



Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Upcoming events

- *Sunday January 3: Holiday party, board and membership meeting*
- *February 20 or 21: Meeting, vote on judges, select nominating committee*
- *May 2: Club event and meeting, plan for specialty and agility trial*
- *May 22-23: Agility trial*
- *June 4: Spring specialty*
- *July: annual meeting*
- *August: fun match and picnic*
- *December 3: Winter specialty*

President's message

The fall match and November specialty went well – many thanks to all those who helped out along the way, and especially to our show chair extraordinaire, Carolyn Ing! And thank you, Karen Manchester, for the delicious banana bread you sent along to the show even though you weren't there in person!

Thanks also to those who stayed for the meeting after the match; that meeting worked very efficiently and we had input from members whom we haven't seen in meetings in a while. We also

had a good discussion about how to deal with legislators regarding the ill-advised debark bill currently under consideration in the Massachusetts legislature. According to the online tracking information the bill is still pending but hasn't come up for its third reading yet.

Our next event is the holiday party on January 3 at Canine Mastery. I hope to see as many of you as possible there. It is always a fun event! There will be a brief discussion of judges because we need to start gathering recommendations for the

2011 Spring Specialty and the 2010 Fall Match. Please send me your judge recommendations, by email, phone, or mail (jbchandler@verizon.net, 978-456-3169, 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451) soon, so the board can start assembling judge bios and finding out who is available on the dates.

It looks like winter has at last arrived with a vengeance, so keep warm and don't slip on the ice!

- Bonnie Chandler

In memoriam: Cleone Bouchard

Former Colonial member Cleone A. Bouchard (Rockgarden Shelties) passed away on October 15, 2009 in Providence, RI. I bought a puppy from her almost 14 yrs ago, and Zinnia is still here with me. Zinnia and I celebrated Cleone's seventy-second birthday with her three weeks before her death. Cleone loved to garden, was a total animal person, an avid dog lover, and adored

all Shelties. She loved to read, which made her a walking encyclopedia of all kinds of information. Cleone was the generous friend who offered my backyard to the club for its annual picnic and fun match. She was very good at organizing for others! She always brought fantastic homemade goodies to the picnic (for example, the most awesome homemade blueberry pies). She loved attending dog shows

and it really frustrated her when she could no longer go to them. I'll miss her cooking, baking, trading books, and our twice-weekly phone calls to talk about—what else—Shelties. Cleone lived with her daughter, Lisa, son-in-law Bud, and grandson Clinton. Send condolences to Lisa Lockwood, 40 Gentry Circle, Exeter, RI 02822-2437.

- Lori Underwood

Notes on communicating with your legislators

Below are notes from a teleconference on dealing with legislators. This teleconference was conducted by one of the commercial registries. But the advice is good for all of us.

- Charlotte

Basic message was that we need to take charge. We need to get to know as many of our legislators as possible, well enough to get face recognition, have to develop a personal relationship with elected official/legislator. Get to know chairs of the Ag, Judicial, whichever most

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likely to handle animal legislation. Have your message: practice, be able say what you need to say in the first

two sentences because you may not have more time than that. Officials/legislators may be busy, busy, you only have elevator time, or a walk down the hallway time. Be polite, never whine, never lie, never exaggerate, always always be honest, never threaten. Offer your help as a reference expert on animal issues. If you don't know the answer, find out, and get back to them. Supply them with good accurate information, help them look good. Show them the alternative view of responsible dog ownership, responsible dog breeding. Carry a business card, leave one even if you visit and they aren't available. Write a quick point, sign name. Over and over, the speakers said to get to know your elected officials, your legislators, as many as possible, as well as possible.

You are the target, don't even think you can hide below the radar. The activists know who you are and where you live, they will spend their time figuring out how to tweak the laws to get

you, and they have the press on their side. One photo of your dog having a bad hair day or a gummy eye, and you are dead meat. That's enough to get a search warrant, and they will bring the press with them. You will never be able to do enough to satisfy the activists. At the rate they are losing breeders in Missouri, there will be no registered breeders in Missouri within two years.

