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Membership Meeting

February 22, 2003

Silver Bay Kennel Club Dog Show

Del Mar Fairgrounds

Approximately 1/2 hour after Dalmatian judging (probably near the ring outside the building)

Check on the internet www.jbradshaw.com about 2/17 for actual judging time.

We have many events coming up this year and want everyone to participate in them in whatever way they can.

Horse Trial Workshop 2/15/03

Canyonside Stables

(See Page 3 for details)

Murder/Mystery Dinner 3/16/03

(At the Goddard's in the evening)

Gilbert's K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar

7/12 and 7/13

(see insert for details)

Fourth Specialty October 2003

(date pending AKC approval)

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NEWS BRIEFS



The Editor is in the process of creating a yearly calendar for the Club of activities that need to be attended to on an annual basis. This will help us not pass up deadlines for assigning committees and mailing out reminder notices. Because dues notices were not sent out this past year, each member has until February 1st to renew their membership. Please contact Kathy Martin.

A Committee of Randy and Sharon Thomsen has been formed to pour over the constitution and bylaws and standing rules to see if any changes need to be made. If you have any suggestions, please contact either one of them at rashardal@cox.net or randythomsen@cox.net. The changes will be presented to the Board and then to the general membership for approval.



"Bills travel through the mail twice the speed of checks."
"No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes."
"If you are too open minded, your brains will fall out."



A Challenge Trophy has been offered by Nancy Dandrea to be offered for the first time this next Specialty. If you wish to start a challenge trophy, please contact the board for approval.



Be sure to attend the "road trial" seminar on 2/15 at Canyonside Stables.

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

PRESENTS

THEIR FIRST ANNUAL ROAD TRIAL WORKSHOP

DATE : **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**

TIME: **10:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM**

LOCATION: **CANYONSIDE STABLES**
12115 Black Mountain Rd.
San Diego, Calif.

This will be a "hands on" workshop that includes the following:

* Comprehensive Training Manual
* Current Set of DCA Roadtrial Rules
* Training on a Horse
* Training on a Cart
* Training on a Mountain Bike
* Training on the Different Types of Equipment
* Western vs. English
* Endurance Training
* Chuck Wagon Style Lunch

ALL HORSES, CART, BIKES, EQUIPMENT, SADDLES AND TACK WILL BE PROVIDED. YOUR DOG AND CRATE ARE WELCOMED. A TRAINED "RD" TITLED DOG WILL BE AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, IN CASE YOU THINK YOUR POOCH MIGHT BE EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN WITH YOU.

For more information please contact:

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING - December 4, 2002

Board members absent were Tony Wood and Kathy Martin.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Randy Thomsen at 6:55pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Treasurer's Report was not given due to absence.

Corresponding secretary reported that Michelle Hartwick had returned her judging contract for the 2003 specialty. Also a letter requesting donations was received by Arson Dogs from Los Angeles.

Committee reports:

Newsletter was mailed to all members reminding them of upcoming events.

Road Trial Demonstration seminar is set for 2/15/03. Venue not totally tied down. Terri Bailey will order $258.60 worth of T-shirts for the event.

2003 Specialty is still up in air. Combined Bradshaw catalog for all the specialties is being worked on. Hopefully this situation with date and AKC will be resolved soon.

Meet The Breed, sponsored by Silver Bay Kennel Club was brought up by Nancy Dandrea to see if we would be interested in participating. She'll find out more information.

March 16th is set for the Murder/Mystery dinner at the Goddards. More information to follow.

Holiday party will be held 12/28 at the Davis' beginning at 10:30am.Potluck and cutthroat gift exchange.

Adjourned at 8:04 pm. Next meeting 1/8/03. Place to be decided.

General Meeting - 12/28/02

Guests Elaine Davis, Jim Fiewell, Boyd Goddard, Dale Mauser, Pam Shank. 13 members present.

Meeting was called to order by President Tony Wood at 1:20pm at the Davis' during the Holiday celebration party.

Minutes of the previous general meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer report not given due to absence of treasurer.

Corresponding Secretary indicated there was no correspondence.

Unfinished business. . .

Tony Wood gave a presidents report and thanked the members of the club for their support during the past year.

Specialty report included the tentative date change from November to October. Looks like Bradshaw will super all the specialties.

Road Trial Seminar in February is still being worked on. More to follow.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

Plans for the Gilbert Structure and Movement Seminar are proceeding on course.
"Meet the Breed" booth at Silver Bay show. Will discuss if they contact us.
Mystery/Murder dinner at the Goddards' is still set for 3/16/03.
New Business. . .
Election of Directors for 2003 was held. Nancy Dandrea was nominated from the floor to add to the others on the ballot. Nancy Dandrea and Kathy Martin were elected to the 2004 terms.
Pam Shanks was voted into membership.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:06pm.

Following the General Meeting the new Board met and selected the following for 2003:
President, Chuck Davis
Vice President, Teresa Bailey
Recording Secretary, Mary Bennett
Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Dandrea
Treasurer, Kathy Martin
Board Member, Randy Thomsen & Specialty Chairperson

Board Meeting - January 8, 2003
There were no absences. Guests were James Ryan, Sharon Thomsen, Heidi Hampson.
Meeting called to order by President Chuck Davis at 7:34 pm.
Previous meeting minutes were approved as read.
Treasurer's report was given.
Corresponding Secretary indicated we received a call from our conformation judge. His wife would be interested in judging sweepstakes if we needed her.
Specialty may have to be moved to the first weekend in October. Will notify judges of possible change
Road Trial Seminar is set for Black Mountain Stables 2/15/03. Flyers out this next week. T-shirts are being ordered.
Gilbert's K-9 Structure and Movement seminar. Terri Bailey will place information on website Roaddogrules.com (a new .com for roadtrial people). Notice will be placed on showdals as well.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
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New Business. . .
Treasurer will prepare a year end financial statement. Will contact an auditor to audit the books.
The Treasurer will prepare a 2003 budget by next board meeting.
Constitution and Bylaws - Standing rules need to be updates. A committee of the Thomsens' will go over the constitution and bylaws for updates to be presented to the board.
Current website was discussed. We need to do something about our website.
Next board meeting will be 2/5/03 at El Torritos in Mira Mesa. Meeting time changed to 7pm.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.



Contact Kathy Martin if you are not sure you have paid your dues. This will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed your dues.

Trophy Donations

Will be accepted by the Specialty committee for the upcoming specialty. Please contact Randy Thomsen to see what is available. Also, the Specialty needs all the help it can get from the membership. Please think of what you could do, or ask someone, and plan to participate.

Watch Your Language

IT'S OFTEN SAID that people don't think when they speak. A thoughtless comment during conversation can cause anything from a shoulder shrug to a full-scale war. When communicating with dogs, speaking without thinking can confuse a dog and could cost a win. Do dogs understand us? Not counting the times that selective hearing comes into play, a dog's ability to assimilate vocabulary is amazing. Some even spell! For example, when an owner doesn't want to go O-U-T at a particular time but needs to use the word "out", such as "Did you take the trash out?" Dog knows and owner walks.

Many people just yak at their dogs. Hey, who doesn't want a captive audience loving the attention of our voices? I also notice an increase in talking to dogs in the conformation ring. Nerves can cause a verbal outpour diluting or negating the effects of ring training. I witnessed a classic example at my national specialty. A woman made the first cut in Best of Breed and immediately started a mantra of "Stand, stand, stand, stand" to her dog who honest to God, was already standing. Finally the dog sat, and with his big Bouvier paw smacked the woman on the leg. He got her attention, but unfortunately the exhibitor didn't get this message. She resumed chanting "Stand" and the dog stood with a bored expression. He occasionally sat just to give credence to his owner's words. I know she was nervous, but that bored dog did not gain any further consideration from the judge. Instead of trying to hypnotize him into a stand, she could have praised him. Praise for his appropriate behavior would have given the dog a pleasing expression, reinforced his stand, and possibly won the judge's attention.

