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Our Easter hat contestants included the teams of Barbara/Hara, Tony/Tiki, Janet/Budee, Gayle/Jazmyn, Stacey/Honeygirl and Kurt/Kula.

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President's Report

"I'm late! I'm late! For a very important date. No time to say hello...Goodbye...I'm late, I'm late, I'm late." How long has it been since anyone thought about Alice in Wonderland and some of the wonderful sayings that the story offers? The one I put down certainly seems to suit the way I come up late with our newsletter. But this time, I wanted to make sure we included the results of the Sporting Dog shows during the last weekend of June. I'm sure **Cheri and Betty** will appreciate that since their dog took the breed at our Sunday Specialty. More on that in the Show and Trial section.

We managed to put on a wonderful Easter party in March with a nice group that included new members **Amy and Don Harada**. Amy and Don own and have been showing **Blue (Larwenz Out Of The Blue)** who they got from Cheri. Recently they've acquired another Larsen dog. My warning to the Haradas is "That's how it starts."

In May, we again set up our booth at Pet Expo and ran a successful weekend with a lot of help from members. And we have a really nice event planned for September that I think you're all going to like. We'll cover these items in separate articles.

One thing I really want to do in this column is thank the many members who have not only supported the club by being a member but also by participating in our events, fundraisers, shows and trials. For example, our twice-a-year hospital visits are usually at a very busy time of the year. Yet, members show up to give a little to those who are going through tough times.

Our fundraisers are supported by an enormous amount of members regardless of whether or not they are particularly interested in the product. And for our events, there would be nothing worse than leading a parade when nobody is following. Fortunately, we get good turnouts for the events that, as you all know, are usually successful because somebody has put a lot of effort into making it fun. Thanks to all of you for everything.

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Recent happenings with club members included trials and fun events. Pictured counter-clockwise from top left: 1. Gayle Thom's dog Hoku (Ch Graceken Kalikimaka Hoku) got his CD at the Leeward Trial in March; 2. Gayle's other dog Annie (Joylet's Here Comes The Bride) did it at the OTCH trial in May; 3. Lillian's Koa and Kurt's Kula each did well with the hot dog toss at our Easter party; 4. Janet Ng and Budee display a winning Easter hat, 5. John Thom had JJ tying to catch a really skinny hot dog slice, 6. Tony Germann and Tiki show their hat entry, 7. Debbie relaxed with Sam and Jacey after Pet Expo, 8. Winston with another HIT with Jack at the June Specialty.



Pet Expo

If you've never made it a point to stop by the Pet Expo in May, you've missed a really enjoyable weekend. Not only do we have a fantastic booth, but also the entire ambiance of Pet Expo is enjoyable. We had a pretty good crew for two days that included **Peggy Ketcham, Melvia Leong, Lei Taft** and yours truly on the grooming table and **Debbie Williams, Ed and Helen Bendet, Alton Arakaki, Janet Ng, Barbara Krasniewski, Kurt Hermann** and **Stacey Yost** passing out information. At day's end on Sunday, when the adrenaline shutdown sets in, Peggy, Melvia, Debbie and **Jim Williams** and I mustered up our remaining strength to transport all the equipment out to Peggy's car (Peggy still had to unload it when she got home).

One of the things we did differently this year was accept non-deductible donations from Golden owners whose dogs we groomed. As many of you know, we pay a non-profit rental for our space and didn't want to jeopardize our status the past four years. But this time, we checked with the Pet Expo coordinators who said we could accept donations.

As owners "greased our palms" with donations, we just put them away until the end of the day. We really had no idea what we were getting. But, as it turned out, we made enough that weekend to pay for our booth rental. Plus, we managed to educate a lot of people. It could not have been done without everybody's help so thanks one and all. Hope you'll join us again next year.

Easter Party

Some of our members really went hog wild with the Easter costumes for their dogs. And I have absolutely no idea how our organizers come up with the games that we play at our parties. But what a blast we had at Waena Park for our Easter bash. If you'll check out some of the photos in this newsletter, you'll see what a good time everyone was having.

We've been doing the egg hunt for several years and I always find it amazing how many "retrievers" don't know how to pick up an egg. As I look around the grass taking pictures of the event, all I see are okoles because most of the people are bending over and pointing and pleading with their dogs to pick up that egg. I really have to be careful how I take the pictures so I don't offend people. Some of the folks are on their hands and knees demonstrating the method for the dogs. It's really hilarious when you think about it because nobody would think that retrievers would be that bad at picking up something (with treats inside) and putting it in their mouths.

Then there are the games. The food toss was great. How many little, teeny hot dog slices can a dog catch from any given distance when we have to allow for wind drift? Whoever sliced those hotdogs that thin was a sadist. But it was a great time. Hope more of you can join us next time.

When a Judge cancels

So here we were just three days until our June specialty when our conformation judge notified us that he had food poisoning and wouldn't be able to make it to Hawaii.

For those of you who are not into showing your dogs, I should tell you that our Sporting Dog show in January and June is a cluster comprised of five different specialty sporting dog clubs. We have the Brittany Club, Cocker Spaniel Club, Weimaraner Club, Labrador Retriever Club and, of course, our own Golden Retriever Club. We used to have seven clubs but the other two were small and the mandatory insurance made it very expensive for them. But I digress.

