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**Submission
Deadline is the
last Sunday of
each month.**

**Club Meetings are the
3rd Wednesday
of each Month.**

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Sheltie Connection

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President's Message

DALE KENDRICK

As we enter into the Holiday rush, I would like to wish each and everyone of you the Merriest of Christmases, and a very Happy and Prosperous new year. Don't forget the club's upcoming Christmas party. December 4th at 1:30 PM at the Golden Corral in Layton. For those of you that missed the last club meeting, the club voted to pay for the party for the members. So for those of you that are current

(2004) with your dues, the club will pay for one member (single membership) or two members (family membership). Please RSVP me prior to December 3rd.

To get to Golden Corral, (North & South bound) Take I-15 to exit 335 (Antelope Island exit), turn east to first light past I-15, turn right and follow to Golden Corral.

Don't forget to bring a gift for the exchange game.

Don't forget that dues are due

by January 1st. The Christmas party would be a great time to bring them current.

Let's all work together to keep this club a fun way to learn about and further this great breed which we all love. Please send me any suggestions you may have for us to make the meetings a enjoyable experience.

Happy Holidays

Dale Kendrick

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www.utahsheltie.org

Club Dues are Due by Jan 1st

Just a reminder that membership dues are due Jan 1, 2005. The dues are \$14.00 for a single membership, or \$18.00 for a family membership with two votes. You can turn your dues in at the club meeting (Christmas Party) to Charles Albrecht or they can sent to him. His address is Charles Albrecht P.O. Box 725, Evanston, WY 82930. There is an updated membership application in this newsletter. **Dues MUST be received by Feb 28th.**

UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION, INC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE_____

NAME (s)_____, _____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____, STATE:_____, ZIP:_____

PHONE(s): Home_____, Work:_____, Other:_____

E-MAIL:_____

BIRTHDAY(s): Month/Day:_____, _____

OCCUPATION(s)_____, _____

I (we) agree to abide by the Constitution & By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association, Inc. Enclosed is \$14.00 for annual dues & newsletter for a single membership or \$18.00 (2 designated members) for a family membership & newsletter.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE(s)_____, _____

SINGLE: \$14.00_____ FAMILY: \$18.00_____

CURRENT CLUB MEMBER

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Please circle the following area(s) in which you would be willing to participate:

Club Officer	Judge Selection	Trophy Committee
Committee Chairperson	Ring Stewarding	Hospitality Committee
Committee Member	Show Plans Committee	Show Set-up
Obedience Training	Advertising/Publicity	Other_____

Other skills (carpentry, artistic talent, computer help, etc), which you would be able to donate for Club use:_____, _____

*****DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE*****

Date Paid: _____ Date Announced at Club: _____ Date Voted in:_____

Paid Membership for: Single, \$14.00_____ Family, \$18.00_____

Send application & check or money order made out to USSA to:

Charles Albrecht, Treasurer
P.O. Box 725
Evanston, WY 82931

Thanks again to everyone for the lovely planter you sent to me at the time of the passing of my mom.

It was lovely and sincerely appreciated.

Marie Miles

All the Utah Agility/ Obedience people that attended our Agility Trial in Las Vegas,

Thank you for coming to our trial. We so enjoyed having you! What a great bunch of people you all have in your club!

Gail and I and our "Hairy Friends" at Hill View Shelties would like to take this opportunity to wish all our "Doggin Friends" a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Remember....."Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away!"

—Marie Miles



Should there be an Animal Cruelty Law in Idaho? You decide....you can view the law and the petition (which can be signed on-line) Something to think about.

With Deepest Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies go out to Suzie Beecham for the loss of her Father. Our thoughts and

prayers are with her at this difficult time.



Volunteers Needed!!!!

The Club needs volunteers that would be able to transport our judges from the airport to the show site in Logan and back to the airport. This will be for our specialty in the Spring of 2005. If you are willing to transport, you would get \$25 each way to and from the Show site. No one transporting judges will be able to show in conformation in these shows. Please call Dale Kendrick if you are able to help out transporting judges!

USSA Christmas Party!

USSA Club Christmas Party

Dec. 4th 1:30 p.m.

Golden Corral Steak House

Layton, Utah (To get to Golden Corral, (North & South bound) Take I-15 to exit 335 (Antelope Island exit), turn east to first light past I-15, turn right and follow to Golden Corral.)

Club members are paid for by the club if you are current with your club membership dues. 2 meals are paid for by the club if you have a family membership.

White Elephant game, bring a \$10.00 gift if you want to play. Only those bringing a gift will be able to play the game!!!



Please contact Dale Kendrick for more information.

A Spooktacular Weekend!

