

TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

October 2003 Newsletter

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Library: Elizabeth Pollen

TVKC Membership Renewal is Still Happening!

AND

NEW MEMBERS Please Sign Up!

Fill out the handy-dandy renewal or new member form included in this newsletter and bring it to the meeting on October 1st...

OR



Mail the renewal form along with full payment to:

TVKC

P.O. Box 72019

Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Attn: Membership And Be Sure to Update Your E-mail Address for Future Editions of the Newsletter – Beginning NOW!

 **TVKC GENERAL MEETING** 
Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 7:30PM
Lathrop High School Room 109

Tanana Valley Kennel Club
(Unapproved) General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2003

President Judy Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

No guests were present. Members were encouraged to turn in their membership renewals to Susan. Buddy was not present for a membership update.

Polly read the minutes of the last General Membership meeting. They were approved as read.

<u>Treasure's report:</u>	Checking -	\$ 9960.04
	CD -	\$ 5556.87 will be rolled over when due
	CD -	<u>\$11,797.97</u> will be rolled over when due
	Total --	\$27,314.88

Correspondence: Sara has passed on the regular bills to Susan to be paid. All are up to date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter: No updates. Adobe Acrobat has not yet been purchased. Sue hopes to email Oct. Newsletter to a select few members for a trial. Members will get a phone tree update.

Website: Tabitha will update as she receives items.

Training: All training will start on Saturday, Sept. 6th at the Kiwanis building. Contact Jennifer Taylor for Conformation. Judy Shapiro for Pre/beginning agility, Nicki Stewart for Intermediate Agility, and Polly Divens for Obedience.

The mats are now taped back down in the Kiwanis building – thanks to a group of members that volunteered their time for this arduous task. Some help for completion is still needed. Please go Friday night (at 7:00pm) to assist if able.

Education: Candy Bartos said the same speakers are still booked for seminars. The Musher Symposium is having a speaker in October at Pioneer Park. The speaker is Susan Bilanda. If possible, Sue will put it in our next newsletter to inform members. Also, a “dog food” seminar is coming up. Sue will also report on this.

Outreach: Meet the Breed: Bentley Mall is not available this year. Topic is tabled until the Board Meeting. The Club participated in the pet day at the Fair and we will be participating in the “Responsible Dog Ownership Day” event at the Wilson St. Dog Park on Sept. 21st. GRRF will hold CGC testing. We will have an agility fun match, (tunnelers with weaves).

March Shows: Linda Schertz needs a co-chair

May Show: Applications are turned in. Books haven't been closed yet from 2003 shows. We are waiting for Rogers Dog Shows to send us their report. We made a small profit.

Agility Trial: Books are not closed yet. Income was \$13,074.52; Cost was \$12,803.58
PROFIT was: **\$270.94** yet more money will be turned in as t-shirts sell. Nicki Stewart will orchestrate next year's trial.

Tracking Test: Kelly reported the AKC Representative and the Judges thought the tests went well. Few passed, so we can anticipate return entries next year. We will probably break even. Kelly will call a meeting to discuss what we can do to try to break even – or make a profit. The permits for the VST event came in mid-Aug. UAF now has the files so future tests on site should not be problematic. Sally will try in Oct. to be a provisional judge on a TD test. We are the only AKC (non-tracking specialty) club that is hosting a 3 level test. AKC rep offered suggestions for the wording in the premium booklet. Kelly will revise. The club may want to consider raising cost of entries, as we are lower than most.

Library: We have two new tapes – AKC agility from the July trials. Checkout is through Elizabeth from a meeting to meeting basis. Judy will make a copy of the library list and submit it to Tabitha for posting on the website.

Phone Tree: Becky has done the last two months. Sara will be taking it over. The phone book details will hopefully be updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a need to form an awards committee for titles received this year – Oct. 2002 to Sept. 30th, 2003

Bylaws state we are to present budgets prior to any money being spent. Budget forms were given to those who head up committees with budgets. Judy asked that the budget reports/projections be presented at the Oct. Meeting to be reviewed prior to the November meeting.

Sue moved we get rid of tarps. Sydney 2nd. Voted on and approved.

Nicki put in a budget request to make 40 jumps for Agility in Oct. The expense would be \$980.00. Each would be sold for \$40. Profit would be \$620.00. Sydney 2nd. Voted on and approved. These jumps will be made in Nicki's garage on Oct. 12th (Sun) at 1:00. Next year these funds will be tied into the budget.

