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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 @ 7pm
at the Barron Center
Brighton Avenue in Portland

Refreshments: Claire Marx, Jane Miller, Del Bean, Jeremy Shaw

MEMO TO MEMBERS:

Get well wishes go out to Lois Hoyt who took a bad fall. We all hope you're feeling better and back on your feet soon. Hope you can make it to the trial.....Hot dog sales will go way down if we don't have your special relish!

PAWS FOR APPLAUSE:

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY SHAW. HE WAS MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 10TH. WE ALL WISH YOU THE BEST!

From Mary Tripp: We just got back from the AKC herding trial in Connecticut. Jack finished 2nd in Started Ducks and 5th in Started Sheep on September 2 and qualified in both. He did not qualify on Saturday. On Sunday, September 4, he qualified 1st in Started Ducks and 2nd in Started Sheep and finished both his AKC Started Ducks and Started Sheep on Sunday September 4. I am so proud of him and myself for doing so well we qualified 4 out of 6 tries.

Congratulations Mary on a job well done... you two are a real team!! We're all proud of you both!! Watching a dog do what he was bred for is exciting and gratifying!!

From Lois Hoyt - "Elliot" has 12 points towards his major now....including both majors. Great going Elliot!!

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!!

Our obedience & rally trials are next weekend ---- September 24 & 25th at the Riverton Community Center!

Starting Friday evening at 6 we will be unloading the trailer and setting everything up.... we need alot of help rolling out the new mats, setting up the rings and trophies and Jolene will be setting up our famous Silent Auction. We will also be setting up the food concession.

So--- don't forget to bring things for the silent auction to Jolene - it would be great if you could bring them to her Monday at class....Ask where you buy dog food if they'd like to donate something... all the proceeds are for a pet related cause...We'll accept anything.... it doesn't have to be "doggy".

The trials will begin at 9am Saturday and Sunday. If Deb Lawler has asked you to steward, please come early and be dressed neatly. Remember, if you are showing you cannot wear a club shirt. If she hasn't contacted you, please call her and ask where you can help.

Each member is asked to bring a food donation both days.... as follows:

Saturday trial - Members with last name A-L brings sweets, members with last name M-Z bring sandwiches.

Sunday trial - Members with last name A-L bring sandwiches, members with last name M-Z bring sweets.

If you can't bring food, you can always donate money to the refreshment fund.

Everyone who stewards and/or works at the trial will get a free lunch.

If you have offered a trophy please be sure Rebecca has it in plenty of time.

The photographers who took such great pictures last year will be here again this year.

Sunday when the trials are done we have to pick up everything and load it back in our trailer. I think we will be done about 2pm and we would appreciate help rolling all the mats up etc. It's a long weekend and everyone is tired so the more help the better.

Thanks in advance to everyone. Good luck if you're entered, if you're not entered, come and cheer everyone on!!

Saccarappa Obedience Club Regular Monthly Meeting August 24, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at the Barron Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Vice President, Robert Tripp. There were 19 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

Committee Reports:

Entries are coming in for the trial. Mary Jo still needs ad material. Jolene needs baskets for the trial.

Training Committee - Beginners will be the first class, Pre-novice is second and the Star Puppy class is last. We need people to help roll up the mats. Everyone needs to help put mats down on Monday and pick them up on Tuesday night when classes start on Tuesday.

Bob Cuzner went over the questionnaire that will be handed out at the end of the first session.

There will be no Thursday classes because the mats would have to be put down and picked up.

Megan is making 2 new sets of jumps for probably \$100.00 per set.

Unfinished Business:

Rebecca brought some sample sheets for colors and styles for the embroidered shirts, vest and/or hats. Pricing was also on the sheets. The order form will be on the website. These are only for Club members not for the general public. Our first order should be a group order. After that group order you can order them off the Club website in the members only section. The logo is all set. Claire said the person she knows said we could get polo shirts in time for the trial if we wanted them. T-shirts would be \$5.50. We would get mostly large and extra large with a few small and medium. How many t-shirts should we order? Claire will get prices on the polo shirts. It was decided that we would want comfort colors or garment wash.

Rusty made a motion to put in an order for 50 short sleeves, 25 long sleeve, and 25 sweatshirts. Motion was seconded by Drema. Motion passed. It was also decided that the first order for the embroidery would be the Club member would pay the Club and the Club would issue a check for the whole order.

Ed brought up the subject of the broken vent on the trailer. The cover they sold us was too small for the opening. They can fix it for a maximum of \$150.00. Joey made a motion we authorize the \$150.00 to fix the trailer and was seconded by Bob Cuzner. Motion passed. The trailer will go to Ed's house temporarily.

New Business:

Does anyone have a question on the helper list on the website? Some people cannot open it. You need to put the class you want to help with. Your name will stay on the list so they can track who is helping and make sure the right person gets credit. Your name will be crossed off and if you want to help again put your name at the end of the list. Do we want to limit the helper for one class? If you want to help in all 3 put them all on the list. We need to get a list from the trainer as to what they want their helpers to do. Do we need to designate someone to help put mats down and pick gates up for special classes? Add a category to the helper list for doing the mats. The only way you get credit for doing the mats is if you are not in that class.

The Pre-novice class can help pick up some of the mats before the Star Puppy class.

A proposal was made to give a member free training after being a member of the Club for 25 years. Everyone think about it until the meeting next month and we will vote on it then. We need to keep it simple.

A motion was made by Bob Cuzner to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. and seconded by Ginny. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

Saccarappa Obedience Club
August 10, 2011

Board Meeting

Saccarappa Obedience Club Board Meeting was held Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at Chris Berg's home. It was called to order by President Mary Jo McCormack at 7:15 P.M.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Bob Cuzner has drawn up a survey to get the opinion of students on what we offer for classes. Mary Jo is going to make copies and pass them out at the end of this session.