Praise is powerful, but must be well placed. I was showing a young bitch who needed more ring experience and was not solid on examination. My constant assurances that she was a good girl certainly won us the judge's attention. This judge informed me that if I told her that she was good one more time as she jumped around like a hydraulic jack, I would be asked to leave the ring. The judge was right. Only nerves would make me praise her for doing the exact opposite of what I wanted her to do. This judge made me very aware of how we defeat ourselves with our nervous expressions.

We do the same thing when we correct a barking dog with, "What are you barking about? Stop that barking right now! I don't see anything to bark about" and on and on. The dog stands there wagging his tail congratulating himself for winning your attention. Meanwhile, a quiet dog is never praised for behaving. We take good behavior for granted.

Another common mistake is the pep talk while gaiting. Why is anyone surprised when the dog jumps all over the place in response to the giddy up, excited tone of voice? It's fine to praise the dog and talk to him, but you need to find the right tone to make him look happy as he moves with you. If the dog over reacts to that tone, things can get out of control.

Only a real novice mixes commands, a common example being "sit down." Everyone with five minutes' experience in dogs knows that "sit" and "down" are separate commands. But experienced exhibitors have been heard to admonish a dog to "Come on, stand," in an effort to gain the dog's cooperation. "Come on" is a common expression used to mean wither "let's move ahead" or "get with the program." What surprise when the dog responds to the "come" command, ignores the "Stand" command and moves out of the stack. My, oh my, they are trained. Do not mix movement language when you really want the dog to remain static. No matter how nervous you are, you wouldn't tell a dog to stand as you trot around the ring. But then again, maybe someone would!

So watch your language please. An ill chosen word could cost you the points.

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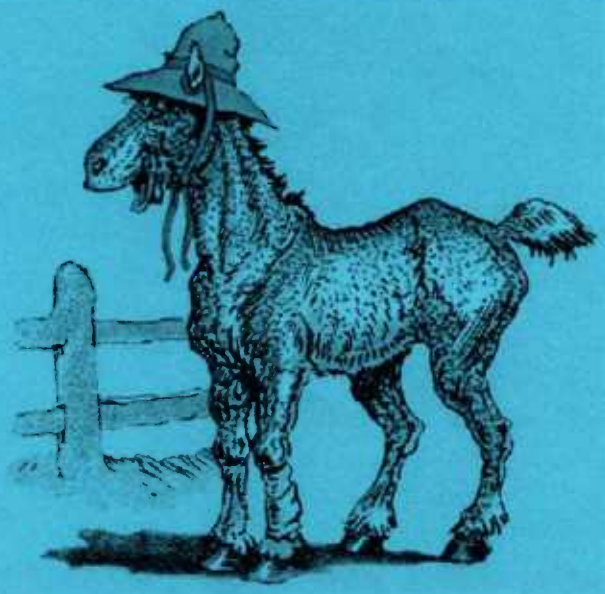
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ROAD TRIAL WORKSHOP

RESCHEDULED 4/12/03 (pending)

Canyonside Stables

This is a hands on workshop for those interested in road trials or just to see if your dog would be interested in this type of performance event. We encourage all our members to attend and bring friends. Contact Terri Bailey for fee information and times, or email her at spotsafire@aol.com

Gilbert's K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar

7/12 and 7/13, 2003 (see page 3)

Fourth Specialty November 7, 2003

Firm date with Country Club Classic

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NEWS BRIEFS



Here is a list of those that did not renew their memberships. If you know these persons and think they just might have overlooked their notices, please let them know they will need to apply again and pay the $5 initiation fee as well as the $15 membership dues for 2003. They are: John Maness, Mona Meddock, Keith Roberts, Tom and Michelle Smith, Mary Widder.

A Committee of Randy and Sharon Thomsen has been formed to pour over the constitution and bylaws and standing rules to see if any changes need to be made. Changes have been presented to the board and appear on page 4. They will be voted on at the May General Membership Meeting.



"Who Murdered The Judge"

at the West-Member Kennel Club Dog Show on March 15, 2003 A new nationally renowned televised dog show has taken place in California. The Hollywood types were more competitive than ever. The awards banquet dinner brought the tension to a peak where all the winners AND losers are gathered.

Be sure and give generously to the show trophy fund. The trophies that Chuck Davis gets for our club are very elegant and a lot of good comments have been received about them. Contact Debbie Goddard for award information. Be sure to volunteer to help at the Specialty.





Be sure to attend the "road trial" seminar on 4/12 at Canyonside Stables.

The Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
Is proud to present a full two day seminar for the serious dog fancier

Ed and Pat Gilbert
K-9 Structure & Movement

July 12 & 13, 2003
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, Lakeside Ca.

Day One (without dogs)
Science vs. Myth, and Old Wives Tales
Muscles, Ligaments, Tendons, Joints/Levers
Hindquarters and Feet
Forequarters
The Head
Posed Examination
Front and Rear Acting Together

Day Two (with dogs)
Fundamentals of Evaluating Dogs
Principles for Evaluating Dog Gaits
Evaluation of 10 Dogs

LISTEN, QUESTION, LEARN AND BE CHALLENGED!

Seminar Fee: $125 per person, includes lunch and snacks both days
Space is limited, so register early!
NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 20, 2003
For more information: Deborah Jones (760) 746-9074 or E-mail at DJDal@aol.com
(see other side for more details)

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I (we) agree to hold the Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc., The Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, and Ed and Pat Gilbert free of any liability for damages or injuries to myself or my dog resulting from my (our) attendance at this seminar. I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any claim for damage or injury to myself, my dog or the facility.

Signature_____

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02/07/03

To: All AKC Show Giving Clubs
All AKC Annually Licensed Superintendents

Subject: Bred-by-Exhibitor (BBE) Class clarification

Due to a rule change voted on by the Delegate Body of the AKC, the requirements for the Bred by Exhibitor class changed in September 2002.

To ensure that the changes are communicated to ALL EXHIBITORS, we need your help. We request the following supplemental note be included in all premium lists for the remainder of the 2003 shows.

Bred-by-Exhibitor (BBE) Class eligibility

- All dogs entered in the Bred-By Class must be **individually registered** with the AKC.
- The person handling the dog must be a breeder of record of the dog and an owner of record of the dog.
- To exhibit in this class, family members must be a breeder and owner of record.

We would also welcome a posting on your website that includes a link too more detailed information on the AKC website
http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=1519&archive=yes



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
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Specialty report. Date is firm for 11/7/03 at the Polo Grounds. Ann Schurstein will be invited to the next board meeting to sign a contract. Chuck reminded members to provide a list of judges they would like approached for the 2004 Specialty. Give to any board member.
Website update. . .Chuck asked about this issue. It has not been worked on for some time.
Membership application for Carrie Adsit was presented and a unanimous vote for membership.
Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.
Board Meeting March 5, 2003
The meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Davis at 7:08 pm. Terri Bailey was absent.
Guests, Heidi Hampson, Debbie Jones, Ann Schurstein, Stan Schurstein, Sharon Thomsen.
Previous meeting minutes of 2/5/03 were approved as read.
Corresponding Secretary. . .no report
Treasurer's report was received. Copies of the proposed 2003 budget were handed out. All members with dues outstanding will be removed from the list. Club will pick up the cost of the dinner for the Schurstein's.
Dot to Dot. . .Chuck noticed that the volume numbers are out of sequence. Sharon will check on that. She will also put a new membership list in the next Dot to Dot.
Road Trial Workshop will be on 4/12. Money has already been collected for the T-shirts that Terri Bailey and James Ryan were working on. Judge for road trial in November has been difficult to contact. If not contacted soon, will have to forgo the road trial this year.
Movement seminar. . .flyers are out and are generating a lot of calls and e-mails.
Unfinished business. . .Specialty news, Ann Schurstein will be the show secretary. Sharon Thomsen will handle the contact between the club and the secretary. Chuck Davis suggested a List of Past Winners page be added to the catalog. Nancy Dandrea suggested we advertise our next specialty in the Las Vegas and Northern California catalog. She will take care of it.
New business. . .Nancy Dandrea report on an exhibit on Dogs will be opening at the Natural History Museum in San Diego. Talked about making it a club event for March 30, 2003. Group rate is $6.00 per person..
_ adjourned at 8:43 pm.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting February 5, 2003

All board members present. Guests, Debbie Jones, Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood, Sharon Thomsen and James Ryan.

