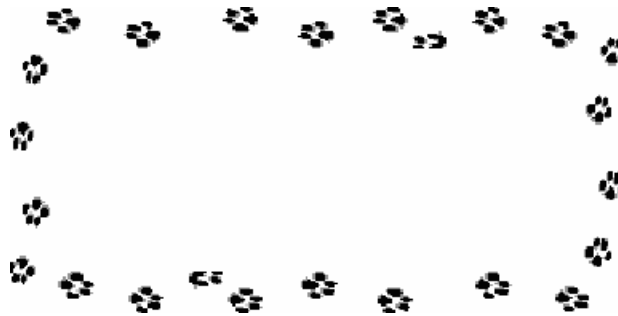




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January 2004

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. Lynn Ott will provide hospitality. (Mary Ann will do February, and March is the awards banquet. Check out our updated web site at <http://www.trdogtraining.com>.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting 12/8/03

The December meeting was our Christmas party at Tony Roma's. After good food and merry making, President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Also present were Steve Bandy, VerJean Smith, Kathe Carter, Chris Gilbreath, Mary Lutz, Cheryl and Kerry Brimmer, Kris and

Nathan Punke, Mary Ann Ralston, Karlene Ferrante, Phyllis Christensen, Cheryl Antin, Lynn Ott, John Henderegger, Bob and Jean Brzezinski, Linda and Jared Redfield, Heidi Spiegel, Annie and Luke Wood, Jenny Zawacki, Bob and Sue Roeske.

Kris Punke made a correction to the November minutes. The mall demo will take place at the Wausau Center Mall. Mary Ann moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Phyllis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

attached to this newsletter. If you need to register with UKC, go to the UKC web site.

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$4548.75 in checking and \$659.98 in savings. VerJean has paid the December rent and sent a donation to the Lincoln County Humane Society. She paid agility workers \$315.00, and still has more workers to pay. Mary Lutz moved to accept the report. Linda Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pay your dues!

If you want to vote at the January meeting, you must pay your 2004 dues first. You can give your check (\$15 single or \$20 family) to VerJean at the meeting, or you can mail it to:

VerJean Smith
1715 W. Porter St.
Wausau, WI 54401

Committee Reports

Jan. 10 Mall Demo. Kris reported that we'll be in the old Camelot record store, the same area as last year, entering from the same dock behind Penney's. We may or may not have use of center court, which has been flattened to make a children's play area. They require \$100.00 and verification of insurance. Kris has placed an announcement in the City Pages for the Mall Demo and training classes.

AKC Obedience Trial, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Chris reported that entries will be sent to Terese, but Kris Punke will do the secretarial work at the trial. The premium can be downloaded from the Camp Bandy website. We are all set for stewards, gift baskets, and food.

AKC Obedience Premium Available Online

Timber Ridge is offering its second ever AKC obedience trial 1/31 and 2/1, 2003. We do not have many entries so far. For a downloadable premium, go to:

<http://www.campbandy.com/events/premium013104..pdf>

Obedience/Agility Fun Match Jan. 17. Cherilyn Antin, chair of the fun match, made an impassioned plea for volunteers. She needs judges and stewards. If you can work, please contact Cherilyn at (715) 359-5139 or cherilyna@acsimail.net. She works from 10 p.m.—7 a.m., and she can't set up for the match, so she really needs our help. If Cherilyn gets the help she needs, she may coordinate another fun match in the future, so let's be supportive! These fun matches provide great, inexpensive, opportunities to proof, practice, and train our dogs.

The Fun Match entry form is attached to this newsletter and it is posted on our web site.

UKC Trials, March 27 (agility) and 28 (obedience). Terese was not present to report, but she has emailed the premium, which is

UKC Agility and Obedience Premium is Attached
Timber Ridge is offering UKC agility March 28 and obedience March 29. The premium is attached.