Don't allow use of the term “puppy mill” by *anyone*. Stop the conversation, tell them that “puppy mill” is not a legal term, and is a pejorative slang term, no different than racial slurs. Take control—if you don't, the HSUS will continue to beat you down. Say that we have responsible breeders and we have substandard breeders, and please use those terms. Publicly condemn substandard breeders. We are the responsible breeders. Tell the positive story, tell what responsible breeders do. Have the facts and use them.

Take the argument away from the activists, come out

ahead of time with the statement (phrasing suggested earlier): The (group) condemns all substandard kennels which reflect poorly on the vast majority of responsible breeders who have demonstrated by their actions that they are in compliance with existing animal welfare laws and regulations, and that they truly care about the health and welfare of their animals.

Credibility is the issue, and you have to constantly educate officials/legislators. Local or state legislators will really read a handwritten letter - keep it short, keep to the facts, and say what you want to happen. Don't bother writing to US senators and representatives-- letters take six weeks to get through the anthrax process. Phone, email. Form letters are useless. Use your own words always. Let them know you are a constituent. Be somewhat judicious in your contacts and pick your battles.

New indoor site for our 2010 agility trial in N. Smithfield, RI

Save the following dates in 2010: Saturday, May 22 (Lab club), Sunday, May 23rd (CSSC) will be the club's agility trial weekend. We will be having the trials at a new location: Wide World of Indoor Sports, 621 Pound Hill Rd, North Smithfield, RI. This is an indoor, air-conditioned soccer facility that will provide

protection from inclement weather. Alanna has toured the facility and given it rave reviews. The facility's web site is:

www.wideworldofindoorsports.com/index.html

We will be using indoor fields on the left side (as you walk in the front door) of the building. There is space for two rings plus lots of room

for crating. There is a large parking area for trailers and RVs, though there are no utilities hook-ups. The facility features:

- 70,000 sq ft sports facility
- 4 non-boarded fields
- Fields offer top of the line turf
- Mezzanine overlooks all fields

- One turfed and lighted outdoor field
- Climate-controlled

Plan to come to the trial next year to check out the new site.

General meeting minutes, November 2, 2009

General meeting attendance: Pat Brais, Diana Carter, Bonnie Chandler, Louise Cote, Diane Gregoire, Dick Hildreth, Linda Loring, Karen Manchester, Susan Morris, Bob Olsen, Randine Perry, Rosemary Roberts, Jeanne Stanechewski, Pat Wright

Alana Kelley, Treasurer, requested a newer or updated version for the Quicken Books software that is used to maintain the Club's financial records. A motion to approve spending up to \$200.00 for the Quicken Software was made by Rosemary Roberts and

was approved by the membership.

Please submit names of judges that you would like considered to judge our Specialties and Match in 2010 *as soon as possible* so that the board can start assembling judge bios and find out who will be available on the dates required. Please send your recommendations, by mail, phone or e-mail to jbchandler@verizon.net, or call 978-456-3169 or mail to 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451.

There was also a discussion about food for our specialty in Fitchburg on Nov. 27. Our show will be starting in

late afternoon and the food service from the hotel will not be available late in the day as last year they closed around 2:00 pm. Bonnie agreed to bring bagged snacks for members and those with entered dogs: an energy bar, fruit, water and maybe a cookie.

If you live in Massachusetts, please call your representatives, senators, and vets to speak against the bill HB344, the Dog & Cat De-vocalization bill.

We then discussed the "Statement of Commitment Form" that the AKC requires clubs to fulfill in order to hold a show. If the club

holds two shows a year, it must double its activities for education and public relations in numerous areas to promote responsible dog ownership. Rosemary Roberts reported that she had recently spoken with someone at the AKC within the last couple of weeks, and they are aware that small specialty club have a hard time with this. Rather than have these clubs hold only one show per year, they are considering making an exception for specialties, but this is in the talking stages and not approved as yet.

Respectfully submitted, M. Louise Cote, Vice Pres.

Braggs from our members

Louise Cote Conbrio Caprice Que Cera Cera (Sara) is co-owned by Jennifer Moore and Louise Cote. With very limited showing, she is now minored out. She has won her last four shows: WB, BOW at Albany KC, WB at Troy, Holyoke and Windham KC.

