Recent emailed Barkers have had a second attachment of the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs newsletter. I’ll continue to attach it to the E-Barker each month but wanted to include this in this month’s Barker to explain a bit of what the CFDC is all about.

Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and Stone City Kennel Club Honored with AKC Community Achievement Awards

The American Kennel Club announced recently that the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and the Stone City Kennel Club (IL) have been honored with AKC Community Achievement Awards for the first quarter of 2013. The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs (CFDC) works to provide kennel clubs throughout the state with seminars and materials on legislative action and maintains a grass-roots network with members of animal and sporting groups to support positive legislation and defeat bills that would limit the rights of responsible dog owners. The CFDC hosted a booth with the theme “Working with the Dog Community to Protect Our Rights, Health and Heritage” at the 2012 four-day Rocky Mountain Cluster of Dog Shows.

Representatives of the American Kennel Club, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the National Animal Interest Alliance, and Take the Lead discussed how each organization helps dogs and dog owners and attendees learned how to better educate, assist, and promote responsible dog ownership. Prior to the event, CFDC sent invitations and information packets to
Colorado’s 100 state legislators, and provided legislators and their families with dog show tours. Two lawmakers presented the Best In Show trophies at the Saturday and Sunday shows. In March 2013, a Colorado House Resolution was introduced to “recognize that the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and its members provide Colorado dog owners and fanciers the expertise and resources to help them best care for, train, and enjoy their dogs and provide their dogs with the fullest, longest, and most meaningful life.” See web version to view the full resolution.

The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership. Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Award are accepted year-round. Honorees receive a certificate of appreciation and a $1,000 check payable to their AKC club or AKC-recognized federation to further public education and government relations efforts. See web version to nominate an individual, club or federation.

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### Treibball

Treibball (pronounced “try-ball”) was started in Germany in 2003 by a Dutch dog trainer, Jan Nijboer. The sport moved to the United States in 2010. In this new sport dogs push large exercise balls with their shoulders and noses to drive 8 balls into a net within 10 minutes. The balls are herded into the net one ball at a time. The dogs work off-lead and at a distance from their owners. The handler can only use whistles, verbal or hand signals to direct their dog. This is a sport for energetic dogs of all breeds. Dogs that like to problem solve, chase or herd can excel at this. You can find dogs doing Treiball on UTube.

The first ever sanctioned Treibball competition will be held in Denver on May 19th.

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### April Book Review

**By Diana Werner**


Published in Ireland, this book gives a different view of search-and-rescue dogs and their training.

First, most of the people involved in search and rescue there are primarily serious mountaineers and climbers rather than dog people. Frequently needing to rescue their own, or to help overly ambitious beginners, some of them get and train dogs to make searching more effective.

Second, the breeds used are a little different. German Shepherd Dogs are badly thought of there; they are supposed to be too fierce. Also, GSD's were once popular but their popularity plummeted during World War Two; it's possible that they have just never regained it. So few GSD's are used for search and rescue. McCarthy owns the only working bloodhound kennel in Ireland, so bloodhounds are not commonly used either. Most of the dogs discussed or pictured were what McCarthy and Ahern called collies, and what we would call border collies.

The authors stated that search-and-rescue teams were not generally called out until several days had passed. It seems to me that that would make finding a lost person much harder, and greatly reduce your chances of finding the victim alive. While Ireland does not have mountains as high as those of Colorado, it is very cool and wet, and their open spaces are quite large enough to get lost in. A lost person could be in serious trouble long before several days had passed.

Most of their search-and-rescue dogs were cross-trained for finding both live and deceased victims. In view of their deliberate delays in sending for rescue teams, no wonder.

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**Braggs!!!**
**Misty and Hagen Davis**’ Boykin Spaniel, Paisley, was Winner’s Bitch at the Eukanuba in Orlando Florida in December and Shaker was Best of Winners. Shaker was shown by Hagen Davis. At the show the day before Shaker was also Best of Winners.

**Pat Hill**’s Border Collie, Whisper, passed her Nosework Odor Recognition Test on birch in March in Denver.

**Diane Hughes** Aussie, Jedda, was Best of Breed at the ASCA show #1 on the 16th March. At the 2nd and 3rd shows her Blake was Best of Winners for 4 point majors. Split was Winners Dog Altered and Rudy earned REM rally legs at both rally trials and was High Combined in rally at both trials.

