



Columbia Basin Dog Training Club

JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the general membership will be **Monday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Kennewick library on Union Street. Come and hear the latest news about club activities and business.

Agility Fun Run

The next agility fun run will be Saturday, June 7, in West Richland at Flat Top Park. Get ready for summer trials, or just come and have fun. Both purebreds and mixed breeds are welcome. All proceeds will go toward supporting our August 2 Sanctioned Match, so the club can hold official AKC agility trials in the future. Registration forms are at <http://www.columbiabasinogtc.org/> or contact Brenda Trowbridge, Fun Run Secretary. Advance registration is due June 3. Volunteers and equipment are needed – contact [Bernie Beldin](#).

Upcoming Events

This isn't a comprehensive list, so check [the AKC website](#) for complete listings. Most are multi-day events; the Saturday date is listed.

- June 7, Obedience and Rally in Puyallup
- June 14, Agility in Moscow, ID
- June 21, Obedience and Rally in Canby (Portland), OR
- June 21, Obedience and Rally in Missoula, MT
- June 28, Obedience, Agility, Rally in Redmond, OR
- July 12, Agility, Rally in Auburn, WA at Argus Ranch
- July 10, Obedience and Rally in Portland, OR
- August 9, Agility in Hood River, OR
- August 16, Obedience and Rally in Enumclaw, WA
- August 23, Agility in Spokane, WA
- September 27, Obedience and Rally in Richland, WA
- September 27, Agility in Prineville, OR
- June 7, CBDTC Agility Fun Run at Flat Top Park, West Richland
- Aug 2, CBDTC Sanctioned Agility Fun Run, Howard Amon Park

Yakima SunDogs Agility Fun Runs will be held June 22, and July 20. For more information contact Crystal West, SunDogs Secretary at cwest@elltel.net.

Training Tidbit

Barbara Woodhouse, the famous British dog trainer, had three words to describe the proper attitude for dog training: FUN, FAIR, FIRM.

Club Officers

President	Brooke Lanigan; piperwife@amerion.com
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Board Member	Brian Conrad; Bconrad@mhvc.net

News of Note

AKC has a Museum of the Dog in Missouri, which has the world's finest collection of art related to dogs.

BRAGS – Winning Dog/Handler Teams

Gail Nowak and her Briard **Velma** finished her CGC at Manning Dog Training in Union Gap.

Linda Scannell and her Lab **Biscuit** completed her Novice Agility Standard title in Spokane. She is just one leg away from her Novice JWW agility title, too.

Brenda Trowbridge and her Miniature Schnauzer **Hanna** earned two legs in Novice Agility Standard, and one leg in Novice JWW. She's just one leg away from finishing both titles. Go Hanna go!

Linda Kennedy and her Italian Greyhound **Lexi** got their first leg in Novice JWW. Lambi didn't earn a leg, but she did put on quite a show ...just ask Linda.

Dan and Lezlie Couch and their Papillons **Freckles** and **Joy** did a demonstration for 90 young children in Houston last week. Despite the 90 degree weather, it went well and the kids loved it.

BARK BYTES – featuring notable and entertaining dog books



The Dog Who Wouldn't Be
By Farley Mowat, Little, Brown & Co., 1957

Yes, this book is almost as old as your editor. Not quite, but almost. But it's still one of the funniest books you'll ever read. It's about the author's childhood on the Canadian prairies and his ever-present doggie companion, Mutt. Who wouldn't be entertained by a dog that climbed ladders and trees, walked along the tops of fences like a cat, and wore goggles while riding in an open car? Of course, we would never let our dogs engage in escapades like Mutt did, but the 1930's were a different era for dogs. It's a great book to read aloud to kids – or adults!

Next month, gentle readers – a real dog training book!

TRAINING NEWS

On Tuesday, **17 new dogs passed the CGC test**. Thanks goes to instructors Alison Brendel, Jann Ibsen, Andrea Busby and Brooke Lanigan. Thanks also to the evaluators, Jo Bott, Kathy Woodbury, and Dan and Lezlie Couch.

