



TOONIE TAILS

KSSC Bimonthly Newsletter - May 31, 2018

KSSC is Affiliated with AKC and American Shetland Sheepdog Association

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President: Jen McMakin
Vice President: Alice Boyer
Secretary: Mary Larmee
Treasurer: Mary Jane O'Regan

Board at Large 2017-18

Madelene Naegele
Jane McCabe
Dianne O'Regan

Next Meeting

**Sunday, June 10
2:00 p.m. (picnic)**

3008 Pelham Ct.
J'Town 40299
Phone 267-6047

[Directions on Google Maps](#)

Messages from the President:

• Thinking about our next meeting date. Normally we would meet again in August. However, that is a very busy month for members with shows, trials and folks being out of town. **Could Sunday, July 22 work for you?** Jane and Jim McCabe will host us at their home. And as part of our



Can you name these Shelties, their owners and identify the activity?

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Our Website Needs Your Help!

The KSSC's Assistant Webmaster makes a plea for your assistance.

continuing education, Jane will make a presentation on canine epilepsy. Please bring your calendar to the June meeting, ready to set a date.

• April 1st was the date for membership dues. Have you paid for this year? Please mail to our Treasurer, Mary Jane O'Regan, 4808 Ulrich Rd, Louisville, KY 40299. Contact Mary Jane if you have questions.

• Coming to the picnic? All you need to **bring is a favorite dish**. Please call Alice Boyer (502-777-1739) to tell her what you are bringing.

MemberSpotlight: Meet Mac and Bill

Bill Sharp talks Sheltie as Companion

There's no question about it - Bill Sharp is a Sheltie man. No dog shows, agility trials, or rallies for him and his 2 year old boy, Mac. Rather, it's all about sheltie as companion - or in his words, "strictly as a pet and friend."

Past pets included Beagles, All - American dogs, cats, and birds; but for the past 30 plus+ years it's all shelties. When asked how he first got involved with Shelties, he told this story:

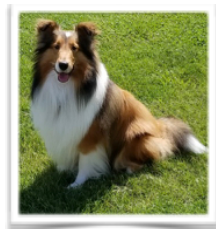


I was at a club (not dog) meeting, but we were talking dogs. I mentioned that when I was young I cut grass and a customers had the most beautiful dog I had ever seen in my life - a miniature collie. I got quickly put in my place by a sheltie breeder (not part of KSSC), who said that there was no such breed. It was a Sheltie I had seen. She had one waiting for a permanent home and I should come and meet it. I went; looked; and fell in love.

That dog was Cloudy who lived with and loved him for 13 years. Followed by Mac (The First) for another 13 years. Life circumstances dictated no dogs for sometime, but then almost two years ago he got Mac who celebrated his second birthday on May 21st while Bill celebrated his most recent on June 1. (TT forgot to ask about parties.)

Bill says, "Shelties are the smartest animal walking the earth. I swear they can practically read your mind." If you'd like to hear a story that illustrates his point, just ask Bill about Mac and Pappa's nap.

The guys live happily in Fern Creek. Bill is retired as the Engineering Supervisor for the U of L Kidney



Disease Program, while Mac still has a full time job - being the best companion anyone could have. Bill says, "I enjoy my life!"

April Minutes

Kentuckiana Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. Minutes – Saturday, April 14, 2018

The meeting of the Kentuckiana Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. was called to order by President Jen McMakin on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 2:05 p.m. at the Fern Creek Library in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Minutes/Treasurer's Reports

Minutes from the last meeting were published in Toonie Tails.

Treasurer Mary Jane O'Regan noted that dues were due by April 1. Single dues are \$15; family dues are \$20. Jen asked Mary Jane to send her a list of those who had not paid their dues as of today's date. We are still awaiting our incentive monies for supported entries from the Louisville Kennel Club and the Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club. We have already received our incentive check from the Evansville Kennel Club.

2018 Kentuckiana Cluster Report

Show Chair Dianne O'Regan reported that our specialties were very successful at the Kentuckiana Cluster of Dog Shows. Both of our judges – Amy Zoss-Massey and Glen Stark – arrived in Louisville on Thursday evening, and a handful of members took them to dinner at the restaurant at the Four Points Sheraton (the host hotel). On Friday evening, members took Glen to dinner at the Blue Horse Café at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Amy was driving back to her home in Des Moines and was unable to join in). Our judges were both highly professional and kind to exhibitors and stewards alike. Thanks to Kerry Begley for ring stewarding and Mary Jane O'Regan as Trophy Chair, as well as all members who donated trophies.

As noted in the Treasurer's report, our club supported the entry at each of the all-breed shows at the Kentuckiana Cluster with a Best of Breed trophy. We will receive \$2.50/dog from the all-breed clubs.

