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Is it Warm Yet?

Spring Trial at Masterpeace in Franklin was a HUGE success and fun day. A trial doesn't happen by itself and we want to thank Co-Chairs **Barbara** and **Sheldon Sandler** for a job well done. Once again we had a trophy table to die for thanks to the generosity of our members and the good works of **Nancy Thompson**, **Charlotte Moore** and **Barbara Sandler**. Thanks also to our army of stewards, without whom the judges could not judge and the show could not go on. Greyhound Rescue did an awesome job providing really good food for the gathered throng. Another fine job. Thank you all. Photos of the trial are at www.nedtc.org.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet is Friday evening, June 20th. We'll begin to gather at 6:30pm at The Common Market Restaurant, corner of Robertson & Willard Sts., Quincy (in the Common Room). Our speaker will be **Susan Conant**, long-time club member, owner of the world's best Alaskan Malamutes and renowned mystery writer.

The banquet is always eagerly anticipated and, even tho the site and time has changed this year, we are hoping for a record turn-out. Our members have been out there showing and winning and we have some extraordinary achievements to acknowledge this year. So do come and share in the celebration for jobs well done, enjoy a lovely meal with friends and kindred souls. Then sit back and listen while **Susan** regales us with excerpts from her recent prose.

[It has come to the editorial staff's attention that some people are unsure about this place called "Quincy". There seems to be some hesitancy about traveling to unknown parts of the world,

especially in these turbulent times. Let us allay your fears and lay waste to any scurrilous attacks on Quincy, fair Quincy! Quincy is a quiet, if not tranquil, city inhabited by peace loving citizens who enjoy entertaining visitors from afar. Because of its quiet and tranquil nature, Quincy sometimes gets short shrift in that outsiders don't realize what a jewel of a city rests a mere 6 mi. from the Zakim Bridge. The Common Market Restaurant (where the elite of Quincy meet to eat) is not only a pleasure for the palate, staffed by quiet and tranquil Quincy-ites, but unbelievably easy to get to, even if you have never, ever wandered south of Harvard Square. If you can get to I-93 South, you can easily get to the banquet in Quincy. Here's how.

Take exit #9 off 93 South. Make a left at the 2nd street on your left - Robertson St. At the first light (one block down) take a left onto Willard Street. The restaurant is the first building on your left. You can see it from your car as you sit at the light before you make the turn. Look to the left and you'll see a mural of a French bistro. That's it. When the evening is done and you're ready to head home, all you need do is go left out of the parking lot. Stay straight and the entrance to the expressway north will be on your left a short distance up.. If you miss this opportunity, fear not. Simply continue on straight about $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 mile and you will see another entrance towards Boston, Cambridge and all points north and west, on the right.

The evening will be made all the brighter by your presence, so get in touch with your Spirit of Adventure and come on down!! It's worth the trip just for the Kondeiter Meister cakes we are having for dessert!]

You should have received details by mail. Included in the mailing is an **Achievements 2003** questionnaire. This Awards Banquet is for the longer club year from Feb. 2002 thru May 2003, so take that into account when responding. In the future, the Club year will have the standard issue 12 months. (Any questions, email me at pasullivan@goodwinprocter.com.)

Annual Summer Picnic will be a 4-some that is Awesome!! NEDTC, Charles River DTC, Weston DTC and Concord DTC will host a joint pitch-in picnic at its usual site, the Auburndale Picnic Grounds off Route 30 in Auburndale on Saturday, July 12th from 11am til 3pm. FMI go to www.geocities.com/crdtc. There will be fun and games for canines and their human companions. It's always a great day to play with our dogs hang out with kindred spirits. So pack a lunch and bring your best fur-friend to Auburndale!

Purebreed Dog Referral Service. The PDBRS is a volunteer organization made up of individual breeders, breed and/or dog training clubs of which NEDTC is a member. The goal of PDBRS is to refer people to breeders or rescue groups rather than pet shops and puppy mills. PDBRS advertises in the Boston Globe with the phone number of a volunteer who has a list of breeders and related groups. They also have a website at www.go.to/puppy. PDBRS does not guarantee or rate the breeders, however, the listed breeders typically belong to a local breed club that has some standards for membership. If they don't have a breeder for the breed you are looking for, try the AKC website www.akc.org to contact the national or state breed club or call the AKC's Breeder Referral line at 1-900-407-7877 (costs 99 cents a minute). Members of NEDTC can be listed on PDBRS if they are breeders or breed rescue people. The costs is \$10 per breed for the year but the deadline for their listing is June 17th (their next meeting). If interested, contact Jean Berman (617)628-4571 e-mail atgarzoi@rcn.com.

