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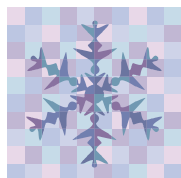
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Next newsletter deadline: February 10, 2012

2012 Officers & Board:

PRESIDENT:	Mary Jo McCormack
VICE PRESIDENT:	Bob Tripp
REC. SECRETARY:	Mary Tripp
CORR. SECRETARY:	Claire Marx
TREASURER:	Brenda Proulx
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	Bob Cuzner, Barbara Schwartz, Drema Shaw
PAST PRESIDENT:	Chris Berg
AKC DELEGATE:	Stephanie Ilka



NEXT MEETING:

Come One, Come all!!

Saccarappa's Annual Awards Bash!

Weatherwane Restaurant
South Portland, Maine

Begins at 12 noon
Meeting will probably be 1:30-2pm
Sunday, January 29, 2012

Come and have a nice meal (order off the menu)
Cheer on your friends who get awards!
Kick back and have a relaxing Sunday with friends!!

Don't forget to RSVP
Rebeccah's list on our SOCDOGS.
Or email Rebeccah directly.

MEMO TO MEMBERS:

We are now running Rally run thrus on Tuesday nights at 8pm....Cost is \$5. for two run-thrus (for members only).... OR if you stay and help pick everything up, it is FREE! Bob Cuzner is doing some GREAT courses.... Novice, Advanced or Excellent.... YOU choose what you want to do. Plus, Bob helps everyone get thru the course, if you have any questions on the signs.

We will also be holding A RALLY SEMINAR to go over the new rules coming up, on February 18th (day before our Show & Go). It will be from 8:30-12noon. We will provide coffee and donuts and the cost is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. If you're interested, you can send your money to Mary Tripp. Nanci Hayes will be doing the seminar.



Saccarappa Obedience Club Board Meeting was held Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at Chris Berg's home. It was called to order by Vice President Robert Tripp at 7:12 P.M.,

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Chris made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Bob Cuzner. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

There were no Committee reports.

Unfinished Business:

We still need to get ready for the first Show N Go on January 22, 2012. Who is going to do the food? The Shaw's will do the food. Nanci Hayes wants to do the Novice obedience run thrus. Everyone needs to get there to set up around 8:00 A.M. for the Show N Go.

Anthony Cherubini, one of obedience judges at our trial this coming September, suggested that maybe we might want to do some run thrus the night before our trial in September and charge \$10.00 for them. It is very popular down south. Nanci Hayes is the Rally judge. Titling classes will be offered both days.

We are going to put the Rally Seminar off until February. You can download everything off the AKC website. February 18th would be the date for the 1/2 day seminar. It would be a 1/2 day seminar on the rules with no run thrus on Saturday. We will offer coffee and donuts and get it over with by noon. No dogs will be allowed. Cost for nonmembers would be \$50.00 and members would be \$25.00.00. Chris made a motion that we charge \$50.00 for nonmembers and \$25.00 for members for this seminar and was seconded by Barbara Schwartz. Motion passed. March would be the snow date. Mary Tripp will help Mary Jo with this.

We had a good turnout on Tuesday night in classes. We might offer free run thrus on Tuesday night if you would stay to roll up the mats after the Rally classes. We need to reevaluate whether we are doing a service for the club members. Maybe it's not a six week course but hold it only 2 or 3 times during a session. We need to update the website about the Rally run thrus.

We can have the room at the Weathervane as long as we want for the Awards Banquet.

New Business:

There was no new business.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda and seconded by Claire. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

Saccarappa Obedience Club Regular Monthly Meeting December 4, 2011

The regular monthly meeting and annual Christmas party of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Nanci Hayes' summer camp. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. by President, Mary Jo McCormack. There were 22 members and 4 guests present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Nanci made a motion to pay the bills and was seconded by Bob Tripp.

Correspondence:

We received a flyer from CMKC and KVSSC for a seminar by Pat Hastings on March 24, 2012. It is a Structure in Action one-day workshop. It combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce injuries in working and performance dogs. It is \$90.00 for the seminar and that includes lunch.

Committee Reports:

Tuesday night is all set for Rally. Rally class is limited to 8 dogs. Would Bob Cuzner do an advanced and excellent class in the future?

Festival of Trees - The tree has been put up. Pat was a greeter at the church on Saturday. A lot of people stopped and looked at our tree. A lot of people looked at the poster but not many of them picked up a brochure.

Lois made a motion that the Awards Banquet be held at the Weathervane and was seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Dues are still due.

Slate of officers is as follows:

President:	Mary Jo McCormack
Vice President:	Bob Tripp
Recording Secretary:	Mary Tripp
Correspondence Secretary:	Claire Marx
Treasurer:	Brenda Proulx
Board of Directors:	Bob Cuzner, Drema Shaw, Barbara Schwartz
Past President:	Chris Berg
AKC Delegate:	Stephanie Ilka

Lois made a motion that the secretary cast a vote to accept the slate of officers and was seconded by Brenda. Motion passed. Secretary cast her vote for the slate of officers.

New Business:

Jerry made a motion that we give the Barron Center a donation of \$250.00 for the use of their room for our monthly regular meetings and was seconded by Nanci. Motion passed.

