

# Harmony Notes



Official Newsletter of Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club

Volume 3, Issue 1

January 2004

## Washington Legislative News!

The AKC has just learned that on Wednesday, January 21st, the House Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee will hold a public hearing on H1895, a bill to prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against homeowners based on the breed of dog they own. The American Kennel Club believes that insurance companies should determine coverage of a dog-owning household based on the dog's deeds, not the dog's breed, and we encourage your immediate support of this important bill!

For years families have been forced to give up their loving companions because of skyrocketing premiums or companies' outright refusal to cover certain breeds. H1895 presents a very reasonable alternative—insurance companies can raise rates or refuse coverage only if a dog has been deemed dangerous based on existing state law.

### What You Can Do:

- Attend the hearing, which will be held at 1:30 p.m. in House Hearing Room C, in the John L. O'Brien Building in Olympia. Voice your support!
- If you cannot attend the hearing, contact the House Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and ask them to support H1895.

### [House Financial Institutions and Insurance](#) :

John L O'Brien Bldg #342  
Olympia, WA 98504

Rep. Shay Schual-Berke (D) [Chair]  
Phone:360/786-7834  
Email: [shualbe\\_sh@leg.wa.gov](mailto:shualbe_sh@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Geoff Simpson (D) [Vice Chair]  
Phone:360/786-7918  
Email: [simpson\\_ge@leg.wa.gov](mailto:simpson_ge@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Brad Benson (R)  
Phone:360/786-7922  
Email: [benson\\_br@leg.wa.gov](mailto:benson_br@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Jack Cairnes (R)  
Phone:360/786-7858  
Email: [cairnes\\_ja@leg.wa.gov](mailto:cairnes_ja@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Michael Carrell (R)  
Phone:360/786-7958  
Email: [carrell\\_mi@leg.wa.gov](mailto:carrell_mi@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Mike Cooper (D)  
Phone:360/786-7950  
Email: [cooper\\_mi@leg.wa.gov](mailto:cooper_mi@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Brian Hatfield (D)  
Phone:360/786-7806  
Email: [hatfield\\_br@leg.wa.gov](mailto:hatfield_br@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Ross Hunter (D)  
Phone:360/786-7936  
Email: [hunter\\_ro@leg.wa.gov](mailto:hunter_ro@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Dan Newhouse (R)  
Phone:360/786-7874  
Email: [newhouse\\_da@leg.wa.gov](mailto:newhouse_da@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Dan Roach (R)  
Phone:360/786-7846  
Email: [roach\\_da@leg.wa.gov](mailto:roach_da@leg.wa.gov)

Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (D)  
Phone:360/786-7944

**\*\*Online\*\***

**Membership**

**Meeting**

**February 18th**

**at 7pm**

**Using MSN**

**Messenger**



**To download**

**MSN, go to:**

**www.**

**msnmessenger-**  
**download.com/**

**Follow the easy**  
**instructions!**

# November Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8pm...many interruptions, due to problems with AOL Instant Messenger!

**Members Present:** Cyndi Skinner, Todd Skinner, Don Graling, Linda Graling, Vicky Teshera, Sharon Smith, Gina Michaelson, Donna Michaelson, David Michaelson, Savanna Skinner, DeeDee Wells, Gary Wells

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank account healthy, insurance now paid in full, no more monthly payments

## Committee Reports:

**Spring 2004 Show:** Vicky has judges hired and slate submitted to AKC. Judges for Friday are Judith Goodin and Mara Snyder. Judges for Sat-

urday are Pat Evetts and Ron "Hondo" Sayer. The theme for the show is "*Singin' and Dancin' in the Rain,*" which is fitting for the Northwest in April! The shows are April 2nd and 3rd, held in conjunction with Timberland Valley in Centralia (four shows, three days). Trophies will be usable and logo type prizes. The Showcase will be moved to our Fall Show. We discussed moving the Fall show to early December, since it would be so close to the National Specialty. Discussion was tabled, pending more information about possible locations and feasibility of working with Gig Harbor again...we don't want to lose that relationship.

## Unfinished Business:



**National Specialty Bid:** at this time, the CSPCA has asked us for a bid. DeeDee, Vicky and Linda will work on this for the club.

## New Business:

The membership voted to send \$75.00 to the Mara Snyder Fund. Cyndi & Shea are currently fostering 3 dogs from that fire situation.

DeeDee is organizing a DNA Blood Draw for the CSPCA DNA Bank Program—hopefully for our Spring show.

