



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER August 2008 Edition

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Notes from the Editor:

Greetings, and welcome to the August edition for Tailwagger Times. For those of you who have been loyal readers of this newsletter, you will notice a few changes since the last edition. This newsletter will appear to some like much of Manitowoc County, under construction! As most of you know, the previous editor, Diana Sheley passed away unexpectedly early this spring. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that I feel that I have very big shoes to fill! Diana was dedicated to the Kennel Club, and did an outstanding job each month putting together the newsletter! I welcome comments and suggestions for this newsletter. This newsletter belongs to the members of the club, and is about the people and pooches of the club! If you would like me to include something in an upcoming newsletter, please send it to izzyholsch@gmail.com Please include all the details you would like me to include and any specific instructions you may have.

For those of you who don't know me, I, along with my Black Lab/Springer Spanial Isabella "Izzy" for short have been members of the Kennel Club for about a year and a half. WE both have learned a lot, having taken Puppy Socialization, Obedience, Conformation and Agility. Izzy is my first dog that I raised from a puppy. I have enjoyed every minute of working with her, and have met some very nice people and pooches along the way. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated people training and such wonderful facilities in which to work with our canine friends!

Help Needed:

Members, as you know, the year is fast coming to an end! Do you have all your volunteer hours accounted for? If you haven't, there are several opportunities to get hours before the year comes to an end. Check your calendar to see if you can assist. Any time you can offer will be accepted. It is a great opportunity to meet someone you may not know, learn about an event you haven't seen before or just complete those needed volunteer hours before we sing Old Lang Syne:

Field Trial, Aug 8, 9, 10 at The Valders ground, please contact Field Trial Chair Jim Powers at 920-565-3441 or jp2jp1@aol.com. 920-684-4149

Fall Agility Trial, Sept 12, 13, 14 Call Kathy Myers 920-793-3987 or kenmur@charter.net or Ginny Orheim, 920-684-4149 or ginorheim@yahoo.com if you are able to help. More help is always better. The more the merrier! Baked goods are always appreciated by all as well, and

also count for needed volunteer hours. SO, even if you are unable to attend, bake something and take it to the trials.

General Meeting Minutes:

MANITOWOC COUNTY KENNEL CLUB MCKC Building, 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc WI August 6, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. 31 members and 4 guests signed the roster.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting which are available on the club website; password protected.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (June Ashford): June notified club members of the following approvals and motions passed at the June 11 Board Meeting: Greg Langman, and his fiancée Amanda Wagner were approved to jointly take over the position of Club Membership Secretary. Jordan Thienel was approved as the new Webmaster. Julie Holschbach was approved as Newsletter Editor. Kay Baum's Club Librarian job description and use policy were approved. Gloria Helmer and Kay Christel were approved to co-chair the 2009 Awards Banquet. The board approved a motion to password protect future Board Minutes on the club website and not include them in the monthly newsletter. The board also approved to allow the General Meeting Minutes to be included in the Tailwagger Times. The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13 at Time Out in Manitowoc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Angela Chetcuti): Members were reminded to sign in and ensure their volunteer hours were given to the appropriate chairperson. Members were also reminded that each time they attend a meeting, it's considered to be one volunteer hour with a maximum of two hours per family.

Angela reminded members that although, due to rising mail and printing costs, snail mail had been eliminated, both general and board meeting minutes were available to members on the club website. For those without web access, copies will always be brought to each general meeting, and a copy of both meetings would be left at the club.

Sue Koehler, a club member will be renting the building on October 18 for her Badgerland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club to have a conformation and junior showmanship match

TREASURER'S REPORT (Burl Cavanaugh): Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the monthly treasurer's report.

MANITOWOC BUILDING/GROUNDS (Burl Cavanaugh): The grounds are in good shape. Don't forget to pick up after your dog. Starting Thursday, September 10, dogs should stay off the grounds prior to the Agility Trial starting on September 12.

FIELD REPORT (Jerry Claybrook): The new mower seems to be working and the grounds are getting mowed, but there are still wet areas.

