



Sheltie Connection

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The President's Message

Dear Club Members:

As all of you know, there will be no Sheltie Club meeting for the month of February. The Olympics will be in town, and all the World will be watching. Although the Games present some inconveniences for some of us, and many of us will have to adapt to small changes while they are here, it is overall a great honor for our community to host the World for this fabulous event, one that honors accomplishment, sacrifice, and participation and that encourages a spirit of peace and unity.

I like the Olympic Games for these reasons, that they inspire a certain spirit of friendship and cooperation. I realize that there is a lot of money involved in the whole thing, and a great deal of shameless commercialism, but I think it is cynical to look only at these things. I like to look at the positive side of the games, the positive values it espouses, and I like to think that our small club, too, encourages some of these values, and this spirit, in its members.

As Americans we often hear of the Olympic medal counts, and some of us listen to hear whether our athletes have won any more medals on a particular day, or whether we have more medals as a country than any other country. However, in speaking of the Olympic spirit, the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, argued that winning was simply not as important as taking part. Truly, this man recognized the value and importance of participation.

For most of the athletes in the Olympics participating in the Games is the most important part, since most of them by far will certainly not win gold medals. Most of these athletes recognize what an honor it is simply to participate in the Games. All the athletes, I like to think, understand the value of mutual respect for each other, develop friendships at the Games, and seek to improve themselves. I know, too, that we, as Sheltie Club members, can enjoy these same rewards, mutually respecting each other for what each of us brings to the club, developing friendships through working together for common goals, and improving ourselves in the process.

Many of us "compete" in dog shows, some of us "compete" in obedience demonstrations; however, all of us love our dogs, and all of us share this love in common. Just as the Olympic athletes come together from numerous different countries, we come together from many different backgrounds and walks of life. We form friendships meeting and working together, and we gain greater understanding of each other, and from this friendship and understanding we learn to work together cooperatively. In this way, a group of people that might be competitive become cooperative and supportive instead. In my own mind this is how I see the Olympic spirit, and this is what I see working in the Sheltie Club: we participate together, we acknowledge the contributions each of us makes, and the group, the club, benefits from what all of us bring to it.

I hope that those of you who wish to attend part of the Salt Lake Winter Games will have the opportunity to do so, and I hope you enjoy your experience. I hope, too, that all of us will feel in our own hearts the better side of the Olympics, its spirit. And I hope that as Sheltie Club members all of us will continue to give of ourselves and to gain from each other as we work together and enjoy ourselves and our dogs.

See you in March,

AvaJane Pickering, Ph.D.
President, Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2002

2002 Officers

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FEBRUARY NO CLUB MEETING

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| Feb 6 | Olympics |
| Feb 14 | Valentines Day |
| Feb 18 | Presidents Day |
| Mar 20 | Club Meeting |
| Apr 17 | Club Meeting |
| Apr 20-21 | Craig French Agility Seminar |
| May 17 | USSA Specialty |
| June 1, 2 | STOCK DOG CLINIC |
| June 19 | Club Meeting |
| July 17 | Club Meeting |
| Aug 21 | Club Meeting |
| Sept 18 | Club Meeting |
| Oct 16 | Club Meeting |

NOTICES

REMINDERS:

NO CLUB MEETING IN FEBRUARY DUE TO
THE OLYMPICS.
HOPE EVERYONE HAS A CHANGE TO SEE
SOME OF THE OLYMPICS.

SEE YOU IN MARCH.

If you have friends that would like to join this list, have them go to the Heart Ministries webpage (www.HeartMinistries.com). There is a special link on the main page that will subscribe anyone interested in this list. Again, thanks for your support, and let's have a GREAT year!

Deb Nendell and The BoysSammy (C.G.C., U.D., ASCA-C.D., T.D.I.), Parker, John Henry and Pepper (C.G.C., T.D.I.), who will live in our hearts forever Utah Yorkie & Small Dog Rescue
HEART Ministries, Inc.
Magna, UT
(801)252-1729

Hello!

I'm one of the three ladies responsible for the new "Pets" Spay/Neuter License Plate in Utah that became available January 2, 2002!

The monies from this license plate will go to the one "hole" in the spay/neuter system in Utah; animal control. More animal controls in Utah are proactively adopting animals from their shelters; however, most DO NOT spay/neuter before placement, actually resulting in MORE animals in the shelters or in animal rescue organizations!

The other stipulation of this license plate is that the monies go back to the county in which the license plate was sold; so if you believe in spay/neuter, your purchase will spay/neuter an animal IN YOUR COUNTY, not just this year, but every year!

For more information, please see our website at: www.u-love-pets.org or visit No More Homeless Pets in Utah website: www.utahpets.org and download your DMV application! The donation is \$25.00 (\$22.50 goes towards spay/neuter).

Thank you for caring about Utah's animals! May all Utah's animals be loved as much as you love yours!

For the animals, Vanessa Hamilton-Highfield "Pets in Utah" Spay/Neuter License Plate Coordinator

Christine Charpentier, two time agility world champion, and member of the 2000 Gold medal French team, is willing to give private lessons on Monday March 4. These lessons are available to anyone interested. Her cost is \$75/hr. Lessons will be scheduled by Barbara Petty bpetty@npsp.com or call 584-5350 (work) or 486-7023 (home). The lessons will be held at the Draper Arena. Lessons will be booked on a first to be received basis, and must be booked ASAP.

