



Columbia Basin Dog Training Club

JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the general membership will be **Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Kennewick library on Union Street.

Agility Fun Run – DONE! On to the Sanctioned Match

The agility fun run on June 7 went well, despite the usual Tri-Cities windy weather. The fun run was preparation for the August 2 All Breed Agility Sanctioned A Match at Flat Top Park. If Linda Kennedy hasn't called you about helping out, feel free to call her up and volunteer. Entries open June 25 and close July 25. The premium is on the first page of the club website, <http://www.columbiabasindogtc.org>.

Upcoming Events

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

- July 12, Agility, Rally in Auburn, WA at Argus Ranch
- July 19, Obedience and Rally in Portland, OR
- Aug 2, CBDTC Sanctioned Agility Fun Run, Flat Top Park
- August 9, Agility in Hood River, OR
- August 16, Agility, Obedience and Rally in Enumclaw, WA
- August 23, Agility in Spokane, WA
- August 23, Obedience and Rally in Redmond, WA
- August 30, Obedience and Rally in St Helens, OR
- September 6, Obedience, Rally, Agility in Eugene, OR
- September 13, Obedience and Rally in Wenatchee, WA
- September 27, Obedience and Rally in Richland, WA
- September 27, Agility in Prineville, OR

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

Training Tidbit

You're much better off teaching your dog a few, simple exercises and practicing them in a variety of contexts, than teaching your dogs lots of signals that only work if he's not distracted.
– Patricia McConnell.

Club Officers

President	Brooke Lanigan; piperwife@amerion.com
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News of Note

The AKC now offers pet healthcare insurance and pet accident insurance.

Some human foods are harmful to dogs. Examples: raisins/grapes, macadamia nuts, xylitol (an artificial sweetener), onions, garlic, chocolate, coffee, avocado, raw salmon.

Club Business Updates

The Nominating Committee is in the process of recruiting for CBDTC open positions:

These include:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Training Director

Equipment Manager

If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please let [Linda Kennedy](#), [Linda Scannell](#), or [Sarah Tragesser](#) know as soon as possible. The club has grown in the past few years, and this is your chance to help shape the future of your club. Remember, how we look tomorrow is determined by what we do today. (If only I could remember that when a chocolate cookie is in front of me.)

Summer Picnic - August 11

The annual CBDTC potluck picnic will be held Monday, August 11, 2008, at 6:30 pm at Debbie and Jim Brower's home in Badger Canyon. The club will provide fried chicken. More information will come in the next newsletter. Last year's picnic was so much fun. If you want to help with doggie games, let [Brooke Lanigan](#) know.

BRAGS – Winning Dog/Handler Teams

On June 14 **Dan Couch** and Papillon **Joy** competed in agility in Moscow, Idaho. In her first trial, Joy had two clean runs in Novice Standard and Novice Jumps with Weaves. She got perfect scores of 100 in each and got first place in each class. Now, that is a brag. **Lezlie's** dog **Freckles**, not to be outdone, got a first place in FAST class agility. Joy has also completed her Advanced Rally title.

At the same show, **Sarah Tragesser** and Samoyed **Izzy** got a 1st place in novice agility standard; finished her novice standard title; and got a special first place in class (of all jump heights).

Margie Beldin reported that **Skye** has finished all three of his novice titles in standard agility, jumps and weaves, and in FAST.

There was a regular caravan of club members at the Mt Bachelor Kennel Club show in Redmond, Oregon. **Mim Myron** and Kerry Blue **Monte** got their first leg in Agility Open Standard with a score of 100, and 1st place (in his last class of the weekend with 98 degree temperature).

Sarah Tragesser and **Izzy** were Reserve Champion in their Sammy Breed class.

Linda Kennedy and Italian Greyhound **Lexi** received their 2nd leg in Novice JWW Agility. **Ducati** received a Best of Breed on Both days in conformation

Alyssa Paxton and Aussie **Chloe** got their Novice Title in Agility JWW and a 2nd leg in Novice Standard Agility.

Jane Cooper's Beardie **Cassie** went Reserve winners bitch on Saturday.

Debbie Brower's two Rhodesian Ridgeback **girls** went Winners Bitch & Reserve both days, picking up 2 more points.

Vicki Rasmussen's Shetland Sheepdog **Rebel**, qualified and won first place on the Open Standard agility course.

Dog Trivia

The Army Quartermaster Corps trained over 10,000 war dogs in World War II. The dogs served in 15 different platoons.