Several other classes also ended successfully this week- Kathy Woodbury taught a beginning obedience class, Mary Ellen Thien taught an advanced obedience class, and we had two advanced agility classes, led by Sarah Tragesser and Linda Scannell. In addition, Jane Cooper led an experimental and very successful Puppy agility class. Thanks to all of the instructors. Special thanks to Rich and DeAnn Nelson for hauling the agility equipment for 8 weeks and unloading the heavy items. Margie Beldin was appreciated for laying out the course most weeks. The agility participants are getting much better at setting up and taking down a course, also! Thanks to everyone who participated in a successful spring training session.

Heat stroke in a dog is an emergency. If you think your dog is suffering from a heat-related illness, don't wait – call or go to your vet right away.

Dog Trivia

Reveille, the canine mascot of Texas A&M, lives with ROTC cadets. If she is sleeping on a cadet's bed, the cadet must sleep on the floor. If she barks in class while a professor is teaching, the class is immediately dismissed.



"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face"- Bern Williams

The **agility classes** are scheduled to begin June 10 at Debbie Brower's house. We will be having 6 classes this year because of the demand. Debbie is generously allowing us to use her property two nights a week. Beginning classes are full, but if you participated in agility before, contact Lezlie Couch about novice or advanced classes.

Alison Brendel is planning to teach one or two **CGC classes** at Howard Amon Park beginning June 24. Tell your friends about these classes!

A rally course, and a puppy play group have been suggested. If you would like to participate in either of these let Lezlie Couch know and we will try to organize one if there is enough interest.

Beginning June 14 we will have "**Saturdays at the Park.**" We have been requested to have the half hour **Garage Group** at 9:30 so more people can participate. We will try to set up a rally course, and a ring, so that people can come early and practice for shows if they want. These classes are free to club members and \$5 each week for non members. This is a good place to track, to work on distractions, to socialize puppies or just to visit with other doggy people! Come when you can!

Tracking happens on Saturdays. Contact Kathy Woodbury to learn more.

Therapy dogs – we have many members with therapy dogs. [Eileen Michals](#) is our Therapy Dog Coordinator. If you have a therapy dog, and Eileen hasn't contacted you, please drop her a note so she can add you to her mailing list.

The next training meeting is June 2 at 7:00 at Couch's home. Anyone who is interested in helping with training or becoming a trainer is welcome. Current trainers and assistants are highly encouraged to attend.

CANINE CURRENCY

Sarah Tragesser has agreed to accept Canine Currency Points early this quarter so that people can pay for their upcoming classes. This will primarily affect members who have been working hard setting up courses, hauling equipment and helping teach classes in the last session.

Please report your CC points to Sarah Tragesser, and then let her know how many you want to deduct for the class you are taking. (500 for half price class or 1000 for a free class.)

Sarah and the board have received many questions about canine currency. If you have any questions, contact Sarah. However, here are the general principles guiding this program:

1. It is the purpose of the club to promote dog training. The club wants everyone to be able to train their dogs economically.
2. Everyone puts a lot of time in for the club. The club wants to acknowledge that. We are not monitoring your CC. It is totally an honor system. You should be fair, but if you spend time doing something for the club, you can put it down. There is an Other section where you can put those miscellaneous club service activities.
3. The items for the CC are things you do FOR the club. For example, time you spend grooming or training your own dog does not count toward CC, and getting together with club friends to train does not count. Pet therapy counts, but when

The Presidential dog, a Scottie named Barney, has his own web site, complete with movies, at:

[Barney Home Page](#)



A tired dog is a good dog.

appropriate, the club should be mentioned. We count pet therapy because it is an important part of outreach and helps the community understand how useful and meaningful trained dogs can be. However, it doesn't do any good for the club unless the club is mentioned. This is true for many activities.

4. We are happy when you earn CC points, and we are happy when you use them in training. We want you to have them! If you don't feel you are getting enough, ask Brooke Lanigan or Lezlie Couch what needs to be done! There is more than enough work to go around!

