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Golden Kudos earned,

Pet Expo news,

Easter Party detailed,

Show & Trial Results,

And much more...



Winston Kupau is shown with his #1 Obedience dog Jack (Kalaniakea's Hit da Road Jack, UD) as he achieved his Obedience Trial Championship at the Leeward Training Club's trial on March 21st. The following month, on Maui, he added the UDX.

Presidents Report

The past three months have been very eventful. There have been a slew of shows where great things happened, a few obedience trials where more great things happened, a fantastic Easter party with terrific members, and our involvement at the Pet Expo.

When it comes to shows, we all have the same objective. Those with class dogs want to get points and earn Championships. Those who already have their titles want a Best of Breed, Group 1 and maybe even Best in Show. Of course, that latter is often very political unless it's a Golden that gets it (ha). But some really good things happened to some of our members' dogs. Check out the Show and Trial section and read all about it.

And when it comes to obedience, it can go beyond the normal titles to the extremely accomplished. Recently, we've had some of our members earn titles and then some and it's also covered in our Show and Trial section. I hope, after reading it, that you'll make sure to extend your hearty congratulations to the deserving people the next time you see them. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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President's Report (Continued from Page 1) **Pet Expo** was a resounding success this year thanks to all the volunteers. I couldn't help but notice that there is a completely different attitude at Pet Expo than at the shows or trials. It's not just a dog thing. Everyone there is in love with animals and that truly brings all of us together. The Honolulu Advertiser sent a photographer to get some pictures of all the activity at the event and, with well over a hundred booths to choose from, decided to put a photo of a Golden Retriever being groomed at our booth in the Monday morning edition. Our club puts up a booth to educate the public and to promote the breed. Like the old saying goes...a picture is worth a thousand words. It couldn't have worked out better.

We have our **Golden Retriever Specialty** coming up on June 20th and will need two more volunteers to steward for our trial. **Janet Ng** has offered to assist us again and we couldn't be more pleased. Janet is always there for the club when needed. She also helped in January and at Pet Expo. It would be great if we had people with some obedience experience to assist as stewards but we'll also take anyone who is willing and breathing. Interested parties should contact me immediately so we don't have a panic attack at the last minute.

There are no shows or trials in July so we are planning on a possible visit to a nursing home. The details will be released to all as soon as it's set. Also, just off the top of my head, I thought it might be nice to have a General Membership meeting in July in conjunction with a grooming clinic. It hasn't been discussed with the Board yet but I thought it might be something that people would enjoy. We did it about four years ago and it seemed to go quite well. I'd appreciate the thoughts of our members about this. Properly grooming a Golden involves more than mere brushing. If you're interested in learning how to groom your dog, let me know. We'll work on it.

Easter Party Recapped

We had another successful party at Waena Park on April 4th as club members gathered for our General Membership meeting, food and games. A few guests were invited to share the fun and didn't walk away disappointed. In addition to the usual Easter bonnet contest (see photos, this page) and Easter egg hunt for the dogs, **Peggy** came up with a new game that proved to be very interesting. I guess you could call it "do you really know your dog?" We all lined up with our dogs at our side. Then an assistant took one of the dogs and blindfolded the owner. The dog was then mixed in someplace else in line and the blindfolded owner had to go down the line and try to identify his/her dog with a 5-10 second touch on each dog's head starting at the front of the line. A few people were absolutely convinced that they knew which one was their dog but only two or three people got it correct and they probably just had a lucky guess. It just goes to show that all Golden Retrievers feel terrific to Golden lovers.

Several more photos were taken of the festivities and are posted on our website. Everyone is encouraged to view them at www.grchawaii.com

Photos of Easter bonnet winners clockwise from top left: 1. Carl Nagatoshi posed with his girl Kanani; 2. As Stacey Yost and Honeygirl were getting ready for the picture, Kanani surprised them by jumping into the shot with them; 3. Mitsu enjoyed the day with her human Lola Nakamura; 4. Kurt Herrmann really did a number with Kula; 5. Steve Anderson with Wyatt and Jake.



