



# Harmony Bay Notes

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## Join the Club!

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HBCSPC will be on

Thursday

March 13, 2003

8:00 P.M.

ONLINE MEETING

AOL INSTANT

MESSENGER

Wrap-up of shows!

Be there!

Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club has been in existence almost two years! Hard to believe, but we have surely accomplished a lot.

You can help HBCSPC continue to shine. There are many opportunities available—and some of them do not require much time at all!

**First, come to the meetings!** We have opted to have several online meetings this year. All you need is the FREE AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), a login name, and you're there! Contact Kim Howick ([kimhowick@aol.com](mailto:kimhowick@aol.com)) for information on how to download AIM.

**Second, participate!** We have lots of activities where the club needs support, and several positions that can be filled with little time and effort. Can you be a breeder referral person? Volunteer to be a rescue chairperson? Help work on the by-laws? We need people who can contribute to our success!

**Third, communicate.** The only way a club functions well is to make sure everyone is talking to each other! For example, Deb Lewy would love to make sure she lists your wins and brags in each newsletter. But she does not get them all—it involves searching all the recent shows in this area.

If you want to share, email her! Photos, brags, wins—all are accepted.

**Fourth, run for office!** Not all positions require that you dedicate your life to the club! Try being in a board position first...help shape the club and bring your ideas. We want to listen and learn, and improve.

**Finally, promote the club!** We are always looking for new members, people who can join the HBCSPC community. Give club applications to puppy buyers, or better yet, pay for them to join the first year.

*Please help us make this next year the best one yet!*

*No President's Letter was received this month.—Editor*



## Looking for Puppy & Dog Photos!

The new *Harmony Bay Notes* Web site ([www.hbnotes.com](http://www.hbnotes.com)) is in need of your help!

I have some very temporary photos up of "professionally photographed" dogs—except for two. What I'd like to do is feature some of our

members' dogs—informal and formal poses!

Photos can be mailed to me or emailed to me. I would prefer photos of dogs only, no people, and no show photos. We'll be featuring show photos in *Harmony Notes*!

Do you think you can help out? If so, let me know! I can add more photos to the site, change photos monthly, and put photos in the newsletter.

Share the cuteness! Email me today at [Deb.Lewy@verizon.net](mailto:Deb.Lewy@verizon.net)

## Notes from the Last Meeting 2/01/03

*One reason the dog has so many friends: He wags his tail instead of his tongue.*

—Unknown

**Meeting held at:** Seattle Exhibition Center

**In Attendance:**

Cyndi Skinner, Tony Carter, Kim Howick, Tim Howick, Aprillia Howick, Linda Graling, Gina Michaelson, Donna Michaelson, Dee Dee Wells, Savanna Skinner, and Terri Jones.

Meeting Called to order at 11:05 am

**Old Business:**

Minutes: Accepted as published in the January 2003 newsletter (secretary not present to read to general membership).

Treasury Report: Read by Linda Graling, accepted by general membership.

**New Business:**

The board voted during an online meeting to donate \$50.00 to NASPAR in order to assist the dogs rescued in Louisiana.

Trophies: Cyndi is still collecting Trophy Donations for the March specialty, and many trophies remain to be sponsored. Trophies are almost complete, and the shadow boxes are almost done. The sundials have been set aside for the specialty show. Deb Lewy is supposed to bring all the unfinished perpetual trophies to Cyndi to be finished.

Kim Howick and Cyndi Skinner will be attending the next Timberland Valley Kennel Club meeting in order to scope out the kitchen arrangements for our specialty there in March. Kim will contact Steve about this meeting. The

menu for the specialty now firmly consists of roast beef, and will be served with rice or pasta. There will also be a salad, all prepared by Don Graling. We are planning for 50 people.

Steve Best has been placed in charge of hotel arrangements, and will be picking up one of the judges.

Ring Location will remain in a heated building throughout the show weekend.

Showcase: Kim Howick, and Cyndi Skinner will be in charge of scoring, however, Cyndi still needs another volunteer for the job. Kim will check with Deb Lewy to see if she is interested, and Gina Michaelson will check if she can get the time off of work to be able to assist if Deb cannot.

Dee Dee will be doing decorations for the showcase.

Savanna Skinner and Donna Michaelson will be in charge of the raffle.

Ads for the upcoming show catalog have to be gotten to Deb Lewy by February 19<sup>th</sup>, as stated in the newsletter.

Checking Fees: Deb Lewy is still checking into the checking fee the bank is now charging us?

Mike Liosis has been sent a letter from the club, but we've received no response as of yet.

Online meetings: The last general membership meeting held online was very successful in that many people were able to attend, however, some were not able to get into the chat room. A solu-

tion to this one problem is to hold meetings through AOL instant Messenger, which is a free download and more reliable. Half of our meetings could potentially be online.

Harmony Bay Web Site: The website was passed around in hard copy form by Cyndi Skinner. The web page is still missing pages due from Deb Lewy. Yahoo's policy change has resulted in a \$5.00 a month charge for our domain now, which Cyndi has volunteered to donate.

PO Box Key: We have received an additional key, so now those who need them have them.