VALDERS' GROUNDS (Jerry Running): No report
HUNTER/RETRIEVER CLASS (Steve Lubner & Jerry Running): No report
LICENSED HUNT TEST (Jerry Running): No report
SANCTIONED FIELD TRIAL (Russ Patton): No report

LICENSED FIELD TRIAL (Jim Powers): MCKC's annual licensed field trial will be held on August 8, 9 and 10 at the Valders' grounds. There are a total of 212 dogs entered with 83 in the Open stake, 70 in the Amateur stake, 31 in the Qualifying, and 28 in the Derby. The Derby stake starts on Friday morning at 8 am followed by the Open stake at 9 am. Workers from the club have been secured although if there are club members who wish to earn work hours, please contact Field Trial Chair Jim Powers at 920-565-3441 or jp2jp1@aol.com. This event has been run annually since 1947. Copies of the notice were made available to club members attending the meeting.

HUNTING DOG EXPO (Mike Brookins): Copies of the news release for the September 6 hunting dog expo were made available to club members and will also be in the Tailwagger Times.

AGILITY (Burl Cavanaugh): The June trial was a great success in spite of the significant rain that caused judging to be suspended several times. **The next trial will be held September 12, 13, and 14, and volunteers are needed prior to, during, and after the trials.**

There is still a drop-in informal Agility class each Wednesday 6-7 p.m. The class is free to members and \$5/hour to non-members.

CONFORMATION (Sue Koehler): [Classes continue to be second and fourth Thursday: 6-7 p.m. It is important to email Sue at \[fantasiapugs@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:fantasiapugs@hotmail.com\) if a person is planning on attending classes any particular night.](#)

FALL SHOWS (Kathy Myers): Please contact Kathy as help is desperately needed prior and after the September 13-14 shows. Ginny needs help the week before the event and also at the event in the hospitality area. Anyone wishing to donate desserts for workers, judges, etc. for Saturday and Sunday should contact Ginny directly. Volunteer help would mean the club doesn't have to hire paid help. **This is a great opportunity to get your volunteer hours in!**

NEWSLETTER (Julie Holschbach): Julie thanked the board for the trust that they have placed in her with this job, and looks forward to many Tailwagger Times newsletters! She wants to make it interesting and fun, and something members will look forward to reading on a monthly basis. General Meeting Minutes, brags, committee notes and upcoming events will be included in the newsletter. Since this newsletter belongs to the members, she encourages as many members as possible to contribute and welcomes their suggestions! She would like all news articles for the upcoming month to be mailed to her no later than the Friday following the General Meeting. Any item that members wish to have in the upcoming newsletter should be emailed to: izzyholsch@gmail.com She will then collate them and submit the finished newsletter to Jordan, the webmaster and the final newsletter should be on-line, ready for review by the 20th. She will also leave hard copies at the club house.

DIANA SHELEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Kay Baum): There is a list of books available on the website that will be updated regularly. Kay continues to search for an appropriate locking bookcase that will be housed at the club house. If anyone has a sturdy bookcase that they would

like to donate to the club, please contact Kay immediately. In the meantime, please continue to contact Kay if you have library items you wish to donate to the club.

CLUB HISTORY (Kay Baum): Some of the photos Kay has do not have any names with them. If you have been a member for many years, please consider meeting with Kay to help her validate who's who!

PUBLIC EDUCATION/CLEANING (Lori Maltby): Lori needs a cleaning volunteer for the club house to finish up this month and clean next month. It involves 1-2 hours/week. Please contact Lori directly. If you are signed up to clean and are then unable to work, please have the courtesy to contact Lori as soon as possible so alternative help can be found.

SUNSHINE (Debbie Wronkowski): Debby would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the MCKC and individual members that donated to her MS Walk Wisconsin Team ... because of everyone's generous support, they collected over \$1,500 for the National MS Society.

The following cards were sent out: March '08 Annette McDonald - Sympathy card sent for the loss of her husband Richard. Lori Pearson - Get Well card sent for a recent surgery. April '08 Carol Papham - Get Well card sent for a recent surgery. Tom Sheley and Family - Sympathy card and flowers sent. Lewis Gibson Family - Sympathy card sent to the family on the loss of Lewis. May '08 Kay Baum - Get Well card sent for a recent fall leading to a broken shoulder

Since then, the last few months have been quiet as no one has reported anything to Debby, so please contact her if you know of someone needing a little sunshine!

OBEDIENCE (Bonnie Liermann): No report
CORRECTION CLINIC (Gloria Helmer): Inactive
WEBSITE (Jordan Thienel): No report.

