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A Message From the Editor

Spring has sprung!

In this issue you will find several brags of accomplishments and some new litter news and minutes of the last meeting . Pat Konrad submitted some exciting news also. Please remember to keep those brags, new litters and any other news worthy articles coming. The deadline for Issue 3 is August 31, 2008.

Pat and Alfons Konrad will be donating a "**Nickleodeon's Bobbie Magee**" Perpetual Best of Breed Trophy at all National Specialties of the club. The first trophy will be awarded at the Specialty being held in June at the Hamilton Kennel Club.. A keeper trophy will be awarded to the winner annually but the main trophy will be maintained by Pat and Alfons and a plaque will be added annually to the trophy with the name of the winner.

Bobbie was top American Cocker Spaniel in Canada in 1999 and 2000 and was #5 All Breeds & #2 Sporting Dog in 2000. He is also the top ranked Canadian Bred American Cocker Spaniel in CKC history second only to "Diamond Jim". We are extremely proud of the contribution Bobbie has made to our breed and are very pleased that this Trophy is being presented while he is still alive. Bobbie will be eleven years old in August and will be present along with his handler Will Alexander to present the Trophy.

Pat Konrad

If your personal information has changed, please fill out the attached and mail it to Kelly Ladouceur,

Change of Personal Information

Name:		
Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	

ACSCC National Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2008

<u>Attendees:</u>	Jackie Forchuk	Val Mackie	Bernie Reddick
	Jackie Billows	Carmen Lorenz	Brad Sharp
	Ken Nelson	Jocelyn Nelson	Donna Kjorsvik
	Kelly Ladouceur	Sharon Smythe	

- ✦ Meeting was called to order at 5:20pm by Kelly Ladouceur.
- ✦ Agenda was reviewed – no changes or additions were made.
- ✦ Meeting minutes from January 19, 2008 were read. Donna Kjorsvik made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jackie Forchuk. Motion carried.
- ✦ President’s Report: The President did a brief introduction of the new Executive to the attendees, and welcomed any feedback or suggestions that members might have at any time.
- ✦ Treasurer’s Report: On behalf of the Treasurer, Kelly Ladouceur reported the bank balance is \$4,336.83 as of March 30, 2007.
- ✦ Election of New Members: The following new member was voted in by those present at the meeting: Heather Vallance, Qualicum Beach, BC.
- ✦ Old Business: Unable to discuss the “Book for Judges” as the local committee member was not present to give an update.
- ✦ New Business:
 - By-law change to include non-CKC members in the Club. Following discussion with the CKC, it has been determined that general Club members are not required to be CKC members. 3 members of the Executive must be CKC members, that is the only CKC requirement. Kelly Ladouceur motioned that the ACSCC start the process to amend the Club by-laws to allow non-CKC members to join, Carmen Lorenz and Val Mackie seconded. Motion carried. The Club Secretary will send the detailed procedure for these changes to each Regional Director, to be followed accordingly.
 - By-law change to amalgamate the Prairie provinces into one Region (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), as well as possibly combining one Ontario Region with Quebec. Jackie Forchuk motioned that the Club proceed with the process to combine the Prairie provinces into one region, as well as an Ontario Region and Quebec, seconded by Sharon Smythe. Motion carried. This process will be undertaken concurrently with the proposed by-law amendment above.
 - Discussion regarding amendment of the Breed Standard to clarify the ACSCC position regarding the sable pattern, as well as to clarify wording around docked and undocked tails. Also discussed was the possibility of adding the merle pattern and/or blue eyes as a breed disqualification. A Breed Standard Committee was formed with Ken Nelson, Kelly Ladouceur, Carmen Lorenz and Sharon Smythe offering to stand for the committee.

Donna Kjorsvik motioned that the Club begin the process of considering amendments to the American Cocker Spaniel Breed Standard, seconded by Jackie Billows. Motion carried.

- ✦ Motion to adjourn made at 6:00pm by Kelly Ladouceur, seconded by Sharon Smythe.

