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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 7pm
at the Barron Center
Brighton Avenue in Portland

Refreshments: Bob Cuzner, Jolene DiFazio, Barbara Schwartz,
MJ McCormack

MEMO TO MEMBERS:

Please send any news and/or brags to me at cmarx29707@aol.com. Send anything you think the membership would be interested in.

CHAPTER 7 **GRADUATE NOVICE** **OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS**

(Please note: All regulations affecting the competition of dogs listed with AKC Canine Partners become effective April 1, 2010.)

Section 1. Graduate Novice Class. The Graduate Novice class shall be for dogs that have not won a Graduate Novice title (GN). The Graduate Novice class is an optional class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first five exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same Long Down exercise. If eligible as defined in these regulations, dogs entered in Graduate Novice may also be entered in any other obedience classes. Judging will be as in the regular classes.

The exercises, maximum scores and order of judging:

1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight (off leash) 40 points
2. Drop on Recall 40 points
3. Dumbbell Recall 30 points
4. Recall Over High Jump 30 points
5. Recall Over Broad Jump 30 points
6. Long Down 30 points

Maximum Total Score 200 points

Section 2. Graduate Novice Title. The letters GN may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by three different judges to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Novice classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Graduate Novice certificate from the AKC. Suggested judging rate is eight dogs per hour. (Please see Appendix B of the *Obedience Regulations* for changes to this section effective January 1, 2011.)

Section 3. Graduate Novice Exercises and Scoring.

Heel On Leash and Figure Eight. The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, except that the Figure Eight will be done off leash.

Drop on Recall. The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Open Drop on Recall, except that the handler may give the command and/or signal to drop the dog.

Dumbbell Recall. This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the dog will promptly take, hold and deliver the dumbbell when commanded.

The judge's orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders "Give your dog the dumbbell," the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward to the other end of the ring and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order "Take it," and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be done as in the Novice Recall. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat shall apply.

Recall Over High Jump. The principal features of the exercise are that the dog stay until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return to sit in front of the handler. Orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump. When the judge orders, "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the other side of the high jump, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the high jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall. All penalties in the Novice Recall will apply. The height of the jump will be required as it is for the Open Retrieve Over High Jump exercise as designated in these regulations.

Recall Over Broad Jump. The principal features of the exercise are the same as in the Recall Over High Jump exercise. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump, facing the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders, "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the last hurdle, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall. All penalties in the Novice Recall will apply. The distance of the jump will be the same as in the Open classes.

Long Down. The Long Down exercise will be performed and scored as in the Open group exercise, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes.

**Saccarappa Obedience Club
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 27, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at the Barron Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by President, Mary Jo McCormack. There were 21 members present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read after the following change: The meeting was March 23rd not February 23rd.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

We have approval for the Trial. All the committees and positions for the trial are set.

Let Rebeccah know what you want for a trophy and what it is for. You need to get your information for your ad in the catalogue to Mary Jo as soon as possible. Club members pay half price for ads.

Training Committee - We have not determined a start date for the Rally class yet.

Unfinished Business:

Meghan is going to get us a price for either a full set or just a stanchion for the jump the Club needs.

Price changes for the classes have to be run by the Board.

We need to check out the jumps in the trailer to see what shape they are in. Amazon does not sell obedience jumps.

New Business:

The trailer leaked over the winter. It is around the vent. Bob needs to check out the trailer to see if he can fix it.

More people need to join Facebook.

Rebeccah handed out a flyer about the website which also explains how Google works.

You need to fill out the title pages correctly to receive your awards at the end of the year.

Marilyn Hill might be good choice for a seminar. Gene thinks we need to do another seminar and members need to think about who might be good.

We need to think about the Memorial Day parade in Gorham. Drema will be in charge of the parade.

It may be the 100th anniversary of obedience and we might want to make T-shirts for it.

Drema said we should make name tags for members who work at the trials and other things the Club does throughout the year.

Vacationland is holding their trial Thursday and Saturday and needs stewards around the 20th of May.

Cindy thought we needed to revisit the rules. She was unaware of the changes. She needed clarification on some of the changes.

Do we have a list of the standard classes? We need to do a clarification of what standard classes and special classes are.

There was a long drawn out discussion on the price charged by members for teaching special classes versus regular classes.

Cindy made a motion that if a member teaches a class they be paid \$25.00 per hour and a nonmember would charge what they want to charge. It was seconded by Dell. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Claire to adjourn at 8:47 P.M. and seconded by Brenda. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary





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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Body Language of Fear in Dogs



Slight Cowering



Major Cowering

More Subtle Signs of Fear & Anxiety



Licking Lips
when no food nearby



Panting
when not hot or thirsty



Brow Furrowed, Ears to Side



Moving in Slow Motion
walking slow on floor



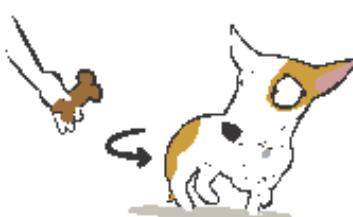
Acting Sleepy or Yawning
when they shouldn't be tired



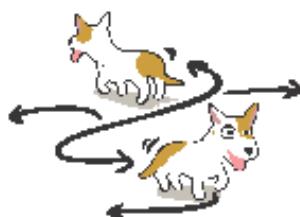
Hypervigilant
looking in many directions



Suddenly Won't Eat
but was hungry earlier



Moving Away



Pacing