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Davis at 7:15pm at El Torritos in Mira Mesa.

Meeting Minutes of 1/8/03 were approved as amended: "under new business the word approve was changed to audit."

Corresponding Secretary had no report.

Treasurers Report was given. Treasurer need more time to get the proposed budget for 2003. New auditor will be selected. We need to drop those members who have not paid their dues. A new membership list will be generated.

SPECIALTY. . .we now have a firm date of 11/7/03 for our specialty Next year (2004) we will probably move to October. Discussion to have a new super/secretary followed. Show Chair will contact Ann Schurstein. Permit process was discussed for the Road Trial to be held on Sunday of the Specialty weekend. We need to get our application to AKC immediately. We will order more catalogs (65-70), as we ran out last year.

Sharon Thomsen and Randy Thomsen presented the standing rules proposed changes to #7, 8, 17 to combine. Rule 4 would be changed to "audit to be done at earliest convenience."

Unfinished business. . .Meet the Breed at Silver Bay KC show will be delayed until next year. We will follow up on what it takes to participate in this activity.

New Business. . .The regional report was read by Sharon Thomsen. It has been submitted to the Spotter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

General Meeting - February 22, 2003

Called to order after Dalmatian judging at 11:22am near the ring at Silver Bay Kennel Club Show.

President, Chuck Davis presiding.

Minutes of the 12/28/02 general meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was gathered from the previous board meeting. Treasurer was absent.

Guests were introduced.

Unfinished business. . .Road Trial Seminar was rained out. New dates to consider are 3/20, 4/12, 4/19 or 6/14. The consensus was 4/12. Movement seminar has had a lot of response. Too early to receive reservations (although 1 is received). Murder/Mystery Dinner on 3/15/03 at the Goddards. Three of our members have birthdays that week as well.

San Diego Natural History Museum
Dogs

The Club is planning an educational outing to the San Diego Natural History Museum

on

Sunday 3/30/03

9:30 - 4:30 (hours exhibit is open)

We plan to go at 9:30am to see the 40 minute film on Wolves at 10:00am

It is $6.00 per person

Please contact Nancy Dandrea to sign up 619/475-3947 or Starcoachdals@aol.com



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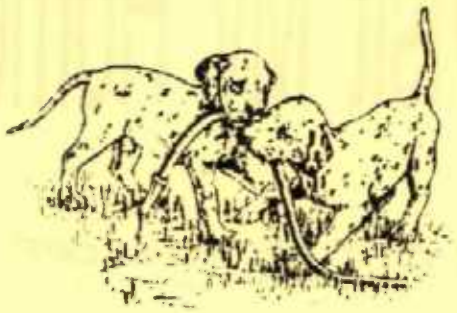
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 17TH
AFTER DALMATIAN JUDGING

(Check Jack Bradshaw website for time of judging)

AT THE

THOMSEN MOTORHOME

VOTING ON THE CHANGES IN THE STANDING RULES

THE BOARD IS SEEKING SUGGESTIONS FOR JUDGES FOR THE 2004 SPECIALTY

WE NEED

CONFORMATION

SWEEPSTAKES

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

REMEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

ED & PAT GILBERT K-9 STRUCTURE & MOVEMENT SEMINAR

JULY 12 & 13, 2003

4TH SPECIALTY NOVEMBER 7, 2003

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP

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Notice To People Who Visit My Home

THE DOGS LIVE HERE. . .YOU DON'T.

IF YOU DON'T WANT DOG HAIR ON YOUR CLOTHES, STAY OFF THE FURNITURE.

YES, THEY HAVE SOME DISGUSTING HABITS. SO DO I AND SO DO YOU. WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

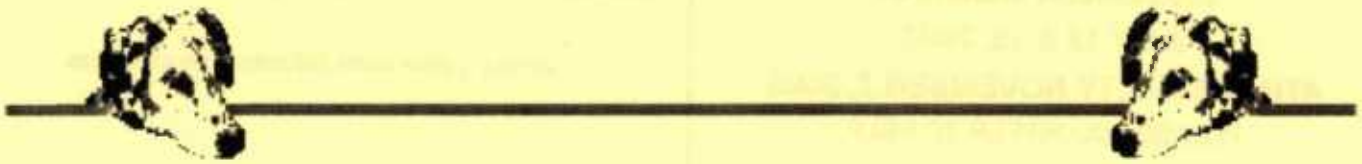
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IT'S THEIR NATURE TO TRY TO SNIFF YOUR CROTCH. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SNIFF THEIRS.

I LIKE THEM A LOT BETTER THAN MOST PEOPLE.

TO YOU THEY ARE DOGS. TO ME THEY ARE ADOPTED CHILDREN WHO ARE SHORT, HAIRY, WALK ON ALL FOURS AND DON'T SPEAK CLEARLY. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THESE THINGS.

DOGS ARE BETTER THAN KIDS. THEY EAT LESS, DON'T ASK FOR MONEY ALL THE TIME, ARE EASIER TO TRAIN, USUALLY COME WHEN CALLED, NEVER DRIVE YOUR CAR, DON'T HANG OUT WITH DRUG-USING FRIENDS, DON'T SMOKE OR DRINK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHETHER THEY HAVE THE LATEST FASHIONS, DON'T WEAR YOUR CLOTHES, DON'T NEED A GAZILLION DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE, AND IF THEY GET PREGNANT YOU CAN SELL THE PUPS. THE SAME APPLIES FOR THE CATS, EXCEPT THEY WILL IGNORE YOU. . .UNTIL YOU ARE ASLEEP.





MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2003

All board members were present. Guests included Debbi Jones, Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood, Sharon Thomsen and James Ryan.

The meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Davis at 7:15PM.

Previous board meeting minutes of 1/8/03 were read and minor changes were recorded.

Corresponding Secretary had not report.

Treasurer report was given and accepted. Dues of persons who are late were mentioned and a new roster will be developed, excluding those who have not paid. A new auditor will be selected to audit the books for 2002.

Specialty - Chairperson Randy Thomsen indicated we now have a firm November 7, 2003 date. Next year may be moved to October. Show chairperson will contact Ann Schurstein to see if she would be interested in supering our show. Permit process for the Road Trial was discussed. Road Trial judge will be contacted. Catalogs were discussed as last year we ran out. It was decided to order between 65-70 catalogs this year.

Committee for Review of the By-Laws and Standing Rules reported and the new revisions were read. Will be put in Dot to Dot for the members. Voting will be at the May general meeting.

New business - none

Unfinished business - Discussion of presenting Dalmatian information to the public at the Silver Bay Show "Meet the Breed" event. It was decided it's too short notice, perhaps next year.

The DCA regional report was read by our representative Sharon Thomsen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. Next meeting March 5, 2003 at El Toritos in Mira Mesa.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTE - FEBRUARY 22, 2003

The meeting was called to order after Dalmatian judging at 11:22 am by president Chuck Davis.

Minutes of the December 28, 2003 meeting were read and approved.

No Treasurer's Report due to absence of Treasurer. Figures from the February 5, 2003 board meeting were presented.