Website

If you haven't looked, please do so. Our GRCH website was posted in March and looks wonderful. It's www.grchawaii.com. While it got a bit of a start in 2003, it needed a lot of work by a creative mind. We found just the right person to help us when Casie (pronounced Casey) Tanimura called about Golden Retrievers one time and then asked if she could help us. Casie handles websites at the State Hospital where she works and not only did a good job with ours but did it very quickly. I wish everyone in the world were as easy to work with as her. And, she's offered to remain as our Webmaster.

We will make every attempt to update photographs of our club's social events and, in order to accomplish that, would appreciate all photos that our members can provide. We certainly can't use them all, but will go through them and try to post a nice sampling.

As far as show and trial photos are concerned, this is everyone's big chance to get some bragging rights for their dogs by getting their photos on our website. We want to put photos of show placements and all qualifying trial scores in our website. But we can't do it if you, the exhibitors, don't send me the photos. So please get them to me. The truth of the matter is that our website is a work in progress and we really need everyone's help to make it good. As a licensed AKC club, it's good for our breed to showcase our dog's show results. Please help out. If you scan a photo, you can E-Mail it to me as an attachment. You can use either my personal E-Mail address (which is on the membership list) or our club E-Mail address which is goldenretrieverclub@hawaii.rr.com. If you can't scan, send me a hard copy and I'll scan it for you.

Digest of Minutes

March 27, 2004

* Current checking account balance, \$8,391.84. Balance from bank statement, end of February 29, 2004, \$8,471.27.

* Hospital Visits: Kurt would like to include a visit to a Nursing Home sometime during the summer, along with our regular visits to Kapiolani Children's Hospital during Halloween and Christmas. He will bring this up at the Easter Membership Meeting.

* Steve Anderson reports that the Web Site is up. Steve asked Moke to send events coming up to Casie Tanimura to put on the web site. Steve will let our parent club, GRCA, know about our web site. Moke wanted pictures from members who have won dog shows to be sent to him for the web site.

* Diana Reuss will be in charge of the Chili Fundraiser. It will be discussed under Old Business.

* Chili Fundraiser: Moke discussed either to give tickets out and wait for the money from selling the tickets or to give the tickets out and have each person selling tickets to pay up front and then collect the money. It was agreed to give tickets out and wait for the money after the tickets are sold. Diana asked when the tickets would be available. Moke mentioned that the best time to sell is Aug., Sept., and Oct. Order early summer, maybe at the June Specialty and pass out the tickets in July. Moke asked where the fundraiser money should go and it was agreed to put it in the general fund and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Rescue Fund, the Trophy Fund or the Education Fund when needed.

* Diana Reuss inquired about doing a calendar for GRCH for next year using pictures sent to us from the members. It was discussed and Diana agreed to check on prices and Kurt Herrmann and Peggy Ketcham volunteered to help. The

calendar would include show dates and events coming up. It will be followed up at the next meeting.

* Should the minutes be posted on line? It was discussed and agreed that the digest of the minutes in the newsletter will be posted and upon request the minutes will be available.

* Pet Expo Budget increased to \$300 retroactive to this year. The Easter and Halloween Budget was increased to \$150 each.

Only a Dog

Do you remember thinking it was time that the kids learned some responsibility and scanning the newspaper ads for a cheap dog for sale? Do you remember bringing home this little ball of shivering fur and putting her out in the yard on a chain that was too heavy on a night that was too cold? Of course you don't remember this. After all, "she is only a dog." Do you remember this baby crying because she was afraid and alone? Do you remember screaming at her to be quiet and finally going out there to kick her to drive home the lesson? Of course you don't remember this. After all, "she is only a dog." Do you remember the many times you noticed her water bowl was empty and her food bowl was covered with mold and thinking that it was the kid's job to take care of her? Do you remember seeing that her coat was dull and lifeless and, in many places, chewed away down to the skin because of the parasites no one took the time to rid her of? Of course you don't remember this. After all, "she is only a dog." Do you remember her first heat and the neighbor's male visiting her night after night? Do you remember thinking that letting her have the puppies would be a good experience for the kids? Do you remember that every one of those pups died because their mother was no more than a puppy herself? Of course you don't remember this. After all, "she is only a dog." I know you remember the animal control officer coming to the house, accusing you of animal cruelty and taking her away because you couldn't understand what all the fuss was about. After all, "she is only a dog."

