity of the growth plate in the long bones in that the incidence might be reduced if neutering is done after full growth. Peggy did not have a conclusive recommendation for the audience in this discussion. We may see additional information on this in time.

Another finding is that there is an increased incidence of Hemangiosarcoma of the heart and spleen in the castrated male and an increased incidence of urinary tract transitional cell carcinoma in the spayed female as well as an increase of urinary incontinence especially for those females spayed at 3 months or younger.

Dr. Root Kustritz talked about Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) injury and the hormone effect causing a laxity of the joint, such that castrated males are predisposed to ACL injury. She also noted that obesity in males and females is a strong predisposing factor to ACL injury.

I was surprised at the increased risk for Cancer that spay and neuter might predispose canines in general for. I knew that spay and neuter could reduce the risk of breast cancer and testicular cancer in dogs but that the risk for other cancers is increased was a surprise to me. I think that the interest in this, perhaps in the larger breeds will result in additional study being done—there will certainly be more to come on this subject.



For most breeders this book would be necessary to have on one's reference book shelf. Patricia Craige Trotter is a well known judge and breeder of Norwegian Elkhounds. An excerpt of one of her sayings is "....true jewels are made of flesh not stone..."

This book is available through Doral Publishing, ISBN:0-944875-82-3. Order through the National Book Network, Lanham MD.

Jinny B. moved to advance \$250.00 for cost of toner cartridges and stamps for the next 3 issues of the SOG and any other items that will be need to be printed. Pam M. seconded. Passed. Julie donated the paper for the last two issues of the SOG.

If you prefer to have the SOG emailed to you please contact Julie with this information as it saves the club money.

Next Quarterly issue of the SOG will be coming out Dec. 7th, 2007.

Programs: It has been requested that the programs be on another evening then Friday.

Old business:

- **By –laws and standing rule change proposal-** Voting on the By laws changes of the Quorum and the addition of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Article VI Meetings of Members. Section 4 Membership Meeting Quorum. The vote was on the following new wording. A quorum for all membership meeting shall consist of ten of the then active members, two of which must be officers of the Club. Was put to vote and passed.
- Article IX Committees Section 2 E. Budget and Finance Chairman: The vote was on the addition of the committee to the Constitution and By-Laws The Budget and Finance Committee will consist of the treasurer and two other club members in good standing. This Committee shall produce an Annual Budget for the next fiscal year at the December Membership meeting for approval. Reports will be generated quarterly for the membership comparing actuals to the budget. Was put to vote and passed.

New business:

- **December Potluck-** Shelia Metz reported that an e-mail was sent out to the general membership with her plans for the December potluck. Celebration to be focused on the dogs- Winners at the Canadian National and American Nationals. Winners to bring the sweets rest of members to bring something to share. Having pictures with Santa and the dogs was brought up-Kelly S. is looking into the possibility of having a Santa present at the potluck.
- **Nominating Committee Appointment**: Dave Bissonnette was asked to be chair and accepted. Julie S. and Liz O will provide input to Dave. Their recommendations will be brought to the board and members next month.
- It was brought up that the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin are trying to implement new laws concerning breeders and their rights. Please keep your ears open for any information you may come across and let the club know. It was suggested that we come up with simple language and meet with the legislation Verna asked the following members to head up an interim short term committee Shelia M., Zoa R., Donna L, and Peggy S. they will keep us posted as they learn how we can have effective input.
- **Club pins:** Diane M. motioned to purchase the 30 club pins that have our club logo on them from Ginny Altman at \$7.50 per pin (which is at cost) for a total of \$225.00. (Club would then own them to do as they wish with). Bo V. seconded. Did not pass at this time, will be referred to the Budget and Finance committee for further discussion.
- Banquet it going to be held at Gulden's again January 26th. Linda Salava is in charge of this event. The following list is who you need to send Banquet information to:

Program - write ups -Pam Magadance.

Trophies- name and title on plaque or bar - Mada Parnell

Dinner reservations and monies - Linda Salava

Pictures for the Slide show - Monika Frendt

Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm.

TRACKING LEGISLATION

There's a push for continued new dog legislation throughout the U.S. It is good to be informed and get the straight news about legislative alerts. The AKC's website (akc.org) is a good source for this but there are other watchdog groups you can count on to give the straight text of pending state bills. Try the Legal Information Institute run by Cornell University's Law School at www.law.cornell.edu/states/listing.html.

For federal legislation you can visit THOMAS, a site run by the Library of Congress at http://Thomas.loc.gov For additional information try www.dogchannel.com/exclusives and click on an article *My Dog Laws*.

