


The Yapper


April 2021 Edition



	<h2 data-bbox="597 436 1242 487">Membership Meeting Minutes</h2> <p data-bbox="462 520 1339 592">Our monthly membership meeting was held on March 24th. Click here to read the minutes from the meeting.</p>
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	<h2 data-bbox="535 709 1291 760">Board of Director Meeting Minutes</h2> <p data-bbox="462 793 1315 865">Our monthly Board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 11th at 6 p.m. Click here for the meeting minutes.</p>
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	<h2 data-bbox="657 970 1177 1020">Volunteer Opportunities</h2> <p data-bbox="462 1054 1339 1234">A big THANK YOU to Melissa MacWilliams for volunteering to help out with our next round of Monday night puppy classes! Our next volunteer deadline for our May classes is May 10th If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Claire Marx at cmarx29707@aol.com.</p>
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	<h2 data-bbox="609 1297 1226 1348">New Committee Assignments</h2> <p data-bbox="462 1381 1380 1843">New membership committees start up in May. Click here to see which committee you were assigned to for the 2021 year and your committee's responsibilities. We ask that all committees meet frequently and report out at our monthly membership meetings. The goal of our committee work is to support the work of the club while also learning from one another. Our hope is that important work will be shared and documented so that it can be shared with future members to grow and learn from. <u>We ask that all 2020 committee members meet one last time to finalize and document their work and share it with the 2021 new committee members by the end of April.</u> In May we will start our new committees. We all bring different strengths and talents to the club. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to SOC!</p>
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Zoom - Committee Meeting Sign Up

Our troubles with Zoom links have been resolved! We have a Google Calendar on our Members Only page for [committee chairs](#) to sign up for meetings. If your committee would like to use our Zoom link for a committee meeting, please contact [Barbara Belicose](#) and she will send you the Zoom link for your meeting.



Upcoming SOC Events

Training Sessions: Saccarappa Obedience Club is pleased to offer members the opportunity to train with their dogs. Sessions run for four weeks and are offered on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. (as long as pet classes are being offered) and on Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. The cost for a four week session is \$40. Be on the lookout for an email from Brenda Proulx the week before sessions start for sign up information!

[Obedience and Rally Trial](#) - May 1st - Happy Tails, Portland, ME

[Scent Trial](#) - June 5th - Cumberland FairGrounds, Cumberland, ME
Premiums will be linked as they are made available.

[Tricks Testing](#)- (virtual) - Lauren continues to offer Tricks Testing to SOC members, free of charge.

Be sure to check out [our website](#) for other upcoming classes.



A Big **THANK YOU** to our Scent Trial Volunteers!

Our smaller trials continue to be a big success! On March 27th, SOC held a one day Scent Trial in Windham. It was a huge success due in part to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. We want to recognize and thank Brenda Proulx, Bob Cuzner, Barbara Belicose, Deb Lawler, Deb Mazjanis, Lois Hoyt, Chris Dostie, Suzy Natress, and Cindy Lester. A special thank you to Jeremy Shaw for volunteering as Trial Secretary and training future members of the roles and responsibilities. Thank you!

Other Upcoming Events

If you know of any upcoming opportunities, events or trials, please let [me](#) know so that they can be posted in the Yapper!



[Lakes Region Kennel Club](#) - May 2nd, 2021 - CGC, CGCA and Tricks Testing and more!

[Wachusett Kennel Club](#) - May 22nd & May 23rd 2021 - Obedience Trial

[Maine's Chickadee Classic](#) - June 24th - 27th 2021 - Featuring: Junior Showmanship, National Owner Handled Series, Best Puppy in Show, Best Veteran in Show, Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show, 4 Specialties and 6 Supported Entries

SOC Swag



Interested in some SOC swag? There has been a slight change to our ordering process. Order forms can be found under our Members Only section. When a member submits an order form, they are asked to mail a check directly to Signet. The Publicity Committee determined it was more cost effective to collect several orders and then submit payment to Signet. Orders will be placed at the beginning of each month and members will receive an invoice from Bex regarding what they owe once the order has been placed. Payment will no longer be made directly to Signet.

Membership List



We need your help! You will notice that our membership list is starting to track the year people became members. We are in the process of collecting membership start dates. Please check our [Membership List](#) to see if your membership year and contact information is up to date. If your information needs to be updated, please contact [Sandy Cloutier](#).

Bragg



2021 offers us a variety of opportunities to earn legs and titles. We welcome your brags! If you wish to share your most recent accomplishment, please send all brags, along with a photo if you choose, to Deb Mazjanis at ddescha7@gmail.com. Click [here](#) to read about some of our club member's accomplishments. **Check out all the brags that occurred this month!**



In Memory Of...

Our furry companions play a very special place in our hearts. It is always difficult to say good-bye, but their memories live on in our hearts forever. [This section](#) is to recognize and honor our special companions. In March we said good-bye to Parker & Quincy.

In Recognition

Each year our club makes a donation to an organization or cause. Historically it has been made to the Baron Center for the use of their facilities for our membership meetings. This year we have switched gears and wanted to recognize the accomplishments of one of our members. Melissa MacWilliams and Monson were honored with the AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence ~ Therapy Dog 2020. In honor of their accomplishments the club has made a \$250 donation to the Preble Street Teen Center, an organization that is important to Melissa. We are VERY proud of Melissa and Monson!!



Next Meetings

Our next Membership Meeting - Wednesday, April 28th at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84572485706?pwd=dVdOQ0RBRnR2OEZiOXM3T3d0WTc5dz09>

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Our next BOD Meeting - Tuesday, May 11th at 6 p.m.