2019/2020 Specialty Shows

Telephone contact has been made with the judges for our 2019 panels – Lisa and Lloyd Graser (who reside in Eastern Tennessee); we are awaiting their signed contracts (and pending AKC approval). Lisa and Lloyd judge multiple breeds, and we have asked both the Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club and Evansville Kennel Club to share them with us.

Hector & Meredith Hector (of Davie, Florida) will judge our 2020 specialty shows, pending AKC approval (Hector judged for us several years ago, as well as also judging at the 2018 ASSA National, and Meredith is the daughter of longtime handler Julie Desy)

OLD BUSINESS

Election of 2018-2019 KSSC Officers & At-Large Board of Directors:

The following slate was presented for a vote:

President: Jen McMakin
Vice-President: Alice Boyer
Treasurer: Mary Jane O'Regan
Secretary: Mary Larmee

At-Large Board Members:

Madeline Naegele Jane McCabe Dianne O'Regan
Secret ballots were cast, with a unanimous result. Congratulations!
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Supported Entries at the Bluegrass Classic Cluster

Jen McMakin reported on the supported entry trophies being offered for the Bluegrass Classic Cluster to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington over Labor Day weekend. Individual club members will be donating trophies – their names will be listed along with the “Kentuckiana Shetland Sheepdog Club” as supporting the entry on each of the all-breed show days. In return, our club will get \$3/dog for each Sheltie entered.

Concerns were expressed that this policy was not taken before the club (rather, requests for donations were sent via email). The purpose of donating trophies – and supporting the entry – is meant to “increase the entry” of Shelties at each of these all-breed shows. However, it was noted that trophies don’t get people to enter, that the judges (and location of the shows) do. When we first supported the entry at these shows last year, we did not see a noticeable increase. Also, what is the minimum cost of a Best of Breed trophy? At present, the Kentuckiana Cluster requires a “value” of \$25 or more (although our club purchases them for less, even though the value meets this requirement). It was requested that we revisit this policy before the 2019 shows.

Advertising

We have received a donation of \$45 for our club to place an ad in the Bluegrass Classic Cluster’s catalog. This will allow us to have a ¼ page ad. MOTION by Dianne O’Regan and seconded by Barbara Boylan to create an ad for the Bluegrass Classic catalog. Linda Carden was asked to create the ad and email it to the club members for approval prior to submission. It was noted that we are a member club of ASSA and the American Kennel Club. Also, language should be included that we are “inviting, promoting, and supporting all who LOVE Shelties,” along with our club’s logo. MOTION carried.

Additional mention was made about advertising in the ASSA Bulletin Board, as well as Shelties on Line and at GLTC/Agility events. Jen will check into the cost, and report at the next meeting.

“If I Ran the Dog Show”

Mary Jane still had copies of the Dr. Seuss-style book entitled, “If I Ran the Dog Show.” To date, these books – along with a nameplate containing our club’s name and information – have been donated to the Fern Creek and Jeffersontown libraries. Since we received more books than we originally ordered, we can have a greater outreach by donating them to more libraries in the Louisville community.

NEW BUSINESS

“Bark in the Park”

Barbara Boylan reported that this event will be held on Saturday, September 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Seneca Park. She will set up a table/pop up tent with educational materials and information on our club. A sign-up sheet for workers will be made available at the picnic.

A suggestion was made about fundraising at “Bark in the Park” and the Bluegrass Classic. Linda offered to research prices of mugs/t-shirts with our club’s logo.

Seminar Locations

Discussion was held on other places besides the libraries to hold meetings/seminars. “Qs for You” charges \$20/hour to rent an area. Is there a possibility that we can get Letha Cupp to come and show us basic doggie massage techniques (and that we can bring our Shelties with us)?

Sheltie Calendars

It’s time to order Sheltie calendars for next year. We will place a minimum order for ten calendars (with free shipping). Jane and Jim McCabe will be responsible for taking payments and distributing the calendars.

Newsletter Kudos

A BIG THANK YOU to Linda Carden for the magnificent job that she did on the last newsletter. Bravo!!!

KSSC Picnic

Our club picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10 at 2 p.m. at the home of Linda Carden in Jeffersontown. More information will follow. Please bring a dish to share.

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BRAGS & CRIES

Barbara Boylan bragged that she has a new puppy – a bi-blue bitch who is five months old. Her registered name is “Dante’s Tell Tale Heart” and her call name is “Charade.”

Mary Larmee bragged that “J.W.” (“Raisin True Grit”) was shown at the Kentuckiana Cluster’s “B” Match on March 15, 2018 and not only took Best of Breed, but also took Herding Group II under the able guidance of Jennie Lamb. It was his very first time in a ring and on the table!