Next Meeting: May 31, 2008 following the Midwest CSC Specialty in Edmonton, AB

BRAGS

Late brags for 2007 Silverdi Perm Reg

New Champion JP Am/Can Ch Silverdi's Believe Me I'm Rede

Silverdi's Illusions In Life Can C.D. & C.D.I (Lea)

Brag for 2008

Silverdi's Illusions In Life PCD Am/Can CD CDI CGC CGN

Lea competed in Novice B at ASC at Winter National 2008 where she placed 2nd to the high scoring American cocker spaniel who won the Specialty. I was very please with Lea. This also completed her novice title with all cocker specialties wins Lea is also working on her Rally besides her open & utility work

Am/Can Ch.Silverdi's Evening In Cape Cod PCD CGC CGN (Justin) finished his pre-novice tilte April 12 2008 now working on his novice

Dianne McKenty-Tanguay

BISS Am/Can Ch Sjoblom's All That He Touches has been having a great year out on the campaign trail. He made us all especially thrilled when he picked up a Best in Show in April at the Renaissance Dog Association Show in Chilliwack under the respected Mrs. Paula Hartinger. This boy is only two. We are proud of the way this boy is maturing and handling himself in the ring.

Valerie Mackie

BRAGS

We have very exciting news from this weekend, my girl Tori passed her Canine Good Neighbor test and earned her CGN title and she also qualified in 3 straight rally trials to obtain her Rally Novice title (RN). Which completed the requirements for Tori to become a Canadian Grand Champion!

Tori is now officially GR CH MBISS Can/Am CH Shaankata's Tequila Teaser CGN RN

Tori is bred & owned by me and her sire is BISS Am/Can CH Nickleodeon's Devil May Dare and her dam is Can Ch Kataxin Shaankata Tequila Mite CD CGC TT.

All this at 8 years of age and also after just recently having a front toe amputated due to a tumor.

As far as I know Tori is the 1st female cocker and 5th cocker to become a Grand Champion.

Tori was a great ambassador for the breed this weekend with her outgoing temperament, wonderful working attitude and she just soaked up the attention, loved the crowds and applause!

We are very proud of our Tori!

Trudy Haukeness-Fecho
Shaankata Reg'd American Cocker Spaniels
Dryden, Ontario, Canada

"Oliver" - Rachris N Brandia's Blue Bayou
(Out of "Caralee's Canadian Bound eh?" X "Legend Tangled up and Blue")

Oliver just got his first 2 points toward his CKC Championship on Mar 9, in Prince Albert, Sask. In Battleford (April 11- 13), Oliver won Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best Puppy in Breed under Martin Doherty on Friday. On Saturday, he won Best of Winners under Judy Shurb, then on Sunday won Best of Winners and Best Puppy in Sporting Group under Richard Lopaschuk. He now has 9 points toward his Championship.

Bred by Carmen Lorenz, Owned by Sharon Smythe and Handled by Monique Malcolm.

Also on Friday, Dinah (Brandia's Dance to the Rhythm) got Winners Female.

So I guess you would call that a good weekend...

Oliver finished his Championship in Edmonton, April 18 - 20, handles by myself.

Thanks,
Sharon Smythe

MORE BRAGS

Kisspaw Colby AGMX earned his AGXJ (Agility Excellent Jumper) title at the Fort Saskatchewan and Area Canine Association Agility trial on March 2nd, 2008.

I'm very proud of our teamwork and we're onto the next goal of his Masters Excellent Jumper title.
Sandi Maday

At the age of 8.5, I pulled my boy Farley out of retirement to try Canada's new sport, Rally Obedience. We went into the ring without having been to a match or a class. Farley did very well, finishing his title in 3 trials, earning a High Scoring Cocker in Trial (in conjunction with a Breed booster) along the way. Not bad for a dog that hadn't practiced heeling in almost 4 years! Farley is bred by Kim Hartz & Valerie Richardson, and he is always owner-handled by me. Can Ch Silverwood's Northern Light Am Can CD, RN, CGC