Alanna Kelly At the October 24 Queensboro KC show, Belcroft Majestyk Ice Storm (Ice) took WD, BOW and BOB. Allaround Majestyk Glacier (Lace) took WB and BOS. Both dogs are co-owned by Alanna Kelly, Vicki Rolls, and Terri Little.

Ann and Roy Lyman At the November 22 Springfield KC show, our 19-month old sable, Jade Mist Amber Hill Seabreeze (Chowder), took WB and BOW for her first two points, owner-handled. Chowder had been shown only twice before. Thank you to everyone for your lovely comments on our girl

and a special thank you to Karen (Blu Vu Shelties) for all of your help and support.

Bob Olsen As one of his proud breeders, I have to brag on Bare Cove Tri U'r Luck on his amazing accomplishments in the obedience ring obtaining his CD, CDX, and UD titles in one year!

Jay is owned and trained by Steve Desilets and is by Ch. Sunaire Light Up The Sky x Ch MACH Bare Cove Trend Keeper, and is the litter brother to NAC MACH2 Bare Cove Blu Lite Special (Rush). Great performers run in this family.

Kathy Ryan Announcing new CH. Sunaire Opulence And Bling. Julianna finished November. She was WB/BOW for a 4 point major (her third) at the Hernando County KC in Florida.

After winning Best in Futurity at the National, she came home and won her first major and BOB over

specials. The next weekend she was BOB over specials and Group 2. All these wins were owner-handled from the puppy class. This fall, in less than a week, Julianna won a five point specialty major (BOW), a 4 point major (BOW) and another 4 point major.

November 22 at the Montgomery KC show in Alabama, my bi-black bitch Sunaire Follow Your Dreams was WB for two points. Jessica now has ten points with one major.

December 11 at the SSC of Tidewater, Ch. Sunaire Opulence And Bling won her first specialty BOB. Julianna was shown to this win by her co-owner, Kathy Wilkins of Lochlyn Shelties.

Lori Underwood At the CSSC specialty match, my little bi-black girl "Simone" won Best in Match from the 6-9 puppy class. Despite

being in a ring for the first time and in standing heat, she handled it all as if she'd been doing this for some time. Simone is by BISS Ch Shadow Hill's Double Eagle (Hurricane son) x Sunaire Livin' It Up. She is bred by and co-owned with Kathy Ryan.

Janet Whalen December 6 at the Greater Clark KC, Louie (Genesis The Sentinel) won a four-point major, going BOW. Louie was expertly handled to his win by Tray Pittman. Louie won all his minor points from the Bred By class with five BOB and a Group 2 and 3. He now has 13 points. Louie was quite a show boy for Tray. I am so proud of them. He comes down from my foundation girl, Aylmere My Fair Lady CDX, from old Benayr lines.

Don't miss the holiday party on Sunday, January 3 at 12:30

Our next club meeting and holiday party will be on January 4 at Canine Mastery in Seekonk. Board meeting will be at 11:00 and lunch and refreshments start at 12:30 for the general membership and guests. We will be having out traditional Yankee swap. Don't forget to bring a dish or beverages to share. Guests are welcome.

Yankee swap gifts should have a value of approximately \$10.

Directions to Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA

From Rte. 195 E or W: Take Massachusetts Exit 1 and follow 114A (North). In approximately one mile you will reach a fork in the road. Bear to the right (Grist Mill Restaurant will be on your left). This is Arcade Street. You will come to the intersection of Rte 44. Go straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is the junction of Rte 152.

Take a right onto 152 North (Newman Ave). Follow along for about 5 miles. You will come to the intersection of Central Ave. after the

Rojacks. Go ½ mile and take a left onto Pond Street. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on the left (2/10 mile). Turn into the park; Canine Mastery is the second building on the left.

From Rte. 95 north of Attleboro

Take Exit 3A Rt. 123. At the second set of lights take a right onto County St. Follow along and after the Stone E Lea golf course, take a left onto Read St. (There are signs for the animal shelter). Take the second right onto Pond St.

Turn right into the Orion Industrial Park in approximately 3/10 mile. We are the second building on the left.

From Rte. 95 south of Attleboro

Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave.) to the 2nd light. Take that left onto Benefit St. At the next light bear left onto Central Ave. to the end. Take a left onto Rte. 152 (Newman Ave.) Go ½ mile and take a left onto Pond St. Watch for the Orion Industrial Park on your left (2/10 mile). Turn into the park, we are the second building on the left.