Madelene Naegele bragged that “Dovey” (“Bridgeway Beloved Desert Dove”) recently got her CATCH 3 (CPE) title at Flying Feet, and a Master Standard Preferred title at the Pomeranian National All-Breed Agility Trials.

Brenda Wilson reported that “Memphis” received her CATCH 3 (CPE) title at Flying Feet on April 13. Brenda also asked for our prayers for “Belle” – she is taking her to Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners to check on her eyesight (she is experiencing early takeoff syndrome in Agility).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. A brief meeting will be held at the club’s picnic on Sunday, June 10 at the home of Linda Carden.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne O’Regan, Secretary
Kentuckiana Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

June Meeting Agenda

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- Picnic - Let’s Eat First!
- Update on KSSC Web Site
- View Some Pretty Trophies for the Lexington Show (Thank you, Pam Karcher, for saving club shipping cost)
- Calendar Items (including next meeting)
- Brags & Cries

A Plea from KSSC’s Assistant Webmaster

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Attention all KSSC dogs. I need your help! I am trying my best to get Mom through the initial creation of KSSC’s Website, but it is tough going. She keeps complaining that there just aren’t enough pictures to make the site pretty and interesting to readers. I told her she could put my picture up on every page if it was pretty she wanted, but she just muttered something about variety, equity, and fairness. She is not going to make her goal of being up by the end of this month if everybody doesn’t pitch in. And, yes, Brenda and Mike, Mamma Jen, and my grandmom, Jane, have all sent in a few. Oh, and Ms. Madelene came by the house one day and mom scanned some really cool ones from her while I got pats. But more, lots, lots more are needed. Here’s what I want you to do:

Channel your inner herding dog and move your people over to their phones, scrapbooks, commuters or wherever it is that they keep your pictures or those of the Shelties who came before you. Even give them a Sheltie poke if you need to get them moving. Barks are certainly OK, too. Be convincing! Don’t take NO for an answer! I want that Website up and going so I can have Mom out from behind that desk and back to playing with me! I’m counting on you guys and I thank you for your help.

Your Pal,
Lincoln M. Carden

P.S. If your folks have forgotten, here are the kind of things she is looking for:

From the Webmaster (Lincoln's Mom)

Here are the types of pictures we need:

- You and/or your dog at a **conformation** show
- You and/or your dog at an **agility** trial, class, or practice
- You and/or your dog at a **rally** trial, class, or practice
- You and/or your dog at **pet therapy** session
- You and/or your dog on a walk in the neighborhood, riding in the car, asleep on the couch, snuggling with the children/grandkids, or in any way looking cute, adorable, mischievous, darling, or daring in any activity of being a **companion pet**

Don't worry about the photo needing editing or such, we will take care of that when we post it to the site. Pictures may be of any dog that you now or have ever owned. You can't send too many. I need a large selection from many club members to represent us well. If your picture(s) are not used immediately, they will be kept and used as we periodically refresh and update our site.

There are 4 ways to get the pictures to me:

1. **Upload the file(s).** You can do this on your computer or mobile smartphone.

Click this link: <http://kssc.iglouhost.com/uploadphoto>

It takes you to a site that only those people I give the link to can use (so don't share it with others!). There is a form. Fill it out with name, email, brief description of your picture. Under File Upload Click on **Choose File** to locate the picture on your computer or phone, and then click **Submit**.

2. **Send me an email with your picture attached.** Make sure you include a brief description of the photo. When? Who? Dog Name? Activity? , etc. You can usually get at least two pictures in an email and still have them go through. Multiple e-mails are fine.

3. **Send an e-mail and ask me to contact you to figure out another way,** because you just don't do all this technical stuff, but you do have pictures to share. We'll call and figure out a way to make it happen - we even make house calls.

4. **Bring them to the picnic.** We'll have a scanning station set-up.

So, to recap friends. **You** need to send me lots and lots of pictures to make our Website beautiful, interesting and engaging for our readers. Please, don't hesitate e-mail (lindacarden@mac.com) or phone (267-6047) if you have questions or concerns.

Answers to Who's Who from Page 1:

1. Mac - Bill Sharp - Companion - Bill said, "Geeeee I made the mistake of telling Mac I put the video of him chasing the rabbit on FB. Now he's walking around like a film star and won't give me my chair back."
2. Misty - Jen McMakin - Conformation Winner 2014
3. Belle - Brenda Wilson and Mike and Mike Schupp - Agility Class at Competitive Edge
4. Diamond - Madelene Nagele - Agility Trial
5. Lincoln - Linda Carden - Pet Therapy (Read With Lincoln) Roosevelt-Perry Elem. School
6. Eclipse - Barbara Bolyn - Rally Class - Competitive Edge

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