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\$1.00 each. Get one while they last.

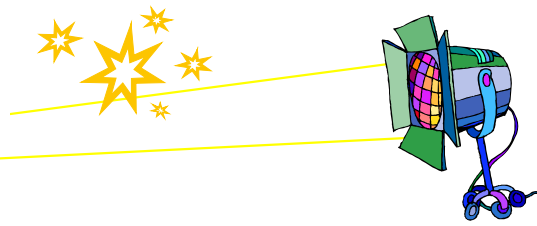
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Twincreeks Shelties



Jeff and I married in 1992. For our first anniversary he gave me a puppy. That puppy was "Sir Scott Prance A Lot" our first Sheltie.

Jeff often jokes that this was the biggest mistake he ever made, because this is what started the ball rolling :o) My addiction was born. Scotty is such a smart little guy and I just couldn't seem to get enough of him. I had been dabbling in the conformation ring with an Alaskan Malamute that we owned, and starting to learn the ropes about dog shows in general. I was having a hard time controlling my muscle bound mal. and made a decision to start showing shelties... a breed I was sure would be much easier to handle :o)

Scotty was not going to work, he had been diagnosed with a mild case of DM at 6 months old. This broke my heart. But welcome to the wonderful world of shelties. Living with this situation made me try my hardest to breed the most healthy correct shelties I can. Watching the dog I love deteriorate through the years has been very hard for me. But I am happy to say that he is alive and well, doing great for a 10 year old.

I purchased my second sheltie "Hi-Valley Shadow Dancer CGC" shortly after Scotty was diagnosed and neutered. Shadow went oversized so I placed her in a pet home. I loved everything about Shadow and wanted to get something with a similar pedigree. So I got on a waiting list for a puppy from the same kennel. In the mean time I had met my future sheltie partner and best friend Kim Kirkpatrick who was an obedience instructor at the Pocatello Kennel Club. We hit it off right away and had so many of the same goals in mind so we formed a partnership :o) I was going to show the shelties in conformation and she would work with them in the obedience ring. We were going to co-own and work together to get our goals accomplished.

We purchased 'Hi-Valley Window Smudge' mostly "Kensil and back to Blazer" lines and I started showing her in conformation, meeting lots of other sheltie folks and learning the ropes from anyone who would take the time to show a newbie how to get things accomplished.

Kim and I traveled to our first Nationals out in Spokane Washington. Smudge made the cut in her class and we were thrilled. While there, we saw a stud from Colorado, a "Phantom" son that we thought would cross fault well with Smudge and decided to take the plunge into breeding. We were both nervous new moms when the babies arrived.

This litter produced Kim's boy "Adam" aka "Celestials First Star" 3 points, and my girl "Willow" aka "Twincreeks Will O' The Wind" 12 pts. 1 major. Willow placed 5th in the open sable class at the Nationals in Riverside, CA. this year. We were thrilled with this breeding which is basically our foundation. I'm hoping to get Willow back in the show ring very soon to finish her Championship, she is 4 years old and never looked better. She has been handled by Shannalee W-Michalsky who has been a true friend and a great mentor to me.

I purchased a tri colored boy from Georgia, in 1999 to grow out. He is "Beckwards Chimney Sweep" 11 points both majors. Presently being promoted in CA. His lines go back to the Heritage Spirit stuff that I love as does Willows pedigree. This spring brought me a sable boy "Akadia In Hot Pursuit" "Chase" will be shown very soon. And a 18 month old sable girl from the east coast "Kalyns' Rock This Country", "Shanya" joined the crew this fall, but will not be shown due to an injury she sustained as a puppy, but we are very excited to add her beauty and grace to our breeding program she is by "CH Caitlin Laraedo a "Blazer" son. So you see I am finally to the point that I am putting together the breeding program that I have been dreaming of these past 10 years. It has taken much longer than I first anticipated... one thing I have learned, you have to be patient and persistent in shelties. We hope to have our first & second CH's very soon.

Kim and I started KiMarie Adventures several years ago. We vend at the dog shows to pay for our hobby :o) this has taken us across the country and we were able to participate in the last three Nationals, we have been able to meet and learn from so many wonderful sheltie people. We sell my artwork and many other doggy related gift items which is a whole other story... but we got the name right, it is always an Adventure. Some of my other hobbies are fine arts and crafts, I work part time at a floral shop, and I enjoy skiing. Jeff is an avid hunter, he works for Monsanto as a heavy equipment operator, and his big hobby is his Harley Davidson...so he can't complain about this dog sport being too expensive LOL or I dish it right back at him :o) We both enjoy the outdoors and camping. We own a home that Jeff built for me on 5 acres in Georgetown Id., it is a very quaint little town in Bear Lake County close to the Utah and Wyoming borders. We have one child also a sheltie lover and future JR handler Olivia age 4.