The entry form can be downloaded from:

<http://ukcdogs.com/dogevents/forms.shtml>

Training Classes. Kris Punke reported that obedience classes start Jan. 15. Kris will teach beginning obedience, and Phyllis will teach the puppy class. Agility classes will start Jan. 27. Beth will teach classes in intermediate and preparation for competition. Kris will assist with both classes.

Building Available for Training Tuesday Nights

There will be no classes in our building on Tuesday nights until January 20. The next classes will start on Tuesday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no classes on Thursday nights on January 1 and January 8. The next Thursday night class starts January 15.

Members are welcome to use the building to train on Tuesday and Thursday nights when classes are not in session. If you have any questions, call Kris Punke at (715) 539-1665 (home) or (715) 847-8271 (work).

Old Business

Expanded Building Times. The building is booked for some time on Mondays and Wednesdays, but we are still interested in adding some times on Mondays and Wednesdays, even if it means waiting for 3 months. Chris will talk to Chuck about this.

Nominating Committee. Mary Ann reviewed the slate of candidates:

President: Kris Punke

Vice President:

Secretary: Phyllis Christensen (Lorah Marquardt is willing to edit the newsletter for Phyllis.)

Treasurer: VerJean Smith

Board Member: Cheryl Brimmer

Board Member: Beth Knotts

Due to other commitments, Terese has regretfully withdrawn her name as candidate for Vice President. Laurie invited nominations from the floor. After some discussion, Annie Wood expressed a willingness to serve as Vice President, and the nomination was accepted by acclamation. Chris Gilbreath moved to close nominations. Cheryl Brimmer seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will vote on this slate of candidates at the January meeting. If Kris Punke is elected President, then we'll also need to fill her place on the current Board.

Possibilities for a New Club Logo. Kris Punke passed around some pages with possible logo designs from Sue Schultz, one of her obedience students. Members discussed the designs, but did

not select one yet. We will want to discuss this further in the future.

New Business

Run Throughs on Jan. 31. Chris Gilbreath asked if we want to offer run throughs the night before our AKC obedience trial at Camp Bandy. Last year Laurie did this on her own, but she is happy to have the club coordinate the run throughs this year. If we do it, we can add an announcement to the confirmation letter. We need somebody to coordinate volunteers. Cherilyn Antin volunteered to do this, since she is already coordinating the fun match on Jan. 17. We need somebody to collect money, as well as people to set up rings, stewards, and judges. We will have three rings for the trial, but only two rings for the run throughs. If you can work, please contact Cherilyn at (715) 359-5139 or cherilyna@acsimail.net. Cherilyn works from 10 p.m.—7 a.m., and she can't stay until the end of the run throughs, so she is counting on us to help!

Web Site Member Key

Timber Ridge members can access the members only part of our website by typing in "trmember" for the user name, and "a6il2y" for the password.

Question about Including Approximate Times in Confirmations.

Kris Punke asked if we can include approximate times for each class. Laurie explained that it's hard to predict when we'll be ready to start each class. If we publish a time for a class, we are not allowed to start that class before that time, even if the previous class finishes early and we are ready to go. Judges generally want to keep things moving, so it is not practical to publish starting times.

Problem with our A Frame. Kris pointed out that our A frame needs painting. Laurie volunteered to pick up the A frame and paint it before the UKC trial in March. Laurie will also lend us her set of four wheels for moving an A frame. If we like them, we will buy a set. The wheels make it possible for one person to move the A frame without help.

Mats Need Taping. Our mats are slipping around the floor, and it's easy to trip on them. After some discussion, members decided to have a "taping party" at the January meeting. Chris will ask Chuck if he can vacuum the floor before the meeting. Kris will bring lots of duct tape. It will be good to get the mats taped down before training classes start. Laurie says, "Bring your knee pads!"

Offer to Come in Person to Thank Us. Kris reported that the President of the Marathon County Humane Society has offered to come to a meeting to thank us in person for our donations and to answer questions about how the money is used. We haven't had time for programming at our meetings for some time now, although we have enjoyed having programming. We will taping the floor at the January meeting.

Camp Bandy dates for December. One of our Sunday practice times was changed because of the agility trial.

