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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*APRIL 2016 ISSUE

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President's Message

The April Agility Trial, one of our big events will be upon us by the time you receive this newsletter. It takes many workers to make this event happen. All of you workers are greatly appreciated, it wouldn't happen without you. Remember if you work, you get to enjoy the fabulous food provided by your hospitality committee, plus you earn many kudos from your fellow club members. Your help is truly appreciated.

The October Agility Trial planning is upon us and we will have a short meeting after the club meeting to discuss important things about that event. Some decisions need to be made so that information can be included on our application to AKC which must be submitted by mid-May. Please join us and help us with these decisions, it is your trial and your suggestions are important.

The September Cluster Trophy pledges need to be finalized very soon so that the trophy list can be properly presented in our premium. If you have not already done so and would like to sponsor an award at our September Cluster please contact Florence Josephs, she is our Trophy Chairperson. Don't be surprised if you receive a phone call or email from Florence on this topic!

[Libby Burr owner of Bridger Animal Nutrition in Bozeman MT](#) came to our meeting last month and shared her knowledge and enthusiasm for animal nutrition. Those of us who attended the meeting learned much from her. It is a very complex topic. We hope to have her back in the future to discuss a set of topics that are of specific interest to our members, so please let Alice Elliott know what part of canine nutrition you would like Libby to further discuss.

The Mary Jane Shervais Obedience Clinic is scheduled for Jun 11 & 12. Registration forms are on the table at the club building. If you have any question please direct them to Marion Erp. Marion will open the registration for this clinic to non-club members very soon.

HELP!!! Yes, help is needed!!! Many of the leaders of our major activities are needing some help and it is time for them to step back and train individuals to take over these roles:

- **Agility Committee** – Coordinator of practice sessions
- **Agility Equipment** – Someone who will be responsible for keeping our equipment in proper/safe condition and move the equipment to the agility trial arena and/or practice locations. This person will have a great influence on helping the club decide on when and what type of agility equipment the club needs to purchase.
- **Cluster Committee/Show Chairperson** – Someone who will work with the Bozeman club to plan the activities for the Cluster including what AKC events to offer and additional activities that make our cluster such a success. Barb Delaney has been doing this job for many years now and she says it is time for her to step away from this role and attend to other more pressing priorities.

I hope to see you all at the May 7.

Thea

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Draft subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2016

Those present: Thea Sperline, Caroline Hudnall, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Barb Delaney, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Ted Brodowy, Janice Frisch, Sue Bouse, Linda Owen, Deirdre Kane, Sandy Smallwood, Connie Leatherman, Jean Norderud, Allyn Ann Cummins, Patty Mott, CJ Puotinen, Susie Morley, Monique Prevel, and Guests: Chrissy Kelly, Leigh Anderson and Libby Burr

Thea opened the meeting and asked for approval of the March minutes, Connie moved for approval and Ted seconded, all approved.

Thea asked for the agility committee report and Monique advised that everything was about ready for the Agility trial. The closing date is April 13th. Chili O'Brien's will cater the Saturday night BBQ. Camping is shaping up, Jessica and a helper are taking care of that. Remember that agility practice is now Wednesday nights. Ted advised that he was not getting emails, Nancy will check into this to make sure he's receiving the newsletter.

Alice introduced our guest speaker. Libby Burr the owner of Bridger Feeds in Bozeman, gave her "Nutrition for the Canine Athlete" presentation.

The meeting was adjourned after the guest speaker finished. No brags for this month.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

NUTRITION PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS

Libby Burr, owner of Bridger Animal Nutrition came to our April meeting shared her knowledge and enthusiasm for animal nutrition. She reviewed the canine digestive system and explained why certain foods are better for our dogs. She explained what foods are good for building muscle and endurance vs. food that gives a quick boost in energy. She also explained how to prepare foods for the best delivery of the needed nutrients for a given activity. We learned some important things about chew snacks and their nutritional value. She even had information for the breeders regarding the nutritional needs of the brood bitch, which is a very complex topic. We plan on inviting her back this fall to discuss another topic of interest to our members. You can contact Libby via webmail from her website: WWW.BRIDGERANIMALNUTRITION.COM.

BRAGS

Judy Siebeck wanted to let the Club now that her dog Razor got his Novice Fast title in Great Falls. Way to go team Siebeck!

Jeanine & Ivan: Ivan finished his MACH at Great Falls DTC Agility trial. Since he already had his AKC conformation and herding championships, that also gave him the Triple Champion (TC) designation. He is the fifth Collie to become an AKC Triple Champion. Kudos team Blaner!

ITEMS FOR SALE OR GIVEAWAY

Wire Crate for Sale:

Unusual size- long/narrow/tall: 21" wide X 42" long X 30" high. It has 2 doors. No bottom tray. Asking \$25.00

If interested contact Jeanine Blaner at: j_9b@hotmail.com

Home Office Computer Armoire for Sale:

The perfect way to organize all your paperwork and electronics! I have kept all my dog related files/paperwork, kennel records, etc in it for the past 2 years and it worked like a charm. I have to downsize my home office and turn it back into a bedroom so need to find a new home for this piece of furniture. It is wooden, 2 top doors that open and a bottom door with a slide out platform in an L shape that houses the printer. When closed, it looks like a simple clothing armoire. No nicks or scratches; can house a full size desktop computer, CPU, monitor, printer/scanner/fax, speakers, with room for hanging file pockets and paper storage along with interior shelves and slots for program disks, CD's, DVD's, etc. Asking \$25.00, and you haul it away and it's yours. Closed size is: 37" wide (L to R) X 18" deep X 73" high. If interested contact Nancy Nicholson by phone 449-2390 or email: tiantiancsp@hotmail.com. I do have photos of it I can email to you.

CLUB MEETING AGENDA – MAY 3, 2016

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretaries report

6:40 - Report of the President

- Who will be our 2017 Cluster Chairperson

6:45 - Treasurer Report – Catherine

- Budget review report – Thea

6:50 – Report of the Committees:

- Grants Committee – Nena
- Training Committee
- Cluster Committee – Barb
 - Trophy Pledge Report - Florence
- Agility Committee
 - April Trial Report – Monique
 - Who will be our Agility Practice Coordinator?
 - Who will be our Agility Equipment Manager?
 - Possible Purchase of used rubberized agility equipment
 - October Agility Trial Announcements

7:15 - Old Business

Mary Jane Shervais clinic/workshop, June 11 & 12 – Marion Erp, Temp. Chair
Conformation Practice on June 12

7:25 - New Business

Possible Agility Demo Day – Sandy Smallwood

7:30 – BRAGS - Marion

7:45 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)

October 2016 Agility Trial Meeting to follow regular meeting with these topics to be addressed:

Trial Dates: October 7-9, 2016 Judge: Christie Bower

Trial Application Due May 18, 2016

Opening Date: Monday, August 1 or Monday August 8, 2016 ??????

Closing Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6 p.m. ??????

Meeting Agenda

- Classes to be offered

Trial Committee Positions to be filled:

- Trial Chair
- Secretary

- Chief Course Builder
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Worker & Raffle Basket Coordinator
- Hospitality
- Camping Coordinator
- Equipment Coordinator
- Emergency Coordinator

Miscellaneous Items to Discuss:

- Continue to give out toys? Some clubs seems to be doing away with this practice.
- Giving out cash prizes for workers and NQ raffle?

And last but not least, Patty and Joan still need someone to take over the Agility Chair (or Co-Chair) position. We need someone (or sometwo) from the club to step up to the plate and share the responsibility of planning this event so we can continue offering it to our members and the public. Patty and Joan will be happy to train the incoming Chair(s)!!!