



WAGGIN' TAILS

Newsletter of the
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February 2019 CALENDAR:



- 9th Eskaton Placerville
- 11th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 12th General Membership meeting new location!**
- 23th Eskaton Cameron Park
- 25th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 26th Board Meeting

Need info on the Therapy Dog dates? Contact Dennis Collingwood or Dorris Wiglesworth

We are looking for a new Match Chairperson for January 5, 2020! Patty Skinner will help with the event but cannot chair it due to her judging responsibilities at the Sheltie Nationals next Spring! This is a great opportunity for a person



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

7:00 pm

NEW MEETING PLACE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

DENNY'S ON FAIR LANE IN PLACERVILLE.

WHY NOT COME A LITTLE EARLY AND HAVE DINNER?

unfamiliar with the workings of an AKC event to learn from an expert...Come on! You know you are tempted! Don't be shy!



HKC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

GINA HALLE Current Board Member

Gina was born and raised in Carmel, CA. She graduated from Cabrillo College with a B.S. degree and became a Registered Dental Hygienist 1984. Gina has had an interest in showing horses both Western and English style since she was a child and continued through her college years and beyond. She met my husband, Urs, while she was living in Monterey. They met on a Jeep Jamboree trip in Fort Bragg, CA - everyone knows how romantic a Jeep Jamboree can be! They married and have continued to attend Jamborees. They especially enjoy the event on the Rubicon here in our area.

Gina has owned Australian Cattle Dogs for many years. Her first one was acquired while at a horse show in Salinas in the 80's. After selling her horse and getting married - and while living in Garden Valley, she and Urs inherited their neighbor's Australian Cattle Dog when that family moved away. This started Gina on a journey of owning many more Australian Cattle Dogs.

It was her trainer in Georgetown who first introduced Gina to another local dog lover, Bonnie Hearn. Bonnie was competing in Rally and Obedience at the time with Jaime her 1/2 Border Collie and 1/2 Australian Cattle Dog. It was she who inspired Gina to join her in competitions with their dogs. Dog sports have been very satisfying to Gina since she has a competitive streak as was demonstrated by her years of competing in horse shows. Her dogs have several titles and along with competing with her own dogs, Gina now teach classes as well. She says that Australian Cattle Dogs have made training easy. She enjoys many varied events such as: Obedience, Rally, Conformation, Barn Hunt, Fast Cat, Fly Ball and Herding. Her interest in dogs and dog sports has also helped to add to her circle of friends who enjoy the same activities as she enjoys. Gina really learned about their friendships when she recently severely broke her ankle and leg. Recovery was a long 6 months.

Gina became a member of HKC several years ago and is currently serving as a Board Member. She has helped with training classes, in particular, with Rally. She also has been an essential part of the team that coordinates HKC's wildly popular Opportunity Drawings at both our Match and our Show. We are lucky to have Gina Halle as a member of this Club!



Gina's dogs enjoying the HKC picnic at Lotus Park.

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Got some spare time? Need something to do?

Why not volunteer to work at one of these upcoming events:

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training – Contact Cathy Keeler or Cheryl Tibbals

May Show – Contact Sherry Howard for Conformation; Mary Clark for Obedience; and, Melinda Grosch for Rally

Agility Trials (multiple dates) Contact Rainee Johnson

Obedience Classes – Contact Cheryl Tibbals

Conformation Classes – Contact Patty Skinner

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OBEDIENCE & HANDLING CLASSES START IN MARCH! Don't miss out!

Editor's Corner

I am sitting here watching it snow and listening to my new puppy He++ Raising downstairs. What is it that makes us different from other people, we dog people? Why wasn't I happy with my very peaceful existence with my two Cockers and my dear spouse? What possessed me to think that I needed a dog that was bred very much to be an active, outgoing hunting dog? Have I lost my marbles? Maybe so. But what makes us different, I believe, is that we always hope that we can have one more wet nose in our lap, one more long walk with paws padding next to us and one more lifelong friend who doesn't care how old we get.

Fancy is driving me crazy now but I know that when she is old, I will look back on this time and laugh. Plants dug up, important papers eaten, dogbeds shredded and even that $\frac{1}{4}$ of a pound of meat she ate yesterday will just be the stuff we remember and we will sigh and scratch the side of her big old Gordon Setter head with love.

The reason this month's newsletter is late is, I have been moving my parents to assisted living facilities. It has been a hard process.

Mary Clark, Editor



Upcoming Seminars and Matches:

April 6-7 - **Michele Pouliot** Seminar – sponsored by HKC! Michele is a champion Freestyle competitor with her Springers and Aussies. She is active in many areas of Performance Competition. Registration is open. All working spots are filled but you can learn a lot by auditing! Come learn about training your dog so they understand what you want and have fun too! And remember:



June 22-23 - **Dr. Carmen Battaglia** Seminar- Breeding Dogs to Win! American River College, Sacramento . See Flyer for details...A MUST ATTEND for anyone thinking about becoming a breeder of quality purebred dogs!

Oct 5-6 Vicki Ronchette sponsored by HKC! Details to follow! Save the date all of you who have been asking for a conformation/handling workshop! This one is for YOU!

Matches:

Feb. 23 KCCS match in Plymouth. No classes for Open or Utility in obedience. Looks like Obedience may be pre-entry only. Day of match is 8-9:30 for Conformation. I will include their flyer if I can find it!



NO BRAGS! THERE SHOULD BE A TON OF THEM IN THE COMING MONTHS!

