

Hello everyone:

I'd like to take you on a little journey today. I sat down to write this month's newsletter and was greeted by a blue screen of death on my computer.

I want you to picture that newsletter. The front had a very cute picture of my 3 dogs sitting in the snow wearing earmuffs - it was cute enough to be my Christmas card last year.

In the section marked upcoming events was the following:

Dec 3rd - Christmas Party - Puyallup

Jan 14 - annual meeting - Puyallup

Feb - Show and Go - details TBD

May 4+5 - Hunt Tests

The main feature was the Christmas Party

It's going to be at Dan and Leslie Connell's home in Puyallup. December 3rd at 2:00pm. Directions are in Dan's email to the group.

Bring food to share, and a gift for the Irish Auction. In case you don't know, the Irish Auction involves the consumption of Haggis prepared by the host errr... wait a minute - that's a Scottish Auction. The Irish Auction is competitive way to distribute gifts - everyone puts their gift under the tree and numbers are drawn, the number one person chooses a gift and opens it. the number two person can choose another gift to open or steal the gift from the first person. Gifts can be stolen 3 times before they are 'frozen'. This is so much fun my husband's family began doing this instead of a regular gift exchange. About \$15.00 for the gift.

Food is up to you - we've got great cooks and gatherers in the group so bring out your specialties or heck, bring out Costco's specialties - we just enjoy the opportunity to get together.

And if you haven't sent your dogs' achievements over to Ruth Tabaka - do it now. We'll announce it at the party and send the patches to you later - let us celebrate you and your dog's accomplishments!

Treasurer's Report:

October Checking:

Previous Balance	1916.89
Disbursements	1919.99
Deposits	396.00
Ending Balance	392.90

October Savings:	
Previous Balance	3038.44
Deposits	1500.00
Interest	2.82
Ending Balance	4541.26

This also a reminder for Dues payment:

Family - \$25.00	Associate Family - \$20.00
Regular - \$15.00	Associate - \$10.00

Send them to our treasurer Karyn Eby
3207 Libby Rd. NE
Olympia WA 98506

Oh, and Karyn prefers Cheques, not checks :-) eh?

Besides the party, a main feature of the December meeting is the report of the nominating committee with the list of proposed new officers up for election at the annual meeting.

Also included in this newsletter is a report from the Spaniel Olympics - by Karen Lee

Spaniel Olympics

Those who turned out to play at the Spaniel Olympics had a fun time, both canine and human. Thanks again to Dan Connell for coordinating them. Here are the Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists:

Obstacle Course: 1st - Spice Winchester (ESS), 2nd - Velvet Connell (CL.S), 3rd - DJ Connell (CL.S)

Cookie Catch was a 3-way tie: Spice, Velvet, and Tonka Lee (ESS)

Spoon Race: 1st - Chief McKinney (ECS), 2nd - Tonka, 3rd - DJ

Hat Trick: 1st - Chief, 2nd - DJ, 3rd - Velvet

Galloping Gourmet: 1st - Velvet, 2nd - DJ, 3rd - Dilly Lee (ESS)

Tennis Ball Collection: 1st - Spice, 2nd - Tonka, 3rd - Bright Lee (ESS)

Hot Dog Retrieve: 1st - Tonka, 2nd - DJ, 3rd - Velvet
Best Trick: 1st - Tonka, 2nd - Spice, 3rd - Bright
Toy Retrieve: 1st - Tonka, 2nd - Spice, 3rd - Bright
Dunkin' for Cookies: 1st - Tonka, 2nd - Spice, 3rd -
Dilly
Overall: 1st - Tonka, 2nd - Spice, 3rd - Velvet

Hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party and I also
hope to be the owner of a fully functional computer by next
month's newsletter.

Lisa Peters - editor