Dec. 3, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:40 pm

In attendance: Verna Kubik, President; Kelly Salava, Vice-President; Conni Sokolouski; Board members- Liz Oster, Julie Swinland.

Absent: Pamela Magadance, Treasurer , Eileen Varhalla.

Guests: Joan Johnson and Mike Metz

Liz Oster moved to dispense with the reading of the 11-7-07 Board and 11-9-07, Membership meeting minutes. Julie Swinland Seconded and passed.

President's Report: Covered in meeting

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: International Obedience information was given to Julie S.

Treasures Report: No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Training: The Fall/Winter Training Schedule was discussed.

Dec 9 – Training, No Classes

Dec 14 - Membership meeting and Potluck Dinner

Dec 21 - CLOSED No Training

Dec 28 - Open as usual

Jan 4 – Board will recommend to be closed.

Jan II – New Obedience Class starts.

Information is on the web if anyone is interested.

We are looking for volunteers to help cover the desk, please contact Verna and she will explain the job and benefits of volunteering. One free lesson is given for each hour of covering the desk.

2008 Show Plans: Show plans are on track paperwork and checks have been sent in.

Budget and Finance: Mike Metz thanked everyone on the committee for the fine job that they have done and taking the time to collaborate on the upcoming budget for 2008.

- Mike showed Specialty Show Event Income & Expenses comparisons of the last 4 years to project the upcoming year. Things are a concern and need to be looked are.
- One area that is open for discussion is holding Obedience indoors vs. outdoors.

Grounds expenses

Food costs

Quad City holding their show on the one of the same days as ours

Trophy budget

Ways we propose to save money and improve profit

Show Secretary – Thank you Shelia and Joan for volunteering this alone saves the club around \$800 -\$1000

Donations – A donor has paid for the ad in the Review for 2008

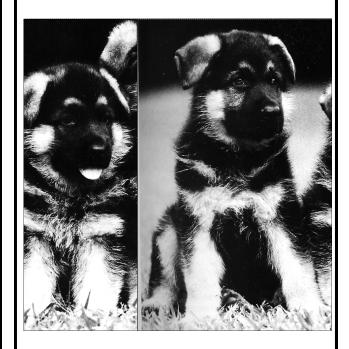
Ways we could save more money in upcoming years

Grounds expense

Conformation Judges (having one be local – to save air and hotel expenses)

Generating more ads in our show catalog (cont'd on page 8)

PUPPIES !!!!! WE HAVE PUPPIES !!!



4 Males—Blk/Tan. 1 male sable , 2 Fem blk/tan and 2 sable. Born: Nov. 7, 2007 Sire: Spur Canyon's Jesse James

Dam: Lonestar's Indian Summer Rose Breeder: Cathy Gustafson , 651-464-9812 Spurcanyongsd.homestead.com

7 Females—2 Males, all Blk/Tan.

Born: Nov. 14, 2007.

Sire: Bmeer Koldren Man in Black, OFA H & E

Dam: Joelle's Raphael Madonna, OFA, H & E

Contact: Bobby Moore, 763-572-0218 or S. Todoroff at 651-763-2400. email: bmeerhuis.com or todorhaus@aol.com.

2 fem. Blk/tan Born: 9/4/07

Email: vmk4gsds@dishup.us

Sire: Can Ch. Hellwig's Wish Master Dam: Kubistraum's Sandie **6 males, blk/tan, born: 10/2/07** Sire: Sel. Ch. Witmer's Jamiroquai Dam: Kubistraum's Ramblin Rose, PT,CD,RE,TC Contact: Kubistraum–Verna Kubik, 715-549-6365

One male: 1 1/2 yr old. One female: 7 mos. old Excellent pets. Contact: Paul Johnson 952-461-3401 or email: pauliej@integra.net Dec. board minutes cont'd from p. 7 Printing our own catalogs (reviewing numbers to see if cost effective)

Thank you, Mike, for working so diligently on the budget and finances for the specialty shows. Hopefully with a set budget we can be profitable for upcoming shows and other events.

November Match: Diane M reported via email that

the Match was a huge success.

Total income \$221.00 (\$40.00 bank given at start of match.)

Match entries \$50.00 cash \$211.00 in checks

Match expenses: \$5.11 for printing flyers

\$15.00 gas card for Judges Gift (purchased from Bo Vujovich) all other judges' gifts donated.

Total expenses: \$20.11

Silent Auction: \$312.00 collected from bids from Silent Auction. This money will be donated to the Lucky Dog Breed Rescue.