Jeff is a great support, he doesn't always make it to the shows because of work, staying home to baby-sit our daughter or the dogs, but I couldn't do it without him. We are all very excited to be involved with the USSA and are looking forward to the 2004 Nationals. We wish we lived closer and could help the club out more but we love living in this far off corner of Idaho. Hope to see you at the shows soon!

Marie Crane



At the January 2002 meeting, the following local chairpersons were approved for the 2004 nationals;

Connie Sharkey, Agility
Steve Holmes, Herding
2004 USSA Treasurer, Local Show Treasurer
Kevin Mathews, Hotel Liaison and Transportation
Eva and Ava Pickering, Hospitality
Susan Colledge, Publicity
Ernie Ciampini, Equipment, Grounds, Signs
Marie Miles and Suzi Beacham, Chief Ring Stewards
Doug and Cheryl Sorenson, RV Parking and Sustainment
Marie Crane, Vendor liaison
Shelley Stanley, Obedience
Julene Mathews and Cheryl Sorenson, Trophies and Ribbons

I want to thank each of the GREAT people above who accepted these positions.
Mel



WHY DOGS ARE BETTER THAN KIDS

- .It doesn't take 45 minutes to get a dog ready to go outside in the winter.
- .Dogs cannot lie.
- .Dogs never resist nap time.
- .You don't need to get extra phone lines for a dog.
- .Dogs don't pester you about getting a kid.
- .Dogs don't care if the peas have been touched by the mashed potatoes.
- .Average cost of sending a dog to school: \$42. Average cost of sending your kid: \$103,000.
- .Dogs are housebroken by the time they are 12 weeks old.
- .Your dog is not embarrassed if you sing in public.
- .If your dog is a bad seed, your genes cannot be blamed.

-JENNIFER BERMAN, *Why Dogs are Better Than Kids* (Andrews McMeel)-

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get along without pep pills,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours,
something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him/her,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics,
Then, you have ALMOST reached the same level of development as your dog.

“Form and Function” All Breed Seminar

Sponsored by: Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association (USSA)

Date: Friday, May 17, 2002

Time: Following USSA Specialty Show (approx 1:00 PM)

Location: Golden Spike Events Center, Ogden, Utah

Limited to first 35 paid entries – Don’t be disappointed, Send your check today

E. “Katie” Gammill, Breeder, Exhibitor, AKC Judge, shares her more than 35 years of experience with Dogs and Horses. Elected to Judge the American Shetland Sheepdog National Specialty in 2003, she will illustrate the importance of breed standards and correct structure. Learn to analyze structure and soundness at an early age. Presented in a positive and humorous manner. Cra9(n)a55.2(6-13.5T1(a pb19.3(2-)-8.6(b)16.5(n)h)16.5(nav)2(a p9

**The Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club
Craig French Seminar**

Pre-Seminar Information Sheet

Please make your check payable to: SLDPC
And mail with this form to: Marsha Sheppard
PO Box 58508, Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Agility Titles on this dog (if any): _____

What Agility titles have you put on any other dogs (if any):

How many years have you been competing in Agility? _____

Do you have a working or audit position at this seminar, which Session?

Saturday AM _____ Saturday PM _____ Sunday _____

Have you attended a Craig French Seminar in the past? _____

If so, was it a working or audit position? _____

What would you most like to have covered in this seminar?

If you have any questions please call me at 801-582-3226 or email me at
legacy@attglobal.net

Thank you, we look forward to your participation.

Marsha

The Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club
proudly presents

**An Agility Seminar by
Craig French**

April 20 and 21, 2002
Legacy Farms
2128 West 14400 South, Bluffdale

A continental breakfast & lunch will be provided both days.

This is a three-part seminar:

Saturday 8am – Noon: **Introduction to Agility.** Perfect for puppies (all shots required) or dogs that have never been on the equipment or need to learn proper methods. Working positions \$60.00 (limit 16).

Saturday Noon – 6pm: **Novice Agility.** For dogs familiar with equipment and/or getting ready to compete at the Novice level. Working positions \$60 (limit 8)

Sunday: 9am – 5pm: **Motivation and Course Handling Strategy**
For advanced dogs and handlers actively competing. He'll concentrate on advanced handling and course planning strategy. Working positions \$100 (limit 12)

Working positions are dog/handler teams that will be working with Craig during the session. Working position prices include unlimited auditing both days.

Audit Positions are unlimited. You may audit Saturday or Sunday: \$30.00 each day or both days \$50.00. Auditors will be encouraged to walk courses and ask questions, but may not bring dogs. Craig recommends that all participants in Session 1 audit Session 2 because there's only so much that can be done with dogs who are not familiar with equipment, but the handlers should be able to understand future training requirements much better by observing session 2. Craig also requires that Session 2 participants audit session 1 (the cost includes both), so they can spend as much time as possible on the equipment without having to be redundant in his presentation of focus, attention, motivation, training philosophy, contacts, weave poles, basic handling techniques, etc. Craig believes that this format for day 1 will maximize the benefits to be gained by all attendees, both working participants and auditors alike.

Please bring your own chair, a dog crate or an X-pen, or plan to leave your dog in the car when you are not actually working with your dog.