**Pat Lester’**s Aussie, Sami, finished her ASCA Advanced Rally title at the March ASCA rally trial with a first place and a perfect score of 200.

**Katie Pope**’s Aussie, Dixie, got two 4 point majors at the ASCA show in March and is now close to finishing her ASCA championship.

**Marnie Pixley and Kat Walden**’s Golden, Katmar’s Royal Ride was Reserve Winners Bitch at Garden City on Friday and again on Sunday. Their boy Talon won the breed in San Antonio was select twice and Opposite Sex once at San Mateo and Oakland shows in California.

**Kelsey Darnell** was second in Open Senior Showmanship at Garden City on Friday and Sunday. Kelsey has a new Golden puppy named Jordan.

**Taylor Del Duca**’s Pharaoh Hound, Titus, was Winner’s Dog at the Saturday Fort Worth show on March 23rd. Maureen Del Duca and Taylor’s Pharaoh Hound, Farley, was Best of Breed and took a Group 4 and Lola was Best Opposite. On Sunday at Fort Worth Titus was Winners Dog again and Farley was Best of Breed and Lola Best Opposite The following week at the Las Vegas shows Lola finished her Grand Championship with a 5 point major with Junior Handler, Taylor Del Duca handling. Titus was Best of Winners for his first major. Farley took a Group 3.

**Renee Wolfe**’ Chessie, Scarlet, finished her championship at the Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico show in Rio Rancho New Mexico in November. Scarlet was handled by Junior Handler, Asia Thompson (Renee’s Granddaughter.) Renee has a new litter out of Bridget. Six Chessie boys born on March 30th.

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**Training Center News**

There are some new classes coming up this month.

The Nosework class will begin on April 15th. Due to a cancellation there is one spot available. If you have ever wanted to try this new sport this is a great opportunity. Karen Lamb from Colorado Springs will be the instructor. Karen is a certified Nosework trainer.

Starting April 11th there will be an Intermediate Obedience class. This is from 5-6pm.

April 18th will be the starting of the Therapy Dog Prep class. This is from 5-6pm. Testing through Therapy Dogs International will follow after the class is completed for anyone interested.

Also new in April is the Introduction to Agility Obstacles class. This starts on April 23rd at 3pm and is suitable for both adult dogs and puppies.
called to order  7:00 PM


Minutes from Feb meeting reviewed and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Report reviewed and accepted. There are no outstanding bills.

Correspondence: AKC invites all member clubs to participate in nominations for Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Committees: Training Classes: Members are asked to sign up for monthly cleaning duties.
Show: Donna Darnell needs help with the trophy committee. Please contact her if you are able to assist her.

Unfinished Business: A motion carried for Renee Wolfe to negotiate a fee with the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce for SCKC to join as a non profit organization, the fee not to exceed $300. Upcoming elections: Two positions for Board of Directors are to be voted on. The nomination committee has put forth Dee Dunlap and Lisa Golob. Nominations from the floor are open.

New Business: A member provided information of an alternative medicine resource (Holistic Energy Interventions for Animals) now available in Southern Colorado.

Membership: First readings occurred for Chea Brandt and Isabel Drysdale, both individual membership applications. Second reading and voting occurred for Chani Owen; she is now a member.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM. Respectfully submitted by Milli Goodman, Secretary

SCKC
April 2, 2013
Board Meeting


Called to order 6:35 PM

Treasurer’s report reviewed.

Correspondence: AKC has requested that we participate in their Outreach Program. This involves sharing our contact information with any new AKC dog registration in our area. The BOD agreed.

Committee reports: SHOW: The Sporting Dog Club of Colorado Springs has reportedly received the official OK to hold their show on the Thurs before our Show in November, creating the 5 day cluster. Allen Campbell is looking into finding a major sponsor for our portion of the show.

New Business: We are going to participate with the Pueblo Chieftain in the Pet Expo held at the Convention Center Apr 13 from 9 AM to 6PM. We will have informational pamphlets and dog obedience demonstrations. We will also participate at the Mesa Vet office Open House Apr 27 from 9AM to 2PM. Both events should increase the visibility of SCKC in the public. We are also moving forward with our membership in the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.

Old Business: none

New Business: The BOD is requesting a volunteer to be Club Membership Liaison. This person could assist membership in a variety of ways including contacting members who have difficulty attending meetings. Anyone interested will be asked to submit their name with a short biography.

