



WAGGIN' TAILS

*Newsletter of the
Hangtown Kennel Club of
Placerville, CA*

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November 2019 CALENDAR:



- 2nd Western Slope Therapy Dogs 11:00 am
- 12th General Membership meeting 6:30pm**
- 9th Eskaton Placerville 10:00 am
- 23rd Eskaton Cameron Park 10:30am
- 26th Board Meeting 6:30pm**

If you are interested in joining HKC's Therapy Dog group please contact Dennis Collingwood or Violet Jakob for information! They are looking for more participants!

**MEETING PROGRAM will be presented by
Placerville Canine Officer...**

**Notice: Colton Meyer will be filling Shirley
Carnett's remaining year on the Board. She
has resigned for health reasons.**



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

6:30 PM

NEW TIME

THE BREAKROOM RESTAURANT

SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA

Come early for dinner!

New Slate from Nominating Committee:

President: Dorris VP: Sherry Howard

Treasurer: Cheryl Rec. Sec: Carol Sweeney

Corresp. Sec: Mary Clark

Board positions: Melinda Grosch & Linda
Johnston

Nominations from the floor at November Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB:

Elections! Nominations from the floor in November

Christmas Tree Decorating Placerville and Folsom Zoo?

Club Banquet – Saturday, January 18, 2020

2020 Match – Sunday, January 19 and yes! The day after our banquet! Fun times for all!

Upcoming Seminars and Matches:

April 4-5 2020 HKC SEMINARS presents

AVIDOG. This seminar will be a breeders' seminar with information on how to start a breeding program, how to make an existing program more successful and much more. Interested or know a new to dogs person who wants to gain the knowledge to promote their breed? Have them mark their calendar and the information will be released soon.



2019 Membership list is available now for download from the Website. Please print a copy and keep it handy for all that volunteering you plan to do this year! If you don't know the password to the members only site, contact me by email and I

will give it to you. It is a secret LOL

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Speaking of new members:
Joni Grace 408-204-8223-
Joni.grace@gmail.com

Speaking of guests who might become members:

Cathy Mankin and Renee Owens – both lovely ladies who attended our Michele Pouliot seminar and have conformation dogs!

BRAGS:

Sherry Howard bragged that her puppy Whitney was judged as Best in Specialty Puppy at the Samoyed Nationals! Also, her father (Whitney's not Sherry's) was awarded 1st place in the Stud Dog class!

Darcy Porter bragged that Karlie her Australian Shepherd jumped 23' feet in Dock Diving competition. She also did a 19' Air Retrieve jump! Wow!

New Member Joni Grace bragged that her dog Annie (Havanese) attended her first

Agility trial and "Q'd" in Jumpers! Congratulations!

Vearl LaBerge bragged that her "puppy" Panache (St. Bernard) now weighs a petite 160 pounds! That's a lot of dog at any age!

AND FINALLY:

PUPPIES GALORE!

Melinda Grosch – Lab, Greta

Sharon Loertscher – Borzoi, Hayden

Nancy Ticzon - TWO Golden Retrievers, Liberty (Libby)9 weeks and Galaxy (6 months)



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In case you were wondering, yes our May show will include Barnhunt again!

Editor's Corner:

So here we are in November already. Where do the years go? I was looking back over the newsletters from this year and man, our members have accomplished a lot in 2019! Specialty wins; dock diving awards; agility titles; trick titles



galore; championships, Silver and Gold; invitations to all of the national championship events; new puppies have appeared and old puppies have gone on to the

rainbow bridge! We need to celebrate everything that has transpired and the best opportunity to do that is at our **ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATION!** Yes, our banquet will be here before you know it. It is time to get your awards applications started. There will be more information shortly as to where to send the paperwork. Date of banquet (free to club members) is January 18th and will be at the Cold Springs Golf Club...

Let's have a huge turnout this year! Call a member who hasn't been around for a while and invite them to join you for the evening.

Are you wondering why our meeting times have changed? The Breakroom now closes at 8pm so we needed to allow a bit more time for our meetings than one hour. So for now, all meetings will be at 6:30 pm.

Thanks for being members and attending meetings!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Pam Bechtold, Past President HKC

I can't remember a time when I wasn't fascinated by dogs, cats and horses. As a little girl growing up in Staten Island NY, I started begging for my own dog when I was 5 or 6 years old. When I reached the ripe old age of 10 my parents finally relented and although I didn't get the Collie I dreamed of (remember "Lassie"?), I was the elated owner of Kip, a mixed breed black and white curly coated girl puppy who went everywhere I went, except school. She was my best friend and it was very difficult for me to leave her behind when I married and moved to Stockholm, Sweden in 1968 at age 21.

