



## Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for April 2011

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*They say April showers bring May flowers. Ha! Around our house, April showers bring muddy paws. We have mud on the carpets, on the walls, and thanks to a certain sable shepherd, even on the ceiling! I really can't blame my guys for their muddy exuberance. We've been trapped in the house way too long.*

*If you're tired of being trapped in your house, I hope you will join us at the Ririe agility trials this weekend. We may not have balmy weather or green grass, but the trials are a great opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow club members. We can always use a few more volunteers and volunteering is a super way to learn about agility. Each year I am impressed by the folks who selflessly dedicate their time and energy volunteering at the trials. What an awesome group!*

*Speaking of awesome . . . the spring obedience classes and Canine Good Citizen testing went really smoothly. Kelly did a fantastic job as Training Director (as always) and we had some really talented instructors: Bill Grof, David P'Pool, and Steven Olson. Our new CGC coordinators, Jeff and Pat Staffon, did a wonderful job organizing and setting up for the CGC test. I'd like to extend a big "thank you" to each of you. You certainly made things easier for the evaluators and for that I am grateful!*

*I hope to see you all at the trials . . . I'll be the one being dragged around by a muddy sable! ☺*

Shyne

### **Next Club Meeting**

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Leo's**  
**7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting**  
**7:30 p.m. – General Meeting**

# Meeting Minutes

## I Call to order

Frank M. called to order the Board Meeting of USRVDTTC at 7:00 P.M. on March 17, 2011.

### Members Present:

Suzanne Belger

Glenda Haller

Kathe LaRosa

Steve Olson

Abbie Zaladonis

Theresa Mathis

Frank Mason

## II Call to Order

Frank M. called to order the General Meeting of USRVDTTC at 7:30 P.M. on March 17, 2011 at Godfather's Pizza.

## III Attendance

Suzanne Belger

Steve and Lois Olson

Jeff Staffon

Richard Kauffman

Bill and Diane Orr

JoAnn Croft

LaDawn Moad

Rosha Adams

Shyne Brothers

Stephanie Nielson

Heike Vitacolonna

George and Glenda Haller

LeeAnn Chaffin

John Baughman

Frank Mason

Daniel Allen

Duane Loomis

Rochelle Mason

Margie Vanover

Cheryl Loomis

Abbie Zaladonis

Kelly P'Pool

Pat Staffon

Kathe LaRosa

## IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Glenda H. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from February meeting, Diane O., seconded, motion carried.

## V. Report From the Board

Minutes from February's Board Meeting read to the group.

President: Frank M. - Welcomed guests Mira Chester, Matt Anderson, Lee Anderson, Carolyn Prigge & Ray Prigge.

Vice President: Abbie Z. - Annual USRVDTTC picnic scheduled for July 14, 2011.

Secretary: Nothing at this time

Treasurer: Reviewed the balance sheet from the period of February 18, 2011 through March 16, 2011.

## VI. Committee Reports

Agility: Agility Trial April 1-3, 75 entries, 65 handlers. Suzanne gave a breakdown of the numbers, including monies.

Frank and Rochelle Mason have graciously accepted the catering/hospitality responsibilities for the upcoming trial.

Food for the trial is on an honor system.

Set-up for the trial will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Club members please help set-up and tear-down for the trial.

Obedience – CGC was scheduled for 3.24.2011. Hope all were successful.

Practice Director - New training schedule proposed for the upcoming season, group vote, new schedule approved.

Tracking – Steve O. Tracking will start in three weeks, the class is full.

## VII. New Business

New Member(s): Carolyn Prigge & Ray Prigge, they have a Shih Tzu.

Application for membership(s): Matt Anderson & Lee Anderson, they have a Mini Australian Shepherd.

Vinyl lettering approved for the sides of the club's trailers.

Frank Mason proposed the club sponsor a "Leash Your Dog" Day. Frank will do the leg work and find out the details so the club can make this happen.

VIII. Unfinished Business – Rabies Clinic is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Skyline Activity Center.

Vaccinations will be given for Dogs and Cats at the cost of \$12 per animal.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn - General meeting made by Glenda H., Bill O., seconded, motion passed.

Next General Meeting: Leo's Place, April 21, 2011

\* Please note the June meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month to avoid conflict with the Blackfoot Agility Trial.