Suzanne Clothier Seminar: Sept. 20 & 21 at the Cambridge Armory. We are ever so lucky to be

sponsoring this seminar. **Suzanne Clothier** is a highly-respected dog behaviorist who has been working with animals professionally since 1977. She has a deep well of experience that includes obedience, agility, puppy testing, breeding, Search & Rescue, conformation & canine midwifery. **Suzanne** brings together dog behavior, training principles and innovative techniques that offer a challenging look at our relationships with our dogs and will also enhance **any** training program. **Suzanne's** focus is always on the whole dog, as well as the importance of the relationship between dog and handler. She treats dogs and people with respect, understanding, and humor. If you go to only one seminar this year, this should be the one. **Suzanne** is fabulous. A gracious and delightful teacher. She imparts a wealth of knowledge clearly and with great humor, love and respect. Her seminars are always highly anticipated and many times sold out. Space is limited, so sign up early! Go to www.nedtc.org for a downloadable registration form.

Braggs

The collies of the club have been tearing up the trial circuit so excuse me while I brag a little on my friends (and myself) and our wonderful dogs. Since we had been training together for a time, we thought it would be fun (and it was) to do the collie show circuit together. We entered Hartford-Springfield Collie Club Show and Trial, in Southbury, CT on Sun, 2/9 and the Collie Club of Maine Show in Portland, ME on Fri. 2/28 and Sat. 3/1.

Consider for a moment first-timers **Nancy Thompson** and **Duncan**. **Nancy** brought **Duncan** to NEDTC for basic obedience, never thinking of competing. All **Nancy** wanted was a happy, well-mannered dog. Well, she got that and then some. **Nancy** and **Duncan** earned their Nov. A title, in 3 consecutive trials and 3 1st placements!! First leg was at the NEDTC 11/02 trial; 2nd and 3rd were in Connecticut and Portland, ME, while hanging out with **Noah** and **Sky**! Not a bad first outing!

Linda Holway and her fabulous rescue Collie **Noah** finished their CD at the Collie Club of Maine Show with 2 consecutive HIT's. Their triumphant roll started at the Hartford-Springfield Collie Club Show, where they got their first leg by taking first place in Nov. B as well as HIT!

Sky and I didn't do too shabbily either. **Sky** got his first leg in Connecticut with a respectable 3rd place and his second in Portland with a very-nicely-done 2nd.

The Connecticut and Maine shows made it clear to me that you can't train for all contingencies. In Connecticut we showed in a hotel ballroom on unmatted broadloom carpet! In Maine, the Collie Club unrolled brand spanking shiny new mats for the obedience ring and WHEW did they ever smell! **Sky** and I got so discombobulated that we NO'd that first day but rallied on the 2nd day to place 2nd in Nov. B next to the unshakeable **Noah**, who took 1st place and his 3rd HIT.

Eleanor S. Campbell wants her friends at NEDTC to know that at the Springfield Agility trials last November, her two-year old Sheltie, **Presto** finished his MXJ. He's now, O'Bay Dunstnburgh Rapid Tempo AX, MXJ, NAC, NJC. She looking to finish his MX and will be in search of those hard-to-get Double Q's. Her goal is his MACH. **Presto** has already qualified for the 2003 AKC Agility Nationals, but they are being held in California and she's not sure she'll go. *[Maybe you should talk to Leland, Eleanor. Wouldn't it be a thrill to have 2 National Agility Champs as members! Ed.]*

At the All Star Obedience and Agility Tournament in Lebanon, PA last December, **Eleanor** and her GSP, **Price** placed 5th in the Novice (obedience) division. **Price** was also bred by **Eleanor**, which made it a very special tournament! **Price** is now training in Open and he has 9 points in the show ring.

On February 28, 2003 at the Monticello KC obedience trial, **Eleanor's** GSP, **Sydney** (Bittersweet Mint Dunstnburgh UDX, AX, AXJ,

and mom to **Price**) won Utility B with a 196.5 to garner 20 more OTCh. points. It was her second first place and she now has 42 points. As **Eleanor** says, "We are on the slow road to the OTCh, but [**Sydney**] always tries hard. She is the first dog I have trialed with my eye on an OTCh. I have learned a lot, made lots of mistakes, but I am having lots of fun, too. In addition to [**Presto, Price and Sydney**], my two retired dogs (a Sheltie and a GSP) come along to cheer! At ages 11 and 13, both still enjoy good health. Last year, I lost my oldest GSP, just after her 13th birthday, to cancer. I had spent much of the first half of the year caring for her, so it is nice to have healthy seniors that can enjoy life and the snow!" Thanks **Eleanor**. Keep ups posted on your march towards that OTCh!

Joanie Muse's puppy **Rinnie** passed her CGC test in March. **Joanie's** strategy of wearing her out in the beginners' class before taking the test paid off because **Rinnie** didn't bark at any of the other dogs. She is now **Anky's Reizend Tanzerin CGC**, but still **Rinnie** to her friends.

Joanie's GSD **Bessie** got third CDX leg and title the weekend of March 22 in Waltham.

Great work **Joanie!** Good Dogs; Good Trainer.

New Additions:

There is a gorgeous tri-colored collie coming to classes with **Linda Holway** these days. This beauty's name is **Shania**. **Shania** is a New Yorker and her breeder was originally planning to show her in conformation (and you can easily see why). However, the breeder had too much on her plate and had to make some hard decisions. One of them was to let **Shania** go. After getting to know **Linda** and meeting her and **Noah** at the Collie Show in Connecticut, the breeder decided the best place for "Glamour Girl" (as she was then called) was in **Linda's** loving care.

