



Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Treibball: a new sport for you and your dog

Slick and Alanna Kelly recently attended a Treibball seminar at Canine Mastery in Seekonk. Treibball, also known as Driving Ball or Herding Ball, is a new dog sport that originated in Germany. Treibball requires your dog to herd eight large fitness balls into a net, similar to a soccer goal, in 15 minutes or less. One of the exercises that they use to teach outruns in both directions is teaching the dog to

go to a mat and lie down facing you. You can build on this so you have several mats in different locations and practice sending the dog out to each mat and then teaching them to continue past a mat until you give them a command to stop. You also teach the dog to push the ball as separate exercise away from the mat and eventually bring the two pieces together. The game is similar to the shedding exer-

cise in herding since the dog is bringing the balls back individually rather than in a group.

There are two organizations in the US for this sport: the American Treibball Association, <http://americantreibballassociation.org>, and the North American Treibball Association, which is accessible via Facebook.

To see videos of the sport, Google "Treibball."

Upcoming events

- *April 30 or May 1, 2011: Activity and meeting*
- *May 21-22, 2011: Agility trial*
- *June 3, 2011: Spring specialty*
- *July: Annual meeting*
- *August: Fun match and picnic*
- *October: Activity and meeting*
- *November: Fall match*
- *December 2: Winter specialty*
- *January 2012: Holiday party*
- *February 18 or 19, 2012: Activity and meeting, vote on judges, select nominating committee*

Meeting minutes: January 2, 2011

Board Meeting Attendance:

Liz Hildreth, Randine Parry, Robert Olsen, Katherine Ostiguy, Ann & Roy Lyman, Bonnie Chandler, Alanna Kelly, Cynthia Hanlon. Meeting called to order at 12:13.

Treasurer's report: Alanna provided a profit & loss statement and balance sheet. The club's account reads \$10,633.87 as of January 1. Alanna paid the NAIA membership (\$35) and trust (\$100).

Old Business

The minutes from the last meeting were incorrect; a preliminary draft was published in the newsletter. The minutes said the meeting was Jan 3rd, not Jan 2nd, and

that the swap gifts were to be unwrapped whereas they should be wrapped.

Plans to host an obedience trial in conjunction with Granite State SSC are currently on hold. If members are still interested in pursuing this, they should step forward at one of our next meetings and volunteer to help organize this trial. The show trophy budget was discussed. Bob questioned why the trophy pledge money needs to also cover the ribbons. We will discuss this with Carolyn at the February meeting. Louise suggested giving rosettes for 1st & flats for 2nd-4th and the general consensus was that

this was a good idea.

Plans for the 2011 winter specialty in Fitchburg were discussed. The board drafted a list of potential judges as follows: Katie Gammill, Barbara Schwartz, Barbara Kenealy, Tom or Nioma Coen, Herb Searle, Charlotte McGowan, and Larry Brunner. We also intend to have a noontime start for this specialty, as opposed to the 5 pm start of recent years. We will also request that we be moved away from the noisy German Shepherd specialty area, perhaps using the obedience and rally rings when those competitions are

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Learn about first aid for dogs at our February 19 meeting

On February 19, Dr. Cristina Valas of the Family Pet Hospital in Ashland, MA, will talk about first aid for dogs as well as answer questions from members and guests. The meeting will held at the Ashland Public Library on 66 Front Street. Please note that since the meeting will be at a library, dogs will not be allowed. Due to space constraints, please park in the municipal parking lot across the street from the front of the library. Once inside, the large meeting room is downstairs next to the children's section.

The board meeting will

start at 11:00 with the members' meeting to follow at noon. Dr. Valas' presentation will be from 1:00-3:00.

Voting for judges for the club's 2011 fall match and winter specialty as well as our 2012 spring specialty will take place at this meeting. The board will also be selecting the nominating committee for the slate of new officers for 2011-2012.

Please bring an item for pot luck lunch. Please Liz Hildreth know what you are bringing to be sure there is enough. If you have any specific questions or topics you are hoping she will cover,

please email Liz at elizabeth72@comcast.net so she can relay your questions to Cristina before the meeting.