## AKC Press Release

### **Disaster Preparedness**

*In response to disasters across the United States, particularly Hurricane Katrina, and in recognition of the leadership role clubs play, the Borzoi Club of America launched a comprehensive disaster preparedness website called ReadyBorzoi<sup>®</sup> ([http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi/BCOA\\_ReadyBorzoi.html](http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi/BCOA_ReadyBorzoi.html)).*

*The site is a one-stop virtual kiosk for details on types of disasters, readiness kit information, links to state disaster plans, shelter contacts, key information on everyday emergencies, online publications, law and governance issues, insights on donating and charities, and multiple tools and links. In addition, a Buddy List was established composed of a network of BCOA members in every state who are willing and able to provide assistance such as boarding, transport, or supplies.*

### **Brag!**

#### **From John Baughman:**

*“**Good Dog**” JJ Baughman received a double Q in Rally Novice and a new title (RN) at the Golden Spike Farmington Obedience Trial. At the same trial he triple Q'd in Novice B and received a second new title (CD). He received three placements (a second in rally and a third and fourth in Novice B).*

*Thanks go out to Bill Grof and Margi Vanover for helping me get JJ ready during the club's winter class.*



#### **From Suzanne Belger:**

*The long journey to Texas paid off! “Echo” is having puppies!*

### **Class Schedule**

*Here is the updated training schedule for 2011:*

*Agility Classes – April 20<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Obedience Classes – June 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Agility Classes – August 24<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Additional obedience classes may be offered in the fall if there is sufficient demand.*

## Upcoming Events

### **Agility & Obedience Practice**

*There will be an AG/OB practice on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12 to 3 p.m. at Tautphaus Park.*

### **Agility Seminar**

*There will be a "Lisa Miller Selthofer" seminar on April 16-17th, 2011 at the Heritage Arena at the Teton County Fairgrounds in Jackson, Wyoming. It will be \$100.00 for a working spot or \$25 for an audit spot. She is going to gear it to our needs but that will be intermediate to excellent. We can leave out stuff overnight in the arena and they will groom it for us if we want Saturday night. For more information, contact Ellen McKee at 307-733-3579 or snowhollow@wyoming.com.*

### **Pocatello Kennel Club**

*Pocatello Kennel Club (PKC) is holding their spring match on April 17, 2011 at Alameda Park in Pocatello. Obedience and Rally (allowing Canine Partners) start at 11:00 a.m. and Handling and Conformation start at noon. Day of match entries accepted until 10:30 a.m. Heart to Heart will host an Agility Show N' Go from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the match, as well as a swap meet. For more info or to get a flyer, contact Teri Steed - teri2558@yahoo.com or Jane Guidinger - odmad@cableone.net. Or, visit [www.pokydogs.org](http://www.pokydogs.org) for additional information.*

*PKC is also holding a CAT (Coursing Ability Test) on May 15th in Pocatello and Heart to Heart will also host an Agility Show N' Go at the same location. Contact Joyce Hughes - curlytails@q.com about the CAT and Jane about the Show N' Go.*

### **Idaho Capital City Kennel Club**

*The ICCKC Spring Match will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Ann Morrison Park in Boise. The club is accepting entries for agility, conformation, obedience and rally. Canine Good Citizen testing will be available the day of the match.*

*Also, ICCKC is holding its first ever "stand-alone" obedience and rally trial on May 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two trials on Saturday and one trial on Sunday, giving competitors the opportunity to earn a title in one weekend. (Cool!) Visit <http://www.icckc.org/> for additional information.*

Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring . . . it was peace."

- Milan Kundera



# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Brenna Hassing Troy Johnston "Winston" Ricks Lee Anderson
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Carrie Birch "Pepper" Birch	<b>5</b> Jo Deurbrouck	<b>6</b> Juley Hankins-Smith	<b>7</b> Richard Kauffman	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> "Bootes" Newby- Reimann
<b>10</b> "Buck" Norrell "Jack" Norrell	<b>11</b> Shyne's 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> "Max" Grof	<b>14</b> Kyson Smith	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> "Gibb" Moad	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> George Haller "Celeste" Belger "Tycho" Lasky	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Colette Wright "Drifter" Norrell	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> "Bonny" Rabin	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> "Lacey" Orr "Danny" Moore

## Upcoming Events

*April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – USRVDTA AKC Agility Trials in Ririe, Idaho*

*April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – AKC Agility Trials in Lolo, Montana*

*April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> - Agility Seminar in Jackson, Wyoming*

*April 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – AKC Tracking Excellent in Vernon, Utah*

*April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pocatello Kennel Club Spring Match*

*April 20<sup>th</sup> – USRVDTA Agility Classes Start*

*April 21<sup>st</sup> – USRVDTA Club Meeting*

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – NADAC Agility Trials in Caldwell, Idaho*

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – USDAA Agility Trials in Farmington, Utah*

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – AKC Obedience & Rally Trials in Lewiston, Idaho*

*April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> – AKC Agility Trials in Helena, Montana*

*For additional event information visit: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com), or [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com) .*