Online Newsletters: The new online newsletters will include fancier information such as health information, breed history and other such articles. The traditional mail newsletters will be mailed quarterly and will be on legal sized paper. Those without internet access will still get a monthly mailed newsletter. We will be submitting our newsletter to the newsletter competition. We will be submitting our September show newsletter, and the front page of the online newsletter. We must send these to the President of the President's Alliance and the judging committee, and we will also be submitting them to the CSPCA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

*Minutes by Gina Michaelson*



## Finding Winnie, by Maury Sachsenmaier

Just before Christmas, 2002, I had three of my dogs out in front of my house: Bear, Winne, and Ki. I was burning some wood about 11:00 at night.

I turned around, and all three dogs had taken off, which is unusual as they stick around me like glue.

When I started calling them, they didn't come. I called for about a half hour outside, then got in my car and started looking around for another half hour. Extremely stressed, I went back to my house and started to make LOST DOGS flyers to put up in the morning.

About ten minutes later, Bear came back. About ten minutes after that, Ki came back. Still no Winnie!

I brought both dogs inside and was petting Ki, when I noticed blood on my hand. I looked at Ki's face, he had what looked like claw marks on his face

The next morning, I went and talked to one of my neighbors, who told me there was a cougar in the area, and they lost their

dog to it just recently. This did not give me much hope.

I called the Department of Wildlife and Game. An agent quickly came out to the house and looked at Ki's face—he said it was definitely a cougar. At that time, he said the chances of Winnie being alive were very very slim. I truly believed my champion girl, who had just given birth to a litter in July, was gone.

I was in a sheer panic, and I looked for her in the woods all the next day. Needless to say, this was not the highlight of my Christmas season.

Two days after Winnie ran off, a couple of guys in my neighborhood called and said they had seen Winnie. These men joined me and we started looking for Winnie where she had last been seen. We got back in my truck and went up a dirt road. We did not see her.

As we were driving back, one of the guys said, "There she is, right there!" I got out of the truck, walked around—I was so excited that she was alive! I called her name, and she looked at me like she thought she knew who I was, but when I started walking toward her, she turned and ran.

I chased her, and she outran me. I called my vet, and got a tranquilizer gun and live animal traps. We were on the way to the vets and we stopped at a farmer's house to ask about putting the traps in his yard. We saw a vehicle on the side of the road. On the way back out, the car was at the opposite side of the road.

We went over to where the car was, and looked up the street and saw Winnie walking up the side of the road. A mini-van was pushing her along and several people were trying to catch her. I pulled Ki out of the truck and walked him toward her. She came over to sniff him. I grabbed her, and in her fear, she turned to bite me. But when she smelled me, her tail started wagging and she licked my face forever. She knew she was home.

Winnie went on to win big after being "found," capping off this adventure with a BOB/G4 at the Sammamish Kennel Club show in January, and getting an Award of Merit at the Westminster Kennel Club show in February!



*Congratulations to Maury Sachsenmaier and Tony Carter, who co-own CH Toko's P Winter Rose Of IR, "Winnie," shown at right. Winnie took an Award of Merit at Westminster and at the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in December.*



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## Member Wags 'n Brags



**Mohawk Valley KC, January 31, 2003**  
BOS: CH Trialfast Stagnat Blackpearls,  
Dawn Stefanski, Sylvia Truitt

**Glens Falls KC, February 1, 2003**  
WB: Trialfast's Locomotion, Dawn Stefanski  
BOS: CH Trialfast Stagnat Backpearls,  
Dawn Stefanski, Sylvia Truitt

**Seattle Dog Show, Feb. 1, 2003**  
BW/Best BBX, BBX G1: Toko's Something Totalkabout, T. Carter, M. Sachsenmaier  
BOS: CH. Toko's P Winter Rose Of IR,  
Tony Carter, Maury Sachsenmaier  
BOB: CH. Toko's Ruger JR OF  
Boawnchein, Tony & Juls Carter

**Belated Congratulations** to Tony and Juls Carter. Ruger received an AOM at the 2002 Invitational in Florida!!

**Seattle Dog Show, Feb 2, 2003**

RWB: Toko's Something Totalkabout, T. Carter, M. Sachsenmaier  
WB/BW: Ming Yu Aiming For Pearls Kasu,  
Linda Teitelbaum, Cyndi Skinner  
BOS: CH. Rumples The Brave Just Do It,  
Cyndi Skinner  
BOB: CH. Toko's P Winter Rose Of IR, Tony Carter & Maury Sachsenmaier

**Linn County KC, Albany, Feb. 8, 2003**

WB: Ming Yu Aiming For Pearls Kasu, Linda Teitelbaum, Cyndi Skinner  
BOS: CH Rumples Just Room To Rhumba,  
Cyndi Skinner  
BOB: CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It,  
Cyndi Skinner

**Linn County KC, Albany, Feb 9, 2003**

RWD: Margem's Crunche Golden Edge, D. Wells  
RWB: Graling's Just Written On The Wind, Linda Graling  
BBE: Margem's Madame Daisy Mae, D. Wells  
BOS: CH Rumples Just Room to Rhumba, Cyndi Skinner  
BOB/2: CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It, Cyndi Skinner