Thank you Diane for coordinating the Match.

Performance: No new information at this time.

All-Breed Liaison: There will be a meeting on the Dec 28th at 8:00 pm after training to discuss what shows the club should support entries for the upcoming years. Bobbie Moore, our all-breed liaison chair, will present current status for 2008. Any one interested in supporting local all-breed GSD entries should attend.

Website: No Report Breed Club Challenge: No Report

Shep-O-Gram : Julie S. reported that she is working on the January issue and Diane M. is working on the quarterly issue which will be coming out soon. If you prefer to have the SOG emailed to you please contact Julie with this information as it saves the club money.

Programs: No report **Membership:** No Report

Old business:

Proposals for standing rules changes – this will be discussed at the membership meeting.

New business:

December Potluck- December 14th please contact Shelia with what you are planning on bringing so we have a variety of food. Santa will be giving presents to all dogs who attend.

Award Banquet: Please remember to get your banquet and award write up in on time. This information was in the last SOG.

AKC Compliance – Paperwork is being filled out and sent in.

A big thanks to all who have volunteered for committees and various duties within our clubwithout you volunteering our club would not exist.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wed. January 2^{nd} at the Oakdale Library

Looking to Put a New Roof Over Your Head

NOW IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF ONE WHO HAS SOME PRIME PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR DOG PEOPLE CONTACT;





New Canadian Champion—Willoway's Yellow River "Syra"

Breeders: Linda and Butch Fisher

Owners: Scott and Laurie McDermid

Canadian shows: Sept. 14-16, 2007

14 Sept.—BOS

15 Sept.—BOB and Group 2

16 Sept.- BOB and Group 1

Minneapolis Kennel Club Show on Nov. 17, 2007

Braunhaus Zytut Solomon (Sollie)

Breeders: Diane Brown and Christy Heiman

Owners: D. Brown, Nils and Janice Anderson

Ist 12-18 mos, BOW, BOB-2 pts.-First Show!

GETTING STARTED IN HERDING – an original article by Ginny Bailey

My introduction to herding began when I ran my GSD, Cricket, through a herding instinct test—she loved it and it looked like a lot of fun for both of us. Unfortunately, it took me another year to find a trainer and get started. That was probably about 1992.

In the early years, GSDs were not welcome at some herding trials. Many people were afraid that they would kill the sheep instead of herding them. Fortunately, some excellent trainers (such as Dorothy DeLisle, Sandie Moore, and Jerry Stewart) were able to demonstrate the herding abilities of GSDs. They were soon bringing home High in Trail ribbons with their dogs.

Another early problem was trying to work sheep that were accustomed to seeing only Border Collies. Sheep sometimes went over the fences at the mere sight of the GSD.

AKC herding has advanced a great deal since then. Over the years, I have seen dogs from nearly every breed in the herding group at trials. Nowadays, the sheep have usually been worked by different breeds of dogs, so they react more to the power of the individual dog than its breed. If the dog will work far enough off the sheep and at the appropriate speed, it can succeed.

Most GSDs enjoy working sheep. However, they must learn some basic commands to herd the sheep through a course at a trial or around a farm.

The beginning dog is often so excited on stock that it has a hard time listening. It helps if it has already learned some obedience, and it understands the concept of taking direction from its handler.

Some trainers in this area who have experience with GSDs are Polly Simpson in New Richmond, WI (715-246-4807), JoAnna Yund, (612-922-1114, 612-845-7584(c), who lives in MpIs and trains near Scandia, and Susane Hoffman, (952-492-3072), near Jordan.

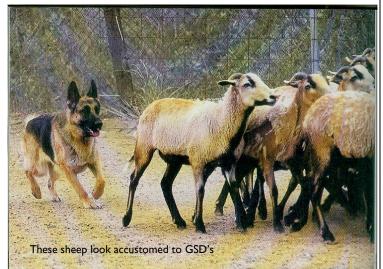
AKC herding trials in this area are usually between April and September, and we can inform anyone interested as they approach, or list them in the newsletter or on the website.

GSDCM/SP HERDING TRIAL 2008

Please contact Eileen Varhalla at evarhalla@aol.com or 651-462-1220

If you are interested in helping and/or participating in the Sanctioned Plan A Herding Trial in the Spring of 2008.

The club will need many volunteers including a chair and secretary.

