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From your Editor

The holiday season is fast approaching. Please note that enclosed in this issue of the newsletter is the form for Annual Awards. Please note the deadline for submissions. Plans for the Annual Banquet are underway—more information will follow next month.

Hope to see you at classes.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Cynthia

E-Mail Addresses

We have been sending e-mail reminders of upcoming meetings and other reminders to all members who have given us their e-mail addresses. I have been receiving a few back as undeliverable. If you have not received an e-mail from me, please send an e-mail to me so I have your e-mail address. If you have blocked any e-mails, please allow any from **capecodkennelclub@verizon.net**.

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Deadline

Any articles/brags for the December Newsletter must be received by the Editor by 11/20/05.

Upcoming Meetings

November 6, 2006

CCKC General Meeting @ Imbi's @ 7p.m.

Program: Elbows. Speaker: Edward J. Kochin, VMD, DACVS, Cape Cod Veterinary Specialist.

December 20, 2006

Christmas General Meeting at Osterville Community Building @ 7 p.m. (All classes as regularly scheduled).

January 20, 2007

Annual Banquet

Columnists Wanted

I have been wanting to expand what is put in the Newsletter, such as health articles, show reports, agility info etc. and am looking for fellow members to be columnists. Anyone interested should contact me at capecodkennelclub@verizon.net.

Canine Brags

Toryglen Morning Star Pirate, owned by Mikki Castonguay & Dianne McDonough earned RAE at the Wachusetts Kennel Club on August 17th. Morning Star Toryglen Songbird, also owned by Mikki & Dianne also achieved the RAE at Saccarapta Obedience Club on September 23. "Bing" earned all her rally titles, starting on April 21st in Springfield.

Pat Evans's French Bulldog, Gradon's Louis D'or (Louie) was Best in Sweepstakes at the Mid-Florida French Bulldog Specialty Show in January with Pat handing. The same weekend he got reserve to two 5 point majors. He was only shown twice between January and May as his handler had a major heart attack while at Westminster. In May, Louie got BW, a 4 point major in Fr. Meyers and in August he got a major in Tampa and reserve to the major the next day.

Carol Fisher's 4 month old puppy, Eastwyck's Kisses Sweeter Than Wine went Adult Toy Group 1 and Puppy Toy Group 2 at the match at Penobscot Kennel Club on 10/13/06. On Saturday, Carol got a Toy Group 1 with her special Ch. Eastwyck's View From The Top on 10/14/06 and on Sunday, 10/15/06 she got a Toy Group 3 with him.

Soundne's Vilva V Dobes Den, Pointer owned and handled by Helyne Medeiros, finished her championship undefeated in the regular classes from the puppy Class with a major at the New Jersey Pointer Specialty. She was WB, BOW and BOS over specials.

Cookieland Seasyde Hollyberry, Pointer owned and handled by Helyne Medeiros was WB, BOW AT Westchester KC and finished her Championship undefeated in the regular classes in 4 shows with a major from the Puppy Class at Ox Ridge KC going Best of Breed over specials.

Ch. Dobe's Den Point Becky was owner handled to a BEST IN SHOW by Helyne Medeiros at the Penobscot Valley Kennel Club Show on 10/15/06.

After a long hiatus due to health issues Charleen Maxim's Shiba, AOM Ch. Cape Cod's Native Son, "Sonny" went Best of Breed 3 out of 3 days that he was entered at the Cranberry Cluster. Sonny's daughter, Cape Cod's Autumn Treasure, "Sugar" picked up a 3 point major out of the Bred by class at the Cluster, her first weekend out. Two weekends later at the always competitive Wine Country Circuit cluster in NY, Sonny picked up two more Breed wins and Sugar picked up a Best of Opposite Sex over Specials for a 4 point major again out of the Bred-by class. Not to be out done, Cape Cod's Poseidon Adventure, "Percy" went WD/BOW/BOW/RWD over the 4 day cluster picking up 2 majors and a total of 9 points.

Training Classes

The schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE:

6:00 p.m. Basic Obedience—7 weeks

6:30 p.m. Puppy Kindergarten—5 weeks

6:45 p.m. Intermediate Drop-in

7:30 p.m. Attention (7 weeks) Includes theory (how a dog learns), attention games, how to motivate your dog, attention in heel position progressing into attention while moving, introduction to sit stay and down stay, introduction to front.)