Stephanie Burdett



The crew from Utah had a howling good time in Vegas at the agility trial hosted by the local Sheltie club. The courses were fun, fast and the judges were super!

After the show, the girls dressed for a night on the town - casting a spell on all!

Shimmer and Cindy Wilkinson went 4-for-4 clean runs with blue ribbons in the preferred division! Watch out for this team - they are bewitching! Holly and Shanna Wilkinson got their first leg in excellent jumpers (16" division), with a first place of course - they rock!

Gracie and Stephanie Burdett also got a leg in excellent jumpers (12" division), with a first place - they're scary!

Juneau and Julie Brown demonstrated their blinding speed - Julie reports that Juneau accomplished clean runs as usual, however something went wrong with Mission Control (mom)!

Iona Shelties

Tammy Blakely

We have A New Addition here at Iona Shelties; her name is "Bailey" Krystalyn Strike An Attitude.

She is by CH. Westar's Dioneecio -x- Krystalyn What An Attah Tude.

Bailey can be seen on our webpage at <http://myweb.cableone.net/blakely47/bailey.html> Thank You Yvonne.

Also we are looking forward to a couple of litters here this December into January. We did a breeding that we have been a bit nervous doing and At the same time we have been looking for



the right girl to use Joey's pupcicles with. So with that we are extremely excited and hopeful.

Our BISS AM/JKC CH. Iona Rembrandt was bred to our "Nattie" Kymric Kanata by surgical insemination. Puppies are due Christmas,

So here is praying for our own litter of Joey babies.

The other two girls bred are "Ashley" CH. Zion Iona Brash N Sassy -x- CH. Iona-Wincrest Ambitions,

And on lease from Shannalee of Akadia shelties, we Bred "Kaylani" Akadia Just Heavenly -x- CH. Iona-Wincrest Ambitions

So here is looking at hopefully a few puppies born here at Iona Shelties after such a long time of not having puppies here.

Thanks for letting us brag, and here is Wishing You all a **HAPPY MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Flash

Cindy Wilkinson's daughter Shanna earned the "EXCELLENT JUMPERS" title on "Holly" her dog on

New Champion

Marie Miles (Hill View) and Suzi Beacham (Shalamar)....are happy to announce that we have another bred-by champion. Under the age of 2 years....it is now Am/Can Ch Shalamar's Freedom Rider.

I would also like to announce that Ch Braeleen Matinee Idol will be standing at stud at Suzi's beginning December 10th. He is a pure for sable 15" dog. His sire is Ch Westar's Dynasty and his dam is Braeleen This Time Next Year (same dam as Johnny - Ch Braeleen Let Freedom Ring).

*Suzi Beacham
Shalamar Shelties*

New Arrivals!!

Judy Williamson



An armful of love to one and all.



Which way to the Sheltie Club Party, Guys?

Holiday Greetings from Judy Williamson (Chandelle Kennel) and her 4 new arrivals born Oct 28, 2004. Sired by "Souvenir Shines on Freedom" owned by Gene and Carol Cowley out of "Eclair du Ciel" owned by Judy Williamson.

Exhibitor's Prayer

Dear Protector of Dogs and Fools:

When that intelligent, hardworking, honest judge finally sees what I see in this dog I've worked so hard and long with, help me to accept my win with grace and dignity. And, when that blind, clueless idiot -- I mean, judge--somehow fails to see what a fine job we've done, (well, at least better than the so-and-so he placed ahead of us!), help me to accept my defeat with some of that same grace and dignity.

Lord, you alone know how I've sweated blood over this dog, the hours I've spent getting her ready (and, Lord, are any of them ever ready?). You (and probably only you!) understand why I've spent good money on this animal -- money I could have spent on lots of other things -- things that just might have afforded me a little more pleasure and a lot less frustration.

Lord, tolerate my disappointment when I lose, and help me keep it all in perspective. Help me remember that when some dog show judge gives me the gate, it's not as if St. Peter just gave me those pearly ones.

Lord, clear my eyes and help me see, *before* I open my big mouth, that the so-and-so with the cow-hocked, pony-gaited dink walking out of the ring ahead of me is actually a fellow exhibitor who has also worked hard, maybe even sweated blood over *his* dog too, and probably deserves to enjoy this moment to its fullest while it lasts.

Lord, you know there are some times -- but not nearly as often as I tend to suppose-- when I lose -- such ugly things as Politics, Prejudice, and Unethical Practices, which may cause my dog to get beaten unfairly -- some times. Help me, then, to remember that several wrongs won't ever make a right, and that none of the wrongs gives me an excuse to act like an idiot.