Guests were introduced: Jessica Vaughn, Suzie Wahl, Pat Wagner, Eric & Michelle Paterson, Cynthia & Richard Horvath, Carrie and Bill Adsit.

On-going business. . .ROAD TRIAL SEMINAR Discussion of alternate dates since the original date was canceled due to extremely heavy rains. April would be best. More room to sign up.

MOVEMENT SEMINAR Debbi has had a lot of response to the flyers and has one paid participant. Debbie and Annelle and working silently to bring this seminar. Thank you.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY continued. . .

February 22, 2003 continued. . .

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER. We were reminded of the dinner to take place at the Goddard's on 3/15/03. Three of our members have birthdays that week.

SPECIALTY REPORT by Randy Thomsen. Ann Schurstein will be invited to the next board meeting to sign a contract and meeting the board members. The Road Trial is planned for Sunday, November 9, 2003 at Canyonside Stables. Reminder to all members that chairpersons are eager for anyones help. Chuck reminded members to give names of future judges to any of the board members for consideration for 2004.

WEBSITE UPDATE. No activity on this situation.

A new member was voted into membership. Carrie Adsit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 5, 2003

Board members absent were Terri Bailey. Guests were Heidi Hampson, Debbi Jones, Ann Schurstein, Stan Schurstein and Sharon Thomsen.

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Davis at 7:08pm.

Previous board meeting minutes of 2/5/03 were approved as recorded.

Corresponding secretary had no report.

Treasurer gave her report and passed out copies of the proposed 2003 budget. Club will pick up dinner tab for the Schurstein's.

NEWSLETTER. . .Numbers seem to be out of sequence. Editor will check and revise. There will be a new membership list in the next newsletter.

ROAD TRIAL WORKSHOP. . .April 12, 2003 has been selected as the replacement date. T-Shirt sale revenue has been good. A trial ride may be added to the workshop.

MOVEMENT SEMINAR. . .Debbi has received requests from all over the country for information on the upcoming seminar in July. Discussion on placement of flyers followed.

SPECIALTY - Date is firm 11/7/03, road trial 11/9/03. Ann Schurstein will be Show Secretary. Sharon Thomsen will be liaison. List of past winners is to be included in the catalog. Suggestion that we advertise at Las Vegas and Northern California of our specialty in November.

NEW BUSINESS. . .Nancy mentioned that an exhibit on dogs is at the Natural History Museum and thought it might be a good idea to make this a club sponsored trip. Will be placed in the newsletter for Nancy to coordinate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm. Next meeting. April 2, 2003.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 2, 2003

Board member absent: Terri Bailey. Guests were Angie Stevanus, Sharon Thomsen, Debbi Jones, Debbie & Boyd Goddard. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by president Chuck Davis.

Previous board meeting minutes of 3/5/03 were approved with minor changes.

Treasurer's report was given.

Corresponding Secretary had no report.

Newsletter will be out before the next general meeting reminding everyone of the date of 5/17/03.

Movement Seminar now has 5 paid participants. We would like to have 28 or 29. Event is in July.

Road Trial Seminar. A list of things to do was presented by Sharon Thomsen in place of the chairs absence. The board is concerned about there being enough assistance for the road trial. Need to talk to the Chairs. Suggestion that the date be changed to 2 weeks before the Specialty, thusly freeing up members to help in this endeavor. Will be discussed with Chairs.

A special "thank you" was given to Nancy Dandrea for arranging a club event last Sunday at the Museum. We have a great trip for the Dog/Wolf display at the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park.

Teresa Bailey has arranged for club members to ride on a trolley pulled by Clydesdale horses on the 26th of the month. Members will volunteer to participate with their dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Next meeting May 7, 2003.

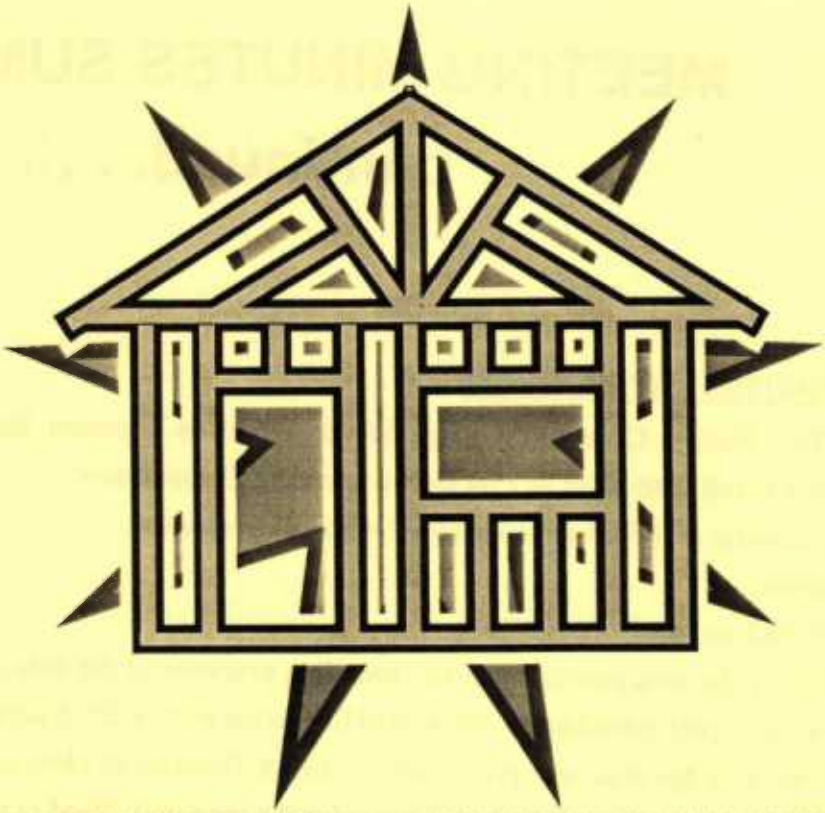
Do You Know Who This Member Is?

DALMATIAN SCOTCH = CD,TT,OA.OAJ,EAC-V,EJC-V,P1

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(boy has she been busy)

GABRIELLA RAVINI



HAS YOUR HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE BEEN DENIED?

The WCRO would like to hear from all California residents who have been denied Homeowner's or Renter's Insurance, who have had their policies canceled, who have experienced increases in rates, and/or who have been forced to relinquish their dog(s) due to their ownership of a specific breed of dog(s).

The WCRO is currently proposing state legislation in California (co-sponsored by the ASPCA) to prohibit insurance companies from making decisions on coverage based on breed specific reasons.

We urge any resident of the State of California who has experienced breed specific discrimination to call or write to the WCRO with information so that legislators may know the far-reaching effects of current insurance company procedures.

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WEST MEMBER KENNEL CLUB
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

By Miss Apple Blossom
Staff Writer for the Union Tribunal

"One Dark and Stormy Night"

Members and friends of the West-Member Kennel Club gathered together at the estate of Judge Harry Hamm, after judging at the prestigious West Coast dog show. Many were in attendance for this awards banquet.

As guests arrived, much talk began about the judging of Best In Show that particular day. Judge Harry Hamm did the honors of BIS judging and many in attendance were not pleased with the judges' "judging."

The night was rainy, dark and gloomy, not the sort of night you expect in March in Southern California. The estate is set in the countryside of San Diego County and sits far back from any facing street. As those arrived, help with umbrellas and coats was provided by Junior Handler, Marty Martin. Gracious as always Marty escorted the ladies into the spacious home and helped the gentlemen park their vehicles.

The home is filled with antique dog, horse, carriage and automobile memorabilia. A horse drawn carriage hangs in the main hall from the ceiling. Many antique pictures and works of art adorn the house. The main part of the house is separated from the "living quarters" by a step down family room, into which a few of the party goers spilled to enjoy cigars after dinner.

