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Moke's Jacey (Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX) earned her Utility degree with a 1st place in Utility B at the January Specialty. She then capped it off with a High Combined and her first UDX leg.

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President's Report

Well, we're off and running for 2005 with some new Board members. For those who missed Peggy and Ted's annual Xmas bash, the new Board consists of President **Moke Strassberg**, Vice President **Steve Anderson**, Recording Secretary **Robin Anderson**, Corresponding Secretary **Jackie Kupau**, Treasurer, **Debbie Williams** and Directors **Barbara Germann**, **Jody Gilbert** and **Peggy Ketcham**. Some of you might have noticed that **Peggy** and **Robin** have been switching positions every year. I suppose it has something to do with developing writing cramp while taking the minutes. At any rate, both are invaluable to our club no matter what position they hold.

Barbara Germann and **Jody Gilbert** are new to the Board and have already demonstrated that they are the proactive type. If you want it done, they get it done quickly. They make the rest of us feel a little lethargic but we're delighted that they were willing to help the club by running for the Board.

We'll be looking at a few fundraisers this year and would really appreciate support from the entire membership. First, we want to do a Zippy's banana or double chocolate loaf sale. We felt that, although chili is easy to sell, that some folks might be getting a little tired of it. So we're going with the pastry this time. The Zippy's double chocolate loaf is to die for. I personally haven't tried the banana loaf but hear it's good too. Secondly, with the success of our 2005 calendar, we'll be doing a 2006 version. Please help out when the information comes out. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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We had a terrific time at our Annual Xmas Party and January Specialty Obedience Trial. For those who didn't attend, just look at the smiling faces of our members.

From our Xmas Party:

Top left: John and Gayle; **Center left:** Lillian and daughter Lindsay; **Bottom left:** Mary Lou and Jerry; **Top right:** Barbara and Stan.

From our January Specialty Obedience Trial (Judge Laurella Pang):

2nd down on right: Novice B Class with Winston and Kobe (Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD), Betty and Tony (Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes), and Gayle and Hoku (Ch Graceken Kalikimaka Hoku). **3rd down on right:** Open B Class with Winston and Jack (OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX), Carl and Kanani (Joylet's Maid of Honor, CD) and Moke and Jacey (Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX). **Bottom right:** Another High in Trial for Winston and Jack



President's Report *(Continued from Page 1)* We held our Golden Retriever Specialty trial in January followed by our first All-Breed trial. It went off without a hitch due in large part to three judges donating their services and several of our members volunteering to help. Thanks goes out to judges **Sheila Conant**, **Laurella Pang** and **Winston Kupau**. Returning to assist with ring stewarding were **Barbara Krasniewski**, **Lola Nakamura**, **Mary Lou Lomaka** and **Barbara Germann**. **Janet Ng** handled the table stewarding along with Laurella's mom, **Louella Pang**, who was kind enough to help out. And let us not forget the croissant sandwiches for the judges and stewards lunch that **Lei Seymour** prepared. Delicious!

With conformation entries down, the All-Breed trial helped make up some of our lost revenue. Even so, we are still in negative figures for our last three trials. Our trophies have been really nice due to an increased trophy budget. But the trophy donations have tapered off. Putting on shows and trials is a mandate for a licensed club and we need to recognize the placement winners with decent prizes. Donations for our trophy fund would be greatly appreciated.

On a personal note, I've always tried to reserve the front-page photo for other members and keep my own photos out of the mix. However, our January Specialty was especially kind to my girl **Jacey** so, if you'll all excuse me, I've taken the liberty of slapping her photo right up front and claiming bragging rights just this once.

A truly nutty lady

Our club consists of members from all walks of life. And we all love our Goldens. But one person in particular is so committed to dog things and has taken it to such a high level, that it's hard to believe anyone would do as much as she does.

Everyone knows that **Jackie Kupau** has been breeding for over 40 years (maybe 45). But for her, it's not enough to just breed. **NO!** She has to make sure she keeps a lot of them. And, as if that's not enough, she shows dogs, kennels dogs, grooms dogs, ships dogs, was a caregiver at the Quarantine Station and is now fostering **Kula** until he can find a home. Granted, her hubby **Winston** helps a lot with those things. But there's a lot more than that. She has been very active with our Board as Corresponding Secretary, applying to the AKC for permission to hold our shows and trials, trophy chair and in charge of lining up obedience judges for the trials. Did you think all these things just sort of happened? Well, they do. But only because **Jackie** does it all.