Directions

From Boston: From Mass Turnpike westbound, take exit 13 to merge onto MA 30W/Cochituate Road toward Framingham. Proceed 1.9 miles. Take a slight left at Concord Street; proceed 1.7 miles. At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Concord St. Turn right at MA-135 W/Waverly St; proceed 2.5 miles. Turn right at Fountain Street, then take first left onto Front street; continue 0.5 mile.

From 495N or S: Take I90E exit, proceed to exit 12, Rte 9 toward Framingham. Keep right at the fork and merge onto Rte. 9; continue for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Country Club Ln, then slight left at Gates St. Continue for 0.3 mile. Turn left at Parker Rd, proceed for 0.2 mile. Take a sharp right at Salem End Rd, then the first left onto Badger Rd. After 0.8 mile, continue onto Myrtle St; continue 1.1 miles. Turn left at Raymond Marchetti St, then continue straight onto Concord St. for 0.1 mile. Turn left at Front Street.

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complete.

We also discussed both the possibility of no longer having a winter specialty, or moving it to a different weekend. This will be brought up again at a future meeting for further consideration.

The spring 2012 specialty was briefly discussed. Specifically, several club members brought up the possibility of having two specialty shows on the same day, which seems likely. The board created a "rough draft" of potential judges, and they are: Susan Christie, Robert Piccirillo, Lisa or Lloyd Graser, Guy Jeavons, Yvonne Defreitas, Mark Houston-McMillan, and Robin McTaggart. The 2012 specialty will be discussed further at the February meeting.

New Business

Alanna mentioned that we

need more High Scoring Sheltie trophies for 2011 because we are having two agility trials this year. The board decided to allow Alanna to purchase new High Scoring Sheltie rosettes in the event we do not have enough trophies left over, and also to purchase ceramic mugs to use as trophies.

Board meeting adjourned at 12:49.

General Meeting Attendance:

L. Hildreth, R. Parry, R. Olsen, K. Ostiguy, A & R Lyman, B. Chandler, A. Kelly, C. Hanlon, Karen Manchester, Trisha Brais, Linda Loring, Richard Hildreth, Terri Breton, Jeanne Stanechewski, Kathy Fuller, Donna Rainville, Philippe Rainville, Alyson Ober

Guests: Joseph Kruzyk, Carol Langford. Meeting called to order at 1:43.

Minutes of the board meeting were presented to the membership and discussed.

We will also discuss the

possibility of having two specialties in the spring of 2012, and none in the fall of 2012, at this meeting. Please bring judge suggestions to the meeting, as judges for the spring 2012 show(s) will need to be selected at this meeting for both sweepstakes and the regular classes.

A suggestion was made to use an online service such as PayPal to make it possible for club members to pay their dues and purchase club merchandise online. Alanna explained that this would complicate things, as we would then need to collect sales tax on items as well as lose a percentage of our profits to the online payment system.

General meeting adjourned at 2:07.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Ostiguy

December judges

The judges are set for the 2011 winter specialty and the Worcester County KC weekend show lineup. Dates are December 2-4. The judge for our Friday specialty will be Katie Gammill, Saturday will be Barbara Schwartz; Sunday, Barbara Kenealy. CSSC will support the weekend entries. Worcester County KC will be having an all-breed match again on Friday evening, the same day as our winter specialty. If anyone is interested in judging at the match, contact Carolyn Ing, and she will forward your name to the match chair.

Carolyn also requested that the specialty start time be moved up to the middle of the day, so count on an earlier ring time for our winter show.

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How to qualify for annual club awards

Titles that are earned from May 1, 2010 to May 1, 2011 will be eligible for awards at the annual meeting in July 2012. 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, 2011.

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.

Next bulletin deadline

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, April 1, 2011.

- Carolyn Ing

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All-breed eye clinic April 3

Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club will be presenting its annual all-breed eye and microchip clinic with Dr. Ruth Marrion on Sunday, April 3. It will be held at the Oyster River Veterinary Hospital in Lee, NH. Pre-registration is required by March 13. For more information, contact Cynthia Webster at (603) 432-6629 or by email at clwebster@comcast.net.