Adjourned 7:45 PM. Respectfully submitted: Milli Goodman, Secretary
Since it was a quiet month concerning AKC news I thought I’d share some things from them I found interesting.

**AKC National Owner-Handler Series**

**About AKC National Owner-Handler Series**

Did you know that more than 80% of show dogs are handled by their owners? To celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of owner-handler exhibitors the American Kennel Club has created the new AKC National Owner-Handler Series. This non-titling competition will be held at select dog shows across the country.

The AKC National Owner-Handler competition will be conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. All dogs in the BOB competition (including WD & WB) will stay in the ring after the judge makes their placements in BOB competition. The ring steward will ask all professional handlers, household members and assistants to current professional handler to leave the ring and then the judge will then select the Best Owner-Handler (BOH). The dog and its owner will continue to accrue points for any group placements or Bests in Show.

The top-ranked dogs from the AKC National Owner-Handler Series are posted on the AKC National Owner-Handler Series Points Ranking page. Rankings of the dogs competing in the Series are compiled based on the Best of Breed, Group, and Best in Show placements in this specific Series competition (See Point Schedule). The inaugural end of year competition for the AKC National Owner-Handler Series will be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba show in December 2013. Dogs that finished ranked in the top ten (plus ties) for their breed for the 2012 or 2013 qualifying years will be invited to compete in the competition. The qualifying period for the 2012 qualifying year is January 1, 2012 through October 10, 2012. The qualifying period for the 2013 qualifying year will be October 11, 2012 through October 9, 2013. Dogs owned or exhibited by professional handlers are not eligible for this competition. Dogs exhibited by current assistants and household members of a professional handler are not eligible to enter this class.

**Professional handlers** are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

For more information about the series or if you have questions about hosting these events, please contact the AKC Events department at (919) 816-3514 or eventnews@akc.org.

**New Exhibitor Mentoring Program**

**Program Introduction**

The AKC New Exhibitor Mentoring Program is designed to help recent registrants of AKC dogs or those thinking about getting an AKC registered dog meet experienced dog fanciers and breeders to assist them in getting started. These seasoned handlers and exhibitors will share their expertise with those expressing an interest in entering the exciting world of AKC competition.

How it works:
When you submit a signed application we will send you a list of qualified mentors located in your state. These mentors have the experience necessary to get you started regardless of what breed you have. They will provide you with such tools as:

- Basic Dog Show/Event Etiquette
- Dog Show/Event Judging Procedures
- Understanding Common Show/Event Terms
- Types of Events
- How to Fill Out An Entry Form
- How to join a dog club in your area

Mentoring has a long history with AKC and relationships developed this way have often lasted lifetimes. Who knows, perhaps someday it will come full circle and you will be mentoring a new exhibitor in the years to come!
Calendar of Events

April 27th-28th Colorado RR Club & Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Coursing Ability Test and Lure Coursing
Zoiboyz Ranch Peyton, CO Event Secretary: Janet Le Clainche, 12180 Dawson Road, Elbert, CO 80106; 719-522-2535; zuludawnrr@hotmail.com

May 4th -5th ASCA Breed, All-Breed Obedience and Rally, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock
May 10th -11th, Rio Grande Kennel Club, Albuquerque New Mexico, Breed, Rally, Obedience, Onofrio, Supt.
May 12th -13th - Coronado Kennel Club of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Onofrio, Supt.
May 17th -19th – Durango Kennel Club, Cortez Colorado, Breed, Obedience and Rally, Onofrio, Supt.
May 17th -19th High Plains Kennel Club (UKC) 6 Multi-Breed Conformation Shows, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock Event Secretary- Kat Rainesalo (lundekat@comcast.net.)
May 19th – The first American Triebball Association Trial, 9:30-4:00pm, Denver Dog Sports, Wheat Ridge, 9303-718-7705
May 24th -25th Central Wyoming Kennel Club, Casper, Wyo., Breed, Obedience and Rally, Onorio, Supt.
May 31st- Metro Mile High Kennel Club, Toy Breeds only, Longmont
May 31st - Collie Club All Breed Obedience and Rally Trial, Longmont, (jumpindogs@yahoo.com)
June 1st-2nd—Flatirons Kennel Club, Longmont Colorado, Breed, Obedience and Rally, Onofrio, Supt.

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