8:15 p.m. Show Handling Drop-In

AGILITY:

Imbi's Dog Friends Co-op, West Yarmouth

6:30 p.m. Foundation 1 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Foundation 2 – 6 weeks

Sea Horse Farm, Harwich

6:30 p.m. Teamwork 1 – 6 weeks

6:30 p.m. Handling Skills – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Teamwork 2 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Course Skills – 6 weeks

COST:

Basic Obedience: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Puppy Kindergarten: \$60

Utility: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Drop-In Classes: \$7 non-members/ \$5 members

Foundation Agility @ Imbi's: \$95 non-members/\$90 members

Agility @ Sea Horse Farm: \$90 non-members/\$85 members

Next class starting dates:

Basic 11/08/06

Puppy 12/13/06

Utility I 11/08/06

RALLY

BY

Dianne McDonough & Mikki Castonguay

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, two-legged and four-legged. Among the things I'm giving thanks for this year is Rally Obedience. Why? Because after two total hip replacements, chronic back problems and impending shoulder surgery, I'm still able to compete in Rally. Besides myself, many other handlers with physical problems can compete in Rally because Rally is a lower impact, dog and handler sport.

Earlier this year at Springfield an older gentleman who was visually impaired competed at a Rally Trial. Someone accompanied him in the ring and read the station signs for him. He and his dog were able to complete the course and qualify. Could that happen in Agility?

Several handlers have told me how much easier Rally is for someone with poor hearing. The only order the handler needs to hear or understand is "Forward". After that, they read the station signs. Ever have any trouble hearing the judge's orders in traditional obedience? I will NEVER, EVER forget sending Hope over the bar jump instead of the high jump in Utility. I misunderstood the judge's order. I am not deaf, at least not yet, but it was Springfield, a big crowd and very noisy. Then there's Boston-noise central.

During this year I have seen enough orthopedic appliances at Rally Trials to fill a ward at Mass General. Knee braces, ankle splints, casts, slings and my favorite since I use one, back braces of all descriptions. Even outside with uncertain footing and in pouring rain storms determined handlers are able to have fun showing and often qualifying, sometimes even placing. Mikki Castonguay, our co-author, managed to complete Rally Advanced Excellent titles on two of her dogs this year. She showed Bing and Kidd, even with her right foot in an inflatable cast while awaiting surgery. And she got placements.

Some rather unkind or uninformed persons have referred to Rally Obedience as Geriatric Agility and/or Real Easy Obedience. This is totally wrong. Rally is it's own sport. Rally draws on some elements from other dog sports. That's natural. Rally is just beginning. The one basic thing is that it's an inclusive sport. Rally allows handlers, young and old, physically fit or challenged, to have fun, participate and achieve with their dogs. I'm thankful for that. So have fun and give thanks.

Dianne & Mikki

Rally questions, comments, opinions to mbc883@comcast.net

4-H Muddy Paws Dog Club News

By Kara Felegian

The Muddy Paws new year started preparing for and showing in Springfield, MA at The Big E (Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Show) held September 29 – October 1st. Our club representatives were Kelsey Beers (Ace, French Bulldog), Gloria Cohen (Pippin, PBGV), Jake Smith (Zeb, Yellow Labrador) and me, Kara Felegian (Joy, Bichon Frise). Once again, it was an unforgettable weekend filled with long days, junk food, and a ton of fun! We are studying the Terrier Group and hopefully will do better as a group on our written tests next year! We are proud of **Jake Smith** (Zeb, Golden Labrador) they received 2nd place in Junior Showmanship.

Laurie Wyndham continues to instruct us on Obedience Training each month. We are very grateful and appreciate the time she spends helping us improve our skills. Thank you to **Allison Cappellina** and **Judy Dow** who have been working with us on Showmanship.

A fun Halloween Costume Party was created by some of our members with the help of adult volunteers at the community building. The decorations were great and the dog (and human) costumes were wonderful. The grand prize went home with Ace (French Bull Dog) in his Chicken Costume.

The CCKC Agility Trial at the Barnstable Fair Grounds in October offered members of our club; Kelsey Beers, Julie Chenkus, Kara Felegian, Erin LaRoach, Duke Miskiv and Picabo Miskiv an opportunity to volunteer. It was a great learning experience for all of us.

Carolyn Nusbickle will do a Showmanship and "Proper Equipment" class at our November 2nd meeting. We are very much looking forward to her visit.

