

# SHELTIE TALES

April 2007

Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.  
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## 2007 Officers and Board Members:

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

## Committees:

**Membership:** Hector Hector  
**Breeder Referral:** Maryann Lannon  
**Newsletter Editor:** Holly Potts  
**Show Chairman:** Lorna Staab  
**Webmaster:** Jana Thomas  
**Assistant Webmaster:** Holly Potts

## Upcoming Club Events -----

### ***Next General Membership Meeting:***

Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Location:

Home of Lorna Staab  
410 Southeast Second Avenue  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060-8074

Directions:

I-95 to Atlantic Boulevard. Go east on Atlantic Boulevard. Turn south (right) on South Cypress Road. Turn east (left) on Southeast Fifth Court. Turn north (left) on Southeast First Terrace. Turn east (right) on Southeast Second Avenue.

### ***Awards Banquet:***

Saturday, June 16, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Location:

Olive Garden  
5550 North Federal Highway  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33308

Cost:

\$20.00

## Club Information -----

**2006 Awards:** For those dogs who received AKC titles in 2006, fill out and forward to Lorna Staab the awards form below. Submission deadline date is Saturday, June 2, 2007. The awards banquet will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Olive Garden, 5550 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, Florida 33308. Please note that Wednesday, June 13, 2007, is the deadline date to let Lorna know if you will be attending the awards banquet. Dinner will be \$20.00 per person. The menu will be posted in next month's newsletter.

**2008 Back-to-Back Specialties:** The slate of judges to be voted on at the May general membership meeting is:

- ✓ **Sweeps** Colleen Andrus, Toni Mapes
- ✓ **Conformation** Joe Molloy, Stanley Saltzman, Dorothy Christiansen, Carl Skinner, Patty Skinner

## Other Upcoming Events -----

The Fort Lauderdale Dog Club will be hosting its annual CERF and micro-chip clinic on a first-come, first-served basis:

Clinic date and time:	Thursday, May 3, 2007, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Location:	Animal Hospital of Fort Lauderdale 1630 East Oakland Park Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, Florida 954-561-8777
CERF clinic cost:	\$25.00
Microchip and microchip registration cost:	\$25.00
Note:	Bring dog's AKC registration papers.

## 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.

## 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 no new litters were reported to the newsletter editor.

## This Month . . . A Look at Agility -----

Agility has been referred to as “the ultimate game for you and your dog.” Agility strengthens the bond between dogs and handlers, is extremely fun, and provides vigorous exercise for both! In agility, a dog demonstrates its agile nature and versatility by following cues from the handler through a timed obstacle course. The course has jumps, tunnels, weave poles, and other obstacles. It is truly a team sport where the dog demonstrates its willingness to take direction performing the correct obstacles in a safe, confident manner. In a timely manner, handlers have to get themselves in a position to direct the dog to the next obstacle on the course.

Due to the enjoyment of this sport, many club members have chosen to participate in this fun activity and, as a result of those efforts, have earned numerous agility titles on their dogs. However, to date, only two club members' dogs have achieved the coveted MACH (**M**aster **A**gility **CH**ampion) title. They are:

- ✓ “Mandy” CH MACH Sunridge Follow Your Heart, HT, AXP, AJP, VCX+CH, “Mandy” obtained her MACH title in December 2005, and
- ✓ “Drew” AKC/UKC CH MACH Cameo the Right Stuff, AD, HT, VCX+CH, “Drew” obtained his MACH title in April 2007.

What is genuinely impressive about these two dogs is not many shelties can make claim to having this dual championship combination. In addition, another impressive point is that both dogs were owner-handled to all titles—conformation, agility, and herding. Based upon the above-noted accomplishments, I thought that you might like to. . .

## Meet Two Club Member's Dogs -----

### “Mandy”

#### CH MACH Sunridge Follow Your Heart, HT, AXP, AJP, VCX+CH



sheltie with correct shoulder layback, as well as a beautiful neck and outline. Before finishing her conformation championship, “Mandy” acquired a specialty major, a specialty reserve, a best of breed, and a group 4 placement.

“Mandy’s” favorite has always been agility and, in December 2005, she earned her agility championship—the coveted MACH title.

“Mandy” is owned by club member Holly Potts and bred by Holly’s mother, Charlotte Hulett, of Sunridge Shelties.

“Mandy” has been shown in conformation, agility, and herding and has been successful in all three venues.

“Mandy” is a exquisite example of a

After “Mandy” finished her conformation and agility championships, it was thought that herding sheep might be to her liking also. So, away they went and, now “Mandy” has a herding title to add to her list of accomplishments.

Because of her diversity of talents, “Mandy” has been awarded the VCX+CH title by the ASSA.

**“Drew”****AKC/UKC CH MACH Cameo the Right Stuff, AD, HT, VCX+CH**

“Drew” acquired three majors, a specialty win, a best of breed, and a group placement on the way to his conformation championship.

"Drew's" agility career is also worthy of note. "Drew" qualified to compete at the prestigious AKC Agility Nationals in January 2006. When the final results were tallied, "Drew" ranked number ten sheltie overall and was the number one ranked champion sheltie to compete. “Drew” then went on to achieve his MACH title in April 2007.

"Drew" is owned by club member Stephanie Trautman-Riley of Trilliant Shelties and bred by Marilyn Marlow of Cameo Shelties.

In addition to the above prestigious titles, "Drew" has a herding title.

"Drew" is a wonderful example of a bi-blue sheltie with correct structure.

Due to his success in these venues, "Drew" has received his VCX+CH title from the ASSA.

