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Harmony Notes



Message from the President

Next Meeting

BARBECUE!

Saturday,

July 13, 2002

6:00 p.m.

Brush Prairie Dog Show

At the HBCSPC Site

Bring a dish to share

Meat provided

Have you ever awakened one morning and just said, "WOW!!!" - where did my time go? That's what happened to me recently...one of life's innocuous little tricks!

One morning I woke up—and my son was graduating from high school. But, how could that be? I'm still only 25 years old—I couldn't POSSIBLY have a child old enough to graduate from HIGH SCHOOL! Only yesterday, he was playing full-back in the Pee Wee Football League...and now he has his own business and he's engaged to be married...

Last summer, I looked out my back door and realized the old dog running around my back yard was Encore—and yet, just a few short weeks ago, his DAUGHTER took

the Best Veteran award at the regional show...and now he is gone. How can that be? It seems only yesterday that both of them were winning in the group ring...

This morning, my daughter announced that she only had to wait three more weeks to get her drivers license...but that can't be!! Savanna is only ten years old—and I'll be darned if I'm letting a ten year old behind the wheel of MY van.....

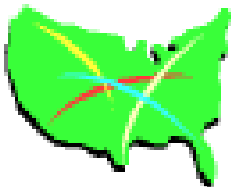
I just wanted to remind you that time passes by so quickly, that we often forget to "stop and smell the roses" (or the sweet smell of a baby after a bath...the wonderful smell of puppy breath!) - don't forget the "small" things in life...often they

become the treasures we wish we still had.

Fondly,
Cyndi =-)



**No Way! Nuh-uh...
Nope...Ain't happenin'!**



Going to the Dogs...

Could there be dog parks or dog beaches near you that you don't even know about? Maybe you're traveling and you'd like to know if there are any dog parks close to your destination? Maybe you've moved to a new city? Whatever your reason, **The Dog Park** Web site offers a comprehensive, state-

by-state, city-by-city guide to dog parks, their locations, their hours and facilities. Whether you're on the road or just want to find places close to you, this Web site can help!

A simple search tool—where you select the city and/or state you wish to find

out about—provides listing of dog parks, their amenities, and their hours.

Don't want to type? Just click on the map to find parks near you!

Visit:
<http://www.thedogpark.com/html/parksearch.html>



Minutes from the Last Meeting, 6-15-02

Meeting held at: IHOP, Lacey, WA at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance: Cyndi Skinner, Gina Michaelson, Deb Lewy, Donna Michaelson, David Lewy, Steve Best, Ewan Best, Savanna Skinner, Todd Skinner, Linda Graling, Don Graling, Devis Lewy
The meeting was called to order by Cyndi at 8:05.

Minutes

Because not all members had received the last month's newsletter, Deb read the minutes of the general meeting in May. Steve motioned to accept the minutes as published/read; Linda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report

Cyndi passed around her annual president's report. Deb motioned to accept the report as published. David seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report.

Deb indicated that the club had received an invitation from Costco to get a club card. We decided not to do this since many members have cards anyway. Deb read a thank-you card from Marge Calltharp about the April show.

Treasurer's Report

Deb reported that we received payment for one of our NSF checks. Kim is working on getting payment on the other. Deb passed around the annual treasurer's report. Todd motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Don seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports from Committees

Public Education (Dee Dee Wells) No report.

Breeder Referral (Steve): He has received some calls

this year and has referred people on to various breeders.

Legislative Liaison

(Donna): No action this year.

By-Laws (Todd). By-laws were approved and are in effect.

Code of Ethics/ Membership (Kim): All new members receive the code of ethics that the club approved as well as a membership handbook.

Show/Match (Kim/Steve): (Report given by Cyndi): All our shows made money. We made close to \$1,000 on our shows this year. We are working on the September show. Cyndi has purchased all the trophies.

Historian (Deb): Deb has a record of all minutes, ads, and club information that she continues to update. This information is available for any member to see.

Rescue (Maury): Maury has his kennel facility completed and ready for rescue dogs.

Budget & Finance (Cyndi): We exceed our budgeting goals for the year!

Insurance (Kim): Our Safeco insurance is in effect.

Membership (Donna): No report.

Non-Profit (Deb): We are waiting until after we get AKC licensing to pursue non-profit status.

CSPCA/AKC Liaison (Cyndi). We became the fastest Shar-Pei club to become affiliated with the CSPCA and our affiliation handbook is now standard for all new clubs wishing to become affiliated with CSPCA. We have helped two other clubs in their pursuit of affiliation. We are asking AKC to accelerate our licensing status to A

status when we get licensed.

Newsletter (Deb): We have sponsors for the newsletter and got best runner-up newsletter at Nationals.