Show chairperson, Arriva "Diva" Dividerci, greeted each guest as they arrived. Caroline Cookie Cutter was the selected caterer for this evening. She felt that this particular banquet must go off without a hitch if she was to get more business from the prestigious judge and his influential crowd. The table which sat 20+ was beautifully adorned with tulips and azaleas. Fine china and crystal was set for each guest. Extra tables were also provided for the overflow of guests.

Hors d'oeuvres were available for all to enjoy and an open bar let each guest serve themselves.

A buffet was served of Honey Baked Ham, Caesar and Waldorf Salads, Asparagus and Carrots, Potatoes with Cheese and Dinner Rolls. Desserts were pies, cakes and cookies with whipped cream.

Guests included judges, ring stewards, professional handlers, breeders, novice handlers, vendors and groomers. Winners and losers all in the same room together, a concept even the most hardened "dog" people considered risky.

Preceding the sit down dinner there was much talk of the days judging. Many of the most winning dogs were present for the BIS class; however, it was a breeder/owner/handler that took away the honors with his Dalmatian.

Without exception, each in attendance did not agree with the BIS judging that day and accused the judge of being "bought, blind, stupid" and any number of adjectives.

"Sexy Sally" is known to have a "thing" for the judge, and is also involved with Butch, the handler of the Kerry Grey Terrier that was expected to win that day. Butch is quite the ladies man, but occasionally reverts back to Benny, the nervous ninny. Unhappy with the judge's selection and with Sexy Sally spouting off all during the evening, Benny was nervous and tired and finally excused himself to retire upstairs.

The Veterinarian, Dr Dale Dunn DVM, had been asked during the day to provide tranquilizers for one of the group-winning dogs. She graciously declined to do so, but somehow "Perky" Patsy Powell came up with some sort of "drugs" and was passing them out to anyone who would request them. It was assumed that she also gave them to her dog, the Chinese Top Knotted toy dog.

During all the activity Judge Hamm seemed unconscious of the turmoil in the room and mingled with all the guests, while show photographer Sydney Shutter took hundreds of pictures. All were sure that he was attempting to find someone in a compromising situation. It's not known if that was the case.

One person that seemed out of place at the event was Detective Jack Tuesday. While he was the guest of one of the club members, he seemed to always be prying around and asking a lot of questions regarding the days events.

The Non-Sporting group winner "Slick Mick" Mick Moody was particularly verbal in his satisfaction with the judging. Mick always seemed to have his nose in everyone's business. Exploiting "rumors" was Mick's forte. He thanked the judge for putting up a much-maligned breed and suggested that a reverse Dalmatian (black with white spots) would be a great endeavor.

The owner and exhibitor of the Hound group winner, "Loopy" Lindsey Lakenshire, was very excitable during the dinner. She/He accused Judge Hamm of deception in his interest for her. Some time ago he had helped her with "his" transition from male to female, by incurring the costs for breast construction. Unhappy with his recent "fling" with Sexy Sally, Loopy wanted the "boobs" off and she/he wanted Judge Hamm to pay for the procedure. She was sure she would go BIS that day. Loopy, disgruntled by all the events of being a female, wants to return to the HE in her and have a relationship with Penny Potts.

Claiming to have lost his life savings, Mac "The Money Man" Maloney was bemoaning the judges selection this particular day. His Portuguese Water Dog had won working group, but it was a hint that got Mac to place all his $$ on the Irish Setter, belonging to "Sexy Sally." Mac had almost had a heart attack when Judge Hamm selected the Dalmatian. Ring Steward, Boris Borrow, heard the judge to mumble, as he signed his judging book "she's going to kill me." The judge seemed nervous during BIS judging.

The judge had indicated to the AKC Representative, Fanny Finkle, that he had something important to share with her after dessert. She wondered all evening what it could have been. But, also serving as a reporter for the Union Tribunal, she continued to follow the course of the evening by writing down everything she heard and saw. She would later write a complete detailed report on the West Coast Society Page of the Union Tribunal.

Professional Handler, Wilma Wilde, with all her awards hanging from her neck, heard Sexy Sally say that "his head was going to roll for this" as she came out of the ring.

After dinner, special awards were handed out. The Sporting Group Winner was Sexy Sally and her Irish Setter. The judge seemed to have difficulty in placing the award around her flowing red hair. The Non-Sporting Group winner was all smiles as, of course, he was the BIS for that day. His Dalmatian is said to have one ear and 3 legs. The Hound Group Winner, Loopy Lindsey and her Bloodhound were not happy

campers. Accusing the Judge of all sorts of shenanigans, she was very loud spoken about "secrets." The OES won the herding group and Pushy Penny Potts was in attendance all day trying to "sell more insurance" than necessary for any one salesperson. Mac Maloney was the Working Group winner with his Portuguese Water Dog. Mac was very distraught after the days judging. The Toy Group winner "Perky Patsy" Powell and her Chinese Top Knot were a vision of speed and Valium all rolled into one. The Terrier Group winner and the expected winner of BIS was Butch, the Widow Maker, Baker and his alter ego Benny with their Kerry Grey. When the judge presented Butch with the ribbon, Butch threw it back into the judge's face.

The judge seemed upset by this turn of events and while taking a handkerchief from his pocket to wipe his brow a gun fell out onto a chair. He quickly placed it back in his jacket pocket. During dessert the Judge excused himself from the room saying he needed some fresh air and wasn't feeling particularly well. No one noticed how long he had been gone when Caroline Cookie Cutter came running into the room, screaming he's dead and pointing beyond the pantry to the basement area. Everyone started toward the area and Detective Dick Tuesday stepped in to say stay away from the scene and all the evidence around it. Foul play or accident. It was, after all, Judge Hamm lying there "dead" at the bottom of the steps to the basement. There was the judge, the turned over grooming table, spilled coffee, spilled vase of flowers, electric clippers, scissors and of course that "green" lead around his neck. It all appeared so cut and dried. There was even a letter of resignation in his coat pocket addressed to Charles Callahan of the AKC, admitting he was considering suicide because of his dreadful judging.

In the mind of Detective Jack Tuesday everyone was a suspect. So much "negative" conversation had gone around about the judging that no one could be ruled out, except possibly Mick Moody, who after all had won the top honor that day. He decided to speak to each one in attendance at the party about their knowledge of the situation. Everyone was talking at once, blaming each other. He shouted for quiet and started with Sexy Sally, since she had purchased a "green" lead from one of the vendors that day. She claims to have lost it on the way to the ring, but now it lay around the judge's neck. She had begun a fling with the judge just prior to the show hoping to savor the BIS spotlight.

Next was "Loopy" Lakenshire, who had a relationship with the judge after he purchased a set of "boobs" for him to change from a male to a female. Loopy was disappointed in not getting the win and wanted Judge Hamm to pay to take off "these horrible reminders of his womanhood." She was after the judge and even bought him flowers to help cement the deal.

Pushy Penny was very angry with Judge Hamm. After all he had hurt Loopy when he dumped her/him for Sexy Sally and she was green with jealousy. She would love to see him dead. She had talked Loopy into taking out a huge life insurance policy on Hamm. After all, then when he died, she/he could live the good life. It would serve him right for what he did to her. Penny had been spilling grooming chalk all over the banquet area as she refused to put down her grooming bag. She was asked to put it outside, but since it was raining she decided to put it on the steps of the basement. It would be out of the way and she would collect it later.

Mac "the money man" Maloney was furious. Judge Hamm had led him to believe that the Kerry Grey would win BIS and he had placed ¼ million with a Las Vegas bookie. He had just lost all of his life's savings. Too broke to pay for his dinner, Mac was seeing "red" all evening.

Perky Patsy Powell was the last one the detective suspected. She after all was so up and down on popping pills, she didn't know which way was up. Judge Hamm had indicated to her that he was going to speak to the AKC rep regarding her continued "supply" to the handlers. After hearing that bit of information the detective's attitude changed towards Penny.