Recently, she did something that really took the cake. Every year she goes to New York for the Westminster Kennel Club show. This year, she returned Thursday night, stayed up all night grooming dogs, and then left for the Big Island Friday morning for a three-day show. I hate to even think about how she must have felt. Can anyone say adrenaline rush?

Why do I tell you all this? Because the next time you see something going on with one of our shows or trials, I want you to realize that she is the engine that drives it. Thanks **Jackie**. We all thank you.

Rescue

Last year saw quite a few rescues and we still have one left. **Kula** is a 6-year old neutered male (we just neutered him) who came to us with heartworm. During the treatment, a lady in Pacific Palisades fostered him. After that, he ended up with **Winston** and **Jackie** where he will stay until we can find a good home for him. I'm at a loss to understand why someone hasn't snatched him up because he's a terrific dog. He really would do well in a home with people who don't leave him alone all day while they're at work. If you know anyone who could provide a good home for him, please let me know. His photo can be viewed on our website at www.grchawaii.com

A Different Type of Rescue

Submitted by Ardie & Susie Saunders

HELP NEEDED ASAP

Please help!!!! After two long years of being on a waiting list for an agility dog, we have been notified by the breeder that, at long last, our number has come up and ...WE ARE HAVING A PUPPY!!!

We must get rid of our children IMMEDIATELY because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be arriving on Tuesday we MUST place the children into rescue this weekend!

They are described as: One male - His name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Does have problems with peeing directly in the toilet. Has had chickenpox and is current on all shots. Tonsils have already been removed. Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained & gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training he should be able to read soon.

One female - Her name is Lexie, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes quite freckled. Two years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy & can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls & little boys but does not like to share her toys and therefore would do best in a one child household. She is a very quick learner and is currently working on her house training- shouldn't take long at all.

We really do LOVE our children so much and want to do what's right for them; that is why we contacted a rescue group. But we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they may hurt our new puppy. I hope you understand that ours is a UNIQUE situation and we have a real emergency here!!! They MUST be placed into your rescue by Monday night at the latest or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark, country road. Our priority now has to be our new puppy.

Hospital Visit

As we left Kapi'olani Medical Center in December, the following letter was handed to me. It's for all who visited the hospital that day.

Dear Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii

On behalf of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children and the Pediatric Support and Child Life Services department, we would like to express our thanks to you and your group for your visit today. We look forward to your visit each holiday season and we are positive that the patients, families, and hospital staff surely enjoyed your visit. Having special visitors like your group surely provides a sense of comfort for many of our patients as they may face fears of their own imminent hospitalization or medical condition. Thank you for your time.

As you may know, hospitalization can be a new and sometimes frightening experience for a child of any age. With the support from generous and thoughtful members of the community, however, we are able to reduce the stress some of our families encounter.

Thank you again from the hospital staff, children, and their families. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 Robyn Chow-Hoy, MS, CCLS Child Life Specialist
 Emily Froerer, MS, CCLS Child Life Specialist
 Jamie Chikuma, BS, CCLS Child Life Assistant

Shows and Trials

While there aren't too many shows in the winter, there are certainly lots of obedience trials and many of our member's dogs distinguished themselves at those trials. Maui held it's first back-to-back trial with **Moke's Jacey (Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX)** taking HIT in the morning and **Cheri's Peaches (Ch Larwenz Lucky Charms)** doing it in the afternoon.

At OTCH's November trial, **John Thom's JJ (Joyle t's First Toast, CD)** earned his CDX. Then, at Hilo in December, **Winston's Jack (OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX)** earned **another** HIT (yawn) with an incredible 198.5.

In January, **Marc and Shari's Robbie (Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder)** took the breed at West Oahu with a Group 2 on Saturday and then did it again with a Group 3 at ASSDA (getting to be a habit). And the next day, for the Golden Specialty, points went to **Betty's Sarge (Larwenz One Of The Boys)** and **Peggy's Nikki (Shardust La Femme Nikita)**. **Winston** added another HIT for **Jack** and **Moke's Jacey** earned her UD, High Combined and first UDX leg. For those who don't know, **Jack** and **Jacey** are bother and sister and will be 10 years old in June.

