

SHELTIE TALES

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Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.
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Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Home of:
Hector and Meredith Hector
1100 SW 128 Drive
Davie, FL 33325
954-472-7945

Specialty Show Committee Meeting: Friday, February 23, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Home of:
Hector and Meredith Hector
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Davie, FL 33325
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2007 Back-to-Back Specialties, and
All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials: Saturday, March 3, 2007
Sunday, March 4, 2007
Location: Okeehlee Park, Micanopy Pavilion
7715 Forest Hill Boulevard
West Palm Beach, Florida 33413

Club Information -----

Membership Dues: Membership dues were due January 1, 2007. As a reminder, a membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid by March 1, 2007. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Colleen Kessler at 954-463-4710 and give her any updated address or contact information on yourself and make arrangements for *immediate* payment.

Annual Meeting and Elections: The annual meeting and elections occur at the March general membership meeting. The final slate to be voted on is as follows:

- ✓ President Hector Hector
- ✓ Vice President Dione Houchins
- ✓ Secretary Meredith Hector
- ✓ Treasurer Beth Sirvinskas
- ✓ Board of Directors Lorna Staab, Karen Salvage, Maryann Lannon

March 3 and 4, 2007: The following information regarding our 2007 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows and All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials can be found on the Club's website at www.sscsefl.com:

- ✓ Advertising Form;
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions – hotels, camping, security, directions; and
- ✓ Judging Schedule and Entry Breakdowns.

Who Has What Available for Placement -----

The membership is invited to let the Newsletter Editor know if they have something available for placement—puppies or adults. This month . . .

Stephanie Trautman-Riley of Trilliant Shelties (www.trilliantshelties.com) (954-242-1223 telephone) has available for placement to an approved home (no children) a three-year-old sable and white bitch. She will be spayed before going to a new home. If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact Stephanie.

Hector Hector and Meredith Hector of Enclave Shelties (www.enclaveshelties.com) (954-472-7945 telephone) have a younger puppy and an older puppy available for placement.

Members with New Litters on the Ground -----

The membership is invited to let the Newsletter Editor know if you have a new litter of puppies. This month . . .

Dee and Walter Silverstein of Silver Trails Shelties (www.silvertrailsshelties.com) announce a litter of five sable and white puppies born January 22, 2007. There are two girls and three boys. The dam is Tapestry's Centre of Attention (AKC pts).

Stephanie Trautman-Riley of Trilliant Shelties (www.trilliantshelties.com) announces a litter of seven AOAC puppies born February 7, 2007. There are three girls and four boys. The sire and dam are: BISS CH Macdega Notorious ex Cameo Song Sung Blue.

This Month . . . A Look at Obedience -----

Obedience trials are a dog sport designed to test a dog's ability to perform a prescribed set of exercises on which it is scored. Those exercises demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the purebred dog as a companion to man. All contestants in a class are required to perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the relative quality of the various performances may be compared and scored. The basic objective of obedience trials, however, is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions. The best part of watching a trial is to see the close bond that has developed between a dog and its handler.

Over the years and from the very inception of this club, numerous club members have participated in and enjoyed this sport. One of our long-time club members has been extremely successful and reached the pinnacle of this sport by acquiring an OTCH (**O**bedience **T**rial **CH**ampion) title on two of her dogs. That is indeed an achievement to be acknowledged! Who is that club member you may ask? Well, let's . . .

Meet a Long-Time Club Member -----

Linda Hughes is a long-time club member and has been doing obedience with her dogs for over two decades and has achieved the impressive OTCH (**O**bedience **T**rial **CH**ampion) title with two of her shelties:

- ✓ “Heidi” OTCH Waldenwood Heidi Ho, UDX8, and
- ✓ “Tiffany” OTCH Marchwind Making Memories, UDX2.