Web Site (Cyndi): Cyndi is working on the Web site for the club. A skeleton, "under construction" Web site is at www.harmonybayclub.com

Old Business

Elections. Deb passed out ballots. Balloting was done in secret. Todd, Don, and Steve counted the ballots and announced the results:
New Treasurer: Linda Graling
Board Member #2: Donna Michaelson
Board Member #3: Dee Dee Wells

Reading of Membership Application. Deb read Danielle Mattern's membership application for a second reading. She was voted in as a member of the club. Deb will send her a welcome letter and membership handbook.

September Show. Our judges are up on the AKC Web site. They are Karen Kleinhans (conformation), Chuck Murray (Juniors), and Rick Baggenstos (Sweeps). Cyndi is still awaiting news on whether Pedigree will sponsor our show. We are sponsoring Breed, OS, WB, &WD for the Gig Harbor shows (two days).

Cyndi has purchased the trophies; they are beach and picnic items. Cyndi will use the same company for rosettes & ribbons as the April shows.

New Business

Membership Renewals. Deb sent out renewals with the last newsletter. They are due by July 1.

2004 Nationals. Cyndi sub-

"A dog is the only thing on this earth that loves you more than you love yourself."

Josh Billings

Minutes, continued

mitted the bid to Joanne Leisner. The one bid was for the Portland Holiday Inn at the airport. Cyndi discussed the hotel and passed around a ballroom layout.

HBCSPC By-Laws. Our by-laws need revamping to accommodate the extra board member, new treasurer position, and other items. Todd is head of the by-laws committee. He and David Lewy will work on the revisions to present to the board and to the club.

Fun Match. We need to plan another fun match. We may want to wait until after we hear from AKC. We could have it at Tumwater Falls Park. We tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

Trophy Sponsorships/Sept. Show. Cyndi read off the list of what trophies still need to be sponsored for our September show.

Membership We have had interest from three new families to join the club. Cyndi sent them applications.

Linda moved and Steve seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Brag jar: \$7.00 (Cyndi, Deb)



In the News

WASHINGTON - Pend Oreille County Commissioners are considering a nuisance law that would allow animal control authorities to issue citations to those who allow their dogs to run free and disturb neighbors. Fines for a first offense begin at \$50 and increase with subsequent violations. County officials claim they have little money for enforcement, which is the reason why a stronger proposal, which included differential licensing and kennel license provisions, failed last year.



WASHINGTON - Kudos to Pierce County fanciers, who turned out in large numbers to express their opposition to proposed increases in license fees for commercial kennels, hobby kennels and foster shelters at a May 7th hearing. With support from the Canine Legislation department, dog owners convinced the County Council that forcing small kennel operators to bear such a financial burden would do nothing to solve the area's animal control problems. As a result, the council voted to send the measure back to committee for further revisions. Fanciers hope to have input on the changes and have already suggested that public programs be initiated to encourage responsible pet ownership. For more information, contact Harry Hicks of the Scottish Terrier Club of America (hisum@juno.com).

It's A Fact

We have 12,000 years of shared lives between dogs and humans.

There are 53 million dogs in the United States.

There are 4.5 million dog bites in this country per year, resulting in 800,000 medical visits in this country per year, including 335,000 emergency room visits.

160,000 children under the age of 12 are bitten per year.

Dog-related attacks result in 15 to 20 fatalities per year.

Dog bites create \$164.9 million in total direct medical care costs.

\$1 billion annually is paid by insurance companies for dog-bite related injuries.

People who are more than 70 years old comprise about 10 percent of dog bite statistics, but 20 percent of fatalities.

From "A Community Approach to Dog Bite Prevention," by Robert C. Gloster, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.



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Wags, Brags, & Info

Thanks to Todd, Cyndi, and Savanna Skinner for sponsoring this month's newsletter!

**Tacoma Kennel Club, June 8,
Puyallup, WA**

RWB: Toko's Kami Affair to Remember, Tony Carter

RWD: Toko's Rough Rider, David and Deb Lewy

WB/OS: Hollywood's Puttin' On The Ritz—Monica Whitney

BOB: CH. Toko's Ruger JR of Boawnchein, Tony and Juls Carter

**Puyallup Valley KC, June 9
Puyallup, WA**

RWB: Toko's Kami Affair to Remember, Tony Carter

WD/BW/OS: Hollywood's Puttin' On The Ritz, Monica Whitney

BOB: CH. Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart, Tony Carter

Upcoming Shows

June 22 & 23

Clackamas KC, Canby, OR

June 29 & 30

Bell Vernon, Mt. Vernon, WA

July 11 & 12

Greater Portland Chinese Shar-Pei Club Specialties, Brush Prairie, WA

July 13

Portland KC, Brush Prairie, WA

July 14

Greater Clark Country KC, Brush Prairie, WA