"The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog." -Ambrose Bierce

CBDTC Teams Show Their Stuff for Cub Scouts

Reported by Eileen Michals and Stacia Gunderson

Dan/Joy, Lezlie/Freckles, Stacia/Bo, Eileen/Shreq were invited to take part in the Columbia River & Rattlesnake Ridge Cub Scout Day Camp 2008 on Tuesday June 24th. Nearly 500 Cub Scouts and their Leaders and families were in attendance. Joy and Freckles are Papillons, Bo and Shreq are Dobermans. Picture that!

First Lezlie laid a track for Shreq that ended with his Teddy Bear hidden behind an agility chute within the main taped off area. Before Shreq could run his track, a pop up tent was put over part of the track - a dog/crate was set on the track - and many people walked all over the area that the track passed through.

While Shreq was following Lezlie's trail, she was on the mike explaining what he was doing and what some of his other activities are. When she asked for a show of hands for those that read books to Shreq at the libraries, there was a goodly number of hands in the air. Yeah for PAWS!

Shreq had to quickly 'change his clothes' after the completed track as the other three dogs had their cute sparkly collars on and lined up to do some drill team maneuvers around the agility area. There was a heeling demo - long sits - drop on recalls as the dogs crossed each other's path in the ring (I did think Bo was going to leap over Freckles at one point), along with some weaving and well executed turns.

After the obedience, Joy, Freckles and Bo ran an obstacle course with bar jumps, tunnels, chute, tire jump and weave poles. There was no practice run and it was a one time through on a new course. There was a lot of distractions from ringside, and lots of applause at the end of each run. When Bo and Stacia ran the 12 weave poles, you could have heard a pin drop -except for Stacia's cheering Bo through the poles. Agility was very well received by everyone in attendance.

After Bo got a good soaking from a water bottle he was ready to demonstrate some of his Schutzhund protection training. Bo changed from his agility collar to a working harness, and the agitator showed the scouts what the Schutzhund sleeve looked like. Then it was time for Bo to show what he could do. Stacia did a great job of setting up the demonstration, showing how she could call Bo off the sleeve with just a word. When the demo was over, Bo came back out onto the field and shook hand/paw with the agitator which was a great way to show the scouts and families that he is not a mean attack/biting dog, just having fun getting 'his sleeve'.

Meanwhile Shreq changed clothes and collars again and wore his Therapy Dog coat as we sat in the crowd and watched the other dogs perform. Anonymous was also there in the background getting some pets from the crowd. All the dogs handled the large number of people very well and the scouts behaved, which was much appreciated by the dog handlers.

The theme this year for the camp was about Australia, so there were lots of 'Good Day Mates' flying around, outback hats and our group was given a neat Thank You flyer with the Sidney Opera House- a Koala- and a Australian highway caution sign which has a Kangaroo crossing the road on it.

According to the UK Royal Family web site, the Queen has five Corgis, four dorgis (dachshund /corgi mix), and five Cocker Spaniels. Wonder if they have ever met Barney, the US Presidential dog?



Bark Bytes – featuring notable and entertaining dog books



Good Owners, Great Dogs

By Brian Kilcommons, Warner Books, 1992

I love this book! It has something for every dog and for every stage of your dog's life...puppy, teen-ager, adult, senior. It discusses why your dog behaves as he does, and gives practical ways to deal with all the common doggie problems. Visually, it's a delight – lots of photographs that show the concepts in practice. It's a great book for a new dog owner.

Training News

There will be no training meeting July 7 as Couches will be out of town. The training meeting has been rescheduled for June 30 at 7:00 at Couch's house.

Summer classes are in full swing:

Agility-There are 6 agility classes on Tuesday and Wednesday night at Jim and Debbie Brower's home. We are really appreciative of them sharing their lovely property with us for TWO nights each week.

Jane Cooper and Debbie Brower are teaching a Fundamentals of Agility class, Linda Scannell, Brenda Trowbridge and Andrea Busby are teaching a novice agility class and Linda is directing an advanced course run. Lezlie and Dan Couch and Mim Myren are teaching a beginning agility class on Wed evening, then Lezlie teaches an advanced handling class followed by a Course run.

CGC In addition to agility, Alison Brendel and Margie Beldin are teaching two CGC classes in Howard Amon Park on Tuesday evenings. These classes as always were full, and are our best money makers, as well as providing the community a good service. Thank you to all of the trainers!

In addition there are many free training opportunities for you this summer as a club member. Our Saturdays at the Park begin at 8:30 AM with Garage Group, and are located in Columbia Park, usually between the Skateboard area and the stage, down at the end toward the boat launch. If you do not see us there, and there is another activity, continue down the road just a little further, just before you come to the boat launch parking lot.