Inventory of Items. Agility and Conformation will turn in lists to Judy at the next General membership meeting.

Sue suggested we check into getting an Alaska Airlines business card. Tabled until a later meeting. Sue and Tabitha will get the information to the board.

In October we will elect new Board members.

Nicki moved we adjourn the meeting. Diane 2nd. Voted – adjourned at 8:48pm.

BRAGS:

Judy passed around a list so members could details their brags after a long, busy summer.

Della's dog, Echo, has 3 agility legs, 2 in Novice JWW, 1 in Novice Standards.

Hannah received her NAJ/NA and C.D. titles this summer. Strider has one leg on his J.H. title.

Deuce received two legs in NA, and one leg in NAJ.

Sue Acquistapace got married and is now Sue Redding.

Pam Watson received 12 BOB, 2 Group 4, and 1 Group 3 with her IG

Joelle Hughes has a new Border Collie Puppy

Kelly Dygert received her CDX and TD with Allie

Sally Berry reported that Suklaa finished her CH at Kenai. Rocket took first points at Kenai with WD and BOS for 3 pts. Brenna received her first UD leg in June. In July at our Agility trial she finished her OA title and her VCD2. Later in July she finished her AXJ at Kenai. In September she finished her AX in Kenai. WOW!

Polly's Bridger received his NA/NAJ titles. She also gained a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon pup.

Congrats to All!

Respectfully Submitted by Polly Divens, Recording Secretary.

******UPCOMING SEMINARS******

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5, 2003:

**Alaska Dog Musher's Association International Sled Dog Symposium
At Pioneer Park (formerly Alaskaland)**

For more info go to web site:

www.sleddog.org/symposium/index.html or call Wendee Easton 452-7588

OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2003

John Rogerson Seminar on Canine Behavior and Training – Anchorage

Alyeska Canine Trainers (ACT) is proud to present a two-day John Rogerson seminar on Canine Behavior and Training. The seminar will run from 9am - 4:30pm on Oct. 18th & 19th, 2003 at our new facility at 549 W. Intl Airport Rd in Anchorage. Prices are \$80 per day, or \$140 for both days. Please e-mail Martina Richardson at richardson4@g... to request a registration form. [Note: this was from a Yahoo site that did not provide the whole email address...Contact Alyeska Canine Trainers for more info: (907)563-4335]

John Rogerson, founder and principle lecturer of the Northern Centre for Canine Behaviour is known world-wide as a highly respected dog trainer/behaviorist. To learn more about him visit his website at www.geocities.com/johnrogerson/ It also reflects on his versatility as an instructor to view the classes he is instructing through www.puppyworks.com through the events they sponsor.

JANUARY 17 & 18, 2004:

**Rebecca Brandon Beginning Handling (Saturday)
Intermediate Handling (Sunday)**

OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2004:

Dr. Hutchison K9 Reproduction and Puppy Pediatrics 1 1/2 days

FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2005:

Carmen Battaglia Breeding Better Dogs

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED: Pat McConnell

Author of: On The Other End of The Leash; and Calling All Pets

August 2003 Tracking Test Report
Submitted by Kelly Dygert rhaven@alaska.net 488-8314

On August 22 - 24, TVKC conducted their annual Variable Surface Tracking, Tracking Dog Excellent, and Tracking Dog tracking tests at the UAF Campus and the Chena River Flood Control Project. The test filled to capacity, and drew entrants from Anchorage, Wasilla, Kenai, Soldotna, Kasilof, and California, in addition to 5 Club Members. Betty Winthers, an AKC Tracking rep, was in attendance, and got the ball rolling for Sally Berry to become a Provisional Tracking Judge. The 2 test judges, AJ Knoll and Carol Pernicka, were both from Colorado, and have judged this event several times. Aside from a few minor changes to the Premium List, Betty and the judges thought that the Club did a fantastic job of putting on the 3 day event. They said that typically only Specialty Clubs attempt to offer all 3 levels of testing.

The VST, held Friday evening at UAF, tested the dog and handler's ability to follow a person's track that was 3 hours old, along sidewalks, across roads and parking lots, and around buildings, finding household-type articles that were dropped along the way. It is the newest level of tracking testing, and unfortunately, after 2 years of offering the event, we have yet to see a passing performance, because of the difficulty involved. The TDX was held Saturday, at the Flood Control project in North Pole, in driving rain. These tracks were also 3 hours old with articles, and included obstacles such as woods, hills, gullies, road crossings, and the presence of relatively fresh cross-tracks. For a variety of different reasons, none of the TDX entrants were successful, so we may be seeing them again next year for another try. The TD was held on Sunday, at the end of Laurance Road, near the Moose Creek Dam. Again it was raining and windy, but 3 dogs were able to find the glove at the end. The TD is the entry level, and the tracks are simpler: 440 - 500 yards, 1/2 hour old, 3-5 corners, no obstacles or cross-tracks. Dogs need to certify as to their potential to pass a TD test before they are allowed to enter.