He left for last Butch/Benny since they seemed to be a complicated pair. Butch was a testosterone-crazed cave man that certainly had the build to take on someone the Judge's size. But, Benny, the tree hugger type seemed to influence Butch in matters of brawn. Benny however, adept with scissors, after years of grooming the Kerry Grey Terrier, seems preoccupied with Butch and his demeanor regarding Sexy Sally. After all, Sally is just a girl and Benny is actually part of Butch.

Detective Tuesday questioned ring stewards, vendors, owners and handlers, groomers and the show photographer. He read the note in the judge's pocket and it was all coming together. He couldn't believe what he was beginning to realize in his mind.

THAT the Best In Show winner was the actual killer. The flowers, the cup of coffee, the grooming shears and the tipped over grooming table had nothing to do with the Judges' death. It was a confrontation between Slick Mick, the opportunist, and the Judge that set this all off. Mick had blackmailed the Judge for the prestigious win, indicating he would destroy him by telling the world of his "background." Unknown to the judge, the "world" already knew about his background and didn't care. The judge was going to confess to the AKC rep, but was accosted at the top of the stairwell by Mick, who was in a rage. After all that would destroy his win and probably black ball him from ever showing again. Pushing and shoving and slipping in the grooming chalk the Judge fell down the stairs. He tried to break his fall with the grooming table, inadvertently grabbing the scissors and falling on them, tumbling the table, slipping the vase hitting him on the head and slipping water everywhere. Then the clippers came off the table hitting the ON switch and landing in the water electrocuting the judge, who died instantly when his head hit the ground. There he lay with a broken neck. Mick felt no one would know they had been arguing. EXCEPT for one thing. In the grooming powder at the top of the stairs was a footprint of the Judge. AND on the pant leg of Mick was the identical footprint. It would appear that the judge stepped into the powder and during the ensuing struggle got a print on Mick's leg identifying him as the suspect.

Mick confessed, saying he was sorry and hoping that all would be forgiven as he was hauled away in the detective's car. ***His Dalmatian, sitting out in Mick's Jaguar, was smiling.***

Those in attendance included: Terri, John & James; Mary; Nancy & George; Chuck & Elaine; Debbie & Boyd; Tony & Heidi; Maggie & Carl; Kathy; Mona & Mike; Pam & Dale; Tom & Michelle; Randy & Sharon; Michael & Xandra; Annelle & Dave.

Sharon Thomsen wrote the preceding story for the Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
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NEWS BRIEFS



Junior Handler Cassidy Jackson ended 2002 as the #1 Junior Dalmatian Handler and #3 Non-Sporting Junior Handler.
Way to go Cassidy.

Ed & Pat Gilbert K-9 Structure & Movement Seminar

July 12 and 13, 2003
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
Lakeside, California
We need your help!
Ed and Pat will be evaluating 10 dogs on the second day of the seminar. Your dog may be eligible to be evaluated if you have been "in dogs" for a minimum of five years and your dog is between 18 months and 10 years old. Contact Debroah Jones for more information. 760/746-9074 or email at DJDal @aol.com
Please plan to attend and listen, question, learn and be challenged!

CH Starcoach Who's on First x CH Erin's Wildwood Lovely Olivia have 7 puppies as of 3/29/03. 5 males, 2 females
CH Starcoach Sparkling Campaign at Palm Springs was BOS day 1 and BOB day 2
CH Starcoach Who's on First received AOM at Palm Springs Show Days 1 and 2

ROAD TRIAL WORKSHOP

Did you miss it?
Than you missed a very informative and interesting presentation of what is behind road trials and what it takes to get your dog ready for such an event.
Our dogs were bred to do this type of performance and most adapt extremely well. We had hands on experience with horses, horse and cart and horse and rider. We took a trail ride to see the venue for our November 9, 2003 Road Trial. You and your dog can earn RD, RDX and CC certificates by participating in this event.
If you would like to learn more about road trials come to the November 9th event and watch the obedience portion and a part of the trail ride of 12.5 miles (RD) or 25 miles (RDX), or a Coaching Certificate (CC).



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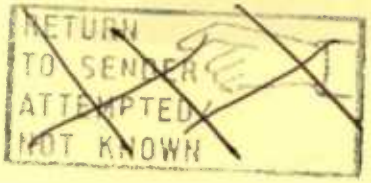


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General Meeting

November 8, 2003 after Dalmatian judging Rancho Santa Fe Polo Grounds at the Thomsen Motorhome, probably in it's usual place.

Listen to a report on the Specialty that was held on November 7th and a preview of the Road Trial to be held on November 9th at Canyonside Stables in Rancho Penasquitos Reserve.

Review of the Ed Gilbert Seminar will be given.

If you missed the *mystery* dinner, you missed a good time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DCSC Specialty October 31, 2003
DCSDC Board Meeting November 5, 2003
DCSDC 4th Specialty November 7, 2003
DCSDC 1st Road Trial November 9, 2003

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NEWS BRIEFS



Did you miss the September Mystery Dinner?

You missed a wonderful time had by about 20 members at the lovely home of the Goddard's. The weather was perfect for a patio event and dinner courses were a scream. We had to select our dinner items from 4 different menu's based on Horse Racing. Each item on the list was horse oriented and the resulting plate of "eats" were as varied as one could get. One plate had a mint, a melon ball, a fork and the person had to act out a horse related function. Fun was had by all in attendance and there was a lot of laughing.

From Nancy Dandrea

Ch Starcoach Sparkling Campaign (Sparkie) was
BOB at Cabrillo KC
BOB at Bahia Sur KC Sat
AOM at Dal Club of No Calif
BOB & Group 2 at
Coyote Hills Sun

Starcoach Ty Dyed in Spots (Ty) was
WD at Cabrillo KC
WD at Mt Palomar KC 1 & 2

New titles for Starcoach

Starcoach Othello Will Play CGC
Starcoach Ty Dyed in Spots CGC

From Quicksilver

CH Quiksilver's Rhythm & Blues (Crosby) was
BOB and BISS at the Dalmatian Club of America National Specialty under Judge Annie Clark.
This was Crosby's 1st time entered at a National show as a special and there were 95 specials. He defeated over 400 dogs that particular day. Way to go Quiksilver

Nominating Committee of Randy Thomsen, James Ryan and Debbi Goddard have selected Heidi Hampson and Sharon Thomsen to replace Chuck Davis and Randy Thomsen. They will serve a 3 year term on the board.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November general membership meeting.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING 7/2/03

All board members in attendance. Guests included Sharon Thomsen, Tony Wood, Heidi Hampson and Debbi Jones.

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Davis at 7:15pm at El Torrito's in Mira Mesa. Previous minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Corresponding secretary reported that Maria Johnson offered to sponsor trophies that are already purchased at the upcoming Specialty. Corresponding secretary will send a thank you for the offer but our trophies are already purchased and we prefer to stay with the glass as in the past.

Unfinished business. . .Seminar report from Debbi Jones that we have 17 paid attendees for the Ed Gilbert seminar. Debbi requested help from members for setting up and breaking down the event. The board gave Debbi kudos's for a wonderful job in putting together this seminar.

Road Trial updates were given by Tony Wood. We have an official training site set up for our members at Black Mountain Stables. Asking $5 donation each time the site is used. Sharon Thomsen is the show secretary. Christmas Parade was reported on by Chuck Davis. It will be in Fallbrook on December 6th. Specialty information, all necessary papers are on file with AKC.

New business. . .Next year's Country Club Classic will be held in October instead of November. Date changes are pending, followup is necessary. Next membership meeting after judging at the November 8th show on the grounds at the Thomsen motorhome. Discussion on names for future judges, give to Randy Thomsen. Discussion was held on a members gathering BBQ party in September. Date to be researched. Adjourned at 8:45pm.