Monday night run thrus started last Monday. The Thursday run thrus will start September 8. There is a new lead officer at the Armory and he wants the mats rolled up every week. It was decided that the beginner class will start at 6 for 30 minutes, then the pre-novice class for 45 minutes and the Star Puppy class starts at 7:00. The Club needs everyone to sign a release form including Monday night. We need to change the website to reflect that beginner class is first then pre-novice followed by puppy.

Unfinished Business:

Rusty and Rebecca are going to do the t-shirts together. Is there any interest in ordering a polo shirt for the trial or a couple of each and give people an option? The problem is we don't have a price yet. Claire is getting prices from someone she knows. She won't charge us for set up. She can get whatever quality we want and she will get pricing. We would like to see a sample before we order anything. We will put it off for a while if we can't get something from Mary Jo or Rusty by the meeting at the end of the month.

Claire needs to call Megan about the cost of doing either complete jumps or just stanchions for the trial.

New Business:

Carol Furman's father died recently.

The Board is thinking of offering free classes for having been a member for 25 years or more. We need to find out how long everyone has been a member of the Club.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda and seconded by Claire. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

CHAPTER 6 BEGINNER NOVICE OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

(effective July 1, 2010)

Section 1. Beginner Novice Class. The Beginner Novice class shall be for dogs that have not won the BN title. The Beginner Novice class is an optional titling class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes. If eligible as defined in these regulations, dogs entered in Beginner Novice A or Beginner Novice B may also be entered in any other obedience classes.

Section 2. Beginner Novice A Class. To be eligible for Beginner Novice A, a handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family, and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned any AKC Obedience title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B at any trial.

Beginner Novice B Class. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class to earn a BN title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B at any trial.

Section 3. Beginner Novice Exercises and Scores. The exercises and maximum scores in the Beginner Novice classes:

1. Heel on Leash 40 points
 2. Figure Eight 40 points
 3. Sit for Exam 40 points
 4. Sit Stay 40 points
 5. Recall 40 points
- Maximum Total Score 200 points

Section 4. Beginner Novice Title. The letters BN may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Beginner Novice classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Beginner Novice certificate from the AKC. Suggested judging rate of ten dogs per hour.

Section 5. Heel on Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders for this exercise will be "Forward" and "Exercise Finished." Rally signs will be used for this exercise. Signs to be used are "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal," "Fast" and "Halt/Sit." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. Both change of pace signs must be followed by a normal sign. Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. Two of each turn sign must be available for the judge's use. The "Halt/Sit" sign will be used once at the end of the exercise. The judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking

of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "Forward." The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At the "Halt/Sit" sign, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order, "Exercise finished" at the completion of this exercise.

Section 6. Heel on Leash, Scoring. If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash, constantly talking to the dog or is adapting to the dog's pace, that dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for this exercise. Minor deductions shall be made for lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt, and other heeling imperfections. Deductions should also be made for a handler who guides the dog with the leash or does not walk at a brisk pace. A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, and atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Minor deductions will be made for additional commands or signals to heel or for failure of dog or handler to speed up noticeably for the fast or slow down noticeably for the slow. While scoring this exercise, the judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the handler to the dog without interfering with either.

Section 7. Figure Eight. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders for this exercise are: "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished." For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. After the judge asks, "Are you ready?" and gives the order, "Forward," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty.

Section 8. Figure Eight, Scoring. Scoring is the same as the Heel on Leash exercise.

Section 9. Sit For Exam. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are: "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished." This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a 6 foot leash. On the judge's order, the handler will command the dog to sit. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog's head. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

Section 10. Sit For Exam, Scoring. The scoring of this exercise will not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay, except for such things as rough treatment by the handler or active resistance by the dog to sit. Either of these will be penalized substantially. A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it stands, lies down, or moves away from the place where it was left either before or during the examination, or growls, snaps, or displays resentment. Minor deductions will be made for any tightening of the leash during the exercise. Substantial deductions will be made for an extra command to the dog after the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay and left the heel position. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet at any time or stands or moves away after the examination has been completed. Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for shyness.

Section 11. Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. Orders for this exercise are: “Sit your dog,” “Leave your dog,” and “Exercise finished.” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position. Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready. The leash remains attached to the dog’s collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler. When the judge gives the order “Sit your dog,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. The judge will order “Leave your dog,” and the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order “Exercise finished.”

Section 12. Sit Stay, Scoring. A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the dog moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise, not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining. A substantial deduction will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order, “Exercise finished.” Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for any additional commands to the dog after the handler has commanded and/or signaled the dog to stay. Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handler to leave their dog, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler’s attempts to make it sit. These will be penalized substantially; in extreme cases, the dog may be excused. The judge will not give the “Exercise finished” order until the handler has returned to heel position.

Section 13. Recall. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly. Orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” and “Exercise finished.” The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler. On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location as directed by the judge and turn to face the dog. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop, and sit in front near the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving

either foot. (No finish will be required of the dog by the handler.) After the judge orders “Exercised finished,” the leash is reattached to the dog’s collar. A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

Section 14. Recall, Scoring. A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it is given an additional command and/or signal to stay, if more than two commands and/or signals are required for the dog to come, if it fails to come, if it moves from the place it was left before being called and/or signaled to come, or if it does not come close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a handler’s extra command or signal to come or to sit, or if the dog fails to come at a brisk trot or gallop, or fails to sit. Minor deductions will be made for slow or poor sits.



Have a wonderful fall !!



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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