I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time, many taking time off of work to help plot tracks during the week: Ron Gatterdam, Diane Fish, Sally Berry, John and Jane Aspnes, Judi Shapiro, Linda Schertz, Cathy Erland, Sheri Walsh, Peggy Beagle, and Arlene Miller. Thanks to Susan Parsons for being Test Secretary, and Polly Divens for housing one of the judges and providing transportation. And thanks to the many people who donated to the Tracking Fund. Without your support, this test wouldn't be possible.

If reading this makes you want to get involved next year, contact me, or any of the people listed above. Spring tracking classes typically start right after our May shows. We'd love to see some new faces!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2003

NAME	LOCATION	EVENT TYPE	EVENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
ROTTWEILER CLUB OF ALASKA	PALMER	S/SWPC	NOV. 1	OCT. 1
COOK INLET KC	PALMER	AB/JSHW	NOV. 2	OCT. 15

!!! NEW BOARD TO BE ELECTED AT OCTOBER MEETING !!!

**Anyone Interested in Being Elected as a Board Member
Please Attend the TVKC October Meeting or Forward a Letter
Stating You Will Accept a Board Nomination to that Meeting.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

KENAI KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	JAN 24	JAN 7
ALASKA KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	JAN 25	JAN 7
TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	MARCH 27	MARCH 10

Note: Events are listed here as posted on the AKC web site; only events that are already approved by AKC are listed; for updates go to <http://www.akc.org/dic/events/search> and search for your request.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the Newsletter, please send it to me at:

P.O. Box 60886, Fairbanks, AK 99706; or email it to me at:

VeriCool@acsalaska.net

Phone 455-6169 Thanks! Sue [Acquistapace] Redding



THE LITERARY DOG

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEATURE
SUBMITTED BY CANDACE S. O'CONNOR

FROM A CHILDHOOD FAVORITE!

EXCERPT FROM *THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS*
AND
WHAT ALICE FOUND THERE,
LEWIS CARROLL, 1871

"TAKE A BONE FROM A DOG: WHAT REMAINS?"
ALICE CONSIDERED. "THE BONE WOULDN'T RE-
MAIN, OF COURSE, IF I TOOK IT - AND THE DOG
WOULDN'T REMAIN, IT WOULD COME TO BITE ME -
AND I'M SURE /SHOULDN'T REMAIN."

"THEN YOU THINK NOTHING WOULD REMAIN?"
SAID THE RED QUEEN.

"I THINK THAT'S THE ANSWER."

"WRONG AS USUAL!" SAID THE RED QUEEN:
"THE DOG'S TEMPER WOULD REMAIN."

"BUT I DON'T SEE HOW -"

"WHY, LOOK HERE!" THE RED QUEEN CRIED:
"THE DOG WOULD LOSE ITS TEMPER, WOULDN'T IT?"

"PERHAPS IT WOULD," ALICE REPLIED CAU-
TIOUSLY.

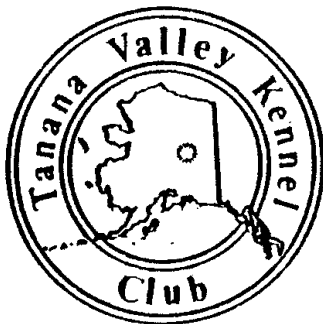
"THEN IF THE DOG WENT AWAY, ITS TEMPER
WOULD REMAIN!" THE QUEEN EXCLAIMED TRIUM-
PHANTLY.

Dear TVKC Members: We are working to put the newsletter on the TVKC web site and email all members each month to let you know that it is “up” and to provide a link to the latest newsletter.

Please be patient with this transition. Not only will it save TVKC a tremendous expense, but it will allow for more information to be put into the newsletter each edition.

If you didn't get an email – please notify Sue (Acquistapace) Redding at: vericool@acsalaska.net, or Tabitha Plambeck at Tabitha@tdtgreatdanes.com.

Thank you for your patience during this transition. Sue & Tabitha



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