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 1ST READING:

James Schultz Labrador Retriever (F)
Sponsored by Steve Lubner & Jerry Running

Mary Mehlin Golden & Labrador Retrievers (F,O,T)
Sponsored by June Ashford & Angela Chetcuti

Becky Noel Labrador Retriever (F,O)
Sponsored by June Ashford & Angela Chetcuti

Theresa Zeise Golden Retrievers (F,C,O)
Sponsored by June Ashford & Angela Chetcuti

Tim & Charity Zeigler Labrador Retrievers (F)
Sponsored by: Russ Patton & Suzanne Patton

Tina Baxter Chihuahua, Brittany, German Shepherd (A,O)
Sponsored by Valerie Gingler & Lucy Ciglar

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 2ND READING AND VOTE:

Stuart Wellnitz Labrador (F)
Sponsored by John Haydon & Jim Powers

Patric Corteen Labrador (F)
Sponsored by John Haydon & Jim Powers

Patrick Harrington Labrador (F)
Sponsored by June Ashford & Angela Chetcuti

Vicki Wetenkamp Boston Terrier/Bull dog mix (A,P)
Sponsored by Donna Dhein & Burl Cavanaugh

Welcome!

OLD BUSINESS: Denise Baumann asked that all trophies be in by the first week of September.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was carried to allow the Treasurer to pay the bills.

A letter of apology from a club member was read by June.

A member has voiced her concern that not emailing the newsletter to members may result in a lack of volunteers for upcoming events. Due to rising mail and printing costs, snail mail has been eliminated; so if you know of anyone who does not have access, please consider picking up a copy for them when you are next at the club.

A member has enquired about a float for the annual parade that is held the day before Thanksgiving. She would be willing to chair the event if the club wants to have a float this year; however, it can only happen if sufficient members volunteer to help. Another way to get in your volunteer hours! Please contact Debbie Cook if you are interested in being part of this fun event.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the MCKC will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2008 at the MCKC facility on Albert Drive.

Angela Chetcuti
MCKC Secretary

Bragg it up!!!

Please email any **braggs** that you have to me at izzyholsch@gmail.com! I will be sure to include them in the September edition of Tailwagger Times!

The Manitowoc County Kennel Club's Hunting Dog Expo is having its tenth anniversary this year. Be sure to mark Saturday, September 6 on your calendar and plan to attend this fun filled event. The Expo is a unique experience where the average hunting dog owner can come and play seven different sporting dog games in one locale. Featured in such publications as The Retriever Journal, Wisconsin Outdoor News, and Wisconsin Outdoor Journal, Hunting Dog Expo 2008 is open to all field breeds and their owners to prepare for the upcoming hunting season.

The Expo is held on some of the finest dog training grounds in the Midwest. Nestled up against the Manitowoc River near the rural community of Valders, WI and conveniently located between Milwaukee, Green Bay, and the Fox Valley (see the event's website <http://www.mc-kc.com/huntexpo.html> for information and a map) the facility has four technical ponds and several large fields to host the event. The grounds are west of Valders off of Highway 151 and Quarry road (turn north).

Wisconsin Outdoor Journal states the sporting dog games are "unpressured competition for (dog) owners who want it, but just as important the format is ideal for learning and preseason tune-up." The highlight of the day is the presentation of the David G. Meisner Memorial Trophy to the day's most successful gun dog. Dogs and their handlers participating in the variety of fun, simulated hunting scenarios and games, held throughout the day, will determine this.

Participants have numerous opportunities at raffle prizes, awards, and silent auction items thanks to the support and generosity of current and past supporters such as Mueller's Retriever Kennels, Sportdog Brand Products, Lese Farms "The Pheasant Ranch", totalretriever.com, The Sportsman's Warehouse, NutriSource Dog Food, The Pointing Dog Journal, Purina, The Retriever Journal, RFG Distributing – Unleashed Technology, and Tri-tronics.

The gates to the event open at 8:00 AM and the sporting dog games run from 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring their family, proper seasonal attire and rain gear, water for their dogs, a camera, and lawn chairs. Concessions will be available on the grounds.

Proceeds from the Expo are used to promote and preserve field breeds and sports on both a local and national level. MCKC's Expo has made past contributions to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame, National Amateur Retriever Club, Ducks Unlimited, the Bird Dog Foundation, Fox Valley Cluster, and Professional Retriever Trainers Association's Land Development Grant.

Pre-registration is not necessary for Expo activities. However, early bird packages are available at a discount and includes a chance for a \$100 gas card. For more information call (920) 960-3660. Be sure to visit www.mc-kc.com/huntexpo.html.