Going over to the Big Island, points went to **Betty's Sarge** all three days **with Cheri's Peaches** taking them twice for the 3-day show. Breed went to **Robbie** again two out of the three days. Read on....

Valley Isle Kennel Club November 13, 2004 Morning trial

Novice B Ch Larwenz Lucky Charms, 1st place, 189.5 (Larsen)
Utility A Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX, 1st Place, 194.5 (Strassberg) **HIT**

Afternoon trial

Novice B Ch Larwenz Lucky Charms, 1st place, 185.5 (Larsen) **HIT**

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii November 28, 2004

Novice A Abelard True Lies, 3rd place, 187 (M Kupau & Fukuyama)
Novice B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 191.5 (W & J Kupau)
Joylet's Here Come The Bride, 183.5 (G Thom)
Ulalenaikahehe O Haiku, CD 183 (Chang)
Ch Kelson Sunshine's Luck Guess, 174.5 (M & J Kupau)
Open A Joylet's First Toast, CD 190 (J Thom) **New CDX. Congrats!**

Hilo Obedience Training Club December 5, 2004

Novice B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, 1st place, 192.5 (W & J Kupau)
Ch Larwenz Lucky Charms, 3rd place, 190.5 (Larsen)
Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes, 185 (Brask)
Ch Kelson Sunshine's Lucky Guess, 177 (M & J Kupau)
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX 1st place, 198.5 (W Kupau) **HIT**

West Oahu Kennel Club January 22, 2005

RWB Sandollar Clear Favourite (Taft)
BOB, GR. 2 Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M Kupau & Fukuyama)
BOS Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)

West Oahu Kennel Club January 23, 2005

RWD Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
RWB Sandollar Clear Favourite (Taft)

Aloha State Sporting Dog Association January 29, 2005

RWD Sandollar's Seaside Treasure (Saunders)
RWB Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
BOB, Gr. 3 Abelard's Boy Wonder (J & M Kupau & Fukuyama)

Novice B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1st place, 189.5 (W & J Kupau)
Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes, CD 4th place, 181 (Brask)
Ch Graceken Kalikimaka Hoku, CD, 179 (G Thom)

Open B Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX, 2nd place, 193.5 (Strassberg)
Utility B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 1st place, 189.5 (W Kupau)

Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii January 30, 2005

WD, BOW Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
WB Shardust La Femme Nikita (Ketcham)
BOS Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
BP Sandollar's Clear Favourite (Taft)
BV Ch Laurell Sunbeam Bluechipstock (Farmer)

Novice B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1st place, 193 (W & J Kupau)
Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes, 2nd place, 185 (Brask)
Ch Graceken Kalikimaka Hoku, 3rd place, 180.5 (G Thom)

Open B OTCH Kalania keas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 1st place, 193 (W Kupau) **HIT**
Joylet's Maid Of Honor, CD 2nd place, 189.5 (Nagatoshi)
Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX, 3rd place 180.5 (Strassberg) **HC**
Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, CDX, 1st place 192.5 (Strassberg) **New UD. Congrats!**

GRCH All-Breed Trial

Novice B Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes, 2nd place, 181 (Brask)

Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club February 19, 2005

WD, BOW Larwenz One of the Boys (Brask & Larsen)
WB Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larsen)
BOB/, Gr.3 CH Abelard's Boy Wonder (M&J Kupau & Fukuyama)
BOS CH Kalaniakea Rose of Sharon (F & M Suchomel & J Kupau)

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Why aren't you training your dogs?

With all the members we have in our club, it's amazing how many do absolutely nothing in the way of training for their dogs. We have several members who show dogs and quite a few who are actively involved in obedience training. In fact, a number of our members are obedience instructors for local training clubs. But the majority of our members actually have Golden Retrievers because they love them and are completely satisfied if the dog comes when they say come and sits when they say sit. Well...I have news for you. If you're one of those people (and we do love you), you are wasting a good dog. It's sort of like having a genius for a child and limiting him/her to a high school education.