You know I'm a competitor, Lord; I make no bones about that. I love to win and I hate to get beat. There are few things more abhorrent to me, Lord, than placing sixth out of six. If I didn't love to compete, I'd stay home and knit afghans. But then, there are probably afghan shows, and people who hire professional knitters with high-tech knitting machines, and most likely there are afghan show judges who raise sheep whose wool goes into some of the winningest afghans, and there I'd be -- still frustrated, still getting beat, and without a dog to share half the blame.

This year, Lord, help me to have a little more faith in my fellow dog folks, and for Heaven's sake, help me win, or lose, with a little class.

AMEN.

Author unknown

Barbara Soderborg's
Granddaughter Haili with
"Tia". Now doesn't she look
like a good potential
Jr. Handler!!



What do we do when our loving pets face the last leg of the race? We do all we can to help them finish well, of course. We take time to read the unspoken needs of the friends we've come to know so well. We give the simple reassurance of a loving touch when the old boy seems confused for no reason.

We groom them faithfully, but more gently, as age brings muscle wasting, and the arthritic bones aren't so well padded.

We learn to slow down for their sake, as they enjoy the scent of the wind, or track a visitors trail across their yard.

We expect to be inconvenienced, and aren't angry when it happens.

We watch for pain and treat it, watch for changes in vision and hearing and do what we can to help preserve those precious senses for as long as possible.

We take care of their teeth, and make sure their food is a manageable texture for them.

We remind them of the need for a potty walk when they seem to forget.

We remember the little rewards. We scratch the graying ears and tummy, and go for car rides together. When the pet we love has an unexplained need for comfort, we give it freely. When infirmities bring a sense of vulnerability, we become our old guardian's protector.



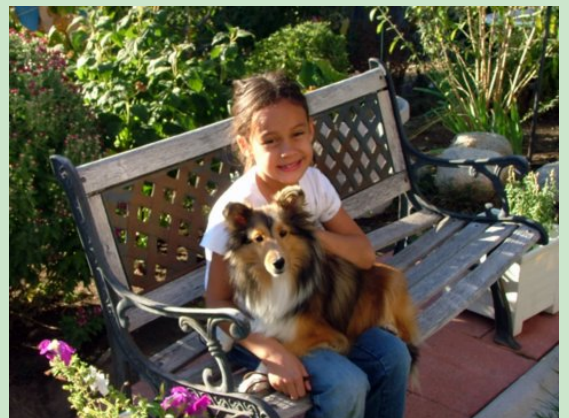
We watch their deepest slumbers, when dreams take them running across long-forgotten fields, and we remember those fields too. When they cannot stand alone, we lift them. When their steps are uncertain, we steady them.

And if their health fails, it falls to us to make the choice that will gently put them to rest. But until that is absolutely necessary, we pause to let the autumn sun warm our old friend's bones. And we realize, autumn is not a bad time of year at all.

Old age is not a disease or a reason to give up. It is a stage of life that brings its own changes. Autumn can be a beautiful time of harvest.

And, sometimes, the harvest is love.

author-- Christy Caballero



USSA Club Minutes

USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2004 SOUTH JORDAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

ATTENDIES: Dale Kendrick, Pam and Doug Parry, Charles and Cheryl Albrecht, Barbara Soderborg, Cheryl Sorensen, Tricia Harris, Michael Cornella, Ernie and Caren Ciampini, Jennie Lewis, Marie Miles, Gene and Carol Cowley, Judy Williamson, Cindy Wilkinson, Kevin and Julene Mathews, Kathy Cain, and Denny Daffron

Dale Kendrick called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

1. WELCOME: Dale welcomed everybody to the meeting. There was a discussion about having the club meeting minutes approved BEFORE including them in the Sheltie Connection. After discussion it was decided that we stay with the procedure we have done in the past by putting them in the Sheltie Connection first and if there are changes, to place the changes in the next newsletter noting what they are. Mike Cornella made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as they stand. Julene Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Charles Albrecht gave us the financial report. The report is on file. Barbara made a motion to accept the financial report. Caren seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. 2004 SHELTYE NATIONAL: Ernie gave the members the final report of the Sheltie National. He told us that he received several good comments of people thanking us for the great job that was done with the National. Ernie went through each of the committees and spoke of the good reports he had received for each of them. As an example of the success we had there were 299 runs in Agility, 802 entries in confirmation, and 30 dogs were tested in the instinct testing. The event center manager made a comment that our National was the best event they have ever had and welcomed us back anytime. They mentioned that they would love to host the National with us every year. Ernie thanked all of us for the good work we did and Ernie and Caren were thanked for all the time and energy they put in for a great National event.

4. CLUB TRAILER: The new club trailer was discussed and the members were told that the trailer cost \$3,944.53 and the trade in of the old trailer was \$572.00. Doug told us that the ball is 2-5/16" and that the hitch was to be left with the trailer. Anyone driving the trailer will need to have trailer brakes.