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes -----**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**

**Home of Lorna Staab**

**Pompano Beach, Florida**

**April 10, 2007**

President Hector Hector called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. at the home of Lorna Staab in Pompano Beach, Fl., on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. Quorum was present. In addition to the President, members present included Colleen Kessler, Bonny Thatcher, Dione Houchins, Holly Potts, Frank Lannon, Maryann Lannon, Beth Sirvinskas, Lorna Staab and Meredith Hector.

Hector then asked for approval of the March 2007 meeting minutes as published. Maryann made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Bonny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Officer Reports**

President – Hector welcomed the new slate of officers aboard and stated that he was looking forward to a productive year.

Vice President – Dione presented a seminar idea for August. Seminar speaker would be Rose Chandless (Winslow-Summit). The club would only incur reimbursement fees for Rose's driving expenses from and to Titusville as she will be there to visit her sister. Rose would receive 40% of the seminar fees collected by the club. We anticipate 20-25 people. Seminar could be from 1-3 days depending on the clubs wishes and interest and would likely involve an adult handling match in which the handlers are judged on their skills. There was enthusiasm for and interest in the seminar. Dione will circle back with Rose to extend the offer and confirm details.

Secretary – Meredith read a letter from the AKC to an exhibitor at our specialty informing them that the rally leg they had obtained was revoked as the dog was improperly entered. She also noted that she would provide the ASSA, AKC, breed magazines and shelties online about the change in club officers and be sure that mailing addresses and club web site addresses are up-to-date as well.

Treasurer –Beth stated that the new officers need to arrange a time to go to the Bank Atlantic branch on 17<sup>th</sup> St. in Ft. Lauderdale. All officers had to go on the same day and to the same branch. She'll connect with everyone to arrange a date and time.

She indicated that she and Holly had conducted an audit of the 2006-2007 records and all finances and transactions were in order.

Outgoing treasurer Colleen presented the financial records for March, including final show figures. The club earned approximately \$700 profit from its March specialty shows. A motion was made by Lorna to accept the Treasure's report as presented. Bonny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

Breeder referral - Maryann reported 5 emails and 2 calls from individuals seeking companions.

Sunshine - Maryann will send a get well card to Jana on the club's behalf wishing her a speedy recovery from her knee surgery.

Newsletter - Holly had nothing to report. She asked members to submit items they think may be of interest.

Web site - no report

### **Old Business**

- *2008 show options*- Frank presented information regarding the possibility of our club having its specialties in conjunction with the Palm Beach Dog Fancier's Association the second weekend in March. PBDFA is interested in having us join them. There are other clubs that have specialties on Friday. We would likely host two specialties on Friday (the second show with no sweeps and a limited entry of

50 dogs). Frank asked for and was told we could have input on the all-breed judges for Saturday and Sunday.

The show is superintended by MB-F. We would not receive a take of vendor or gate fees but we would not be charged any building fees. There is still the issue of high hotel rates in March but the group felt this was offset by the greater number of shows, ample RV parking on show grounds, and lack of conflict with the Panhandle circuit.

Given the that it is already April some members of the group expressed concern about waiting until the May meeting to make a decision about which all-breed club option to pursue (information about the possibility of joining Jupiter-Tequesta in July was not available).

Meredith made a motion that the club work with PBDFA to have two specialty shows and two supported entries in conjunction with their all-breed show in March 2008. Dione seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank agreed to follow-up with his contact at PBDFA and report back at the May meeting.

- *2008 judges* – with show date and location determined the group decided that selection of judges needed to be finalized in May. Meredith agreed to provide Holly a list of judges nominated to date for publication in the newsletter. Any omissions, corrections, or additions to the list should be reported to Meredith in advance of the May meeting as ballots will be printed and votes cast at that time.

Dione did ask that two prospective sweeps judges be added: Colleen Andrus (Trevanne) and Toni Mapes (Toven). Both are willing to travel to our shows at their own expense.

Hector raised the possibility of not charging a fee for sweeps entries as a means of generating higher puppy entries. He has seen other clubs implement the strategy successfully. Questions and discussion followed with a decision at this time, to continue to charge a nominal fee. The issue may be re-visited after further research.

- *Awards banquet* – Lorna had nothing to report but will at the next meeting.
- *Educational activity utilizing ASSA interactive CD* – Frank reported that he would like to put this together for an upcoming meeting (likely June). The original CD he got from ASSA was defective. He now has a working copy and will work on an after meeting activity.

## **New Business**

- *AKC show hosting requirements* – Holly raised concerns and questions related to AKC's recent vote to modify show hosting requirements. The group agreed that some of the language was unclear, as was the date at which the change

would go into effect. Hector agreed to call ASSA AKC delegate Marjorie Tuff for clarification. He will report back to the group at the next meeting.

- *May meeting* – will be held on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lorna Staab in Pompano Beach.

At 9:15 p.m., with no further business, Frank moved that the meeting be adjourned. Beth seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Hector  
secretary

**BRAGS**

Lorna brags that she and fellow SSCSEFL club member Jackie Corwin were voted into A.S.S.A. membership during last week's National.



## 2006 Awards Application Form Specialty Show Appreciation Dinner

Each year the Club recognizes its members' dogs that have earned AKC titles during the preceding year. The Club awards a plaque for official AKC titles.

Please submit the following information to Lorna Staab in writing as soon as possible. The deadline date for submission is June 2, 2007. Out-of-town members MUST include return packaging AND postage for return of their plaque(s) if they will not be attending the awards banquet.

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

New AKC Title(s) in 2006: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: New plaque: \_\_\_\_\_ Old plaque with new title bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return to: Lorna Staab, 410 Southeast Second Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida 33060-8074. Telephone number: (954) 783-6812.

The awards banquet will be held at: **Olive Garden**, 5550 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308, on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Deadline date to RSVP to Lorna for banquet is Wednesday, June 13, 2007.