Most of the dog enthusiasts will admit (though not too willingly) that when it comes to obedience, the Golden is one of the most intelligent dogs out there probably ranking right behind the Border Collie. While we might not be able to change the rankings, I'd like to see more of our members get involved in obedience training. Let's face it. Not every dog is show quality. But that has nothing to do with the overall intelligence of the breed or the amount of enjoyment you can have when training together and getting a title on your dog.

As mentioned earlier, several of our members teach obedience. Winston and I (Moke) teach for the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii. Classes are Monday at Aiea, Wednesday at Enchanted Lakes, Thursday at Crane Park in Kaimuki and Saturday Morning at Kamamalu Park downtown. Ted, Peggy, Jim, Debbie and Janet teach for the Leeward Training Club of Hawaii at Waena Park in Mililani every Saturday morning. There are other clubs around but these are the two where we know some of our Golden members are instructors. While the training methods might differ a bit, the objective and care are the same. And it doesn't cost a fortune. Check it out. I truly hope more of you will get out of the house a bit and start working with your dogs in organized classes full of lots and lots of good distractions. You'll thank me later.

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### *It's been said*

"'I want to go out!' 'I want something to eat!' 'Pet me, scratch me, rub my ears now!' Dogs go in for exclamation points." Arthur Yorinks

"Kindergarten Puppy Training is as important for our two-to-five month old puppies as is nursery school and kindergarten for our three-to-six year old children." Margaret E. Pearsall

"'Won't be long' means nothing to a dog. All he knows is that you are GONE." Jane Swan

"Dogs make excellent therapists because they are not judgmental and give unconditional love. Dogs love people regardless of their appearance, problems or social status." Mary R. Burch, PhD

"My dog can bark like a Congressman, fetch like an aid, beg like a press secretary, and play dead like a receptionist when the phone rings." Gerald Solomon

"Dogs never judge us and never compete with us." Marjorie Garber

"Dogs possess something very like conscience." Charles Darwin

"In the circles I am speaking of, what dear Fido has done, does, do won't do, will do, can do, can't do, was doing, is going to do, shan't do, and about to be going to have done, is the continual theme of discussion from morning to night." Jerome K. Jerome

"None are as fiercely loyal as dog people. In return, no doubt for the never ending loyalty of dogs." Linda Shrieves

"Seems to say 'I would understand you thoroughly if you could speak more clearly. And, incidentally, have you got a biscuit on you.'" Alex Guinness

"We see ourselves in our dog's eyes as we would like to be...noble, worthy of adoration, the source of all good things, God." Patricia M Sherwood

"The average dog desires a trip to the vet as much as his owner covets hemorrhoid surgery." Steve Smith

## *Just My Dog*

By Gene Hill

He is my other eyes that can see above the clouds;  
My other ears that hear above the winds.  
He is the part of me that can reach out into the sea.

He has told me a thousand times over that I am his reason for being;  
By the way he rests against my leg;  
By the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile;  
By the way he shows his hurt when I leave without taking him.  
(I think it makes him sick with worry when he is not along to care for me.)

When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive.  
When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile.  
When I am happy, he is joy unbounded.  
When I am a fool, he ignores it.  
When I succeed, he brags.

Without him, I am only another man.  
With him, I am all-powerful.

He is loyalty itself, He has taught me the meaning of devotion.

With him, I know a secret comfort and a private peace.  
He has brought me understanding where before I was ignorant.

His head on my knee can heal my human hurts.  
His presence by my side is protection against my fears of dark and unknown things.

He has promised to wait for me...whenever...wherever...in case I need him  
And I expect I will - as I always have.  
He's just my dog.

## *Shows and Trials*

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### **Orchid Isle Dog Fanciers Club February 20, 2005**

|     |                                                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|
| WD  | Larwenz One of the Boys (Brask&Larsen)         |
| RWB | Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larsen)                |
| BOS | CH Abelard's Boy Wonder (M&J Kupau & Fukuyama) |

### **Orchid Isle Dog Fanciers Club February 21, 2005**

|              |                                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| WD           | Larwenz One of the Boys (Brask & Larsen)         |
| WB, BOW, BOS | Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larsen)                  |
| BOB/G3       | CH Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama) |
| RWB          | Kalaniakea Dr. Jamie (F & M Suchomel & J Kupau)  |