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The team of Ted Ketcham and Parker (Graceken Blitz'n All The Way, CD) had a good day at the February 26th OTCH Trial. Ted, Director of Training for LTCH, and Parker took High In Trial from Novice B with a 196. See them next time in Open A.

Inside this issue...

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President's Report

You know how some movies often go directly to DVD? The beauty of it is that they are easier for people to get and watch. The first thing everyone is going to notice about our newsletter is that it went directly to our website and will not be mailed. If anyone wants a hard copy, they can print their own. One of the real benefits of only putting this on our website is that we can include more photos of our events without the worry of additional expense from printing. I hope everyone enjoys that aspect of it. Everyone will be notified by Email that the newsletter is up and running and ready for viewing.

During the winter, we had our annual Xmas visit to Kapiolani Children's Hospital and our club's Xmas party. Both were wonderful events with a lot of members present. Most of the Xmas party photos are from yours truly. Hope you enjoy them.

One of the requests I always have is that people send photos to me as an attachment. I'd like to put them in the newsletter because, let's face it, we all enjoy seeing our dogs and ourselves in the newsletters. I've asked before and I'm asking again. If you have a photo of your dog at an obedience, conformation or rally event, please send me a copy. Your dogs deserve recognition and, since I'm not at all of these events, I need everyone to think about getting those photos to me. Plus, we can put them on our website which helps promote the breed.

If you were at our January specialty, you might know that it ran a long time. That was because we staged our first Rally trial after the all-breed trial. With Rally becoming so popular, we had a lot of entries and didn't finish until about 3:30. Your board will be looking into ways to speed things in the future. Fortunately, we had some really good stewarding help from members like **Jackie Kupau, Lola Nakamura and Janet Ng.**

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2005 XMAS PARTY



Maddy Arakaki and Glori Strassberg.



Leilani Seymour, Robin and Steve Anderson.



Del and Brooke Hernandez with Paul Kilty in middle.



Steve and Lillian Rodolfich.



Jackie and Winston Kupau.



2006 Board of Directors: Debbie, Barbara, Peggy, Steve, Moke, Jackie and Brooke. Missing from photo: Marie.



Jackie and Russ Bachman



Peggy Ketcham and Linda Jenks (co-hostesses)

President's Report *(Continued from Page 1)*

But we were still short. I dislike very much having to go outside of our club for help when we have so many members but, fortunately, some terrific OTCH folks like **Luella Pang, Aileen Sylva, Ellen Carlos and Kay Witt** came to our rescue as table and ring stewards. **Lei Seymour** made lunch consisting of fantastic croissant sandwiches and fruit for the judges and stewards. The sandwich was so big I wanted to take a nap after I ate it.

Our next General Membership meeting will be at our Easter party on April 2nd. We will be voting on an issue so please attend and help us obtain the quorum we need so business can be conducted.

Then we have our June Specialty coming up. As of a few days ago, we were having difficulty getting enough judges for the obedience and rally. So it was decided to just have conformation and the specialty obedience. No All-Breed obedience or Rally this time. But we're still going to need stewards. Don't try to hide. I can find you!!!

Your Board of Directors for 2006 has few changes. Peggy Ketcham takes over as Recording Secretary. Marie Anderson and Brooke Hernandez join us as Directors. Have a good 2006.

Kapiolani Hospital Xmas Visit

It's become a tradition for our club to visit Kapiolani Women and Children's Hospital every Halloween and Xmas season. It's also become a tradition for the same people to do it. One thing I realized many years ago was that donating money was fine but a person could usually go out and make more money. But, when you donate your time, you are actually giving a portion of your life. And that is something you can never get back. I can't think of anything better than what some of our members have done over the past several years than to donate their time to brighten the day of some unfortunate people who have to spend the fun holidays in a hospital.

If you are one of the many who consistently take part in the hospital visits, please know that people do recognize that you've gone out of your way to do something special. If you are a part of our club, haven't been able to participate in the visits yet, and would like to join us some time with a Golden that is under control (that's important for hospitals), please consider doing so this year. **Kurt Hermann** is in charge of these visits and will welcome anyone who wants to help.



2005 Xmas hospital visit

Changes being considered...

Our By-Laws indicate that, if we have a newsletter, the highlights of the Board meeting should be included in those newsletters. However, it should not be up to the editor or any other individual to decide what is and what is not a highlight.