I thought you might be interested in how this girl is doing today. You see, once she found a home that gave her love, attention and proper care, she blossomed into a beautiful, loyal companion. To these people, she is much more than "only a dog." She became a therapy dog and now goes to nursing homes and hospices where she brightens the lives of the infirm and dying. To some of these people, she has given hope. To others, she's given them a reason to keep living. To even others, she's given them the will to die peacefully, with a smile on their lips. To these people, she is much more than only a dog. Just last week, she helped find a little boy that was lost in the woods. She spent a long, cold winter's night, lying over him to keep him warm and risked her own life to protect his. To this little boy and his family, she is much more than "only a dog." What is the difference? Why did that filthy, flea-ridden animal chained in your back yard suddenly become so important to so many? Because she never gave up her trust in people and she never once thought, after all, "he is only a human."

It's been Said

"A dog is the only animal that loves you more than he loves himself." Josh Billings

"A dog's bark may be worse than his bite, but everyone prefers his bark." Unknown

GRCH Shirts Available, left from our December, 2003 shirt sale. At this printing, we have one S, three XL and three 2XL. Please contact Moke if interested. The price is still \$10 each.

Blunders

Oh my gosh!!! I misreported several deserving dogs (and their owners) in our Show and Trial report in our last newsletter and I do apologize to those who were inadvertently omitted. For the West Oahu Show, **Sharleen Perreira's Taboo (Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo)** took Reserve Dog on Saturday and **Peggy Ketcham's girl Nikki (Shardust La Femme Nikita)** took BOS to go along with her WB and BOW. On Sunday, **Lei Taft's Gyver (Perrecca Grenada)** took RWD and **Peggy's Nikki** again went BOS.

At our Golden Retriever Specialty on January 25, 2004, **Jackie Kupau's** young bitch **Nikki (Kalaniakea Julia Roberts)** was awarded Best Puppy and **Sierra (Ch Shardust Wanna Take a Hike)**, owned by **Charlotte & Jim Farmer and Sharleen Perreira** got the Judges Award of Merit. I regret that these deserving dogs were inadvertently left out of our last newsletter. It's really bad when the Blunders column is larger than some of the other articles (ha). Also...there is certainly no Z in Krasniewski. **Barbara Krasniewski's** name was printed with a Z instead of an S. Sorry about that.

Kudos for the help

Does anyone remember that last newsletter in which I made a plea for help from our members with our fundraisers and club events? Well, a lot of you came through with our OTCH obedience trial setup and you all deserve recognition because you broke that 10% 90% rule.

On Saturday, January 21st, **Steve Anderson, Barbara and Stan Krasniewski** and **Paul Kilty** took care of the mowing details at Thomas Square Park. The following morning, beginning at 6:00am, a crew of GRCH members assembled at the park to set up the rings and tents. That crew consisted of **Winston Kupau, Diana Reuss, Peggy Ketcham, Bob Frost, Betty Brask, Gary and Kozue Tsuji, Ross Fuller** and **Melvia Leong**. Then we had the breakdown crew for the afternoon that included morning people **Winston, Ross and Peggy** joined by **Jim and Debbie Williams, Ted Ketcham** and yours truly.

Setting up an obedience trial is an extremely fast way to earn funds. For this one, we earned \$350 for just a few hours of work by some very fine people. Thanks to all of you for helping.

For our Golden Retriever Specialty on June 20th, we have **Janet Ng, Lola Nakamura** and new member **Barbara Germann** volunteering as obedience ring stewards and **Kurt Herrmann** representing GRCH with Sunday's breakdown. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to assist our club with so many of our activities.

Show and Trial Results

With only three dogs entered in Hilo, everyone knew they'd get some sort of placement. The lone point each day for WD and WB went to **Margaretha's Dux (Kakulakoa Stella Dux)** and **Frank and Michael's Sharon (Kalaniakea Rose of Sharon)** with **Dux** going BOW both days. **Marc and Shari's Robbie (Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder)** continued onward and upward by taking BOB with a Group 2 on Saturday and Group 1 on Sunday.

