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Newsletter of the
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Placerville, CA

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September 2019 CALENDAR:



- 5th Western Slope Therapy Dogs 11:00 am
- 8th General Membership meeting 6:30pm**
- 10th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program 2:30pm
- 12th Eskaton Placerville 10:00 am
- 14th Obedience Committee Meeting 6:30pm Raley's**
- 17th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program 2:30pm
- 24th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program **2:30pm**
- 26th Eskaton Cameron Park 10:30am
- 29th Board Meeting 6:30pm**
- 31st Boys and Girls Club Reading Program 2:30pm

MEETING PROGRAM will be presented by **Melinda Grosch**. Please see the attached handouts and come prepared! The program is entitled the "Gear Gal's Guide to Leaving Home Without a Towel" You need to be there!



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, OCTOBER 8, 2019

6:30 PM

NEW TIME

THE BREAKROOM RESTAURANT

SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA

Come early for dinner!

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING!

Meeting for all instructors, assistants, helpers and anyone interested in joining the committee...our "once per year" or so meeting to discuss classes, policies and other important information. This meeting will be held at Raley's in Placerville on Monday, October 14th from 6:30-8pm. It will be held in the Event Center which is in the back of the Meat Department. Feel free to stop at the Deli Department and grab dinner!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB:

Elections! Slate to be announced shortly. Nominations from the floor in November

Christmas Tree Decorating Placerville and Folsom Zoo?

Christmas Parade Placerville?

Club Banquet – Saturday, January 18, 2020

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

CGC Testing will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019. This is the last night of classes for this year. Come by and watch or have your dog tested. Let Cathy Keeler know if you want to give it a try...

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. (Melinda and I have to recover from the most recent seminar weekend first!)



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 membership applications: Joni Grace had her first reading at the September meeting. We will vote on her application at the next meeting she attends!

BRAGS:

Donna Afflerbach bragged: Gordon Setter, Maddie finished her Championship at the Golden Gate Gordon Setter Specialty in Santa Rosa. Maddie has gone on to earn 9 points toward her GCH...

Donna also bragged that Gordon Setter, Angus

finished his Championship at Sir Francis Drake KC. He accomplished this in just 6 months!

Awesome results!

Sherry Howard bragged: Whitney (Samoyed) won BIS 4-6 puppy at Gold Country KC

Way to go!

Gina Halle bragged: Kona (Cattle Dog) earned his TKA!

Yeah, Kona!

Jeri Hewitt bragged: Tango (Portuguese Podingo Pequeno) is featured in Showsight Magazine.

A star is born!

Cathy Keeler bragged:

Luna (Chessie) was very busy! BOS at the Rainier Sporting Dog show. BOS in field trial/hunt test Sweeps in Chessie Specialty in Washington and earned both her Novice Dock Diving and her Junior Dock

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Diving titles to boot. She also was BOS in Sweeps (field trial/hunt test bitch) She earned the Judges 1st Award of Merit out of a class of 18 at the Chessie Nationals! And finally was 4th place Chessie in the Dock Diving Junior Division.

A \$25 brag if I ever saw one!

Cathy Keeler also bragged: Taita (Chessie) was 2nd in Veteran Bitches Sweeps (10+ years)

Way to go Taita!

Cathy Keeler bragged for a third time: Helo was 1st place in Rally Novice A twice at the Nationals! Helo was also Select Dog (class of 16) and was 1st place Chessie in the Dock Diving Junior Division.

Okay Cathy, more \$\$\$ from you!

Dennis Collingwood bragged also but I did not get the info that would refresh my memory. So kudos to Dennis and Michelle as always, your dogs are awesome!



Editor's Corner:

A little brag...Our most recent seminar/workshop just wrapped up a few hours ago. What a GREAT speaker we had in Vicki Ronchette! I wasn't sure how much I would benefit from this event – my puppy is still in the wild and crazy stage (which will probably last several years since she is a Gordon Setter). Much to my delight, even though Fancy was a bit wild in her greetings, we actually made some real progress in teaching and learning some techniques to make our conformation experience a bit more “showy”. Thanks go to Melinda Grosch for continuing to push ahead with these events. We both work hard to make them come off as worthwhile programs for all kinds of dog related sports but Melinda really has worked hard on this one! So my hat is tipped to Melinda and to all of the members who came out and supported us – Gina Halle, Jane Andrew, Marilyn Laudenslager, Jeri Hewitt, Pamela Preston, Nancy Ticzon, Sherry Howard, Donna Afflerbach, Cheryl Brown and of course our intrepid Treasurer, Cheryl Tibbals!