Therefore, at our next General Membership meeting, we will vote for or against dropping the above requirement and replacing it with a procedure by which the minutes are e-mailed to everyone with an E-mail address and by request to anyone else by regular mail.

Can you write?

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the newsletter that I've been writing for the past six years. But this will be my last year. If the newsletter is to continue, someone else will have to take over. It's something that is best done by someone who is active in shows and trials so they have a good sense of which dogs are doing what and can report on it. But, if you can get the information and at least know what it all means, taking part in shows and trials is not absolutely necessary. Would you like to pitch in and do something for the members? Can you turn a word into a sentence and a sentence into a paragraph? Interested parties should contact me ASAP so a smooth transition can be made. Can't do four a year? Can you handle three? I hope someone will step up to the plate so our newsletter will continue.

Also, **Lei Taft** has informed me that **Margaretha Doughty** has offered to take over writing our member articles for GR News. She will have occasional help from a few of our other members. If you feel that you can contribute an article now and then, please check with Margaretha. Several members are experienced in Goldens, showing, obedience and so forth who could contribute if they felt so inclined. Wouldn't it be nice to hear from them?

Some dogs have wings and halos...

This tale might have been told at our Xmas party. But everyone wasn't there and it needs to be shared. It's about **Amber**. I have a special place in my heart for her because she was a special rescue case who turned out to have a special ability

A few years ago I had a call from a soldier at Tripler who was just assigned to a new job that would require her to travel quite frequently. Concerned about Amber, her 8year old Golden, she contacted me and asked for help in placing her. We were able to put her into a wonderful home in Hawaii Kai where, for about a year, she shared her love with the husband, wife, two kids and a cute cat. Then the family found out that the son was allergic to animals so the dog and cat had to find a new home.

We were lucky. One of our members knew of a couple in Kailua who had recently lost their GSD and wanted another dog. They lived in a small plantation style 2-bedroom home. There was a large deck in back with a railing but no fence around the yard. Normally, we require a totally fenced-in yard. However, the railing was fixed so it was dog proof, the wife worked at home and the dog would be wherever she was...inside or out. We turned Amber over to them and she took to them right away.

A few months later, the wife had a heart attack and her husband had to call for paramedics. She was lying on the couch when the paramedics arrived and rushed into the house to help. Amber, a sweet, gentle dog, went into a protective mode, ran to the couch, threw her body and front paws on the wife, turned, and started growling at the "intruders". Her husband was asked to intervene so the paramedics could do their job.

Now we move forward. The treatment that was used to help the wife's heart condition had a side effect. It created anginas during the healing process. She had always taken Amber for walks but, as it turned out, Amber was able to sense oncoming anginas and would refuse to venture from the front of the house. And if the wife was in the house, Amber followed her from room to room. She would not leave her side. This let the wife know when the seizures were coming so she could lie down and have her medication handy.

Later, the husband realized that Amber had been sticking to his wife like glue for about a week prior to the initial heart attack. There was no possible way that we could have known of Amber's unique ability to sense these events or of her extremely devoted nature. For this lady, Amber turned out to be a true gift from heaven that was returning the love that she and her husband gave her. Unfortunately, both the wife and Amber have had terrible allergies. They are all relocating to Mt. Shasta, California at the end of March. Amber will love it there. Low humidity, no pollen and lots of squirrels to chase.

Show & Trial Results

Congratulations to our members whose dogs received a title or special placement in any of the shows and trials since our last newsletter. I omitted **Gayle Thom's** girl **Jazmyn (Joylet's Here Comes the Bride, CD)** in our last newsletter. She got her RN at the OTCH Rally trial in November, 2005. The only achievements that I know of since then were both from **Ted and Peggy Ketcham**. **Peggy's Nikki** finally got her championship in style at our January specialty by going WB, BOW and BOS. Then, at OTCH's trial in February, **Ted's Parker** took High in Trial. Other placements are shown below.