BOARD MEETING 8/6/03

Board member absent was Chuck Davis. Guests were Sharon Thomsen, Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood and Debbi Jones. Meeting called to order by Vice President Terri Bailey at 7:30pm at El Torrito's in Mira Mesa. Previous minutes were approved with minor changes. Treasurer's report was given. Corresponding Secretary indicated a 1/2 page ad was placed in Northern California Dalmatian Club's catalog for our upcoming specialty.

Unfinished business. . .Debbi Jones did a great job on the Ed Gilbert Seminar. Sharon Thomsen put together a "to do" list for the Road Trial. Premium list in the works. September party at the Goddards was discussed. Club will pick up expense for party on 9/13/03, 4pm. Goddards to decide the theme of the get together. Committee Reports. . .Seminar, Ed Gilbert lowered his fee for us. We made $19.00 profit.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

Board Meeting 8/6/03 continued. . .
Road Trial committee reported that the judge will use the Thomsen motorhome for housing while here for the assignment. Certificate of Insurance is necessary for the park. Combination of Road Trial Catalog and regular catalog was discussed. Sharon Thomsen will address this issue.
Specialty committee reported, Randy Thomsen, that the Polo Grounds have become unavailable. The events of that weekend have been moved to the Horse Park across the street. May date no longer available as we gave it up to the non-sporting club. There was discussion that the May dates may not be available at the Horse Park and that Country Club Classic may go all four shows at the same time, beginning on Thursday. Discussion followed on prospective judges names that had been provided the board. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

BOARD MEETING 9/3/03

All board members present. Guests were Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood, James Ryan and Sharon Thomsen. Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Davis at 7:12pm at El Torrito's in Mira Mesa. Previous minutes were approved with minor changes. Treasurer's report was given. Corresponding secretary. . .Ad placed in Las Vegas Catalog promoting our specialty. Letter from DCA asking for donation for the Urinary Stone Study. Letter from AKC approving our Specialty. Unfinished business. . .Specialty move to horse park has been finalized. Outside catering is not allowed. Road Trial judge has decided to stay at hotel with spouse and picking up own expenses. Chuck Davis reported that trophies are now being engraved. Nancy Dandrea will verify that enough trophies have been ordered to cover all awards. Road trial. . .premium list is in the works. Park Rangers are excited about the event. Seminar discussion decided that club will wait a length of time before researching another seminar. It seems clubs are seminar'ed out. New business. . Nominating committee was discussed. Randy Thomsen will chair and select another two to assist. The Fallbrook parade was discussed. Terri Bailey will look into the pro's and con's and file the paperwork. Judges nominations were discussed from the names that had been supplied to the Board. It was decided to contact the judges one at a time for each category of judging. Judges would be listed in order to be contacted for Sweepstakes, Conformation and Junior Showmanship. All the names that had been provided were put on the list and the following decision for order of contact was made:



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

Board meeting 9/3/03 continued. . .
Conformation names: Eva Berg, Ken Berg, Ann Fleming, Robert Lawson. It was decided to contact Ann Fleming 1st, then Eva Berg and Robert Lawson.
Sweepstakes names: Diane Bartholomew, Helen Masachi, Andy Litton. It was decided to contact Dianne Bartholomew first then Helen Masachi and Andy Litton.
Discussion followed about moving our specialty to June with Bahia Sur KC, or stick with the October Country Club Classic dates. No decision made. Heidi suggested that our club might be interested in a Canine CPR class as a club function. Will research and bring in more facts. Randy Thomsen moved that DCSDC send a check to DCA for the Urinary Stone Study. Seconded. A check for $50.00 will be sent. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

BOARD MEETING 10/1/03

All board members present. Guests were James Ryan and Sharon Thomsen. Late arrivals were Heidi Hampson and Tony Wood. Previous minutes were read and approved with minor changes. Treasurer's report was given. Road Trial judge has provided us a water color for our raffle. Will have it framed at club expense and offer it in raffle.
Unfinished business. . .Specialty, Randy indicated that the Polo Grounds are available once again (thanks to a big turnout at the City Council meeting). AKC has been notified. Judges transportation was arranged. Angie Stevanus will handle the lunch again this year. We will get this information in the judging schedule since it was not in the premium list. Certificates of Merit need to be ordered. Road Trial report. . .discussion from the chair that there is a disagreement as to the course for the trial. It was decided after much lively discussion that the course should be the safest one in which horses do not have to encounter each other going opposite directions. Corresponding secretary sent fax to DCSC for a mention of our 2004 specialty, possibly in October. Las Vegas clubs ad will have horse park as show grounds. Inquiry regarding Parade of Champions. It was decided to have it between Sweepstakes and Junior Showmanship, then conformation. Will try to get Dalmatian judging time on Saturday early in day. Winners circle page to be added to catalog. Fallbrook parade still in the works. The nominating committee nominated Sharon Thomsen and Heidi Hampson to fill the 2 open positions being vacated by Chuck Davis and Randy Thomsen. General meeting after Dalmatian judging on November 8th at motorhome as usual. Voting will take place at the Christmas gathering. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

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HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 27, 2003
AT THE DAVIS' 2106 ELEVADO RD VISTA

SPECIALTY RESULTS
SEE PAGE 4
IF YOU MISSED THE SPECIALTY AND FOLLOWING ROAD TRIAL YOU MISSED A SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND



Holiday Parade

December 6, 2003 - 4PM
City of Fallbrook
Come join us for an evening of camaraderie with other members of the club and their Dals. Contact Terri Bailey spotsafire@aol.com to get event information. All are welcome. Dress like Santa, if you like.

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October 27, 2003

Dear Members:

In accordance with the DCA By-Laws, Article VII, Section 7.1, the Nominating Committee, composed of Mary Miller, Chairperson, Meg Callea and Irv Krukenkamp, has filed a report nominating the following candidates for the DCA Board of Governors, to serve a three (3) year term, beginning in 2004:

Eva Berg	Moraga, California
C. E. Flock, Jr.	Palmer Lake, Colorado
Rick Miller	Rochester, Minnesota
Stephanie Podejko	Central Square, New York
Julia Soukup	Lindsborg, Kansas
Michele Wrath	San Jose, California

The By-Laws also provide that, "A member who has not been nominated by the Committee may then be nominated in writing by fifteen (15) members, not counting the nominee, such nominations to be received by the Chairperson of the Committee not less than thirty (30) days before the end of the calendar year."

Accordingly, further nominations must be received by the Chairperson before December 1, 2003, at her address as follows:

Mary Miller, 1348 Beulah Park, Lexington KY 40517

Sincerely,

Sharon

Sharon Boyd
Corresponding Secretary

NEWS BRIEFS



Specialty Results

Judge: Cathy Nogar

Sweepstakes

Best Junior & Best In Sweepstakes

Starcoach Diva Annie

Owner: Kathy Martin

Best Senior in Sweepstakes

Rancho Daisydot Feel Like A Nut

Owner: Debbie Goddard & C Jordan

Best Junior Handler

Cassidy Jackson

Judge: Todd Jardine

Conformation

Winners Dog

Amethyst Don't Eat the Yellow Snow

Owners:Maggie & Cassidy Jackson

Winners Bitch & Best of Winners

Esquire N Aviator Once N Again

Onwers: Cathy Shorr & Barbara Greenspan

Best of Breed

CH Sunnyoaks Spicen' It Up

Owner: Tom and Michele Wrath

Best Opposite Sex

CH Dotzinks ETS Freedom of Pal

Road Trial High in Trial

DeJa' Vu Devilstar

Owner: David James

Holiday Party

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC.
INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR A
CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR
AT THE HOME OF CHUCK AND ELAINE DAVIS
SATURDAY, DECEMER 27, 2003 AT 5:30PM
2106 ELEVADO ROAD, VISTA
(SEE DIRECTIONS PAGE 9)