When I was 12 my folks had given me a copy of the "National Geographic Book of Dogs" for Christmas, and I discovered the wonderful world of sight hounds. I fell in love with Irish Wolfhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Salukis and Borzois and made myself a promise that I would have those dogs someday. After living dog-less for a year in Stockholm I contacted the Swedish Kennel Club and was referred to Fru Carin Lindhe, a SKK judge and owner of Montebank Kennel. I got my beautiful Scottish Deerhound Tavish from Carin, and 2 years later my first Irish Wolfhound, Heather, joined the family.

After my son Marcus was born in 1973, we decided it was time to come back to the states but chose to move to California rather than return to New York. It was challenging to ship the dogs but early in 1974 the family successfully arrived in Portola Valley CA.

Fast forward a few years, and I was a single Mom living in San Jose with my son and my two giant dogs. I met Bill at my job at Teledyne and the rest is history!

Eventually age caught up with Tavish and Heather and after they crossed the bridge, I was offered a Borzoi puppy. I started training with the Santa Clara Kennel Club and Larissa and I had some success, but unfortunately, she developed such a strong prey drive as she matured that I was forced to re-home her after losing 3 of my cats. I gave her to Borzoi breeders who had very good results with her in the show ring and she spent the rest of her days running after rabbits and squirrels in San Mateo county.

Marcus started asking for his own dog when he was 10, and I was surprised when he chose his Mini Dachshund Rodney, but that little dog climbed into our hearts within hours! Rodney and his 'brother' Patrick (our second Irish Wolfhound) moved with us when we came to El Dorado County in 1994. Patrick was ancient by Wolfhound standards when he arrived in Rescue, but the novelty of having 5 acres to roam and watching the 'really BIG dogs' (Jackson and Chief, our horses) in the paddock extended his life. He was one month shy of 12 years old when he finally left us.

And that's when we got Ayla, our incredible Lab/Rott girl. We found Hangtown Kennel Club when it was time to start her basic training - and found a group of dedicated dog people who seemed to enjoy time spent with their dogs and with each other. Ayla went through basic obedience, then advanced, and all the way to Charlotte Grady's Competition Obedience classes. She was among the very first HKC therapy dogs and excelled in every doggy activity we attempted. In the meantime, we found a little mate for Rodney, and he and Meggie produced 2 litters of mini dachshunds. Bill and I fell in love with one of the little guys, and Bradley joined the obedience crew at HKC. Bradley turned out to be a great obedience dog (despite failing Puppy Kindergarten and having to repeat the class) and eventually was awarded his CD title.

Sami, a Weimaraner mix, joined our family when the folks who owned her decided she was untrainable. We were sure we could take care of that problem and spent the next 8 years trying! Somewhere in the HKC Waggin Tails archives there is an article I wrote about Sami, describing the challenge of working with a dog whose brain resets to zero overnight, every night. But Ayla and Sami were best friends and spent their days exploring the property, chasing bunnies and making sure the mini dachshunds were safe from the hawks hovering overhead.

When Ayla left us, I finally decided it was time for me to get another sight hound. The only breed left on my list was Saluki and when I started my research, I found that there was a well-respected breeder right down in Cameron Park! Catherine Comroe and her associate Maryann Lillemo befriended me, giving me lots of valuable insight and information. I was put on the list for the first litter from Una (Doubletime Dot's Numero Una) who had just been awarded Best In Specialty at the Saluki National, and Flash (Doubletime's Triple Threat). Rowan was born in North Carolina in July 2008, and Maryann and I flew out to pick up our puppies in September. Rowan became Sami's child and watching her taking care of 'her' puppy was pure joy. Rowan and Sam were inseparable, and it was wonderful to watch them enjoy each other.

Rowan began her obedience career in Basic Obedience – she missed Puppy K because I was teaching the class at the time! But she did well and eventually earned her CGC, BN, RN, RI and TKN titles. After Sami left us in 2011, we got another "Una" puppy, Roxanne, who also has achieved all of those titles. Roxanne is the mother of our 3rd Saluki, Arya, who was our pick of the litter of 10 puppies born in April 2018. Additionally, Rowan was certified as a Therapy Dog and had completed 47 therapy visits at Feather River Hospital when her career was halted by the Camp Fire in November 2018.

As the anniversary of the fire approaches, I am looking back on a year of change and terrible loss (especially the loss of my horse Jackson and my wonderful girl Rowan) but also at the incredible kindness shown by our friends in Hangtown Kennel Club. Our rental houses (we're up to temporary home #4 now) have furniture that remind us of our friends every day. Our closets have clothes offered by friends. Our kitchen cabinets boast appliances. We're so fortunate to have wandered onto the El Dorado County Fairgrounds that evening back in 1995 and discovered an organization that excels in community service,

kindness, consideration and integrity. I'm extremely proud of my membership in Hangtown Kennel Club and very grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful organization.

Editor's Note:

And Pam, we are proud to be your friends and fellow dog-worshippers!



Upcoming Matches

2 Obedience and 2 Rally Show-n-Go's at Ann McQuillan's facility in December

Tuesday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 10 RALLY

Thursday, December 5 and Thursday, December 12 OBEDIENCE

see attached flyer for more information