



# Herd the News?

Newsletter of the North Star Herding Group Club

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## Newsletter format changes

At the NSHGC board meeting on Thursday March 2, proposed changes to the newsletter were approved. The goal of these changes would be to improve the communication process for membership and expand the services provided.

Herd the News? will now be available in e-mail format for members who sign and return the agreement on page 5 in this issue. Receiving your newsletter by e-mail will allow you to receive it faster and will save on postage costs for the club. You will also receive your newsletter in color by e-mail. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by e-mail, you must sign and return the form on page 5 by April 5 to receive the next issue electronically.

The newsletter will be sent in Adobe format, which will require Acrobat Reader to view/print. Instructions on obtaining this *free program* by download will be included in the e-mail.

The newsletter will also be available to non-members by e-mail on request at no charge. This communication will effectively expand our potential membership and advertise the activities of the club, generating more participation in club events.

In addition, the board approved advertising rates for future issues of the newsletter. Advertising rates are shown below.

Advertising rates will apply to all notices published in the newsletter, excluding the "Member Brags" section. For example, litter announcements, equipment or items for sale, formal championship announcements, etc.

### Newsletter Ad rates:

#### Club Members:

Full page = \$25.00

1/2 page = \$15.00

1/4 page = \$10.00

Want ad = \$5.00

Want ad = 1/8 page.

Full page is one side only.

**\*\*Non members add \$5.00**

### Note:

The board has **now approved non-members to receive e-mail newsletters**. Sign up your friends... They are our next membership candidates!! They need to complete the enclosed e-mail agreement form and send it to me, and they will receive the newsletter by e-mail.

### Special points of interest:

- *E-mail Newsletter*
- *Membership meeting 3/16*
- *Board Meeting 3/16 at 7:00 p.m.*

### Upcoming Events:

**Conformation Show**  
Carver County Fairground.

**June 9, 2006**

### Agility Trial

Soccer Blast in Burnsville

**July 1,2,3, 2006**

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**Membership application is now on line.**



## Member "Braggs"

### Congratulations new champion!

Shelley Potter's CH. SwanCrest StarPondulac's **Hummer** earned his championship at the international show in Chicago at the end of February. Hummer was one year old on Mar 1.

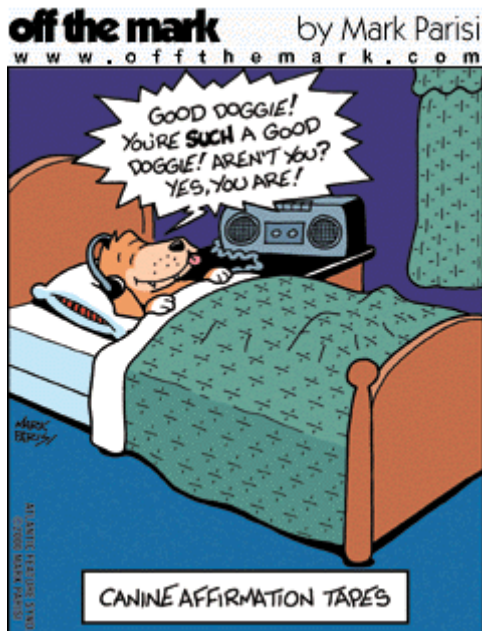
### Congratulations First Major!

Awangarda's Spice Girl, **Ginger**, owned and bred by Mary McKennan with Shelley Potter's stud, Bastek, earned her first major March 4 at West Allis, WI show.

### Congratulations new champions!

Barbara Stoffel's B-Lines Darling **Liesl** CD, RN earned her RN title at NSHGC show in January 28 and earned her CD tile at the January 29 show. Congratulations to Barb and breeder, Deb Johnson.

Barb's UCD **Hayley** Brynn Wadsworth, CDX, NAP, JJP, CGC, CKC/ASCA CDX earned her RN at St. Paul January 7, 2006.