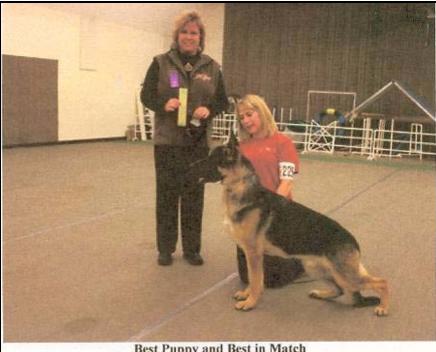


SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St.Paul you ROCK! Raised at our Silent Auction in conjunction with our Match this Nov. \$312.00. All monies will be donated to Lucky Dog Rescue in Anoka. Thanks to all those that participated in this fun event.



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Best Puppy and Best in Match Marquis' Sharp Dressed Man (Peppy) Doug and Liz Oster

Fall Match Results — Pumpkin Pie and More

Thanks to all who participated in the match and especially to all those that brought in their delicious pumpkin pies and other delights.

Conformation judge was Sarah Gunlicks of Koda kennels in our neighboring state of South Dakota.

Best in Match/Best Puppy pictured on the left.

Best Adult: Simcar's Firebrand (Craig Carson/Peg Simerson) Best Opp. Adult: Kubistraum's Lori of Falkora. Verna Kubik



High in Trial and !st Novice B (194.5) Julie Davis and Henry

For our Obedience Trial we had our very own Mary Bente judge. "Henry" pictured on the left was your High in Trial.

Rally was judged by Julie T. Wilson, we had some newcomers to Rally try their hand at it. Liz Oster, for example, with the lovely Blondie. All five entries qualified. Julie Swinland's Amelia looked great at 12 1/2 yrs.

We had our Juniors from PeeWee to Junior class come into the ring with their usual enthusiasm and determination. Everyone received a ribbon and an award. The juniors continue to improve and the club members continue to encourage them in the sport of handling dogs.

(Here is young Katrina Frendt with a dog she never handled before this Match)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Meetings: Potluck Christmas Party / Membership Meeting December 14, 2007 at the Animal Inn at 8:30 p.m. Following the Potluck Christmas Party there will be a brief meeting.

Board Meeting of the GSDCMSP-January - time and location to be determined later

NEW BEGINNERS OBEDIENCE CLASS STARTS JANUARY 11,2008

Annual Awards Banquet—January 26, 2008—6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner and 8:30 p.m. Program. - Gulden's—2999 Hwy 61, Maplewood, MN Cost: \$21.00 (incl. Tax and gratuity) Kids: \$9.00 under 12. Due Jan 23rd to Linda Salava. (see insert form)

Dog Shows:

January 2008

4th—North Star Herding Group—St. Paul, MN—Onofrio Supt., closes Dec. 19 5th-6th-Land of Lakes KC, St. Paul, MN-Onofrio Supt., closes Dec 19 12th—Winnegamie KC, Oskosh, WI- Roy Jones Supt.—closes Dec. 26 13th– Oskosh Kennel Club, Oshkosh, WI– Roy Jones Supt.-closes Dec. 26 19th-20th- Central Iowa Kennel Club, Des Moines, IA, Onofrio Supt., close Jan 2

February 2008 Ist- Illini GSDC-Schiller Park, ILL., Val Harrington Sec., D. Jones, Breed, closes Jan. 19 2nd-3rd Shoreline GSDC, Schiller Park, Ill., Pat Galambos Sec., J.P. Noya, Breed

On Sat. Dean Wylie Breed on Sunday. Closes Jan 19

COMING UP THIS JUNE—Our back to back Specialty Shows June 21 and 22nd. Bob Slay and Amy Safdir breed judges. Phil Ruston and Donna Larson, Obedience and Rally judges respectively. Please contact Joan Johnson or Sheila Metz to volunteer.

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Training Schedule for Friday Nights

Conformation Classes Puppy Kindergarten 7 to 7:45 Lisa Fortier—Ring 2

Puppy Conformation 7:30 -8p.m Ring 3 Linda Fisher/Peg Simerson.

Novice conformation 7-7:30 Ring 3 Monika Frendt Advanced Conformation 8-:8:30 p.m.—Ring 3 Paul Johnson & Mike Metz

Open Ring Practice 6:30-9 as rings are available

Obedience Classes

Beginners -7:45 p.m. Ring I—Eileen Varhalla Rally —all levels—Ring 2

Intermediate Novice 7:00– 7:45 p.m. Ring I Eileen Varhalla

Advanced & Run Throughs

8:30-9:15 p.m. Ring I Eileen Varhalla

Open Ring Practice 6:30-9 p.m. As rings Are available MEETINGS: Every second Friday night of the month at 8:30 p.m. at the Animal Inn Training Center, Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Unless otherwise specified.