Please extend your condolences to member Carol Sweeney on the loss of her beloved Clumber Spaniel Doozie. That rainbow bridge is getting awfully crowded!

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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:

Pamela Preston – ChriMaso Boston Terriers

I was born and raised in San Francisco, CA, but moved to Louisiana during my high school years (talk about culture shock!!!). As a young adult, I lived in several different states and went to multiple colleges trying to “find myself” – I’m not sure I actually ever did find myself, but eventually settled in the Placerville area for several years before moving to Texas. I desperately missed my family, so after about a decade, I moved back to CA in 1995 and have been happy every day since that I did.

I’ve had many interesting jobs over the years (waitress, power pole inspector, accounting specialist, office manager/administrator, controller, quality assurance director, information technology business analyst, senior IT consultant, and now contracts manager specialist) and have been with the same company for the last 23.5 years. Hopefully, I will retire in a couple years...

I have 2 sons who are almost 11 years apart and have 5 grandsons ranging in age from 2 years to 25 years – all of whom I absolutely cherish and adore, and enjoy wonderful relationship with. Additionally, I will be a great-grandmother in January. SHHHHHH – don’t tell ANYONE as I am NOT possibly that old!!!

As far as my dog life is concerned: My kennel name, ChriMaso, is a combination of my 2 sons' names (**Ch**ristopher and **M**ason - the first four letters of each of their names). It is pronounced Kri Mah So. :-) I have owned purebred dogs all of my adult life and have had Great Danes dating back to the late 1970's; however I actually started showing the Danes in the 1990's, but was not very successful given the ring was laden with far more pro-handlers than owner-handlers and I, quite frankly, was not a very good handler at the time. Additionally, given their size and short lifespan, it broke my heart too much (and too often) when they died so young. So, in 2000, I decided to look for a smaller, longer-lived breed. I looked any several breeds including French Bulldogs, Brussels Griffons, Affenpinchers, Pugs, Italian Greyhounds, and a few Terriers. At about the same time, I was researching breeds for my son and his family and determined that a Boston Terrier would be a perfect fit for them, so I bought them a Boston Terrier as a gift. As luck would have it, I fell in love with her and ended up keeping her myself.

That was my girl, Ruthie. She loved showing and taught me so much about handling and the relationship you build with your dog to have fun AND show well. She was the BEST and I probably would not have picked up as much of the handling skills I have now without her. Although, I never finished her, she produced very well and ultimately gave me Taison, Am/Bul/Can/FCI/Fr/It/Lux/Mace/Rom/Slov/SoAfr/Swiss CH ChriMaso's Midnight Mai Tai, who became the most titled (in conformation) Boston in the U.S. (12 titles from countries on 3 different continents).

Since 2002, when I bred my first Boston litter, I have bred/co-bred 30 conformation and 4 performance champions, as well as finished 7 dogs (one BIS winner) that I've purchased. I love competing in the National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) and was blessed to have bred and shown the #1 NOHS Boston Terrier in 2017 & 2018 with many NOHS Best in Show wins. GCHG ChriMaso's Roll on 18 Wheeler, aka Diesel, also holds the record for most “lifetime” NOHS points. In addition, he was ranked in the Top 10 in Breed and All Breed points 3 years (2016-2018) – all owner-handled and all at local shows without advertising in any of the big magazines. I truly believe our relationship and ability to show “in sync” with one another is what made Diesel and I such a great team. My mantra was “Believe in yourself; believe in your dog; believe in the team you are!” I don't know if I'll ever have another dog that I'll have with that kind of relationship, but it is a goal...

For many years, I was also a featured columnist in two breed magazines (The Boston Quarterly and Let's Talk Bostons), but sadly, they are no longer published. I am a member of the World Dog Press Association as well as an AKC Silver Breeder of Merit, approved mentor by AKC and Boston Terrier Club of America, and active member/officer of multiple clubs (parent, breed, and all breed). Fast forward to 2019 and I love showing and breeding more than ever. I got a bit of a late start in showing/breeding due to being a single mom, but it is truly my passion and I enjoy every aspect of the dog world: showing, breeding, training, health, education, rescue, and everything in between. It is not just my hobby; it is my passion.