Well before the cluster, the clubs all decide which judge to use for all the clubs. It's a decision made by the event committees of each club. When a judge cancels, everyone runs around like a chicken without a head in an effort to get a replacement judge. Our judges are normally from the mainland so last minute replacements are very difficult. When we checked with the AKC, we found that we could actually use anyone for the replacement because it was

so last minute. It did not have to be a judge who was licensed for sporting dogs.

The consensus of the clubs was to use Henry Kapali for every club. Although Henry is licensed for working dogs and not sporting dogs, all clubs chose him due to his reputation as fair and impartial. It worked out well and Henry even waived what we offered to pay him. Coming in at the last minute literally saved our day and I know everyone was extremely grateful to him. All the show people understand how hectic the situation was and most were very understanding. Those of us on the event committee appreciate that.

End of Summer Bash

September 25th. Mark your calendars. This is really for all of you folks who live on the Windward side of the island. All of our events seem to be on the Leeward side. Can we help it if you live in the boonies? But, we finally found a place that no Windward resident can resist.

There is a lady who owns a home right on the beach just a little ways from Shriners in Waimanalo. She has been letting folks, including dog clubs, use her property for parties as long as certain rules are followed. So this September will find us in Waimanalo for an end of summer bash.

We plan on starting no later than 10am and running until mid-afternoon. This will **not** be a potluck. Everyone has to brown bag it this time. We'll have a grooming class with hands on demos. Heck! If we can groom non-member dogs, we should be able to help our members. Right? And after that, we can go swimming in the lagoon and run around the grounds.

I think the dogs are going to have a blast and hope the people will too. More info will be coming out on this so please reserve that date and join us. You might start stocking up on SPF 50 now.

Zippy's Fundraiser

As our Zippy's cake sale comes to an end, I'd like to thank all of you who participated. With the new carbo reduction craze, it may have been harder to sell cakes than chili. But we did it. Early indications are that we sold all or most of the tickets and the only checks still outstanding are only the results of some folks forgetting to send the checks in. So, if you are one of those last minute people, please remember that the tickets were supposed to be redeemed by mid-July. So hopefully we sold them early enough for the buyers to use them. If you haven't done so, please send your checks to **Barbara Germann** and make them payable to GRCH. These fundraisers are important. They help us pay for our yearly insurance and also supplement our trophy fund. Thank you to all who helped us.

Puppies

I get a lot of calls and Emails from people looking for puppies. **Cheri and Rob Larsen, Peggy and Ted Ketcham and Charlotte Farmer** recently had litters but what little there was didn't last long. Peggy only had three, I believe Charlotte had five (with several going to the mainland co-breeder) and Cheri and Rob didn't have a very large litter either. But we all look forward to seeing how those who are kept or placed in show homes will do in the future. If not show, there's always obedience and I hope the owners will recognize that there are many ways to enjoy your dog.

As a reminder, if anyone has a breeding going or even planned, please let me know so I can inform the people who call. I realize that many of you don't want calls until you know for sure that you have the pups on the ground. However, if you'll let me know when to spread the word, I'll hold off until then. Thanks.

Show and Trial Results

Let's start with obedience. When it comes to high scores and HITS, it's been pretty much **Winston Kupau** and **Jack (OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX)**. But **Ted Ketcham** managed to throw a few high scores in with **Parker (Graceken Blitz'n All The Way)** and his veteran **Magic (Ch Lehua-Mamos Delta Force, CD)**. After **Parker** took the HIT at LTCH from Novice B in March with a 197.5, **Winston** took **Jack** to Maui where he grabbed a 198.5 and 197.5 in Open B in April. Pretty good exhibitions from both dogs. **Winston's Kobe (Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD)** is no slouch as he has also been going high with scores up to 197 in Novice B. **Moke's Jacey (Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, UD)** managed a career high of 196.5 in Utility B in May at OTCH and retired shortly thereafter from obedience competition.

Two of **Gayle Thom's** dogs managed to get their CDs earlier this year. **Hoku (Ch Graceken Kalikimaka Hoku)** did it at LTCH in March and **Annie (Joylets Here Comes The Bride)** did it at OTCH in May.

For conformation, **Betty's Sarge (Larwenz One Of The Boys)** had a great weekend at HKC taking BOB from the classes along with a Group 3 on Saturday and then finishing his championship on Sunday. Just to show it was no fluke, **Sarge** went Breed again both days at Windward and the first day at the Valley Isle show in April. But to top it off, he also took the Breed at our Specialty in June. New BISS for **Sarge**.

I do regret if I've missed anybody or any title. But you gotta let me know folks. Check out the rest.