At the Hawaiian Kennel Club, all sorts of good things happened. On Saturday, **Moke's Dylan (Harmony's And Away We Go)** took two points as WD and then picked up three more as BOW to earn his championship. Moke's thoughts on that were that while it's a great experience to finish a dog yourself, it's a better experience to finish your own dog, and the ultimate thrill to handle and finish your own breeding for the first time (especially when you're not that experienced in the show ring). Taking WB earned **Charlotte's Haley (Karizma's Payday it Forward)** five points for her 2nd major and her special, **Wrigley (Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum)**, took the breed and a Group 2 which earned her the special title of Show Dog Hall of Fame (SDHF).

On Sunday, **Lei's Gyver (Perrecca Grenada)** picked up the points for WD and, like **Dylan** the day before, maxed out with five points by taking BOW. With two bitches absent on Sunday, **Haley** repeated as WB for three points to move within two points of her championship. BOB was **Wrigley** again but this time she added a Group 1 to the day. Excellent! Congrats to all

It was certainly a magnificent day for **Winston Kupau** and **Betty Brask** at the Leeward Training Club Trial **Winston and Jack (Kalaniakea's Hit da Road Jack, UD)** entered the trial with 93 points earned towards the 100 needed to earn the coveted Obedience Trial Champion title (OTCh). In order to do that, the dog must have a UD and place 1st or 2nd in Utility B. The number of dogs entered determines the points. It's not easy. That's why there have only been a handful of OTCh titles in the state. With their first place in Utility B, they earned eight points and the title. **Betty Brask** with **Duke (BJ's That's my Boy, UD)** has been trying to earn a UDX for quite a while. For those who don't know, the dog must have a Utility title and then earn a qualifying score in both Utility B and Open B ten times. Consistency is the key. She and **Duke** did it for the 10th time and **Duke** now sports a UDX after his name. Then, at the Valley Isle Kennel Club, **Winston** got what he thought was UDX leg number nine for **Jack**. A few weeks later, he received a certificate in the mail confirming **Jack's** UDX title. We're all working with Winston now to teach him how to count to ten. Congratulations to both of you. It was a pleasure for your friends and competitors to witness these wonderful accomplishments. **Betty** was upset because **Winston's** counting error robbed the Maui people of one heckuva celebration on the Valley Isle.

The Windward show in April was another good one for **Charlotte** as **Wrigley (Ch Sunbeams Double Gum)** took the breed and a Group 1 both days. Points for WD went to her **Willy (Karizma's Willy Wonka)** on Saturday and to **Peggy's Nikki (Shardust La Femme Nikita)** for WB both days.

Orchid Island Dog Fanciers

February 14, 2004

WD, BOW	Kakulakoa Stella Dux	(Doughty)
WB, BOS	Kalaniakea Rose of Sharon	(Suchomel & J Kupau)
BOB, Group 2	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder	(M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Orchid Island Dog Fanciers

February 15, 2004

WD, BO W	Kakulakoa Stella Dux	(Doughty)
WB, BOS	Kalaniakeas Rose of Sharon	(Suchomel & J Kupau)
BOB, Group 1	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder	(M&JKupau & Fukuyama)

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February 14, 2004

WD, BOW Kakulakoa Stella Dux (Doughty)
 WB, BOS Kalaniakea Rose of Sharon
 (Suchomel & J Kupau)
 BOB, Group 2 Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M&J
 Kupau & Fukuyama)

Orchid Island Dog Fanciers

February 15, 2004

WD, BOW Kakulakoa Stella Dux (Doughty)
 WB, BOS Kalaniakeas Rose of Sharon
 (Suchomel & J Kupau)
 BOB, Group 1 Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J
 Kupau & Fukuyama)

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

February 22, 2004

Open B Kalaniakea's Hit Da Road Jack, UD,
 191 (W Kupau)
 BJ's That's My Boy, UD, 186 (Brask
 & Dancil)