Business Cards. Phyllis asked if we might want to make some business cards to give out at the mall demo. It might also be useful to have a brochure to give out. After some discussion, members decided to wait until we select a logo, although there was some discussion of printing up some cards before the demo.

Name Change for our Club. Laurie reported that she has pursued the possibility of the club putting on a herding trial. Unfortunately, AKC rules forbid an AKC agility club from holding a herding trial. However, the rules do allow an AKC obedience club to hold both agility and herding trials. If we change the name of our AKC club to Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin, we will eventually get approval to hold a match, and then a trial. To do so, we need to publish our intent in two newsletters (January and February), and then we can vote on the change at the February meeting. Then we can hold a sanctioned match some time in 2004 and a trial in 2005. Kathe moved to change our club's AKC name to "Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin." Mary Ann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2003 Awards. Cheryl reminded us that it's time to call for applications for 2003 awards. The Award Application is attached to this newsletter, and it will be available on our web site.

Hospitality. Laurie asked for volunteers to provide hospitality for upcoming meetings. Lynn Ott volunteered to provide hospitality for the January meeting. May Ann will take care of February. Our March meeting will be an awards event.

Kathe Carter thanked the club for paying for part of our Christmas party dinner, and others cheered in agreement.

Heather moved to adjourn. Annie Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante
Secretary

There was no Board Meeting.

Our condolences to Bob Brzezinski on the loss of your wonderful Golden Retriever, Cody. We know Cody was a good obedience dog and a great companion for you, Bob!

From Your Secretary/Newsletter Editor

After completing my fourth term as secretary and editor of the newsletter, I have decided to step aside. I remember when Mary Minch asked me, in 1999, if I would take on this job, and I said yes, Mary looked genuinely surprised! If you have ever served as secretary and edited a newsletter, you know how many hours it takes every month. It is a lot of work, but it feels so good to provide a useful, dependable service to the club. I want to thank Laurie Bandy for this attractive and practical newsletter design. I must also thank Laurie—and Terese Barta who served as president for two years—for taking the time (usually at an inconvenient time) to proofread the newsletter every month, saving me from many mistakes. I thank Phyllis Christensen for posting the newsletter and for helping with the mailings this fall. I would also like to thank all of you who have contributed stories, brags, announcements, and other items. This has been a great learning experience for me. Thank you all! Now that I won't be taking minutes at the meetings, Sasha won't have to roll his crate to get my attention! ☺

***Brag * Brags * Brags* Brags ***

Hi Karlene: As I promised I am reporting on Tory's debut in agility this weekend. On Sat. he qualified twice with firsts both times, since there were only 2 other dogs in his class. His time in standard was 40.88 with SCT of 66(25 secs. under time). In jumpers he did 24.97 on an SCT of 40(15 under). Sunday was not quite as good though his first run was faster than Sat. with a time of 39.12 on SCT of 68(28 secs. under). The jumpers on Sun. was not so good since he had a refusal and a repeat of the poles so he did only 39.16 on a course time of 42. But he did do 4 for 4 and didn't whine much in his crate so we are very happy. His Sunday Q's were both firsts as well. Clay.

Moab qualified in Novice A Standard with 2nd place at the Belgian Sheepdog Club Agility Trial. She did not qualify in Jumpers & Weavers but had a nice run but for the bar she hit. What a hoot! This stuff is just plain fun! Sue Roeske

Hi Karlene, Cali and I had a wonderful weekend with our 1st qualifying score in Exc B JWW. I'm so thrilled with this as we've been having trouble with time in Jumpers. I'm also pleased that Cali is doing better with finding weave pole entrances, esp. when it's a tougher entry. We learn so much from each trial that we do and most important we have fun. Hope you have a good week and thanks again for the support and encouragement you always give us. Kathy Puerner

From Mary Ann Ralston: At the BSCA trial on Dec. 6th at Camp Bandy, Scotty gave his Mommy an early Christmas present by taking first place in Excellent A Standard 24" to finish his AX title! So he is now Ch. Aftershock Foxfyre Plaid Lad AX OAJ. Many thanks to all who cheered us on!

