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Harmony Notes



Message from the President

Next Meeting

Sunday,

April 21, 2002

1/2 hour after ring
time, ringside

CSPCA Regional
Specialty Hosted
by the HBCSPC

Mason County

Fairgrounds,

Shelton, WA

Hey – did you get your premium list yet? If you haven't, you need to get in touch with Steve or Kim right away! Those entries close on April 3rd. Can you believe how close we've gotten to the "BIG" weekend? In just a few short weeks, we will have wrapped up our first specialty shows! A whole lotta work has gone into making sure that these shows are as flawless as possible – and, at the same time, a credit to Harmony Bay, as their host.

I want to thank Steve & Kim's show committee for doing an outstanding job – and I want to thank everyone that has donated to the trophy fund! Every single trophy has been sponsored...which is pretty amazing, since it's our first foray into hosting a

show! We have trophy sponsors from as far away as England, Tennessee, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas.....and, of course, all over the Pacific Northwest.

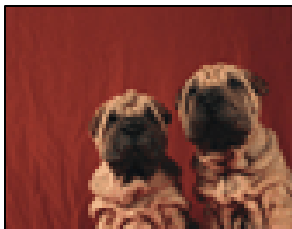
We'll be following a typical "Northwest Flavor" theme for the show décor – Saturday will be "April Showers" (now – I'm pretty sure our weather will probably accommodate THAT feature, just fine and dandy...thank goodness for an indoor show!). And Sunday will segue into "May Flowers." Great continuity – and a great set of ideas from the Decorations Chair, Dee Dee Wells.

Make sure you attend the Harmony Bay Shar-Pei Showcase on Saturday evening, because Gina has an extraor-

dinary menu planned for us all – and she's already put Donna and Lorraine to work. Mmmmm, no pressure, of course, but there will be a lot of hungry tummies to fill!

And, on a personal note, to one of best and dearest friends – THANK GOD you've come to your senses. THANK GOD she waited FOUR YEARS (because I don't know of anyone else that would have waited that long for you!!) – and THANK GOD it didn't buy you a couple of more years!! Can't wait for those wedding bells to ring...and ring...and ring. I wish you both the best, and I wish you both a long and fruitful life together.

Cyndi =-)



Memorial Wall at Nationals

This year's Nationals will again feature a Memorial Wall. Last year, 33 very beloved life companions were displayed at Nationals, and it was wonderful to see.

You are invited to share your beloved Shar-Pei with everyone this year at Nationals. If you have lost one of your dogs

since last year, or at any time in the past, you may share their memorial at the show.

An application form is available at the CSPCA Web site (www.cspca.com). Simply fill out the application, attach a photo of your companion (5" x 7" preferred), and include a brief paragraph,

a story, a tribute, a poem, or whatever you want to say about your friend. Send the memorial to the address on the form. A \$25 donation is suggested to the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust or to CSPCA Rescue Funds.

This is a great way to remember your Shar-Pei!



Minutes from the Last Meeting, 3-10-02

Place: Country Cousins Restaurant, Centralia

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Present: Cyndi Skinner, David Lewy; Gina Michaelson; Donna Michaelson; Dee Dee Wells; Tony Carter, Maury Sachsenmaier, Monica Whitney, Deb Lewy, Suzanne Ellingson, Terri Jones, Devis Lewy, Carmen Ruby

Cyndi called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Cyndi asked if everyone had read the minutes in the last month's newsletter. Everyone had. Dee Dee motioned to accept the minutes as published. David seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

President's Report

No president's report.

Secretary's Report

Deb read a letter from Deb Cooper and the CSPCA regarding donating a basket to Nationals in support of Rescue. Members decided to bring items from the Pacific NW to the Specialty show next month; Cyndi will collect items and deliver them to Nationals in May.

Treasurer's Report.

Deb reported on the monies in our treasury.

Old Business

Trophies for Shows. Cyndi reported that trophies will be purchased next week. Every trophy has been paid for except one. All trophies have sponsors. Cyndi needs to connect with Tony on the Breed trophy.

Cyndi thanked everyone for

sponsoring every trophy for both days.

Premium Lists: Cyndi printed 125 premium lists and has only 8 left. They have been requested from many people across the nation!

RV Spaces: Maury reported that he has not yet received any RV reservations. These will come in at the last minute, if we receive any for the specialty show.

Standards: Deb reported that we will have a banner instead of standards for the ring. The banner will include all placements and our logo.

Ring Rope: Tony will look into how much rope he has.

Showcase Judges: Two of 3 judges have been hired for the showcase (Nancy Byrd, David Krogh). We need a third judge, the breeder judge. Members suggested the following names: Sally Slankard, Lynette Richardson, Vicky Teshera, Ron Sayer, Lee Ann Clarke, Glenda Fitzgibbons, Linda Smith, Gayle Wigylus, Jan Dahlin, Scott Smith, Terri Jones.

Raffle: Donna and Lorraine are receiving items from the raffle. People can bring the items to the show or give them to Donna or Lorraine.

Hospitality. Gina said they will have pasta, with red and

white sauces. Cyndi has access to a large coffee maker which she will bring for the evening festivities.

Cleanup: Carmen works with 2 4H groups, she will ask them for volunteers on cleanup/pooper-scoopers. If we get kids to do this, we will honor them in the ring.

National Anthem: Carmen is looking into getting someone to sing. If this is not possible, Gina will provide a CD.

Ad for Club: Deb passed around the club ad congratulating Shea/Gibson for the AOM at Westminster. It will appear in the Barker for the May/June issue (the Westminster issue).