Hawaiian Kennel Club

March 6, 2004

WD, BOW Harmony's And Away We Go
 (Strassberg) **New Champion!
 Congrats!**
 RWD Karizma's Willy Wonka (Farmer)
 WB Karizma's Payday It Forward (Farmer)
 RWB Integrity Honor's Pure Joy (Ropert)
 BOB, Group 2 Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
New SDHF! Congrats!
 BOS Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J
 Kupau & Fukuyama)

Hawaiian Kennel Club

March 7, 2004

WD, BOW Perrecca Grenada (Taft)
 RWD Karizma's Willy Wonka (Farmer)
 WB Karizma's Payday It Forward (Farmer)
 RWB Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
 BOB, Group 1 Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)

Leeward Training Club

March 21, 2004

Open B Kalaniakea's Hit da Road Jack, UD
 3rd place (W Kupau)
 BJ's That's my Boy, UD, (Brask and
 Dancil) **New UDX. Congrats!**
 Utility B Kalaniakea's Hit da Road Jack, UD,
 1st place, 189 (W Kupau) **New
 OTCh Congrats!**
 BJ's That's my Boy, UD

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers

April 10, 2004

WD Karizma's Willy Wonka (Farmer)
 WB, BOW Shardust La Femme Nikita (Ketcham
 & Perreira)
 RWB Goldbyrne Fame N Fortune (Hermann)
 BOB, Group 1 Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
 BOS Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes (Brask)

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers

April 11, 2004

RWD Perrecca Grenada (Taft)
 WB Shardust La Femme Nikita (Ketcham &
 Perreira)
 RWB Goldbyrne Fame N Fortune (Herrmann)
 BOB Ch Sunbeams Double Gum (Farmer)
 BOS Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M Kupau &
 Fukuyama)

Valley Island Kennel Club

April 24, 2004

WD, BOW Larwenz One of the Boys (Brask & Larsen)
 RWD Perrecca Grenada (Taft)
 BOS, WB Kalaniakea Rose of Sharon (Suchomel &
 J.Kupau)
 RWB Who's The Boss (Larsen)
 BOB, Group 3 Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M Kupau &
 Fukuyama)

Obedience

Open B OTCh Kalaniakeas Hit da Road Jack, UD, 1st
 Place, 195.5 (W Kupau) **HIT**
 BJ's That's My Boy, UDX, 2nd place, 171
 (Brask & Dancil)

Valley Island Kennel Club

April 25, 2004

WD Perrecca Grenada (Taft)
 RWD Larwenz One of the Boys (Brask & Larsen)
 WB, BOS Larwenz Who's the Boss (Larsen)
 RWB Kalaniakea Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & J
 Kupau)
 BOB, Group 3 Ch Pekay's New Prancer (Larsen & Brask)
 BOS Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes (Brask)

Obedience

Open B OTCh Kalaniakeas Hit da Road Jack, UD, 1st place,
 196.5 (W Kupau) **HIT, HC, new UDX, Congrats**
 Utility B OTCh Kalaniakeas Hit da Road Jack, UD, 1st place,
 194 (W Kupau)

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

May 23, 2004

Novice B Joylet's Here Comes The Bride, 179 (Thom)

Upcoming Events

Aloha Sporting Dog Association Show and Trial

Thomas Square Park 6/19/04

Golden Retriever Specialty Show and Trial

Thomas Square Park 6/20/04

General Membership Meeting and grooming class

Kamamalu Park, Honolulu, 7/18/04 (pending final
 arrangements)

Visit to Pearl City Nursing Home with dogs

7/25/04 (pending final arrangements)

Rescue dog still available

We are still trying to find a home for poor Haelong who is a 9-year old neutered male. He is currently being fostered in Saint Louis Heights and will remain there until we can find him a good home. As mentioned in the website, he has been well cared for and has had regular checkups at the vet. All his shots are current and he is on Heartgard and Topspot. He is definitely overweight and has been put on a diet. We are hopeful that his elbow problem will diminish as his weight goes down. He would be very well suited to an older couple that wants a loving dog but not necessarily one that needs a lot of activity.

If any of our members know of someone who might be interested in this dog, please tell them about our website at www.grchawaii.com or have them call me at 488-1134.