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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR JANUARY GROWLER: ***January 8, 2016***

` SECRETARY'S REPORT

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Nebraska Humane Society
89th & Fort
Omaha, NE

Nebraska Kennel Club general membership meeting was held at the Nebraska Humane Society on November 18, 2015 and called to order by President Tim Bourke at 7:15 P.M.

Tim asked the members to introduce them selves. 10 members and 2 guests were present.

Medora Harper made the motion to dispense with the regular meeting with the exception of any necessary announcements. 2nd by Sue Volkmer and motion approved. Tim made the announcement that the NK Board is looking into restarting awards for titles earned by NKC members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M. and was followed by a festive night of food and Santa exchange.

Medora Harper
Acting Secretary

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DECEMBER BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Nebraska Humane Society
89th & Fort
Omaha, NE

7:00 pm
Agenda

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

In attendance: Dawn, Ron, Tim, Barb, Joe, Shelly and Ann

Minutes Of previous meeting will be filed for record. Barb moved, Ron Second
Treasurer's report to file for record motion by Joe, second Ron

Report of the President None
Report of the Secretary- None
Report of the Treasurer None
Report of the Vice-president. None

Unfinished Business

1. Barn Hunt Trial

a. Budget Motion to approve the budget for the Barn Hunt by Dawn, seconded by Joe

b. Equipment Build

c. Volunteers needed

d. Food Service Chili on Saturday (a few different kinds by Barb and Joe) Hot dogs on Sunday. Tim will check on the price of coffee makers

a. B-OB match AKC said they will help with the promotion of the match to exhibitors within a 100 miles. Holly Simmons will judge the obedience match and Sandy McDonald as a back up. Barb will order ribbons and get gift cards. Dawn moved and Ron seconded.

b. Obedience Trial update - Everything is set except for food. Hiring of obedience judges for 2017 - Dawn made a motion for Ron to hire obedience judges for 2017, Barb seconded.

c. 2017 Dog Show

a. Site discussion Barb wants to make sure we can block the street coming in to the fairgrounds. We need to make sure there is someone we can hire for clean up.

We need to get a signed contract for the show site. A motion was made by Ron for Barb to get a signed contract, Ann seconded

d. Awards - Tim wants to put a note in the growler and send out emails for members who have earned AKC titles on their dogs in 2015, to send in their title information by January 10, 2016. Please include full titles on your dogs. Information is to be sent to Barbara Hill in typed format to arabarb@cox.net Motion made by Dawn, second by Ron. All in favor

A Tracking seminar was discussed for April 9 & 10, 2016 Shelly will have flyers ready before the Barn Hunt. Ron moves that NKC support this seminar. Seconded by Joe

A list of Board and General membership meetings was submitted by Joe. Ron moved to accept the list of dates with the exception of July and December, Dawn seconded. All in favor.

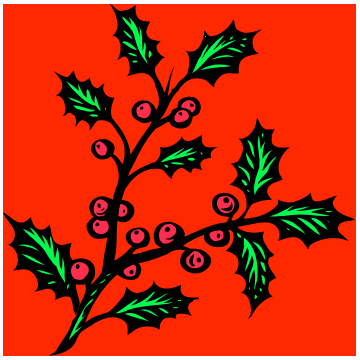
Joe made a motion to add two menu links to the NKC website. One titled Latest From AKC and another News (this would include legislature) Seconded by Ron

New Business

Open - Looking for locations for our Annual Meeting

Motion made by Ron to adjourn, seconded by Dawn

Dawn Hall,
Secretary



CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every **Monday,** except major holidays.

LOCATION: **Companion Dog Club**
10803 N. 72 Street
Omaha, NE

TIME: **7:00 PM - Small Dogs**
7:40 PM - Large Dogs

COST: $5.00 for first dog,
$4.00 for all subsequent dogs per evening
Junior handler $3.00 per dog

DURATION: Recommend 30 minutes or less for puppies. 30 to 60 minutes for adult dogs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Experience and inexperienced dogs and handlers.

CONTENT:

- Table Training Individual Gaiting
- Group Gaiting Free Stack
- Breed specific training
- Different patterns typical to conformation ring, i.e. triangle, L pattern, T pattern
- Ring and show etiquette for those new to showing in conformation

Check the NKC website for updates and/or changes – Everyone welcome.
No reservations needed.

Any questions? Contact:
Barb Hill, 402-572-5304

AWARDS

The Nebraska Kennel Club,
at its Annual Meeting on
Wednesday, February 17, 2016,
will recognize NKC members whose dogs
earned an AKC title/s in 2015.
Please send your dog's AKC registered
name and new full title information by
Sunday, January 10, 2016, to
Barbara Hill at arabarb@cox.net
or in typed or printed format to
Barbara Hill
5604 N. 79 St.
Omaha, NE 68134

GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

NKC members: *$10.00 per 1/8th of a page,*
$75.00 for a full page

Non-members: *$15.00 per 1/8th of a page*
$112.50 for a full page

Copy cannot change between issues of the Growler.
All ads are subject to NKC Board approval.
NKC Members: No charge to advertise the sale of used dog equipment.

2016 NKC MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

The NKC Constitution and By-Laws requires that membership dues are due and payable on or before, January 1, 2016. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid after February 1, 2016

In November, NKC dues notices were mailed to the NKC general membership. A 2016 Nebraska Kennel Club Membership Dues Notice is also on page 7.

Please return the form with your 2016 dues (make check payable to NKC) to: Barb Hill, NKC Treasurer, 5604 North 79th Street, Omaha, NE 68134.

CONTACT THE GROWLER EDITOR

- **If** you have something to contribute for the betterment of the dog fancy that you would like published in the **Growler, please contact the Growler Editor.**
- **If** you have a show win that you would like to brag about, information regarding an upcoming dog event, or poem, etc. to share with others, **please contact the Growler Editor**.
- **If** you are the Chair of an NKC committee and would like to inform the membership of the committee's activities, **please contact the Growler Editor. If** you have a photo of your dog to put in the **Growler**, **please contact the Growler Editor.**
- **If** you have something for the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor:**

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"Diggin My Dillon"

by Shelly Rehmeier

My Labrador Retriever "Rush Lake's Diggin That Dillon TDX,CGC" passed his VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test in Des Moines, IA, Sunday October 11, 2015. He also is now a Champion Tracker (CT). Dillon is my first "Champion" in anything! Here is my story of our track at Des Moines:

Place: Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, IA.
Judges: Jerry Lewis and Marge Schultz
Track 3
Temperature about 70ish degrees, moderate south wind

A special thanks to Sue Volkmer for braving all weather, getting up at the crack of dawn to lay tracks and the support to get us here!

I would like to thank Ryan Anderson and The Des Moines Obedience Training Club for all of their hard work putting this test on. Thank you Jerry and Marge for a lifetime memory! A thank you also goes to our "smelly" track layer, David. Our start was on a corner of a building at the bottom of a hill. The

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first leg went right along the hill. The first turn was to the right, down the hill, across a street and on to grass. Dillon came down the hill early to check a fence line. He went across the road then went diagonal in the grass area to find his second leg. (I'm thinking the wind blew the scent into the building and the fence). We then went on the second leg until we came to river rock along the south side of the building. Dillon went a few feet into the rock and decided that it would be better to stay along the side of it. He kept dipping into the rocks to check and that is when I realized the track was definitely there. As we were going down that leg I kept thinking that he might keep going since we hadn't run out of building yet. We got about half way down the side of the building and Dillon gave me a loss of scent. Whew!!!! He then went left which was our third leg. In front of us was a parking lot. I was thinking to myself that this could be our moment of truth coming up. I started talking to Dillon telling him "easy" and "find it". He can sometimes get rolling on concrete so I wanted to slow him down so he could hopefully catch the turn. Suddenly we get to our first article! It was a metal switch plate. I took some time and watered Dillon and collected myself to prepare for the MOT. We started off again and when we got about half way thru the parking lot I see his head looking to the right. I'm thinking "that might be the turn". Dillon got about a body length past the turn when he came back and made his MOT. He was positive it went that way! I'm thinking "Holy Crap! That was AWESOME!!!! I hope he's right" :) We then got to the grass and he continued and then turned to the left. No whistle. "He was right"! He went up the hill to some tall grass and he started sniffing along the grass line. The actual track turned as soon as you got on the grass from the parking lot then paralleled the parking lot to the corner then turned right and followed the street curb. Dillon followed the grass line at the top of the hill until it turned. He kept following it around the corner. That is when I saw something in the road along the curb. I'm thinking, "that sure looks like it could be an article" "can it be"???? Dillon kept searching around the grass line until he caught scent of the article. Ye Haw!!!!! It was a knotted sock! It was our first time we made it to our second article! We are now in the street with small hills on both sides. I didn't know if the track was where we were or if it came from a different angle. I think that was the only time I glanced back to get some sort of bearings. After some water and shade from me, Dillon was ready to go. He proceeded to go across the street and up the hill into some shade. He laid down and I thought that he needed a little longer break. I got my water and cold towels out for him. In about 5 minutes or so he was ready to go. (btw I think I had enough water to fill a lake and 2 frozen towels to cool him with in a back pack). (Thank you Jerry and Marge for being patient and letting me cool my dog for his track). Dillon was very patient as I packed everything up and away we went. To our right was a row of trees with mulch under them. Dillon tracked up to the mulch and came back like "Nope, it's not there". He did that I think 3 times as we progressed along that tree line. Then all of sudden, he went thru the mulch. We get past the mulch and track into a grass field. All of a sudden Dillon goes into "search mode". I'm thinking the way he's acting, there has got to be an article here. The Lincoln VST Test taught me to look for articles and not just assume your dog will find them. Guess what? There are leaves everywhere and I'm not seeing any freecking article! (Thinking back, there was a dip in the ground. The track scent must have settled into it). Dillon starts tracking again with his fish tail sign that he knows where the track is, but is not feeling to me that he is 100% sure. We are tracking down this field until we get to an area, about 5-6 feet wide strip that looks like it was plowed and reseeded. I'm frantically looking for footsteps in the dirt. NONE! Now I don't know what to think except I still haven't heard a whistle. We continue and Dillon starts quartering. In front of me looks like a path where the grass was tromped down. OK, yeah, could be the track, or, could it? Dillon quarters across the path and lo and behold "THE FISH TAIL"!!!!! This boy throws it in high gear and before you know it he gets to the article and picks it up and brings it back to me! I am so happy I don't know what to do first! OK, my dog got the first praise, hugs and kisses. Next thing I hear are cheers and horns.

I am sure "Diggin" my Dillon :)

Notice

2016 Nebraska Kennel Club Membership Dues

Name(s):_____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Breeds _____

Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after February 1.

Single Membership $20 ___ Joint Membership $40___

Junior Membership -0- ___ Lifetime Member -0- ___

Donation _____

Please return this form with your 2016 dues (make check payable to NKC) to: Barbara Hill, NKC Treasurer, 5604 North 79th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68134

Areas of Interest

___ Conformation Ring Stewarding
___ Obedience and Rally Ring Stewarding
___ Catalog Sales
___ Conformation Class Trainer
___ Show Chair
___ Fun Match Chair
___ Community Outreach
___ Publicity
___ Librarian/Historian
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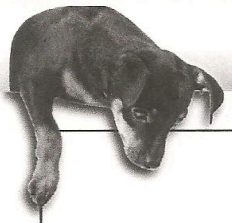
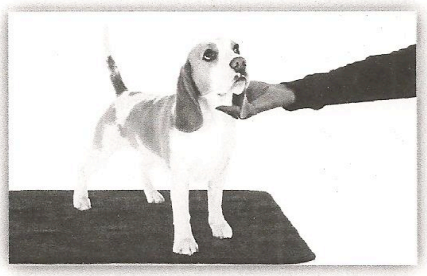


AKC Sanctioned
B MATCH (CONFORMATION)
and
OB MATCH (OBEDIENCE)

HOSTED BY THE
NEBRASKA KENNEL CLUB
Sunday, January 17, 2016
Companion Dog Club
10803 N 72nd St
Omaha, NE 68122



Pre-entries $7.00 Close Jan 8, 2016
Day of Show Entries $10.00 Close 10am, January 17, 2016

EXHIBITORS please note classes offered:

CONFORMATION: AKC Recognized breeds and Miscellaneous

Puppy 4-6 mos	Puppy 6-9 mos
Puppy 9-12 mos	Open

OBEDIENCE: All dogs with an AKC or PAL/ILP number

Open A & B	Novice A & B
Graduate Open	Beginning Novice A & B
Pre Novice	Graduate Novice

MATCH SECRETARY: Barbara Hill
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Email: arabarb@cox.net

For more information or entry forms, visit our website:

WWW.NEBRASKAKENNELCLUB.COM

Volunteer to help at the NKC B Match and OB Match
Contact Barb Hill, arabarb@cox.net or 402-572-5304

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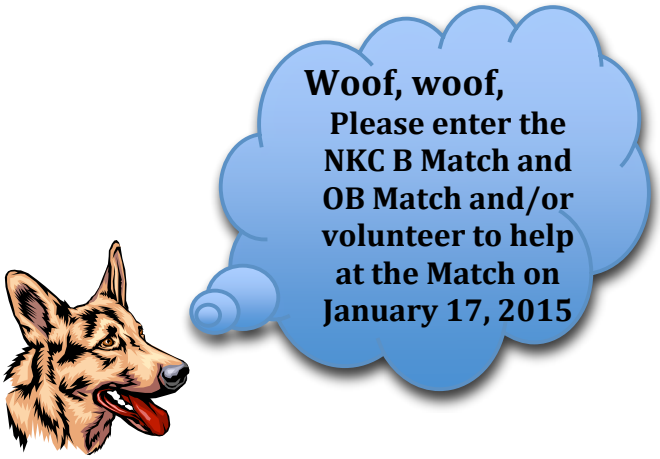

NKC
2016 Calendar of Events

January 6,	Board Meeting
January 17	Conformation B Match
January 20	General Meeting
February 3	Board Meeting
February 13 & 14	Barn Hunt Trial
February 17	Annual Meeting
March 2	Board Meeting
March 16	General Meeting
April 6	Board Meeting
April 20	General Meeting
May 4	Board Meeting
May 18	General Meeting
May 21 & 22	Obedience Trial
June 1	Board Meeting
June 15	General Meeting
July 6	Board Meeting
August 3	Board Meeting
August 17	General Meeting
September 7	Board Meeting
September 21	General Meeting
October 5	Board Meeting
October 19	General Meeting
November 2	Board Meeting
November 16	General Meeting
December 7	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change *--Sharon Bourke, Editor*

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