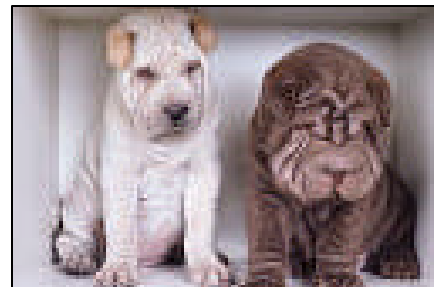
Show Committee Meetings: We will need two more meetings before the actual shows. The next meeting will be on the last Sunday in March.

New Business

Elections: We will be nominating members for 3 positions this year: 1 board member for a 2-year term (new board member), 1 board member for a 1-year term (Donna's position), and 1 treasurer for a 2-year term. We are finally splitting the treasurer/secretary position into two positions to relieve Deb of both responsibilities.

"Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out, and your dog would go in."

Mark Twain



Minutes, continued

The nominating committee shall consist of 3 members: David Lewy, Todd Skinner, and Carmen Ruby. They will need to meet by April 30 to present their nominations.

Voting for Judges: A discussion was held on how the club picks judges for shows. Our process for the April shows involved Cyndi printing out a list of eligible judges for Washington and Oregon (Non-Sporting/Shar-Pei) from the AKC Web site and turning all names over to the show chair, Steve Best. Steve then went down the list and called judges in turn. The Board and club members found out the judging slate after the calls were made and assignments were accepted.

To refine the process, we will be choosing our judging slate for the September show at our June meeting. Judges will be from the Gig Harbor KC slate (we may choose our own Sweeps judge). All members present will have input. We will have an established process—probably drawing names from a hat—at that meeting. The process will be published in the newsletter.

Carmen motions to adjourn and Dee Dee seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:05.

There was no brag jar for the meeting.

About C.E.R.F.

What is C.E.R.F.?

The Canine Eye Registration Foundation (C.E.R.F.) is an organization that was founded by a group of concerned, purebred owners/breeders who recognized that the quality of their dogs' lives were being affected by heritable eye disease. C.E.R.F. was then established in conjunction with cooperating board-certified veterinary ophthalmologists, as a means to accomplish the goal of elimination of heritable eye disease in all purebred dogs by forming a centralized national registry.

The C.E.R.F. Registry not only registers those dogs who are certified free of heritable eye disease by members of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (A.C.V.O.) but also collects data on all dogs examined by A.C.V.O. Diplomates. This data is used to form the C.E.R.F. database, which is useful in researching trends in eye disease and breed susceptibility.

How Does C.E.R.F. Work?

After the painless examination of the dog's eyes, the A.C.V.O. Diplomate will complete the C.E.R.F. form and indicate any specific disease(s) found. Breeding advice will be offered based on guidelines established for that particular breed by the genetics committee of the A.C.V.O.

If the dog is certified to be free of heritable eye disease, you can then send in the completed owner's copy of the C.E.R.F. form with the appro-

priate fee. C.E.R.F. has adopted a policy effective January 1, 2001 that a permanent identification in the form of microchip, tattoo, or DNA profile will be needed for any dog to be registered with C.E.R.F. The certification is good for 12 months from the date of the exam and afterwards the dog must be reexamined and recertified to maintain its registration.

Why C.E.R.F.?

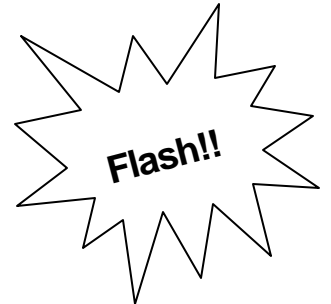
C.E.R.F. provides a registry of purebred dogs that have been certified free of heritable eye disease. Various members include newsletters and research reports that keep you up-to-date on various topics in canine ophthalmology. In addition, having your dog certified can gain you access to any published materials on eye disease so you can better understand your dog's eye condition.

For more information on C.E.R.F. and Chinese Shar-Pei, contact the Chinese Shar-Pei C.E.R.F. Representative:

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Member Wags 'n Brags & Info!



March 9, 2002, Timberland KC, Centralia
W/BW: FlyingColors Lovely Sophia, Terri Jones and Doris Harwood
OS: Toko's P Winter Rose Of IR, Maury
BOB: Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart, Tony

March 10, 2002, Timberland KC
WD: Toko's Special Edition, Tony
RWD: Rumples Just Lock 'N Load, Cyndi
RWB: Hollywood's Puttin' On The Ritz, Monica
OS: Toko's P Winter Rose Of IR, Tony
BOB/G4: Toko's Ruger JR Of Boawnchein
Open Senior: Savanna Skinner

Steve Heads to Viet Nam!

On March 14, Steve Best headed to Viet Nam to adopt a baby boy. He will stay there about 40 days while the paperwork is being processed, then head back home with Ewan G. Best. His and Alan's son was born November 11, 2001. We are waiting in anticipation of this special boy!

Thanks to Dee Dee Wells for sponsoring this month's newsletter! Margem Hills Shar-Pei, 22221 SW Antioch Downs Ct, Tualatin, OR 97062 (503) 638-5051—
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March 16, 2002, Chintimini KC, Albany, OR
WD/BOW: Toko's Special Edition, Tony Carter
RWD: Rumples Just Lock 'N Load, Cyndi
WB: Stoney's Lil Legend, Bonnie Stoney
OS: CH. Toko's Ruger JR of Boawnchein, Tony
BOB/G4: CH. Toko's P Winter Rose of IR, Maury

March 17, 2002, Chintimini KC, Albany, OR
WB/BOW: Rumples Just A Breeze, Cyndi Skinner
RWB: Stoney's Lil Legend, Bonnie
OS: CH. Margem's Toffee Crunch, Dee Dee Wells
BOB: CH. Rumples The Brave Just Do It, Cyndi



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We'll make sure and thank you IN PRINT for your generous contribution!