What was the impetus to Linda's endeavors? Linda's older brother used to show German shepherds and cocker spaniels in conformation and, when Linda had the opportunity to attend shows with him, she always found herself watching the obedience ring with interest. She was intrigued with obedience because of the teamwork that had to exist between the dog and its owner. So, about 22 years ago, she decided it was time to see how difficult it really was to compete in the obedience ring.

She always knew that she wanted a sheltie and, through a newspaper ad, purchased an eight-week-old sable and white male puppy from Alice Berry. His registered name was Linn's Prince Chadwick and his call name was “Prince.”

At six months of age, Linda and “Prince” enrolled in a basic obedience class. After eight weeks of class, “Prince” was entered in his first show. Linda knew so little she had to call a friend to ask which class they were supposed to enter. At their first show, “Prince” and Linda tied for fourth place and won the run-off. “Prince” completed his CD in no time and then they started to train in open. “Prince” received

two legs the first two times he went into open. On their third open show, when “Prince” was completing the down on the recall, he cried out in pain. Linda immediately ran to him, only later finding out that he had spurs on his spine which were causing him great pain. The vet told Linda to give him aspirin and he could compete. However, Linda knew that “Prince” really didn't care about the title. His goal was to please Linda doing whatever it took. So, Linda elected to retire “Prince” and enjoyed him for 14 years.

Linda waited for about a year and then decided to get a little female from Harriet Smith. Her registered name was Waldenwood Heidi Ho and her call name was “Heidi.” Linda describes her as “a very soft little girl, but as smart as they come.” “Heidi” completed her CD, CDX, and UD in three shows each, most of the time placing first and once in a while placing second. She remembers that the day after she completed her Utility title she tied for first place with Nancy Patton and “Bomber,” the number one golden retriever in the country at the time. She didn't win the run off, but she did get some OTCH points. “Heidi” then went on to complete her UDX and OTCH titles.

“Heidi” and Linda were indeed a team as can be seen from an impressive list of accomplishments. Just to mention a few: “Heidi” received a *Dog World* Award for having the first three scores in a class of 195 or greater. When competing, “Heidi” always ranked in the top 25 shelties in the country in obedience. She was recognized by The First and Foremost Rating System sponsored by *Front and Finish* as being among the highest scoring dogs in the nation. In 1995, she was the number one Shetland sheepdog in obedience in the country. Equally impressive, in 1995, she was invited to the first AKC Invitational and placed fourth among the nation's top dogs.

Linda's next dog was Marchwind Making Memories, a/k/a “Tiffany.” The first time she showed Tiffany she went High in Trial. She completed her CD, CDX, UD, UDX, and her OTCH. “Tiffany” received a *Dog World* Award for completing her first three titles within a year. The day she completed her OTCH she also went High in Trial, High Combined, and Highest Scoring Shetland Sheepdog.

As far as memories go, “Tiffany” made many. She ran away for a week in Deland, Florida, when she was at a handler's to be shown in conformation. Don't get the wrong picture—it was not the handler's fault. It appeared that Tiffany opened a door, climbed on a chair, a freezer, pulled out a screen, opened the window, jumped out, and then went over a six-foot picket fence.

“Tiffany” produced Linda's only litter of which she still has two of her puppies, Tiffany's Heartbreaker, CD, a/k/a “Mickey,” and Tiffany's Heart and Sole, a/k/a “Minnie.” “Mickey” finished his CD in three straight shows; all first places and a second place for his insurance show. “Mickey” has sired a litter of puppies, two of which Linda is hoping will finish. Linda now has “Mickey's” grandson, Marchwind Smarty Marty, better known as “Marty.” He just turned a year old and time will tell what “Marty” and Linda accomplish together as a team.

In reflecting on her enjoyment of this dog sport, Linda stated: "I would never change a thing. I have had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people and make many great friends of which I am grateful. I had a great time working with my dogs and competing which I truly enjoy. I'm sure you will all agree that showing dogs is one of the greatest sports there is." And, yes, I am sure that we will all agree that showing our dogs is truly an enjoyable sport!

