

Next Meeting:

July 15, 2010

Pot Luck: 6:30

Meeting: 7:30

Lakewood Hills Park

2110 Orchard Lane

White Bear Lake

Directions: Take I-694 to the White Bear Lake exit. Go north about ½ mile and turn right on Orchard Lane. Go past the YMCA's two parking lots and turn right at the next drive.

President's Message

As you can see from this bare-bones newsletter, we are in need of a Newsletter editor! If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me at ann@avonleamainois.com

Our Agility Trial was held July 3-5 with great success! Bravo to the team that made it happen. I was there all 3 days, and the traditional team of workhorses was there, plus some new faces. It was a successful trial, and what a joy to be able to have a complete 2-ring trial in a climate-controlled facility!! We're blessed to be able to have this facility, and to have an organization like the Minnesota Agility Club, from which we can rent quality equipment. Weren't those rubber-skinned contacts awesome? Thank you, thank you, to all that made the Trial happen. A more complete report will be forthcoming.

The Herding Committee also pulled together a herding fun day. Some members got to work their dogs, and others were amazed to see the herding instinct present in their show/agility/etc dogs! Thanks to Lynette Gandl and her team for making this happen for the club.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 15. We will hold this meeting at the Lakewood Hills Park, in White Bear Lake. This is a fun meeting because: 1) it is outside and you can bring dogs to socialize; 2) It's a pot luck, and that's always fun; 3) Pati Kleven will do a talk on "Grooming" (a presentation she gives to beginning handlers); 4) We may have 4-H guests! Please join us. Bring whatever you like!

At a recent meeting, there was a discussion of having mixed-breeds participate in our all-breed events, and at this time, that only involves agility. It has been suggested that to permit this, our Herding Group Specialty Club would need to change its Constitution and By-Laws. If this is something our members would like to do, we should consider having conversations about this at upcoming meetings. What are your feelings?

And if we're looking at the Constitution and By-Laws, there may be other things we'd like to consider changing. Presently we are required to meet monthly. This may have been a good idea when we were a new club, getting to know each other, and the role we might play in the Minneapolis/St. Paul dog community. But we now have 6 AKC licensed events per year, and we may want to reconsider our meeting schedule. Many of us have to travel a great distance across rush-hour traffic on a weekday evening to make

our current meetings, and this may not be practical going forward. What are your feelings?

Our By-Laws provide specific guidelines for changing our constitution, which included mailing proposed changes to all members. So it won't be changed without following that process. But discussions concerning it will, and should happen at upcoming meetings. What are your feelings? ☺

See you soon!
Ann

From the Recording Secretary, Dawn Fisher:

Due to the small number of attendees and the storms at our last meeting, we were unable to hold a true meeting; therefore there are no meeting notes. Please give some thought to the discussion regarding allowing mixed breeds at our agility trials.

Also

Last weekend we held our 3 day agility trial at Soccer Blast. The trial was really great. Thankfully we were in Soccer Blast, shielded from the heat, humidity and rains. The competitors were as always fabulous, with several milestones reached over the weekend. We also had a huge number of first timers. Our judges measured lots of new dogs, which is great to see as well. Both the judges and the courses were fun. Really a great 3 days. I am looking forward to the next trial.

A couple of weeks ago we held a herding fun day over in Wisconsin at Phyllis Clark's farm. Although it was very warm, we had several people introduce their dogs to the sheep, as well as several experienced dogs who showed us how to do it. Many of the people who had never tried herding were simply amazed at what the dogs could do. Only a few of the dogs were not interested, most were very excited to see those sheep. I know the sheep got quite the workout.

Upcoming Events:

August 27, 2010 Conformation Show Washington County Fairgrounds, MN Chair: Patti Kleven 651.458.0814 lismorecor@aol.com
October 17, 2010 Herding Trial Chair: Lynnette Gandl 715.688.2232 lgandl@wandrlyn.com
December, 2010 Agility Trial On The Run, Ham Lake, MN Chair: Toni Osojnicky

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