PLEASE JOIN US AND SHARE IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND
WELCOME THE NEW YEAR OF 2004
A WONDERFUL SPREAD OF FOOD WILL BE
PROVIDED AT A SMALL EXPENSE TO THE MEMBERSHIP,
WITH THE TREASURERY MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE
MEMBERS $6.00, NON-MEMBERS $10.00

OUR HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE (ACTUALLY CUT-THROAT)
WILL TAKE PLACE. GIFTS SHOULD BE IN THE RANGE OF $10
TO $15





Holiday Parade



The Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc
is participating in the upcoming Holiday Parade in Fallbrook
We will be riding in a horse drawn wagon with our dogs.
If you are interested in participating please contact Terri Bailey at
spotsafire@aol.com or 619/443-7448
Please plan to join the membership in this fun event. Dress warm and festive.
The dogs can ride, or if agreeable, can trot alongside the wagon.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 5, 2003

All board members present. Guests were Sharon Thomsen, James Ryan, John Bailey, Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood, Debbie & Boyd Goddard.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm president Chuck Davis at El Torritos in Mira Mesa.

Minutes of the October board meeting were approved with minor changes.
Treasurers report: $8,247.66 balance. Due to fire some of the clubs records were destroyed. Check book and this years records saved.
Corresponding secretary. . .no report.
A report of the DCA meeting in August was read by Sharon Thomsen.
Show Chairman. . .Sweepstakes will start at 9am. Ring 12. Conformation will start at 10:30am. Sweeps has 11 dogs and 8 bitches. Conformation has 17 dogs and 18 bitches. Parade of Ch has 2 entries and 1 entry for JS. Will request for $5 for our potluck lunch. Judges staying at Morgan's Runn Inn.
Road Trial report by Terri Bailey. All volunteers needed are confirmed. Equipment has been donated. Randy Thomsen is ring steward. We have 7 entries.
Unfinished business. . .
Still need show dates for 2004 specialty. Chuck will check on the upcoming holiday party. Holiday parade in Fallbrook in on 12-6-03. We should assemble by 4pm. Contact Terri for information.
New business. . .General Membership meeting tomorrow at the Thomsen motorhome after Dalmatian judging. The nominating committee has nominated Heidi Hampson and Sharon Thomsen for the 2 vacancies for 2004. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the membership meeting.
Historian books have all been lost in the fire. We need to rebuild our history.
December board meeting canceled. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.
Mary Bennett, Recording Secretary



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 8, 2003

Meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Davis at 11:12am after Dalmatian judging.
Board members present: Chuck Davis, Randy Thomsen, Nancy Dandrea, Mary Bennett.
Guests in attendance: Barbara DiMino and Kathy Cavanaugh.
Minutes from the last general meeting were read and approved as written.
Unfinished business. . .Loose ends of the Specialty were discussed. Monetary awards for the sweepstakes were not given out, due to an error by the Superintendent. These will be figured out and mailed to each recipient. 25 catalogs were left over from a printing of 75. Appears 60-65 are a better number to print. Perhaps a pre order of catalogs will solve the problem. We need to finalize a date for 2004 specialty. Ring steward needs to have an assistant. Consider Veteran Sweeps for 2004. Many kudos to Chuck Davis for making the specialty a fun event for the exhibitors.
Nominating Committee has nominated Sharon Thomsen and Heidi Hampson to fill the 2 vacancies on the board for 2004. Nominations were taken from the floor. Debbi Goddard and James Ryan were nominated. Voting will be at the holiday party on 12/27 at 5:30pm.
Holiday party. . .discussion on how to provide the food. It was decided to have the event catered and each member will be asked for $6 and non members for $10. The club treasury will make up the difference for the party costs. Motion was made and passed.
Terri Bailey is heading up the Fallbrook Parade on 12/6/03. Contact her for details.
December board meeting was canceled because of conflict with Eukanuba Invitational.
Kudo's were given to Debbi Jones for all her hard work on the Seminar this past summer. It has been decided to put off holding seminars for awhile.
New business. . .Treasurer, Kathy Martin, lost her home in the firestorm of 2003. There was much discussion on how the club could help our member. It was decided that a $500 gift certificate to Parkway Plaza would be appropriate. Motion made and passed. Also, Nancy Dandrea is going to purchase containers of dog food and the club will reimburse her for that expense. Motion made and passed.
Kudos to Chuck Davis for all his expert guidance as our President this past year.
Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.
Mary Bennett, Recording Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS DCA BOARD MEETING AUGUST 30, 2003, FT. MITCHELL, KY.

1. The Board viewed the show site for the 2005 National.

2. The Board supported nominees William Bergum and Helen Phillips for the AKC lifetime achievement awards.

3. Approval was given to the Greater Washington Dalmatian Club to annually hold a Road Trial through 2006.

4. Account Balances for the second quarter 2003 total $91,102.21. Final profit for the 2003 National is estimated at $3,500.

5. The SPOTTER lost $14,049.25 for the past year. Rates were raised as follows: theme ads $110; regular ads $125; color ads $250; inside front and back cover $300 for one page outside back cover $500. Junior members will receive the SPOTTER.

6. DCAF donations are below last year's.

7. Jeannine Kerr has donated back twenty bronze medallions to DCA

8. Julie Lux is working with the Westminster Kennel Club to provide information for their Web site and telecast.

9. Cheryl Fales Steinmetz is now a member of the Judges' Ed. Committee Educational seminars will be held in the future with the hope regional clubs will have seminars at various specialties.

10. Replacements are needed to head the Futurity Committee.

11. The DCA "Red Book" is in the process of being revised and updated.

12. Karen Wissinger is the new chairperson of the Breeder Referral Committee.

13. Lynn Luikart is the new Chairperson of the Obedience Committee.

14. Gayle Riggins is Chairperson of the DCA National Road Trial for 2005-2007. Road trials have been approved for Calif., Fla. and Virginia.

15. Twelve new members were elected to DCA status.

16. Top Twenty showed a modest profit.

17. Plans are progressing smoothly for the 2004 through 2007 Specialties. David Kemp is the new DCA Awards and Trophy Chairperson.

18. Jackie Stilwell is a new memger of the Rescue Ed./DCARE Committee.

19. Kimberly Hess is a new member of the Centennial Committee. Logo selection was made for the 2005 Centennial. Wilton Armatale trophies will be retained for 2005 and modified to carry the special logo.

20. "Canine Cineradiography" by Rachel Page Elliott has been added to the DCA video library.

21. Search continues for a chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee. Information relating to the Purina Pro Club partnership plan will be printed in the SPOTTER.

22. Nominating Committee consists of Mary Miller, Chair; Margaret A. Callea, Irvin Krukenkamp.

23. DCAF will receive one free advertising page in the SPOTTER in addition to those giving DCAF business.

24. The 1998 DCA statement regarding deafness is being reviewed.

Margie Doane
Regional Club Council

Directions to Holiday Party

From Interstate 5 take Highway 78 east. From Highway 15 take Highway 78 west. Exit at Escondido avenue. Go over Highway 78. At the 7th traffic light, about 1.6 miles turn right on East Vista Way.

Go about 2.4 miles on East Vista Way past the Chevron Station to Warmlands, which is a right turn at the defunct gas station.

Follow the yellow centerline STRAIGHT, .5 miles up the hill. Warmlands will become Vista Grande as you go up the hill. Follow Vista Grande as it swings to the right. Go about .5 miles from Vista Grande swings to the right to Elevado, turn left. Go about .7 miles up Elevado to where Elevado makes a left turn at Via Del Prado. On your left will be two gate pillars with 2106 on one and 2114 on the other. 2106 (Davis) is the 2nd house down the driveway.





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