The rest of November we will spend time on our public service projects: collecting and assembling donations for the "Baby Center" in Hyannis and preparing for the December 15th Osterville Stroll which is our largest fundraiser of the year.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 2006 BOARD MEETING

Submitted by Helyne Medeiros, AKC Delegate

New York, NY—Highlights from the October 2006 meeting of the AKC Board of Directors are as follows:

- The Swedish Vallhund is eligible for AKC registration, effective March 1, 2007, and to compete in the Herding Group effective June 27, 2007. There will be Open Registration for breed through February 28, 2010.
- The Giant Schnauzer, Standard Schnauzer, and Greater Swiss Mountain Dog are able to participate in Herding Events for all titles, effective January 1, 2007.
- The Bulagarian Republican Federacion of Cynology (BRFC) was added to the list of foreign registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.
- Revisions to the German Wirehaired Pointer breed standard, as published in the AKC GAZETTE were approved, effective January 1, 2007.
- The Junior Showmanship Regulations were amended, effective January 1, 2007, to enable a club to offer both regular and limited competition at the same show.
- The Board approved a National Agility Champion title, to be awarded to the overall winner of each jump height class at the AKC National Agility Championship trials. This is effective January 1, 2007.
- The Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures were amended, effective September 1, 2007, to require Two Couple Pack judges to attend a Beagle Field Trial seminar before accepting assignments.

OBEDIENCE COLUMN

by Jackie Owens

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By now the Cranberry Cluster is becoming a distant memory with the Holidays fast approaching. I had to withdraw my entries in Open A due to a nasty pneumonia bug. That was disappointing because I felt my girl was FINALLY ready. But most disappointing was that I had to withdraw entries for both dogs, all three days, in the Australian Shepherd Club Show. I had entered both dogs (ready or not) to support the Aussie Club's Obedience Trials entries. These Trials are open to all breeds and have used American Kennel Club judges. The AKC has a new policy that AKC judges may only judge AKC events. (Reasoning having to do with a supposed conflict of interest.) With the number of traditional obedience entries decreasing, the Aussie people feared that not having the AKC judges to officiate, the obedience entries would be dwindling. It was recommended to AKC management that obedience and rally judges be excused from this ruling. This issue will be discussed in an October meeting.

If you subscribe to the AKC "Gazette" you can find the minutes of the delegates quarterly meeting in the October, 2006 issue. The question of restricting AKC judges in Obedience Trials is addressed on page 111. If you are a breeder of pure breed dogs or compete in dog events or just plain love dogs, this report is a must read, because it discusses the AKC plan to register puppies bred in puppy mills and sold at pet stores. My perception of the AKC was forever changed after reading this report.

My favorite "how" to book is "Stepin'Up To Success" by Terri Arnold. Its actually three books and I recommend buying all three books at once. She takes you through the training process one step at a time and is precise in her explanations. These books will help the handler just dabbling in obedience and become the obedience bible for the serious competitor.

Another publication I recommend is the "Front & Finish" magazine. Published monthly it is chock full of obedience information from "how to" articles, to regional competition results and just plain obedience chit chat. It also has articles for rally, agility, tracking, herding and freestyle, but is primarily obedience focused. Front & Finish also has obedience and agility ratings with their own system for scoring and awards. You can reach them at: Front and Finish, P.O. Box 333, Galesburg, Illinois 61402-0333; email at mailbox@frontandfinish.com or web site at <http://www.frontandfinish.com>.

Train With Laughter!

The Cranberry Cluster

From our Show Chairperson

It was another successful year for the Cranberry Cluster and thank you to all who helped out and supported our shows. From our wonderful show committee to every person who helped out with every detail, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation. We have a great group of people who are devoted to make our dog shows an enjoyable place to be. We are lucky to have beautiful grounds, and lots of members willing to help make our shows a success. As we close the book on this year's shows, plans have already begun for a very exciting 2007 4 day cluster. As always it was a pleasure working with everyone, and I look forward to another great year in 07!

Sincerely,

Helyne Medeiros

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!

The annual banquet will be on 1/20/07 at the Scargo Café in Dennis. More details will follow in the December newsletter.

BREEDER REFERRAL

If you want to be listed on the breeder referral list, please contact Janice at jbalt@comcast.net or call 508) 394-1272.

Also, please contact Donna Martino at dpmartino@comcast.net to be listed on the breeder referral list on our website.

Nominating Committee Report

The following nominations are made on behalf of the nominating committee:

John Cappellina	President
Cheryl Malone	Vice President
Gale Klun	Recording Secretary
Lesley Little	Corresponding Secretary
Charleen Maxim	Treasurer
Janice Baltrushunas	Director
Carol Fisher	Director
Marie Hannah	Director
Donna Martino	Director

This nominations will be voted on at the Annual Banquet in January. If any club member wishes to nominate another club member in good standing, please submit your nomination at the December General Meeting.