If you are in an upcoming agility class, get your points in to Sarah ASAP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still need volunteers for the June 7 agility fun run and the September 27 obedience and rally trial. Whatever your experience (even if it's none) there is a place for you as a volunteer. Contact [Linda Kennedy](#) or [Bernie Beldin](#) for the agility fun run or [Brooke Lanigan](#) for the obedience and rally trial.

CLUB BUSINESS UPDATES

Awards Program

The Annual Awards Program is still undergoing development. The board of directors has worked hard on this for almost a year and as the club continues to grow and we continue to offer more services, our costs go up. Awards are very costly to the club and while it is our desire to recognize accomplishments, this may have to be limited somewhat this year. The board has decided to offer certificates of achievement for titles earned during 2008 instead of the \$5 Petsmart gift cards offered in the past.

The Vice President is coordinating recognition for titles and needs input as titles are earned. Please use the form on the club website, <http://www.columbiabasingdogtc.org/membership.php>, to provide this data as titles are earned; the form can be viewed in the members section The VP will maintain this information and certificates will be issued at the club's Christmas Party in December.

It is our hope that 2009 will see us in better condition to offer our gift cards once again.

Time For a Nominating Committee!!

Yes that time is approaching quickly! Hard to believe the 2008 officers have been "in office" almost a year already. Where does time go?

The board of directors will need to select a nominating committee in June. The committee will consist of 3 members and 2 alternates. The nominating committee will be responsible for selecting candidates for all offices in the club; however, the selectees must agree to serve. Please consider volunteering or agreeing to serve on the committee if asked by the board of directors.

Please be thinking about our future elections which will take place at the annual meeting in October. This is your opportunity to shape the future of your club. Please consider volunteering to serve on the nominating committee and volunteering to serve as a club officer, board member, or training director. Your level of experience as a trainer or competitor is not required to be substantial.



Training should be fun for both you and your companion. Teach all commands as if they were games and you'll get great response from your companion! – Sarah Wilson, Dog Trainer/Author

SPECIAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUB MEMBERS!

Barb Gordon from West Plains K9 School in Spokane is coming for a day of obedience lessons on Saturday, June 28th at Gerri Little's. Barb is an exceptionally gifted trainer and specializes in problem solving; you can see her website at www.fixadog.com

The classes are full, but Barb might be able to do lessons on Friday evening or Sunday morning if there is enough interest. The minimum lesson is 30 minutes. Barb charges \$30 an hour. Since we need to pay her gas and expenses, plan on \$40 a person for an hour and \$20 for 1/2 hour. The cost may vary a few dollars depending on her expenses.

Even if you do not want a lesson you are welcome and invited to come and watch - Kathy Woodbury said she learned almost as much from watching as from having a lesson.

This is first come so if you are interested please email [Kathy Woodbury](mailto:Kathy.Woodbury)

PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES

Our members have lots of new puppies. **Debbie Brower's** gang had more Rhodesian Ridgeback puppies than you can count, more than a dozen. The pups have been visiting Tuesday night classes for socialization, and they are growing up fast.

Kelly Wheeler's Collie, Ruby, had a litter last month.

Linda Glaman's Beardie Haley is due to have puppies any day now, if they haven't already arrived.

HEARING TESTS FOR YOUR DOG

Deafness in dogs can be congenital (the dog is born with it) or acquired (the deafness occurs later, after an illness or injury). If you suspect your dog may be deaf, there is a way to test. Testing for deafness in dogs is done by the BAER test. The test is normally done by veterinary neurologists at specialty centers, but there is now a local provider for this testing, should you need it. Sonda LaDeaux, MS, CCC-A, is a licensed audiologist who works primarily with people, but also tests dogs. She works out of a Pasco vet's office and travels to shows. You can contact her at dogeard@gmail.com or at her website <http://www.dogeard.vpweb.com/>. She charges \$55 for puppies and \$90 for adult dogs.

IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER.....

If you have brags or other items to include in the newsletter, email to the new editor, [Kathy Ertell](mailto:Kathy.Ertell). Next month, I'll try adding a couple of photographs. Suggestions on things you'd like to see and comments are welcome.