Fall match results: November 1, 2009

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge: Becky Jarit

Best in Sweeps: Asharon Perpetual Bliss, Barbara Paine

Runner-Up: Rabbit Run Fun and Games, Connie Nelson

Class winners

Dogs, 3-4 Months, Jackie Junior, Kim Schive and Carolyn Ing

Dogs, 4-6 Months, Rabbit Run Fair Value, Connie Nelson

Dogs, 12-18 Months, Cinda-

hope Kindred Spirit, Dick, Nancy, Liz Hildreth
Bitches, 3-4 Months, Rabbit Run Fun and Games
Bitches, 6-9 Months, Meet Miss Pennywhistle, Liz and Nancy Hildreth
Bitches, 12-18 Months, Asharon Perpetual Bliss, Barbara Paine

Junior Showmanship

Judge: Jennifer Moore

Best Junior Handler: Sarah Poirier and Asharon Whats One More

Breed

Judge: Jennifer Moore

Best in Match: Simone, Lori Underwood and Kathy Ryan

Best Opposite Sex: Cindahope Kindred Spirit, Dick, Nancy, and Liz Hildreth

Class winners

Dogs, 3-4 Months, (for exhibition only) Jackie Junior, Kim Schive and Carolyn Ing
Dogs, 4-6 Months, Rabbit Run Fair Value, Connie Nelson

Dogs, 12-18 Months, Cinda-

hope Kindred Spirit, Dick, Nancy, Liz Hildreth
Open Dog, Rush, Paulette Swartzendruber and Bob Olsen

Bitches, 3-4 Months, Rabbit Run Fun and Games
Bitches, 6-9 Months, Simone, Lori Underwood
Bitches, 12-18 Months, Asharon Perpetual Bliss, Barbara Paine
Open Bitch, Chowder, Ann and Roy Lyman

Judge suggestions requested!

We need suggestions from our membership for sweeps and breed judges for our 2010 fall match, breed judges for our 2010 winter specialty, and sweeps, breed, rally and obedience judges for our 2010 spring specialty show. Agility judges are already in place, but suggestions are welcome for subse-

quent trials. Please submit your suggestions in writing (emails acceptable) to any club officer or board member.

Judge selection criteria

The club *desperately* needs input for judges from its members. This is one of the more important tasks you

can accomplish for our club. Good judges at our matches and trials attract good entries. If you have comments on your suggestions that would be helpful to other members when it comes time to vote, that would be even more helpful.

Judge suggestions should be submitted by January 3, 2010. The list of judges and background information on each will be published in the February newsletter for the month's meeting, where voting by the general membership will take place. The meeting will be the weekend of February 20-21, 2010.

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How to qualify for annual club awards

Titles that are earned from May 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010 will be eligible for awards at the annual meeting in July 2010. In order to qualify, you must be a member in good standing; you must attend two meetings and work at one event during the year for which you are receiving the award; and you must send proof of the title and date to Alanna Kelly by June 1, 2010.

The awards are 9" x 12" plaques arrayed with twelve brass plates, one of which is engraved with your dog's name, title and year earned. Once you receive a plaque, the club will engrave additional brass plates for subsequent titles earned.

Visit the club website
www.colonialssc.org

Join our Yahoo group:
groups.yahoo.com/group/ColonialSSC

Membership and dues

Annual club dues are due each year on September 1. Membership fees should be submitted to the club treasurer. Fees are as follows:

Adult: \$15

Junior: \$12

Family: \$25

Non-members may subscribe to the club newsletter for an annual fee of \$12.

Potential members interested in applying can download an application from the club website (www.colonialssc.org) or by contacting Alanna Kelly, club treasurer. New members must have attended two club events and have received endorsements from two current members in good standing.

One more thing . . .

Did you notice anything missing from the bulletin, such as a brag, article or announcement? Well, that's because you didn't submit it personally to me, your newsletter editor! I troll for fresh newsletter nuggets but

can't guarantee that you will be included unless you send them to me directly.

The submission deadline for the next issue is Friday, January 29, 2010.

- Carolyn Ing

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