

WAGGIN' TAILS

Newsletter of the
Hangtown Kennel Club of
Placerville, CA

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January 2019 CALENDAR:



January 5 – Therapy Dog Western Slope

January 6 – HKC Winter Match

January 12 – Therapy Dog Eskaton Placerville

January 19 – Awards Banquet

January 26 – Therapy Dog Eskaton Cameron Park

Boys and Girls Club Reading Program – every Monday at 2:30 contact Dennis to participate)

HKC AWARDS BANQUET!

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Cold Springs Country Club

6500 Clubhouse Drive, Placerville (Cold Springs Road area)

5:30 No Host Bar 6:00 Dinner and Awards



Officers and Board 2019

President: Dorris Wigglesworth

Vice President: Sharon Loertscher

Secretary: Cathy Keeler

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Clark

Treasurer: Cheryl Tibbals

Board Member positions: Dennis Collingwood,
Shirley Carnett, Gina Halle and Jane Andrew

Congratulations to all !

Cost for members is ZERO- FREE! Guests are \$26
There will be a raffle but no gift exchange this year.
Come and have some fun and wear non-dog clothes
for once, right? Contact Vearl for reservations:

(530) 647-1390

HKC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

James Clark

Life Member

At first glance one wouldn't think of Jim as a dog person. In fact, when he met his wife, Life Member Mary Clark, in 1973, he was much more of a cat person. His family had owned and loved a couple of terrier mixes. One named Max and one named Herman. Herman's claim to fame was if told to "report" he would race across the living room, bounce on to the back of an armchair in front of the picture window and pose like RinTinTin! Only he was a much smaller and browner version. After marrying Mary and completing law school and after the birth of their first child, they relocated to Camino so Jim could start his law practice in Placerville. One week after moving to El Dorado County, Mary brought home a mixed breed puppy from Raleys. That was the beginning of the fall of Jim Clark from Cat Guy to Dog Person. Very soon Cocker Spaniels started to inhabit the household along with two more children. Then the Gordon Setters followed. This was where Jim found his true "breed". He loved to run and often would take their Ch. Gordon Setter, Velvet, onto the roads of Camino or to the school to prepare for the Apple Harvest Run. Back then you could hitch yourself to your dog and let them pull you along in the race which is what Velvet would do! After Velvet, came Rowdy and with Rowdy's passing, Jim did the search and found Stella. In the meantime the Norwich had invaded the household, the kids had grown up and gone to college. Jim had been featured in a Dateline episode and his law practice kept him very busy which it continues to do today. Jim has had many interesting and downright weird cases over the years and he would love to tell you all about them. He will never retire because Mary often says there would be a murder in their house if he was underfoot all the time.

So if you don't know who Jim is, he has often been referred to as the Voice of the Hangtown Kennel Club or Mr. Microphone. On any given Saturday, you might catch a glimpse of him at the In Shape gym playing basketball or

sitting in the lobby chatting with the other men. You can always recognize him because of his UC Berkeley clothing. Other than his work, Jim's greatest source of pride is in his three grown children and their six children. Just ask and he will bore you with pictures from his iPhone. Oh, there are dog videos too of his current "heart" dog, Buzzy the rescue cocker. So be careful when you see him at the Awards Banquet because he will have his phone with him!



GOT SOME SPARE TIME? NEED SOMETHING TO DO?

We have some activities coming up that will need club member participation!

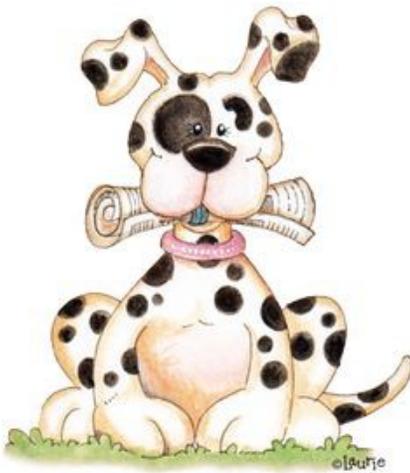
May Show - Contact Sherry Howard – there are lots of things that have to be done before, during and after the show.

Agility Trials – Contact Rainee Johnson – this is a great way to observe a sport you aren't familiar with!

Obedience Classes – Contact Cheryl Tibbals – classes start in March and run through to October.

Conformation Handling Classes – Contact Patty Skinner if you are interested in helping her out by teaching.

BRAGS: No Brags this month but will include December's in the next newsletter.



Holiday Hazards!

(Or Things We Didn't Realize We Needed To Worry About!)

New Years – Balloons, confetti, alcohol

Valentines' Day – Flowers, Boxes of Chocolate

Easter – Fake Grass, Spring Bulbs

4th of July - Fireworks

Halloween -Candles, Halloween treats, Chew-able Costumes (?)

Thanksgiving – Turkey Bones, Hot Containers

Christmas - Festive Plants, Light Strands, Tree Water, Ornaments, Decoration Hooks, Tinsel, Styrofoam, Fire, Candy

Upcoming Seminars and Matches:

Jan. 12, 2019 Structure in Action – with Pat Hastings sponsored by the Doberman Club. Flier attached

February 9-10, 2019 Oakland DTC presents: Diane Bauman Obedience Seminar at Fetch Sam in San Jose. \$260 for both days. All participants are welcome to bring a working dog! Go to www.oaklanddogtraining.org/events for information! (Editors note: two carloads of us old timers attended a working week with Diane in Seattle many years ago. We had a blast!)

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. A flyer will be sent to all members very shortly.

EDITOR'S CORNER:

I AM BAAAACK! I have recovered sufficiently from my hand surgery to do a short newsletter! Yeah! I had to use all of my brain power over the last 2 months to learn to do everything with my non-dominant left hand...I still can't use scissors, cutting meat is impossible and brushing out the cockers is HARD but every day things are a bit better. Thanks for understanding the lack of a newsletter.

THAT BEING SAID, a huge thank you to Cathy Keeler for filling in for me last month and putting out a Board Brief to fill you in on the important happenings around HKC in December.

December turned out to be quite busy for HKC. We had our annual meeting, elected a new Board of Directors and voted to renew our scholarships to UC Davis. We had members put up Christmas trees at both the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary and the Highway 50 Corridor in Placerville. To top it off, we had a great time with a bunch of cool dogs (and may I add, cool people) participating in both decorating a large "float" and then walking or riding with our beautiful dogs in the Christmas parade. Note to anyone planning on participating next year: park a couple of vehicles at the end of the parade or you will be walking back to where you started. Ugh.

A few notes: We have finalized plans for the Michele Pouliot seminar on April 6-7. It will be held at Ann McQuillen's new space on Green Valley Road!

Melinda is working with Vicki Ronchette to get a date for her to come and do a conformation related seminar later this year. WE PROMISE! Scheduling seminars is a tricky business.

That's it for this month!

Mary Clark, Editor