Trackers- contact Kathy Woodbury to get on her e-mailing list so you know when and where people will be tracking. NEWS FLASH- we are checking into having a tracking trial this fall or next spring, so get your dogs ready!!!

Rally- Gerri Little and Gail Nowak are setting up rally courses whenever anyone is interested after Garage Group on Saturdays at the Park. Take this opportunity to learn what rally is and get some practice. If you every consider showing your dog in obedience this is a great way to start. Novice rally is all on lead, and you can talk to your dog as much as you want! AND it is fun. Come try it out!

Obedience - Any dog that has had any training and is controllable around other dogs is welcome to participate in our "Garage Group" each week. We have 30 minutes of practice with other dogs and many distractions. We have a different trainer or practice trainer each week, and so you get a lot of variety and often some surprises! We practice heeling, sits, downs, stays and recalls each week in a variety

It's 10:00. Do you know where your dog is?



Teaching a dog has three phases: Teach it, Practice it, Expect it. –Brian Kilcommons, Dog Trainer

of ways. Sometimes there are 3 dogs, sometimes there are 20. There are usually 7-12. There is no sign up, but if people don't participate, we believe it is needed, so come whenever you can. It is at 8:30 each Saturday morning below (so it is not too hot for the dogs).

In addition, if you are showing this summer, or working on advanced obedience, check with others at the same level, and use this time to practice calling routines for each other- we will bring ring gates whenever we are in town, and if someone else wants to haul them each week, we will be glad to deliver them to you!

You can also come to practice conformation on your own or with others, and you can bring puppies to socialize. Show off your dogs and teach them good manners at the same time!

Below is a schedule and what is going on. Note that there is not an organized activity on some weeks, due to other activities that the club has or activities that are going on in the park. Note- you can still meet at the park with your dog club friends to work your dog on Sat morning- there will just not be anyone in charge.

June 28- NO GARAGE GROUP due to Barb Gordon Training lessons at Gerri Little's place

July 5- NO GARAGE GROUP due to the 4th of July holiday- most trainers out of town

July 12- Jann Ibsen, Garage Group- Rally

July 19- Brenda Trowbridge, Garage Group - Rally

July 26- BOAT RACES- NO GARAGE GROUP

August 2 NO GARAGE GROUP- CBDTC Sanctioned Agility Trial

August 9- Gerri Little, Garage Group-Rally

August- 16 Andrea Busby Garage Group

August 23 Brooke Lanigan, Garage Group

August 30 -NO GARAGE GROUP- Labor Day

Sept 6 - Lezlie-Garage Group-Rally- ring set up

Sept 13 Mary Ellen Garage Group- rally

Sept 20- Garage Group- Obedience Fun Match with practice runs and practice judges

Sept 27- CBDTC Obedience Trial

Therapy dogs - There will be a program at several Mid-Columbia Library branches featuring Borzois and their human from Yakima doing Agility, Free style, etc. Check with the library for dates and times. The Benton City branch demonstration is scheduled for July 8th, at 4 pm.

Every other week on Wed. afternoon at 2:30 in the Keewaydin Park Library, there will continue to be a therapy dog available as there has been since the program started in September of 2006.

Some of the club members also go to the Hermiston Library for the RTFF program which is Reading To Furry Friends. This group also visits nursing homes in the area.

The libraries in the Mid-Columbia System have been asking for therapy dogs to put on some programs during their summer reading sessions and that will vary as the summer goes on, this is in addition to the regular visits that the dogs make



throughout the year.

Eileen Michals said there were about 10 certified dogs doing the reading programs in Kennewick, West Richland, and even a group in Oregon from our club.

Volunteers Needed!

We still need volunteers for the September 27 obedience and rally trial and will be recruiting right up to the date of the trial. Whatever your experience (even if it's none) there is a place for you as a volunteer. Contact [Brooke Lanigan](#) for the obedience and rally trial.

Internet Links – Some Wacky, Some Wonderful

Send in your favorite dog web sites

[dogcars.com](#) Just when you think you've seen everything, a web site that review cars for their dog-worthiness. ..how many crates will fit, how big a dog can fit in the hatchback space...

[American Kennel Club](#) The AKC web site is full of all kinds of information. The AKC does so many things and supports so many dog-related causes.

Magazine Share

Kathy Ertell has two years worth of AKC Family Dog Magazine that she is willing to give to anyone who wants them, and will pass along the new issues when she's read them. They're too good to throw out.

IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER.....

If you have brags or other items to include in the newsletter, email to the editor, [Kathy Ertell](#). Suggestions on things you'd like to see and comments are welcome.