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## **Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for March 2011**

*Greetings all,*

*In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, I would like to share one of my favorite Irish proverbs.*

*May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*

*Until next month, I wish you the "luck of the Irish" with many, many green Qs.*



*Shyne*

**Next Club Meeting**  
**March 17th at Godfather's Pizza**  
**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 the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:00 P.M. on February 17, 2011 at Godfathers Pizza.

Members Present:

Suzanne Belger

Frank Mason

Kathe LaRosa

Steve Olson

Glenda Haller

## II Call to Order

Frank M. called to order the General meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:45 P.M. on February 17, 2011 at Godfathers Pizza.

## III Attendance

Suzanne Belger

Cheryl Loomis

Vicki Stewart

LaDawn Moad

Duane Loomis

Stephanie Nielsen

LeeAnn Chaffin

Kerwin Hassing

Gary and LaLeene Ricks

Carrie Birch

Fran Hassing

George and Glenda Haller

Kelly P'Pool

JoAnn and Dan Croft

Frank Mason

Steve and Lois Olson

Natiela Shomaker

Kathe LaRosa

Diane and Bill Orr

Shyne Brothers

Rosha Adams

Doug Wale

John Baughman

Rochelle Mason

## IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Glenda H. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from January's meeting, Fran H., seconded, motion carried.

## V. Report From the Board

Report from board, Glenda H. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from January's meeting, Kathe L., seconded, motion carried.

President, Frank M., Next meeting at Godfathers Pizza March 17, 2011, via Abbie Z. Still looking into alternative sites for our monthly club meetings.

Vice President, Abbie Z. Absent, memo sent to Frank M. - Annual USRVDTTC picnic scheduled for July 14, 2011.

Secretary, Received several e-mails regarding upcoming "Dog" events. Will forward to Shyne for Newsletter.

Treasurer, Reviewed the balance sheet from January 21, 2011 through February 17, 2011

## VI. Committee Reports

Agility – Two other Clubs have scheduled Agility Events on the same weekend as USRVDTTC; group to review the possibility of moving event for next and upcoming years.

Obedience – Classes going well discussed in Board Meeting the possibilities of consolidating training classes.

Practice Director – Kelly P'Pool and Theresa M. to meet and discuss upcoming Agility and Obedience class schedules.

Trophies - Fran passed a sign-up sheet for Obedience Trial Trophy Sponsors. Trial scheduled for August.

## VII. New Business

May Rabies clinic scheduled for May 4, 2011 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M at the Skyline Drive location. Glenda H. will contact volunteers.

VIII. Unfinished Business – Revisited the trailer controversy, tabled at this time.

IX. Motion to Adjourn - General meeting made by Lois O., Suzanne B., seconded, motion passed.

Next General Meeting: Godfathers Pizza, March 17, 2011

## News

### **AKC Delegate**

Thank you Glenda for providing the following information about our new AKC delegate!

Sharon Sakson is her name. She lives in Pennington, New Jersey and is a Whippet breed and Hound judge. She has 5 dogs, 2 Whippets, 1 Dachshund and 2 Brussels Griffons. The Whippets run lure coursing field trials, one of the Brussels Griffons is in Agility and the others are her portable friends.

### **Spay & Neuter Discount**

According to the Post Register, all vet clinics in Idaho Falls, Rigby, and Rexburg are currently offering a \$20 discount on spay/neuter procedures. The Shelley Vet, Lost River Vet and Fremont Animal Care are also participating. This discount is offered courtesy of the Humane Society of the Upper Valley until March 31st.



### **Tracking**

Tracking classes will run from April 16<sup>th</sup> until June 4<sup>th</sup> on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please send Steve and Lois your sign-up sheet for class.

There will only be room for 10 dogs in class (first come-first serve) and only 1 dog per family. If you have more than 1 dog that you want to track, you can switch off bringing them to class. If we do not have 10 people that want to track, then we will start letting families track more than one dog.

There will be an orientation class at the Olson's house on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Steve or Lois at 524-2958.

### **Trophies**

We are currently searching for trophy sponsors for the fall obedience trials. Please contact Fran at [frzninid@srv.net](mailto:frzninid@srv.net) or 522-5731 if you would like to sponsor a trophy. All sponsors are listed in the catalog.



### **Upcoming Practice**

There will be an agility & obedience practice on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Broken Bit Arena. Everyone is asked to contribute \$5 per dog in order to offset the cost of arena rental. Come join in the fun!!!

## From the Syndicate

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the launch of a new titling event – the Coursing Ability Test – on February 24, 2011 in Calhoun, GA. Open to all dogs, the Coursing Ability Test is an introductory event fashioned after the sport of lure coursing and meant to be a fun, healthy activity for dogs and their owners. Coursing Ability Tests may be held by all licensed lure coursing clubs.

Eligible dogs must be at least 12 months of age and individually registered/listed with the AKC (registered purebred, Foundation Stock Service (FSS), Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) or AKC Canine Partner). In order to pass the test, a dog running alone must pursue a lure, completing the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a given time.

"The Coursing Ability Test can provide a wonderful community outreach opportunity, an enjoyable experience for dogs and owners and a way to expose a wider audience to the sport," said AVP Performance Events Doug Ljungren. "Most dogs will chase a lure and have fun in the process."

Dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test three times will earn a Coursing Ability (CA) title. Ten passes and a dog earns a Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) title and 25 passes results in a Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX) title.

A summary description of the test, the regulations governing the event and a Coursing Ability Test application form, as well as a list of upcoming events can be found on the AKC website at [www.akc.org/events/performance](http://www.akc.org/events/performance). Click on "Coursing Ability Test" on the left side of the page.

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## Braggs & Pix!



*Captain earned a Double Q, and one jumpers leg at the GSDOC trials in Utah along with 30 MACH points.*

*Chance earned his 7th and 8th MXP legs, once with Jane and once with Randy Gaines.*

*Kilo ran four courses, finished them all with Melinda, but had too many faults to Q.*

*Tennille got measured and shrank 5/8" of an inch between Friday and Sunday. Go figure?*



**Congratulations Redcoat Gang!**

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 "Dodger" Chaffin	4 "Pyper" Moad	5
6	7	8	9 "Dune" Belger & "Wunder" Newby- Reimann	10	11	12
13 "Andy" Chaffin  "Pete" Grof	14	15 Ellen McKee	16 Mark Whitham  "Abbey" Setter	17 Happy St. Patricks Day!  "Anje" Hjelm	18 Austin Summers	19 "Spodie" Hankins-Smith
20 "Masai" Chaffin	21	22 "Costner" Johnston	23	24	25	26
27 Practice 3-5 p.m. Broken Bit	28 "Sasha" Stewart	29 Patricia Staffon	30 Rick Belger	31 "JJ" Baughman		



*A dog owns nothing,  
yet is seldom dissatisfied.*

*– Irish Proverb*

## Upcoming Events

*March 13<sup>th</sup> – Pocatello Agility Show n' Go*

*March 18<sup>th</sup> – Closing date for USRVDTA Agility Trial*

*March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Caldwell Agility Trials*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Bozeman Obedience Trials*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Farmington Obedience Trials*