Meet a New Club Member -----

If we are unable to get to all the club meetings, it becomes harder to get to know new club members. Therefore, I thought I would do a little segment and introduce to you one of our two newest club members.

Bonny Thatcher became a club member in July 2006. She is married and her husband's name is Paul. She has one daughter, Karen, who is 35. Bonny's husband, Paul, is retired. By profession, Bonny is an assistant office manager for Audiology Associates of South Florida where they perform hearing tests on newborns up to the elderly.

Currently, Bonny has two shelties that were bred by club member Colleen Kessler. The male's call name is "Shadow" and his registered name is Simcos Majestic Crown Royal. The female's call name is "Misty" and her registered name is Simcos Misty Morning.

At this time, Bonny is interested in participating in conformation and obedience with her dogs. Bonny enjoys bingo, fishing, bowling, playing with and training her dogs -- but not in that order.

When asked what else she would like the membership to know, her response was: "I'm here if you need me." That sounds like a "willing-to-work attitude" to me! With an attitude like that, she is bound to be an asset to our club. If you have not already, please extend to her a belated welcome to the club the next time you see her.

General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. *Member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association*

Meeting called to order 8:20 2/15/07 by President Hector Hector, no report
VP-no report

Secty-Received invoice from American Dog Owners renewal

2- AKC letters

Ft Lauderdale Dog Club

City of Plantation

Treasurers-report handed out-Jana Thomas made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Karen Salvage 2nd, all approved..

Sunshine-Maryann Lannon sent a get well card for Dorothy Moore who broke her wrist.

Breeder referral-many persons, 6 came from club website

Newsletter-none

New members-none

Show secty-all entries are in.

Trophies-trophies have been donated by KV VET thanks to Wally Silverstein. . Kv

Vet gave dog beds for all classes, toys for 2-4th place. \$40.00 gift cards for raffle.

Ribbons are ordered and will be delivered on the 27th. Also got a High In Trail sheltie ribbon in the case the sheltie is hit.

Medallions-still no response from Sue Christy although we paid for them in Oct.

Meredith to try to contact her again

Collections for trophies-\$360.00 short for trophies for both days.

Security-ordered and is on the way

Raffle-all baskets are done and ready to go.

Virginia Perry item was displayed.

Regular Raffle Prices for tickets-reg-\$1.00 each, \$5.00 for 6. stretch-\$20.00

Virginia perry-\$2.00 each, stretch for \$20.00

Advertising-goal is reached in amount of \$2,000

We will meet and assemble the catalog at Hector and Meredith

Photographer-ok

Food-has decided not to come because of insurance costs

We decided that food was not needed and we will supply coffee and donuts.

Website none

Nominations for 2007-

Previous-Hector

VP-Karen Salvage

Treas -Beth Sirvinskas

Secty-Meredith Hector

Board-Colleen Kessler

Martha Hollingsworth

Floor-Dione Houchins for board

Martha has resigned from board

Colleen has resigned from board

Karen declined VP position

Frank Lannon nominated Karen Salvage for Board

Dione Houchins declined as candidate for board and Maryann Lannon nominated her For Vice President

Dione Houchins nominated MaryAnn Lannon for Board Seat

Karen Salvage nominated Lorna Staab for Board

2007 slate is as follows:

President-Hector Hector
Vp-Dione Houchins
Secty-Meredith Hector
Treas-Beth Sirvinskas
Board-Karen Salvage, Maryann Lannon, Lorna Staab

Motion made by Frank to close nominations, Meredith 2nd, all in order...

2008 shows-some add'l judges were suggested,
Frank made suggestion to move show date.
Change in location
Hector is to check with other clubs

Hector asked for volunteer to house sweeps judge. Dione volunteered

New business
Adoa-meredith motioned to pay, frank 2nd all yes.

No FACa

Mary Ann brags the Julia-got reserve at the Mid Florida show.

Karen made motion to adjourn, frank 2nd All in Favor.

No meeting for March was announced and will be sent out by separate cover.

Lorna Staab, Secretary