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

February 27, 2005

Nov B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1st place, 194 (W. Kupau)
Graceken Blitz'n All The Way, 192 (Ketcham)
Utility B Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, UD, 4th place, 192.5 (Strassberg)

Hawaiian Kennel Club

March 5, 2005

BOB, WD, BOW Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
GR. 3

Hawaiian Kennel Club

March 6, 2005

BOS Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
WD, BOW Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
New Champion, Congrats!
RWB Joylets Here Comes The Bride (G. Thom)

Leeward Training Club of Hawaii

March 27, 2005

Nov B Graceken Blitz'n All The Way, 1st place, 197.5 (Ketcham) **HIT**
Ch Lehua-Mamos Delta Force, CD, 2nd place, 196.5 (Ketcham)
Ch Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 3rd place, 196 (W. Kupau)
Ch Graceken Kalikimaka Hoku, 187 (G. Thom) **New CD, Congrats!**
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 2nd place, 195.5 (W. Kupau)

Siberian Husky All-Breed Trial

April 9, 2005

Nov B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1st place, 194 (W. Kupau)
Ch Larwenz Frosted Flakes, CD, 3rd place, 186.5 (Larsen)
Open A Joylets Maid Of Honor, CD, 1st place, 188.5 (Nagatoshi)
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 1st place, 194.5 (Kupau) **HIT**

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc.

April 16, 2005

BOB Ch Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
WB, BOW Joylets Here Comes The Bride (G. Thom)
RWD Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD (Kupau)
RWB Larwenz Who's the Boss (Larsen)

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc.

April 17, 2005

BOB Ch Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
WD Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD (Kupau)
RWB Larwenz Who's the Boss (Larsen)

Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui

April 23, 2005

BOB Ch Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
WB, BOW, BOS Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larwenz)
WD Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD (Kupau)
RWB Sandollar Clear Favourite (Taft)
Nov B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1st place, 186 (Kupau)
Ch Larwenz Lucky Charms, CD, 2nd place 181 (Larsen)
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 1st place, 198.5 (W. Kupau) **HIT**

Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui

April 24, 2005

WB, BOW Sandollar Clear Favourite (Taft)
WD Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD (Kupau)
RWB Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larsen)
BOS Ch Kalaniakea Rose Of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
Nov B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1st place, 192 (Kupau)
Open B OTCH Kalaniakea Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 1st place, 197.5 (W. Kupau) **HIT**

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

May 22, 2005

Nov B Graceken Blitz'n All The Way, 2nd place, 195 (Ketcham)
Joylets Here Comes The Bride, 183 (G. Thom)
New CD, Congrats!
Ulalenaikiahiahi O Haiku, CD, qualified, (Chang)
Utility B Ch Kalaniakea's Casey's Gem, UD, 1st place, 196.5 (Strassberg)

GSD Club of Hawaii All Breed Trial

June 5, 2005

Nov B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 2nd place, 197 (Kupau)
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, 2nd place, 197, (W. Kupau) **HC**
Utility B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, 2nd Place, 196, (W. Kupau) **HC**

Aloha State Sporting Dog Assoc.

June 25, 2005

WD Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD (Kupau)
RWD Sand Dollar's Seaside Treasure (Saunders)
RWB Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
Nov B Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 193.5 (Kupau)
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit DA Road Jack, UDX, 191.5 (Kupau) **HC**
Utility B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit DA Road Jack, UDX, 176.5 (Kupau) **HC**

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Show & Trial Results (Continued from Page 4)**Golden Retriever Specialty****June 26, 2005**

RWD	Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD (Kupau)
WB	Sandollar Clear Favourite (Taft)
RWB	Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
BOB	Ch Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)
BOS	Ch Kalaniakea Rose Of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
Nov B	Kalaniakea Kobe Bryant, CD, 1 st place, 189.5 (Kupau)
Open B	OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, 1 st place, 193.5 (Kupau) HIT

It's been said

"A barking dog is often more useful than a sleeping lion." Washington Irving.

"A barking dog never bites." Proverb (editors note: I believe it must stop barking before it bites.)

"A bone to a dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog when you are just as hungry as the dog." Jack London

"A cat claws and meows when you eat, but a dog who has not been spoiled lies down at some distance and looks tactfully away, pretending you are not eating so you will not be embarrassed by a sense of your selfishness." Berth Damon

"A dog believes you are what you think you are." Unknown

"A dog can express more with his tail in minutes than his owner can express with his tongue in hours." Unknown

"A dog desires affection more than its dinner. Well...almost." Charlotte Gray

"A dog doesn't care if you're rich or poor, big or small, young or old. He doesn't care if you're not smart, not popular, not a good joke-teller, not the best athlete, nor the best-looking person. To your dog, you are the greatest, the smartest, the nicest human being who was ever born. You are his friend and protector." Louis Sabin

"A dog has excellent hearing, but sometimes he decides not to listen." Sylvia Kreng

"A dog has the soul of a philosopher." Plato

"A dog is a bond between strangers." John Steinbeck

"A dog is a liberal...He wants to please everybody. A cat really doesn't need to know that everybody loves him." William Kunstler

"A dog is a smile and a wagging tail. What is in between doesn't much matter." Clara Ortega

"A dog is better than I am, for he has love and does not judge." Abba Xanthias

"A dog is fun. A dog is love. All the rest is commerce." Mordecai Siegal and Matthew Margolis

"A dog is more grateful to the one who keeps him than man is to God." Unknown