West Oahu Kennel Club

January 21, 2006

WD Sandollar's Seaside Treasure (Saunders)
WB, BOW, BOS Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larsen)
REB Joylet's Here Comes The Bride, CD (Thom)

West Oahu Kennel Club

January 22, 2006

RWD Kalaniakeas Kobe Bryant, CD RN (Kupau)
WB, BOW, BOS Larwenz Who's The Boss (Larsen)
RWB Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)

Aloha State Sporting Association

January 28, 2006

WB Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)
BOS Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
RWB Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)

Obedience

Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, RN 1st Place, 196.5 (Kupau)

Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii

January 29, 2006

RWD Sandollar's Seaside Treasure (Saunders)
WB, BOW, BOS Shardust La Femme Nikita (Ketcham)
New Champion! Congrats!
RWB Joylet's Here Comes The Bride, CD (Thom)
BV Ch Laurell Sunbeam Bluechipstock (Farmer)

Obedience

Novice A Banbury O'Harah Of Moorfield, 1st Place, 186 (Germann)

Rally

Adv. B Ulalenaikeahiahi O Haiku, CD, RN, 4th Place, 96 (Chang)



Two firsts: Barbara Germann's girl Harah (Banbury O'Harah Of Moorfield) got her 1st leg under 1st-time judge Moke Strassberg.

Orchid Isle Dog Fancier Club

February 18, 2006

WD Foxboro's Mason Of Fire (Kupau)
WB, BOW, BOS Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)
RWB Montego Island Dream (Doughty)

Orchid Isle Dog Fancier Club

February 19, 2006

WD Foxboro's Mason Of Fire (Kupau)
WB, BOW, BOS Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)
RWB Montego Island Dream (Doughty)

Orchid Isle Dog Fancier Club

February 20, 2006

WD Foxboro's Mason Of Fire (Kupau)
WB, BOW Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)
RWB Montego Island Dream (Doughty)

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

February 26, 2006

Novice A Banbury Of O'Harah Of Moorfield, 1st Place, 187.5 (Germann)
Novice B Graceken Blitz'n All The Way, CD, 1st Place, 196 (Ketcham) **HIT**
Open B OTCH Kalaniakeas Hit Da Road Jack, UDX, RN, 2nd Place, 194 (Kupau)

Hawaiian Kennel Club

March 4, 2006

WD, BOW Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
WB, BOW Sandollars Charm'n Cheyenne (Saunders)
RWB Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)
BOS Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
BOB, GR. 3 Ch Larwenz One Of The Boys (Brask & Larsen)

Hawaiian Kennel Club

March 5, 2006

WD, BOW Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
RWD Foxboro's Mason Of Fire (Kupau)
WB Kalaniakeas Happy Camper (Kupau & Adachi)
RWB Sandollars Charm'n Cheyenne (Saunders)
BOW Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)



Peggy's Nikki (Ch Shardust La Femme Nikita) finally got her Championship. Shown by David Hoota and Mark Taniguchi.

Xmas Party

Our 2005 Xmas party was quite a success, everyone had a blast and we had lots of space in which to spread out. **Linda Jenks** opened her home in Enchanted Lakes to all of us and **Peggy Ketcham** traveled from Kapolei for a few days to do all the decorating. Linda's home is right on the lake so a lot of people found that getting there before sunset made for a wonderful view across the lake and up to the mountains.

As for the food, it was the usual. Everything was fantastic. People have such a wonderful variety of dishes that they make and it causes a lot of confusion for people like me who want to eat every one of them but can't.

We waited until **Jody Gilbert** was, ahem, feeling good and planted a bug in her ear about using her house next year. Jody also lives on the lake. But we're not sure if she remembered the next day. But she had a good time along with everyone else. Take a look at some of the photos and, if you couldn't make it to this one, try to make it next year. We had a blast!



Cheryl and Nicole Paiva at Xmas party.

And for her next act:



Barbara's Harah got her 2nd leg at OTCH in February. Just in: She got her CD At LTCH March 26th with a 196.5.

If I Did Not Have Dogs

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of dog hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a 100 dog kennel.

When someone knocks, I could get to the door without wading through dog bodies that beat me there.

I could sit on the couch the way I wanted to without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree (like dog bones, stuffed animals) or have to answer to people why I wrap them.

I would not be on a first name basis with three vets.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: "out", "sit", "down", "come", "no", "stay", and "leave him/her/it alone."

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, dog treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to spell the words: ball, Frisbee, walk, or cookies.

I would not have as many leaves inside my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think that their one dog ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the melting of the snow, instead of dreading the "mud season."

I would not have to answer the question, "Why do I have so many dogs?" from people who will never have the joy in their life of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to an angel as they will ever get.

It's been said...

"...none are as fiercely loyal as dog people. In return, no doubt, from 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