

# SACCARAPPA YAPPER

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<b>PAST PRESIDENT:</b>	Chris Berg
<b>AKC DELEGATE:</b>	Stephanie Ilka



## **NEXT MEETING:**

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 @ 7pm  
Barron Center, Brighton Avenue in Portland

REFRESHMENTS: PAT AUBE, CHRIS BERG, RUSTY MORRISON, GENE NARDI

## **MEMO TO MEMBERS:**

Due to the fact that Cindy Strumph has not returned to work from her surgery, we have had to change our Tuesday night classes for this session. Thank you to Nicki Taylor, Pat Aube and Rebeccah Aube we have set up the following schedule:

- 6pm - 6:45 - Beginners Class with Pat Aube
- 7PM - 7:45 - AKC Star Puppy with Rebeccah Aube
- 8PM - 8:45 - Pre Novice Class which will be split in two:  
Half the class will be the beginners from last session with Rebeccah Aube.  
The remainder of the class will be the experienced handlers from Pre Novice plus the Rally people. The class will hone their obedience skills worked into Rally courses. This part will be taught by Nicki Taylor.

Helpers will be announced soon.

## **BRAGS FROM CASCO BAY DOG TRAINING TRIALS**

April 14 & 15, 2012.

From Mary Tripp: BC "Jack" placed 4th in Beginners Novice A with 189 1/2 on Saturday and he was also highest scoring with a herding title.

From Pat Aube: Aussie "Bella" finished her RA title. On Saturday she was 3rd with 97 and Sunday she was 2nd with 95!

From Chris Berg: Berner "Tycho" qualified in Rally Advanced both days. He was 2nd Saturday with 98 and won the class on Sunday with 98!

From Drema Shaw: Cocker "Teddy" qualified in Rally Advanced on Saturday with 86.

From Jim Shaw: Cocker "Lilli" qualified both days in Rally Advanced. Saturday with 76 and Sunday was 4th place with 79. In Beginner Novice A on Saturday "Lilly" got a leg with 188 1/2.

From Claire Marx: Irish Setter "Lacey" earned her CD title on Sunday with 181. She also qualified on Saturday with 178,

Very nice trials - new location which was beautiful. Weather could not have been better. The rings were huge. Know there were other SOC members there, but didn't get any other news.

## **Saccarappa Obedience Club                      Board Meeting** **April 11, 2012**

Saccarappa Obedience Club Board Meeting was held Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at Chris Berg's home. It was called to order by President Mary Jo McCormack at 7:05 P.M.,

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

### **Correspondence:**

The Club received a note from Cindy thanking the Club for thinking of her after her surgery.

Connie also sent a thank you note for the kindness Club members had shown Tommy and for the flowers.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Club received feedback from the AKC for this trial this year. They gave us a refund for our Rally fees from our trial last year.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Rebeccah will do some business cards for the club.

### **New Business:**

We need to get what people are going to donate for trophies for the trial by May 15th. If you have any questions contact Rebeccah.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Claire and seconded by Drema. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

## **Saccarappa Obedience Club Regular Monthly Meeting March 28, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the Barron Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President, Mary Jo McCormack. There were 7 members present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read after the following change: The Show N Go for April 8th was also cancelled due to the fact it was Easter Sunday.

There was no Treasurer's report.

### **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

### **Committee Reports:**

Trainer's meeting: Tuesday night classes start April 17. Rebecca might want to teach a class in the summer. Puppy, Pre-Novice, Beginner and Rally are the classes that will be held this session. We really need to push the Rally classes with nonmembers. Claire put an ad in the paper this week.

### **Unfinished Business:**

We need to think about what to do in Evelyn's memory at our trial this year.

Rebeccah and Claire will teach the Star Puppy Class.

### **New Business:**

Lois ordered some new books. They are: The Ultimate Guide to Rally O - Rules, Strategies, and Skills for Successful Rally Obedience Competition; Remember to Breathe - Inside Dog Obedience Competition; The Cautious Canine - How to Help Dogs Conquer Their Fears; Scaredy Dog, Understanding and Rehabilitating Your Reactive Dog; It's a Dog Not a Toaster; Finding Your Fun in Competitive Obedience.

We need to find a way to get people to bring their surveys back. Bob Cuzner will keep a running tally of the responses.

A motion was made by Chris to adjourn at 7:43 P.M. and seconded by Lois. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

## **LACEY'S 'BUBBLEMINT' EXPERIENCE....** or what not to teach your dog!!

Just wanted to tell everyone about my stressful experience after obedience last Monday April 9, 2012. When I was done with my routine I put Lacey in the van and went in to get all my stuff. Ride home was uneventful, but when I pulled the van into the garage and opened the back door, I was appalled!!

There on the floor were very small pieces of an Orbit gum wrapper. All that was left was a piece of the outside cover and a few pieces of foil. This was Orbit Bubblemint gum. She had eaten 13 pieces of the gum. I knew it could be poisonous so I rushed upstairs and call the Emergency Clinic on Warren Avenue. They said to get her to vomit immediately. Three tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide every ten minutes until she vomited or get her there FAST! They said to call the poison control number as soon as she vomited and ask them how much xylitol the gum contained. It only took two doses of the hydrogen peroxide to get her to vomit. I had called Cindy in a panic when she didn't vomit immediately and she said to put it in a syringe which was much easier to get down her throat.

I then did call the poison Control Hotline (1-888-426-4435). There is a \$65 charge to your credit card, but they give you a case number and you can make return calls if you need help or have questions at no additional charge. After I was on hold for what seemed an eternity, they came back on and said she would be fine. Where she weighs 60+ pounds, that particular flavor of Orbit gum did not have enough xylitol to hurt her. They said to give her little drinks of water (that's all she wanted to do was drink!) and I even gave her a little supper about 10 pm. Next day she was fine....

Needless to say, this was a stressful time. She does get into stuff occasionally, but she got in my purse, pushed the zipper down a little and got the gum out of a small compartment.....guess obedience makes them smarter than we think!!

Claire Marx



***HAPPY SPRING !!!***



## **Living with a Shy or Fearful Dog**

*a seminar with Debbie Jacobs, CPDT-KA, CAP*

Saturday, May 5, 2012

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**APDT Members special: sign up by Friday, April 20, 2012  
and get \$25 off seminar!**

Highlights include:

- Causes of fear in dogs
- Myths & misinformation about dog behavior
- Training techniques to improve skills
- Techniques for decreasing fearful response in dogs
- Managing aggression
- Fear of handling

Whether you are a professional dog trainer, pet sitter, groomer, dog owner, veterinarian or vet tech, the information in this seminar will help improve your understanding of fear based behavior challenges in dogs.

MORE INFO

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Don't complain, obedience train!

Saccarappa has a brand new website  
[www.socdogs.com](http://www.socdogs.com)

Please check out the new site. We would love suggestions, more pictures and brags! You can send them to [bex@pawsink.com](mailto:bex@pawsink.com)

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The new site also has a **MEMBERS ONLY SECTION** where you will find information about meetings, the monthly newsletter and a link to sign up for the new S.O.C. google group! The Members Section password is 854dogs

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#### **S.O.C. Google Group**

A Google Group is a form of email that supports group communication without needing to have individual emails for everyone in the group. One email address will send to the entire group. It's quick and effective and a great way to look back if you missed something! This will be the main form of email communication for "CLUB" emails. IE: you will receive emails about events, meetings and classes via this group.

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