Elvis Knotts AX AXJ got his 3rd MX leg with a 3rd place finish on Sunday at the BSCA agility trial. Secondary brag - both Elvis and Rix hit all their contacts at the trial!!!!!!

Micky Smith's Irish Setter, Truman, qualified on Saturday, December 6, at Camp Bandy with a second place finish, to complete his title in Open Jumpers Preferred .

From Lorah Marquardt: At the BSCA trial Dec 6 & 7 Henry and I picked up Double Q number 11 and added 43 points for a total of 565 MACH points. We were 3 for 4 with a second (behind Misha), a third (behind Ariba and Misha) and a fourth (behind Misha, Ariba, and Ashley Jurgella's Bear). Since Cindy's dogs are really in their own league, I like to think of that as two firsts and a second, now if I could only convince the AKC to give me the multipliers!

Hi-You had asked that we mail you our brags. Don't know if it's too late or not-but here's ours for Mason and Heidi. We moved Mason to the preferred class to see if it would speed him up, so he started back in Novice Preferred. He seems to like Novice Preferred and had some of his fastest runs ever. At the CB Dec 6-7 trial he qualified in both standard runs and 1 jumpers run with 1st placements. Heidi Spiegel

From Kathy Schuh: We were at Hounds for the Holiday the past 4 days in Milwaukee-Dec. 11 thru the 14th. Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Trav'l-Border Terrier (Gunner) had double Q's on both Thur. & Fri. and on Sun., he qualified in Exc. Std. and missed qualifying in JWW by being 2 seconds over time. He had a very good 4 days.

On Friday Kobold Blue Suede Schuh's (border terrier-Brodie) finished his Open Std.title with a 1st place finish. Now he can move up to Exc. & be with the big boys!!

VerJean's Clancy earned his second leg in Novice Standard (agility), with a first place finish at Camp Bandy.

Karlene's Sasha (Chelestina's Cinnabar CD, MX, MXJ) qualified in Excellent B Standard at Camp Bandy on Dec. 6, with a second place finish, for 15 MACH points. On Dec. 7, he qualified in Excellent B Jumpers, with a fourth place finish. Now the challenge is get those Qs on the same day! Based on MACH points, Sasha is ranked #12 on the AKC all time list of Top Dogs in Agility for Samoyeds. Based on Double Qs, he is ranked #10.

Bandy Family Brag #1: Rachel Bandy and Weimaraner, Athena, on their third time out in Preferred Novice Standard, placed second with a score of 100 at the Camp Bandy trial.

Bandy Family Brag #2: Laurie and Steve are expecting a baby in May!

Congratulations to all!

Timber Ridge Building dates for January

Second Monday after 12:00: January 12

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: January 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays after 12:00: January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturdays all day: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Timber Ridge Building dates for February

Second Monday after 12:00: February 9

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: February 3, 10, 17, 24

Thursdays after 12:00: February 5, 12, 19, 26

Saturdays all day: February 7, 14, 21, 28

Timber Ridge Building dates for March

Second Monday after 12:00: March 8

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursdays after 12:00: March 4, 11, 18, 25

Saturdays all day: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Our Time at Camp Bandy

January 4 9:30-11:30 a.m.

January 18 9:30-11:30 a.m.

February 1 9:30-11:30 a.m.

February 15 9:30-11:30 a.m.

March 7 9:30-11:30 a.m.

March 21 9:30-11:30 a.m.

*****Announcements*****

Obedience Seminar at Camp Bandy

On March 6 and 7, Patty Ruzzo, a top obedience competitor, will offer an obedience seminar at Camp Bandy. The cost is \$140 to participate or \$75 to audit. For more information, email laurie@campbandy.com or heather@campbandy.com.

If you have training stories, announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please send them to Karlene Ferrante at 1324 Portage St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email to kferrante@uwsp.edu.