Yearly affiliated clubs report is due by December 15th, to maintain our status for holding shows.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

## Can you help—we're growing & growing!?

The club is accumulating a large number of items...show equipment, challenge trophies, club archives, photos, etc.



**We need a storage shed—can you help?**

We need to have a special raffle or fundraiser to raise the fund for a storage shed to house the club's possessions. Another solution would be if

someone has a storage shed they no longer need—and they would be willing to donate it to the club! We'd disassemble it and move, if you'd like to help our cause. Please contact Todd at (360) 608-1141. Thanks!

## President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I cannot begin to recap everything this club has accomplished in nearly three years of existence! We started as a club with 15 members...and we've grown to over 50 members. We've grown so much, we need a storage facility!

Most of my living room and office space now belongs to

Harmony Bay—and my husband is protesting that he can't find his favorite recliner! If you have a storage shed you'd like to donate, call Todd or email at [pawstreet@comcast.net](mailto:pawstreet@comcast.net). I KNOW he'd love to hear from you.

Another solution to the space dilemma would be a raffle to



raise funds for a shed. If you have something special you'd like to donate to the

cause, let me know!

My New Year's wish for each of you is a happy, healthy life for you and your furry friends. I also wish you a successful year in everything you do! See ya ringside!

## It's Trophy Time Again...

Premium lists for our April shows will be going out in mid-February. As noted in the November minutes, our judges are Judith Goodin, Mara Snyder, Pat Evetts and Hondo Sayer.

Our trophy theme for this show is based upon our embroidered logo on usable items: Fleece zip front jackets, sweatshirts, Ts, shirts, towel sets, captain's chairs and lounge chairs come to mind. Saturday will feature our special Challenge



Trophies for Best of Breed, Best Veteran, Best Bred-By Exhibitor and Generations, with "take home" trophies for each winner.

And, just like clockwork, Cyndi is gathering sponsors for trophies!

***"This year's special challenge trophies will be awarded on Saturday, by esteemed breeder judge, Pat Evetts"***

Expect a phone call or email—she'll be there with her hand out for trophy donations! You can contact Cyndi at (360) 607-7791 or email her at [rumplesnrinkles@comcast.net](mailto:rumplesnrinkles@comcast.net)



*Cyndi =-)*

# **Wags 'n Brags for December & January!**

## **AKC/Eukanuba Classic:**

BOS: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl Owner:DeeDee Wells

AOM: CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It Owner:Cyndi Skinner

## **Shoreline KC:**

RWB: Rumples Just Gigglin' At Margem Owners:Cyndi Skinner & DeeDee Wells

## **Los Encinos KC:**

WB/BOW: Rumples Just Gigglin' At Margem Owners:Cyndi Skinner & DeeDee Wells

## **Long Beach KC:**

WB/BOW/New CH: Rumples Just Gigglin' At Margem Owners:Cyndi Skinner & DeeDee Wells

BOB: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl Owner:DeeDee Wells

## **Tacoma KC:**

WD/BOS: Margem's Paniolo McQ Owner:Terri McQueen

WB/BOW/BOB: Margem's Hanna Ula Smuglrs Owner:Suzanne Ellingson

RWB: McQ's Tsunami Bomb Owner:Terri McQueen

## **Sammamish KC:**

WD/BOW: Margem's Paniolo McQ Owner:Terri McQueen

WB/BOS: Margem's Hanna Ula Smuglrs Owner:Suzanne Ellingson

RWB: McQ's Tsunami Bomb Owner:Terri McQueen

## **Puyallup Valley DF:**

WD: Margem's Paniolo McQ Owner:Terri McQueen

RWD: Smuglrs All Bets Are Off Owner:Suzanne Ellingson

WB/BOW: Margem's Wilma Flintstone Owner:DeeDee Wells

RWB: Margem's Hanna Ula Smuglrs Owner:Suzanne Ellingson

BOB: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl Owner:DeeDee Wells

## **Tualatin KC:**

RW: Margem's Crunche Golden Edge Owner:DeeDee Wells

BOB: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl Owner:DeeDee Wells

## **Greater Clark County KC:**

RWB: Margem's One True Kiss Owners:Robyn Groves & DeeDee Wells

BOB: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl Owner:DeeDee Wells

## **Dog Fanciers of Oregon:**

BOB/Group Two: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl Owner:DeeDee Wells



Artist: Cindy O'Hare