Duncan the has a new sister! **Nancy Thompson** added **Lexie** (a beautiful, 3 month old sable princess) to her family about 2 weeks ago. They drove up to Cambridge, NY (way north) to get

her. We understand that it was love at first sight. **Nancy's** husband **Wade**, who wasn't quite sure if another collie was a good idea, was the first one to drop to the ground to play when he saw her. He named her **Lexie** and she loves being "daddy's girl". One of her favorite things to do is to climb up into **Wade's** lap and give big puppy kisses. She and **Nancy** will be coming to Puppy Kindergarten during June.

Zelda, a turbo-charged mini-dachshund, who via a shelter in South Carolina, to the MSPCA, to being fostered by **Anya Wittenborg** for the MSPCA, has landed happily in the middle of my brood of 3 collies, 3 cats and 2 lovebirds!. **Spirit** is doing yeoman service as a big brother playing tug with her in his ever so gentle way. He even lets her think she has won sometimes. With **Sky** she does a lot of rolling around on the floor. He pretends to grab and hold (but is really touching and sniffing) and she pretends to wrestle free.

Zelda thinks these are just the best games.

Molly, ever the Gran Dame above all this rolling and tugging, keeps the little one in line from her perch on the sofa. **Zelda** is working every so hard at winning her over. **Turid Rugaas** (of Calming Signals fame) would be so proud. I love watching as **Zelda** throws herself down on her back in front of **Molly** at every opportunity, seeming to say, "See, I'm submissive, can't you tell!" "When I do this, it means YOU are the princess and I am your subject, doncha know." I have noticed (and so has **Molly**) that there is a great lack of sincerity in **Zelda's** "submissiveness."

This was sent to me from my friend **Nancy Thompson**: "Someday, if I ever get a chance, I shall write a book, or warning, on the character and temperament of the dachshund and why he can't be trained and shouldn't be. I would rather train a striped zebra to balance an Indian club than induce a dachshund to heed my slightest command." - E.B. White This may or may not be true. We shall see. Wish me luck.

Penny Shultz and **Joel Wolff** have a new puppy; **Hawthorn** the yellow lab (aka, **Thorn**). **Penny** reports that he never wants to be left out of the

games with **Rowan** and **Asha**. "In one game, he'd wait at the top of the stairs for the Big Girls to bring their toys up for us to throw again. When they dropped the toy, he'd collect it, and then he'd go to the top of the stairs and drop the toy down. Of course, **Asha** or **Rowan** would be compelled to run down after the toy and bring it back up. After a while the girls decided that they liked the old way of playing with mommy and daddy so they began delivering their toys to hand, effectively taking **Thorn** out of the game. [Ed. Note: I have faith that **Thorn** will wriggle his way back into the games real soon.]

"**Thorn** did very well at puppy kindergarten. There was quite a variety of puppies in the class, which gave **Thorn** and the others a great opportunity to socialize with different types of dogs .

"All in all, things are going very well, **Thorn** is growing and changing all the time. His housebreaking is coming along; he continues to be incredibly birdie and is a little sponge when it comes to learning new things.

"Until the next update, **Thorn** sends lots of love and very sloppy kisses. Penny"

Crossings:

Phyllis Stein's handsome GSD **Saber** crossed to the Rainbow Bridge after a long battle with cancer. He was such a gentleman and will be greatly missed at the Club on Thursday nights.

Sandy Madden, our Co-Instructor in Open and Utility, lost her best buddy **Chips**, a 14 year old Welch Springer Spaniel also. There is no good time for them to go.

Linda Holway's sheltie **CJ** also lost her battle for life at the tender age of 14 years. **CJ** (aka "Calamity Jane") was a pistol in a small tri-colored package. While she didn't much like obedience work, she shined as a therapy dog and was leader of **Linda's** tribe of collies and shelties.

Liz Sullivan's Boxer bitch, **Zoe** lost her recently whelped litter. The first puppy was stillborn, the

second failed to thrive, and the third died in utero. When the surgery was performed to remove the 3rd pup, it was also necessary to spay Zoe. This was a big blow Liz because Zoe was to be Liz's foundation bitch so the bright promise of future litters also died with the puppies.

My two favorite writers are Anonymous and Author Unknown. It never ceases to amaze me one or both of them can sum up my sentiments exactly. How many times I have been tempted to pen a letter such as this. [*Query: If my dogs could read this, would it make any difference?*]

Dear Dogs

When I say "move", it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two [3 or 4] dogs in my way.

The dishes with the paw prints are *yours* and contain *your* food. The other dishes are *mine* and contain *my* food. Please note, placing paw a print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish; nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by Nascar and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help either, because I fall faster than you can run.

I refuse to buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this but anything bigger just won't fit in the bedroom. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs sleeping. See how they can actually curl up in a ball. It's not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but doggy sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not

necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years; canine attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, *then* go smell other dog's butt. I can not stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you guys to make. Author Unknown

...Until next time.

Pat "Scoop" Sullivan

SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET!