

The Whatta Matta



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General Meeting, Monday, April 2, 2007

Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M.; General Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 2 - 7:30PM
Waggin' Tails Junction

Meeting Dates for 2007

- **May 7:** Spring Show & Presentation of Slate of MAD Governing Committee Positions - Nominations from the floor
- **June 4:** Club Picnic (Election of MAD Governing Committee Positions)
- **July:** No Meeting
- **August 27:** Aug/Sept Meeting
- **October 1**
- **November 5**
- **December:** Holiday Party

MINUTES

See the March minutes following the newsletter as full-page text.

UPCOMING MKC EVENTS

Agility Trials

- UKC – June 9, 2007
 - AKC – October 20-21, 2007
- #### Conformation, Obedience & Rally Trial
- AKC – May 19, 2007

SAVE THE DATE

Remember to save May 19 for the Spring Show at the

Fairgrounds. More information to come in the next Whatta Matta.

MEETING PROGRAM

April: Will feature Jim & Michele Purton with their Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) puppy-in-training, Burnie. Dedicated CCI puppy raisers, Burnie is the Purtons' third dog to train and socialize from early puppyhood until ready for advanced training (generally at the age of 18-24 months) at the CCI North-East complex. Canine Companions for Independence has five campuses across the U.S.

May: Will focus on the MKC spring all-breed/obedience/rally show at the fairgrounds.

MEETING HOSPITALITY

	Snack	Snack	Drinks & Ice
Apr	Kim W	Joan B	Lisa D
May	Janet K	Anke K	Tom M
Aug/Sept	Bobbie L	?	?
Oct	Susan B	?	?
Nov	Becky?	Cindy?	?

Please email Anke King gelleriewe@verizon.net if you

can help out with Meeting Hospitality. Thank you!

SUSAN HALL GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

It is time to nominate a member for this year's "Susan Hall Good Sportsmanship Award." The award is designed to honor exceptional sportsmanship or service to the club as well as those members (often "behind-the-scenes" workers) whose contributions are so important to the success of any dog club. Past recipients are not eligible for the award.

Past Recipients:

- 1977 Debbie Ritter
- 1978 Annette Norton
- 1979 Jerry Orr
- 1980 Donna Thompson
- 1981 Julie Hogan
- 1982 Barbara Smith
- 1983 No Award this year
- 1984 Pat & Earl Long
- 1985 Joan Cooper
- 1986 Paul Martin
- 1987 Katie Knepley
- 1988 Nancy Pickering
- 1989 Edie Coleman
- 1990 Holly Hammerle
- 1991 Janet Kolakoski
- 1992 Betty Ann Howell
- 1993 Maggie Komosinski
- 1994 Marie Grems
- 1995 Yvonne Stickelman
- 1996 Carolyn Embrey
- 1997 Linda Kauffman

- 1998 Susan Brogan
- 1999 Nancy Bean
- 2000 Linda Layne
- 2001 Marci Vineyard
- 2002 Jackie Shepherd
- 2003 Bev Porter
- 2004 Patty Abel
- 2005 Eileen Ewins
- 2006 Shirley Murphy

Send the following information:

Susan Hall Good
Sportsmanship Award
Nomination

Person:

Reason for Nomination:

To: Shirley Murphy
15902 Uppsala Court
Woodbridge, VA 22191
Email – Papnapp@earthlink.net

Or bring to the next meeting.

MAD AGILITY CLASSES

Session 1

Tuesday	Wednesday
April 10	April 11
April 17	April 18
April 24	April 25
May 1	May 2
May 8	May 16
May 15	May 23
May 22	May 30

Session 2

Tuesday	Wednesday
June 12	June 13
June 19	June 20
June 26	June 27
July 10	July 11
July 17	July 18
July 24	July 25
July 31	August 1

Session 3

Tuesday	Wednesday
August 21	August 22
August 28	August 29
Sept 4	Sept 5
Sept 11	Sept 12
Sept 18	Sept 19
Sept 25	Sept 26
Oct 2	Oct 3

Please note that we have changed to a Tuesday - Wednesday schedule rather than Monday - Wednesday for this year. The planned classes are as follows.

Tuesday

7:00-7:40 pm	Focus Class*
7:50-8:40 pm	Competition

Wednesday

7:00-7:50 pm	Beginner	Advanced
8:10-9:00 pm	Intermediate I	Intermediate II

At this point, planned Focus classes are:

- Session 1 – Ground work for agility for dogs already in competition
- Session 2 – Weave poles
- Session 3 – TBD

Please watch for an email announcement of final printed brochure, including registration dates for the classes. If you want into a class, you MUST register during the announced registration period. The price is \$90 for non-MKC members and \$67 for MKC members. Our registrar is Nancy Bean at partispanl@aol.com.

BRAGS



I am pleased to announce that on March 3, 2007, Spring earned her UKC Championship at the Virginia Terrier

Association show held at Colonial Downs in New Kent, VA. She finished her Championship in 4 shows, with 4 majors (3 Best Females and 1 Best of Winners) and 104 points.

Alyssia & U-CH Smartypants Spring Loaded CGC "Spring"

On February 19, 2007 at A Click Above LLC, Canvasback LTD Ed Prm Meridian "Sophie" passed her CGC evaluation.

Roberta

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

BLUE RIDGE DOG TRAINING CLUB Presents an AKC TRACKING SEMINAR BY HERB MORRISON

Dates: June 2-3, 2007

Location:

Frederick Co. Animal Shelter
116 Ft. Collier Road
Winchester, VA 22603

Time: 9 AM to 5 PM

Cost: \$ 70.00 For Both Days

Attendance for Both Days is Mandatory for fulfilling AKC Requirements for Tracking Judges

Contacts: Donna Thompson
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(540) 888-4124

Sue Ammerman
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SEMINAR TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Scent Theory
- TD & TDX Regulations
- Plotting and Judging TD/TDX Tracks

- VST Regulations
- Plotting VST and Judging VST Tracks
- VST Article Placement and VST Track Design Techniques
- What clubs should know about holding a tracking test
- Applying for Judging Privileges
- Dealing with Misconduct

FIELD WORK:

- * Preparation of maps
- * Use of Field Markers
- * Designing and Plotting VST Tracks
- * Evaluating Working Dogs

Lunch will be provided. This seminar is for handlers only. There will be no indoor crating for dogs. Blue Ridge Dog Training Club will supply all working dogs for demonstration of field activities.

**AKC TRACKING SEMINAR
BY HERB MORRISON
Registration Form**

Name:
Address:
Home
Phone:
Cell Phone:
Email Address:

Please make checks payable to:
Blue Ridge Dog Training Club
Mail Registration to: Donna Thompson
1144 Reynolds Road
Cross Junction, VA 22625

SUNSHINE



Please remember to let me know if you know a Mattaponi member that needs a little club

sunshine. At the 2005 August - September General Meeting it was decided that this would include any of our dogs crossing the Rainbow Bridge. This committee doesn't work if you don't call or email me with your concerns for our club members. Please keep me in touch.

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EDITOR

The following is the submission and publication schedule for the Whatta-Matta's in 2007:

Issue	Submit By	Publish By
May	04/24/07	04/30/07
Jun	05/22/07	05/28/07
Aug	08/14/07	08/20/07
Oct	09/18/07	09/24/07
Nov	10/23/07	10/29/07
Dec	11/20/07	11/26/07

Please submit all submissions in writing (**email preferred**) for the Whatta-Matta by the above submit date. Please email your information to:
editor@mattaponikennelclub.com
or it won't be published.

WEBSITE

The Mattaponi web site is located at:
www.mattaponikennelclub.com

If you would like to submit something for the site or have suggestions on what you would like to see on the site, contact George at:
webmaster@mattaponikennelclub.com

If you would like a mattaponikennelclub.com email account for a club function,

committee, etc., contact George.

A mattaponikennelclub.com email address can reduce your own email address from web exposure (and the resulting spam). It is also useful for those of you that have an email account with a provider that has draconian spam filters and you will be getting email from the general public.

VA FEDERATION

Email list: If you are interested in receiving emails that are forwarded from the VA Federation, you can now sign up for them on a separate Yahoo Group. You must be an MKC Member to join.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mattaponifederation/>

CLASSIFIEDS

Please send Alyssia editor@mattaponikennelclub.com any dog related items for sale or that are wanted.

MKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES for March 5, 2007

The monthly General meeting of the Mattaponi Kennel Club was called to order on March 5, 2007 by the club President Cindy Partridge, at 7:30 pm.

The list of members who attended the meeting is attached to the hard copy of the meeting minutes.

Reading and approval of the minutes:

The reading of the minutes were approved as printed in the Whatta Matta

Program: Becky Grant and John Grant discussed the various jobs that support our UKC and AKC Agility trials.

OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER:

- Income \$ _____
- Expense \$ _____
- Checking \$ _____
- Money Market \$ _____

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agility: Shirley reported that she had finished compiling the list of volunteers for the upcoming trial, and has turned over the list to Eileen who will allocate the work assignments. Shirley asked that any additional volunteer information be provided via email to Eileen Ewins. She also reported that the instructor list for first session classes would be emailed to the MAD list. All were reminded that the registration for spring classes will open shortly, and to please get registration forms to Nancy Bean prior to the close of the registration period.

Annual Awards: Concerns were voiced that some members who received awards in February had not met the requirements regarding activity in the Club. While no awards will be pulled back, the group did discuss and agree that for new members, titles would not be recognized at the annual dinner or awarded unless it (the title) was earned after the person became a member and then only if the member participated in sufficient Club activities to meet the requirements. It was agreed that helping at a Club activity such as the Spring Show or an Agility trial during the membership process would count toward that requirement, but that meeting attendance would only count after the membership process was complete.

Julie Hogan also discussed confusion over the various titles, and will ask various Club members to provide titles that can be compiled in a checklist to avoid such confusion in the future. For example, Linda Kauffman may be asked to provide a list of all of the AKC Obedience and Rally Obedience titles, Lisa Decker, the USDAA, NADAC, and AKC Agility titles, Bobbi Lutz, Lure Coursing, Becky Lueth, Herding, Julie, Sporting titles, Susan Brogan, Freestyle titles, Michelle, Terrier titles and so on. To save money it was agreed that titles will not be spelled out on the plaques henceforth, only the initials. For example, instead of saying AKC Novice Standard, the plaque will read AKC: NA.

Eye Clinic: Dr Bromberg will do eye exams for MKC members at the May meeting, additional details regarding this will be provided in the Whatta Matta.

Hospitality: Thanks to Bev Porter, Julie Hogan, and Jeff Porter for tonight's refreshments.

Membership: Visiting tonight for the first time: Vicky Sunday and Ron Sunday. Visiting for the second time: Michelle Crunickshank and Jennifer Madison.

Publicity and Public Awareness: Please contact a Board member if you are willing to take on this job.

Spring Show: Katie announced that some trophy's still needed a sponsor, and some members volunteered to sponsor them. The Eye and Tattoo clinic will be held at the Show. Help is needed with grounds clean-up on Friday, Obedience Stewards, parking, and gate. Trophy bills will be handed out at the May meeting. As a reminder to new members, Club member's dogs cannot be shown in the show, even if the dog is co-owned and/or exhibited by someone outside of the Club. The annual dinner will be held on the Friday evening before the Show and is free for show workers and has a cost of \$10.00 for others who desire to attend.

Tracking: Will be held a week earlier than last year and will once again be at Oatlands. Track layers will be needed, see Katie or Donna Thompson for additional information.

VA Federation: MKC is looking for someone to be our primary representative to the Federation. If you are interested in becoming the rep, please contact Cindy or another Board member. In the mean time, Mary Trimble is willing to be an alternate and attend if she is available and Becky G. will continue to forward Federation posts to the MKC Federation Yahoo Group, and posts about pending legislation to the MKC Yahoo groups.

Ways and Means: Cindy is looking into seminars hosted by the Baker Institute, more details to follow.

Whatta Matta: Alyssia reported that the input for the Whatta Matta was a little light this month. Please provide brags and other suitable input to her for publication. Katie asked if Alyssia was aware that prospective members were also supposed to receive the Newsletter, Alyssia agreed to follow-up on that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We are still looking for a volunteer to find someone who is willing to cut and trim the Fairgrounds property, as Justin Abel will no longer be doing it, contact Cindy or another Board member if interested. This involves discussing this with the Fairgrounds manager to see if he is interested and getting some bids from some mowing groups if Keith isn't.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa mentioned the AKC survey on allowing mixed breeds into AKC Performance Events. If you are interested and wish to express your opinion, please go into the AKC website and complete the survey.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Grant, Secretary