Kelly Ladouceur
Klad Cockers

Been 6 years since the first St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog milestone here in the Welland/Port Colborne division when my Samantha was the first to earn the 500 visit award.....now Simon (Christycrest It's Simply Simon CGC CD RNCL) shares the honours with another division dog as they reach another milestone being the first in Niagara to earn the 600 visit Branch Award! He has been doing visits at the Welland Hospital and also various retirement facilities since turning one in 2001....visitations are Simon's preferred enjoyment! Through the many previous publicity releases about Simon's 'work' and the recent 5 photos in various papers, he has become quite the 'recognizable cocker spaniel' in the city!

Abbey has been busy in various trials recently.....in St. Catharine's on April 25 she had success earning two CKC Novice Rally legs with scores of 97 and 98 /100 with 3rd and 4th placements! The next day was also huge highlight as she earned her 3rd CD leg with a score of 193 and a 3rd place finish! Proud to note that she earned her CD title in 3 straight runs with 3 placements along the way!

So proud of you Simon and Abbey,

Virginia Davies

LITTER BOX

We have a beautiful litter of five cocker babies born March 18th. One r/w girl, one r/w boy and three tri boys.

All are big and healthy and gorgeous!

And mom Am/Can Ch Shaankata Kataxin Guiltyas Sin is being one of the best moms ever! Sin is co-owned with me by Geri Mozel (Kataxin).

And of course dad is Am/Can Ch Nesmar Christycrest OnBroadway owned by Christine Wagner.

Trudy Haukeness-Fecho
Shaankata Reg'd
American Cocker Spaniels
Dryden, Ontario, Canada

New Member Applicant

The following new applicant has applied for membership in the American Cocker Spaniel Club of Canada. If you have any objections, please forward in writing to the Secretary* with 30 days of publication of this Newsletter.

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Brad Sharp, 907 10 Street S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 2N4
Angela Czynski, RR 2, Bluffton, AB T0C 0M0
Joanne Downing, 84 Dolphin Bay, Regina, SK S4S 4Z8

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To whom it may concern

I'm writing this in regards to an e-mail I received & I have spoken to several people in the CKC being obedience judges & conformation judges . I have been member of the CKC for a long time & I feel very strongly about this

We as a club, as breeders, as exhibitors or just plain lovers of the breed, our main concern is the American Cocker Spaniel Dog.

With the rise in cross breeding and the popularity of designer dogs no time is more important than the present to maintain our breed standards. In order to do this we have to do everything possible to ensure that our breed records are maintained and all registrations are in order.

There are people with our breed who are only involved in performance events. In order to be a part of the sports the competitor has to ensure that records are kept and regulations are in order to maintain the sport that they have chosen.

I think we can all agree that the American Cocker Spaniel Club can not provide all that is required to sustain our breed and its credibility. There has to be an over seeing body and the only way we can do this is through the Canadian Kennel Club.

The Canadian Kennel Club is a very large organization in which we are all members. This type of organization is made up of people like us. We are the owners we are the directors ensuring this authority through a democratic process. I realize that when there is an organization of this magnitude mistakes can be made. The system is in no way perfect but it works.

In all government type organizations decisions have to be made and some are controversial but they have to be made. This sometimes does not set well with some people but again it is all for the betterment of the organization.

In order to promote our breed and maintain high standards there must be dog shows where we can exhibit both in conformation and performance events. The Canadian Kennel Club is responsible for administering these shows and train and regulate the judges who are responsible.

There has to be a process in place to maintain order through discipline. This again is not a dictatorship approach; it is through proper judicial type hearings ensuring that rights of individuals are protected. I do not think we can expect any more or any less in what is being done.

In all good faith, regardless of what part you play or want to play in our chosen breed you have to be a member of the Canadian Kennel Club. In not requiring every member of our club to be a member of the Canadian Kennel Club would be a disservice to our own club and our breed.

Just my opinion
Dianne McKenty-Tanguay
Silverdi Perm reg