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**To subscribe to club e-mail list:** <http://www.yahogroups.com/groups/hshgc>



## Member Spotlights Darci Wagner & Kathy Flynn

Hi there - My Name is Darci Howe Wagner. I live in Eden Prairie with my husband Chad, and 2-year-old daughter, Danielle. We currently have four dogs (3 Pembroke Corgis and a Golden Retriever) Dogs have been a big part of my life since I was born. Growing up, my family had a St. Bernard, Springer Spaniels, and English Cocker - I showed in conformation, junior showmanship, and obedience. I put a CD on my first dog, Zip, at the age of nine. My parents own and operate an obedience school in Rochester, where I spent a lot of my time hanging with the dogs.

I started in agility after I graduated from college - almost 10 years ago now! I am currently an agility instructor at Dog Works in Eden Prairie, and I also teach classes down in Rochester once a week during the warmer months. It's "all in the family" as they say - mom and dad currently have golden retrievers and just recently added a new baby Border Collie (time for them to join the club).

I got my first Corgi from Patti Kleven 6-1/2 yrs ago (CH Lismore's Grand Marais MX MXJ CD VC - "GRETA"). I spend many of my weekends at local AKC agility trials. One of my biggest accomplishments thus far is this past January, Yogi, (CH Dakri's Park Ranger MX MXJ) and I competed at the AKC Eukanuba Agility Championship down in Florida. I could not have asked for a more exciting weekend! We actually walked away with 5th place in our jump height division. We were in 2nd place going into the final televised run, but between my nerves and my bobble before the weaves (sorry Yogi), we had an off-course which took us out of the running for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Yogi's run was televised by Animal Planet and appeared on national TV. With Yogi just turning 3 years old, I definitely look forward to more nationals in his future. I was

very proud of little Yogi - he did Great!!!

The herding club has their first agility trial right around the corner with just a few months left before the big weekend arrives. I am happy to be the Trial Chair for this exciting event to be held July 1,2 and 3. The trial will be taking place at Soccer Blast in Burnsville. We are hoping for a great turnout. I look forward to a fun and exciting weekend full of lots of clean runs. Mark your calendars and we will see you all in July!

Darci Wagner

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Hi, my name is Kathy Flynn and I have had Border Collies since 1987. I first had an English Springer Spaniel that I showed in obedience and got her CD. Unfortunately she had severe hip dysplasia so was retired after that. I have always been interested in dogs and training dogs since my childhood. We rescued a stray Border Collie mix who I tried training with an old obedience book as a child. I then went on to college and studied to be a Veterinary Technician. I still work part time as a Certified Veterinary Technician near Northfield, MN. The rest of my time I work as a dog trainer for Invisible Fence.

My first two Border Collies I trained and showed in obedience obtaining UD's on both of them. My dear friend Liz Wilson was the one who helped me in training my dogs in obedience and offered me a lot of insight into training. One of these dogs I also showed to his breed championship. I handled him myself to his championship and he had 4 OTCh points before I lost him to a grand mal seizure. My next Border Collie was the one who brought me into the herding world. I will admit that I am addicted to herding! I did finish a breed championship on Riley and then

Trailed her on herding. She broke her leg in the spring of 2005 and retired early from trialing. In all we have had three breed champions before I became totally focused on herding.

I am currently trialing two dogs, Jag and Bett. Jag as you probably know finished his Herding Championship this past fall at a local trial. He also has titles with ASCA and AHBA. I have also trialed him in pro-novice at Border Collie trials. I plan on trialing him in open this year in Border Collie trials. I did start trialing Bett in pro-novice this past fall and she does have her HSAs and HSBs. She is taking a break this spring/early summer to have puppies and I will start trialing her again this summer.

We also have some up and coming young dogs that I hope to be trialing in the next couple of years. My husband had his dog, Stryker, who is out of Jag and Ripley that he will start trialing in novice this year. In the next couple of years I will be starting to trial Cash, who is out of Ripley and a Bett daughter, Corbie. In all we have 7 Border Collies.