5. 2005 SPECIALTY: Julene discussed the 2005 Specialty and told us that the application and Judging Panel had been sent into AKC. There was some discussion about the budget. Julene presented a budget noting that it was not to be set in stone and that she wanted to be able to have some leeway with it if needed. All the contracts have come back except Jan Leaper's contract. Julene estimated that we she thought the expenses would be about \$3,480 and that we would have about \$3,800 in income. Ernie made a motion to accept the budget as outlined. Tricia seconded it. The motion passed. Cheryl Sorensen talked about the ribbons and trophies she would like to have the club members decide on for the specialty. She showed several examples of ribbons given in the past. The categories were discussed and the size of the ribbons were chosen. In the January meeting the silver will be brought up to be discussed. Cheryl suggested that we give out four ASSA medallions, this will be something the board will discuss this in their next meeting. Julene talked about needing three club members be in charge of delivering the Judges to and from Logan for the show. We will wait until we know if the judges are planning on renting a car for themselves first.

6. BOARD MEETINGS: Dale talked about the new date and time of Board Meetings.



They will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and will alternate between Marie Miles and Pam Parry's houses. They will begin at 6:30 P.M. Marie Miles hosted the November meeting so the December meeting will be held at the Parry's home. Everybody is welcome.

7. WEBSITE: Dale talked about moving our website to the Salt Lake area. This will relieve Phil Schmauder of keeping up the web site. We want to thank Phil for the great job he has done, especially with all the work he has done on the information for the National.

8. CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas Party was discussed and Dale reminded us that it would take place on December 4th at 1:30 P.M. The location is the Golden Corral in Layton. There will be a gift exchange where the gift can be stolen three times.

9. SOUVENIRS: There are still some souvenirs available and will be sold to club members for \$5.00 off. All sales of 2004 Sheltie National souvenirs will end on December 15th.

10. CLUB BANNER: The club banner was discussed and it was made known that Marie Crane has and will repair it from some damage it sustained at the National.

11. SHELTYE CALENDARS: The Sheltie Calendars are here and are being sold for \$12.50 each. Five of the dollars will be donated to Sheltie Rescue.

12. LOGO: There was a discussion to have our logo put on the side of the new trailer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEW MEMBERS: Tomi Hamblin and Jan Johnson were voted in as new members. We welcome them to our club.

2. DOG FANCIER ASSOCIATION: Ernie was asked to represent the club at the Dog Fancier Association meeting. He was also asked if he could pick up some of their calendars to be sold to club members. Cheryl Albrecht made a motion to have Ernie buy 20 calendars for the club. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. SEMINARS: Marie Miles made a motion that the club meetings include seminars and speakers for education and to limit club business to thirty to forty-five minutes. Judith Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. REFRESHMENT COORDINATOR: Dale asked if anybody would volunteer to be the refreshment coordinator. Judith Williamson volunteered to do this. Thank you Judith.

5. CHRISTMAS PARTY: Carol Cowley made a motion to use the money from the raffle at the 20005 Specialty go to pay for our Christmas party next year. Gene seconded the motion. After some discussion Barbara Soderborg asked that the motion be amended to have some of the money made from the National go towards buying the whole meal for club members Christmas dinner this year. The motion passed. This vote supersedes the motion made in the September club meeting (item #14) for the Christmas party and rescinds that motion.

6. MEETING PLACE: There was a discussion on moving the meetings to one location for permanency. A couple of sites discussed were Jims Restaurant or Dale's work. Barbara made a motion to keep the club meetings in the Salt Lake metropolitan area. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed. The new location will be announced as soon as we find one.

7. FLOWERS: Pam made a motion that flowers be sent to Suzie Beacham in lieu of the passing of her father. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed.

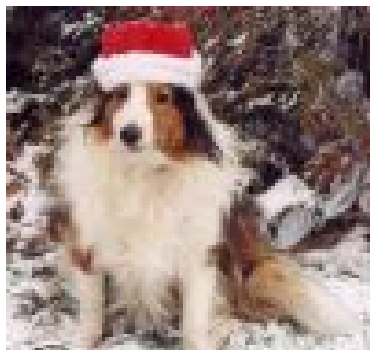
8. BRAGS: Marie announced that Can CH Shalamar's Freedom Rider "Rider" recently received his American championship.

Gene Cowley made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Marie Miles seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Barbara Soderborg
Recording Secretary



Merry Christmas



Calendar of Events

December 4th — Christmas Party
(Layton Golden Corral)

January 19th — Club Meeting, Farmington

February 16th — Club Meeting, South Jordan

March 16th — Club Meeting, Farmington

Greetings