There will be new Rally rules as of April 1, 2012. Maybe we need to hold a seminar on the changes in the Rally rules. Most of the changes are in Advanced and Excellent with only a few changes in Novice. Maybe it should be a 1/2 day seminar on these changes. We should probably do it Saturday, January 21, before the January 22nd Show 'N Go. Nanci will bring someone with her to demo the changes. Maybe we could do run thrus after. The Collie Club event will be under the old rules. SOC should get new signs with the changes. Let's wait until Nanci goes to the seminar before we make a decision.

Everyone wanted to thank Nanci for hosting the Christmas party.

A motion was made by Cindy to adjourn at 2:40 P.M. and seconded by Claire. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary



Waiting for Spring!

“Lawmaker-Pawmaker” Day March 27, 2012

Animal Welfare Advisory Council

Please join us for a very special event on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in the State House in Augusta. The 4th Annual “Lawmaker-Pawmaker” Day will kick off with a continental breakfast at 8:00 am. A press conference, a guest speaker, and a special presentation will round out the day by 1:00 pm.

Make sure your Maine dog club is represented at this special event bringing Maine’s lawmakers face-to-face with Maine’s dog breeders. Take part in this exciting and fun public education event and satisfy AKC requirements for your club at the same time!

Space is limited. Maine state law limits the number of tables allowed in the historic Hall of Flags to 15. Please contact FMDC secretary Jay Kitchener at jay.kitchener@yahoo.com to reserve your table today.



Albany Obedience Club

will be hosting a Linda Koutsky Balance Point Obedience Problem Solving Workshop.

Linda is the author of the popular "Front and Finish" column Balance Point. She has won over 50 High in Trials and High Combined awards. She has earned multiple AKC 200 scores. Linda has over 15 years experience teaching competition obedience to students with dogs from all the AKC groups. Her students have earned HITs, HCs, and been nationally ranked in their respective breed standings.

Where: Albany Obedience Club, Glenmont, NY

Date: April 28 and 29, 2012

Registration form can be found here <http://www.berk.com/aoc/Koutskyseminar.pdf>
If you have any other questions, please contact Mary Maltbie m_maltbie@hotmail.com

SACCARAPPA SUPER SUNDAYS

AKC OC Matches
(formerly Show& Gos)
Obedience AND Rally routines offered!

- WHEN:** January 22, 2012
February 19, 2012
March 11, 2012
April 8, 2012
- WHERE:** Westbrook Armory, Stroudwater St., Westbrook
- FEES:** \$8.00 per dog, \$5.00 additional routine same dog
- ENTRIES:** 9:00 am – 12 Noon only
- JUDGING:** 9:30 am – 4 pm

AKC Novice, Open & Utility obedience routines only. We will also offer Rally routines beginning at 12 noon. Time permitting, we will offer only one routine per dog in Open & Utility, depending on Rally entries.

Limited crating available! Two large rings!
Delicious homemade food and drinks will be available!
This is an AKC event – No pinch collars please!

Directions: From Turnpike Exit 48 go straight thru first light, at second light turn right on Route 25. Follow into Westbrook. At Dunkin' Donuts turn left on Stroudwater Street. Go thru one light. Armory is on left across from Westbrook High School.

FMI: Claire Marx, 207-892-3118 or email cmarx29707@aol.com

In case of inclement weather, check socdogs.com or call 854-DOGS for notice of cancellation.

**CMKC
KVSSC**

Structure in Action Workshop Presented by Pat Hastings

Saturday

March 24, 2012

**\$90.00
includes lunch**

**Clarion Hotel, 1230 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-5611**

Agenda 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

- How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies
- The basics of Canine Structure
- The weakest links
- How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog
- What your dog can do and should not be doing?
- A vet's ideas on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury
- Questions & hands-on work with attendees + dogs

Puppies between the ages of 7-9 weeks will be available for purposes of demonstrating the evaluation process. Breeders: contact Colleen Golding for more information on bringing litters.

STRUCTURE IN ACTION is a one-day workshop. It combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation, as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce injuries in working and performance dogs.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. The question is: Do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without breaking down? Is that what we really want to do to our most steadfast companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

Pat Hastings is well respected in the dog-world as an educator, author and AKC judge. Well-known for her Puppy Puzzle DVD, she evaluates the structural quality of over 350 litters per year.

Hands-on work with attendees+dogs concludes the day.

Please send registration together with payment of \$90.00 to KVSSC c/o Colleen Golding, 53 Pirate Lane, Fairfield, ME 04937, USA. Open to 10 to 12 dogs for evaluation on a "first come" basis. Registration closes on March 18, 2012. FMI contact Colleen Golding at (207) 453-2631 or email at woodlandfarm@roadrunner.com. Check in time: 7:15-7:45

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Yes, I want to bring my dog/Name & Breed: _____

Breeding Stock _____ Performance Events _____ Agility _____ Flyball _____ Obedience _____

Showing _____ Herding _____ Other _____



Don't complain, obedience train!

Saccarappa has a brand new website
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

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

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.

Please sign-up as soon as you can.

bex@pawsink.com if you have any questions



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