As far as my goals and aspirations. These past two years of trialing and learning with Jag have been quite a ride. As his breeder told me, "Enjoy the ride, you deserve it." I never imagined that we would finish our Herding Championship in five weekends. I also never dreamed that I would be trialing my dog in open at a Border Collie trial. All I can say is Thank You Jag!! I still hope to be able to trial some of our younger dogs in open trials and in advanced trials in other venues.

I should also point out that we do live on a 10 acre hobby farm just south of Cannon Falls. We currently have 13 sheep. We are anxiously waiting for our 6 ewes to have their lambs any

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### E-MAIL NOTIFICATION AGREEMENT

March 10, 2006

I agree to receive the North Star Herding Group Club newsletter, Herd the News?, which contains notification of General meetings, Board meetings, matches, programs, clinics and other club activities by e-mail.

I understand that this is the only means by which I will receive this information and will contact The Club Secretary if my e-mail address is changed or I am unable to check my e-mail on a regular basis.

I understand that I may revoke this agreement at any time by notifying the Club Secretary in writing and will receive the above information by regular snail mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY April 5, 2006 TO:***

North Star Herding Group Club  
Mary J. McKennan, Secretary  
115 Maple Ridge Drive  
Delano, MN 55328

Thank you for your prompt response. This will allow North Star Herding Group Club to keep all members updated on the functions of the club in a more timely manner and also cut down on the cost of postage.

## North Star Herding Group Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

February 16, 2006

The meeting was held in South Saint Paul, MN at the St Paul Dog Training Club location. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Patti Kleven.

### Reports-

Secretary's report- Minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report- Bev received the check from Onofrio. The ending balance at the bank is \$7401.30 plus the check for January show.

### Agility Committee:

Trial chair for our first agility trial, Darci Wagner, has assured me that things are progressing well. Darci and Karl are working on the Premium and it should soon be ready to put on our nice new website. The trial committee is made up of Darci Wagner, Karl Johnson, Betsy Hadac, Carol Papermaster, Jerry Simon and Brad Zacho. John Peterson  
Agility Committee Chair

Herding Committee: One of the committee members talked with an AKC Herding Rep recently, and was told we may need to do just one herding match to be approved to hold AKC Herding Tests and Trials. Since our next big goal is to be licensed for herding events, we'd like to try to do the match this year, possibly in the fall.

Those interested in herding are encouraged to join the Herding Committee and help work toward this goal over the next year or so. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Karin Andreen at ebonaire@hotmail.com or 763-425-3236.

Past President's report- June Trophy are in. Bev has them and will bring to the show. See ad for trophy donation information. Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be sent to Bev Capstick.

Membership Committee: Unable to vote on the new members because not enough for a quorum. New membership will be voted in at March meeting.

### **Reegan and Rachel Wenninger (junior members)**

1113 Selby Ave  
St Paul Park, MN 55071  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi

### **Brad, Barbara and Annie Zacho**

1815 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Newport, MN 55055  
Border Collie and Pembroke Welsh Corgi

### **Membership Committee continued**

#### **Rory and Linda Friedlow**

1680 Ladd Ave  
Kanwha, IA 50447  
Belgian Tervuren and Belgian Malinois

#### **Judy Hagen**

5125 Shady Island Road  
Mound MN 55364  
Belgian Tervuren and Belgian Malinois

#### **Karen Nielsen**

4811 Colfax Ave N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55430  
Rescue and Puppy training

### Old Business-

1. Take the Lead membership was discussed. Take the Lead is a supportive organization for dog clubs. Motion to join by Shelley Potter. Second by Deb Johnson. Members present voted to approve payment of \$100.00 to apply for membership in Take the Lead.
2. Trophies for June show are paid. Lake Minnetonka Show site is Carver County Fairgrounds again this year and is the site of the June show and the agility trial in July.

### New Business:

1. Need to form a new committee to find a meeting location. Members interested in being on this committee should contact Patti Kleven. Current location is available and paid through July. Cost is \$25/month.
2. New committee: Herding Committee will organize tests & trials. Herding committee is working with the Great River Club.
3. Newsletter: Discussion of improvements and cost. Board needs to establish a rate for commercial ads to include show wins and ads for services, commercial ads, puppy announcements, and sale of equipment etc.
  - ⇒ Newsletter will now be available by e-mail. Form to be included in next newsletter to be able to receive it electronically per AKC requirements.
  - ⇒ March Member Spotlight: Darci Wagner and Kathy Flynn were selected for next month's Member Spotlight.
4. Proposal for a Conformation Sweepstakes to be held the day before a show that is open to all herding-titled dogs (qualification is herding instinct test prior to show). Need more work on this to get the details worked out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary McKennan, secretary



**Litter announcement:**

German Shepherd Dog

Born 1/14/06

2 boys 3 girls

Owner/Breeder; Kathy DuVall

**Sire: Zack** = Am BBIS U/I Ch Nordwind's Burst of Energy OFA43G, OFEL43 (10 Am Ch Points) TC, HT, PT, CGC, Tdi; AHBA-HCTs, JHDs

**DAM: Tiffany** = U Ch Mari's Tiffany OFA (H/E) T

Any inquiries call 763-413-9067 or

E-mail [marienterprises@msn.com](mailto:marienterprises@msn.com)

**Member Spotlight, Kathy Flynn Continued**

day now. We also have 8 buff ducks for herding and 4 hens for the delicious eggs. Oh, and I can't forget our 4 spoiled barn cats.

I would like to end by saying that I feel privileged to share my life with these dogs and also to be sharing their obsession of herding. I can say that I am addicted to herding, but my addiction doesn't even begin to compare to how much they want to work. Thank you Ripley, Jag, Phire, Bett, Stryker, Cash and Corbie for sharing your lives with us. I don't know where I would be without these guys.

Kathy Flynn

*Thanks to both of our Member Spotlight participants. It is nice to get to know others in our club!! Do I have any volunteers for next month?? Your story is the one we want to hear!!*

*Mary McKennan, editor*

**FSS Report:**

**FSS CORRECTION**

Last month I mentioned that the Finish Lapphunds were not eligible for AKC Companion Dog events. Wrong!

They were in the first group of FSS breeds to be allowed to take part in Companion Dog events but they have not yet applied for permission to take part in AKC Herding tests although three dogs have earned AHBA herding tested certificates.

Interestingly, one of their members qualified for both the 2005 and 2006 Agility nationals but was unable to attend this year.

In June, 2005, the Finnish Lapphund Club of America held its first independent Specialty Match, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Total entry was 62, not bad for a breed with just over 200 AKC registrations. The match included Sub-Novice, Novice, and Open obedience, Novice Rally, Junior Showmanship, Puppy Sweepstakes, and Regular Conformation Judging.

My apologies for leaving this breed out of my report.

John Peterson, FSS Breed Coordinator

**Wish list for the Land O'Lakes Show 2007:**

- ⇒ We need Banners
- ⇒ Play the Star Spangled Banner
- ⇒ Tablecloths are donated by Bev Chapman



**Next General Membership Meeting:**

**Thursday, March 16, 2006**

**7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Dog Training.**

**For map: [www.nshgc.com/Calendar](http://www.nshgc.com/Calendar)**

**Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.**



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North Star Herding Group Club  
115 Maple Ridge Drive  
Delano, MN 55328

The North Star Herding Group Club (NSHGC) was established in January of 2000 and gained AKC Club recognition in 2002. In November 2004, NSHGC was granted permission to hold fully sanctioned Conformation, Obedience and Agility trials. This club was founded to support Herding Breeds and the people who love and work with them.

**Our primary objectives are:**

- Encourage and promote quality breeding and performance of all purebred Herding breed dogs
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standards of their breeds approved by the AKC.
- To protect the interests of the Herding Breeds and encourage sports manlike competition. To conduct sanctioned trials, dog shows, obedience trials, and other performance events under the rules of the AKC.
- To provide educational programs and seminars to enhance knowledge in regard to all Herding Breeds and Purebred dogs in general.