



November, 2007
VOL 3 No. 4



Website: www.metrossc.com
Editor : Karen Newquist

UPCOMING METRO MEETINGS

Holiday Party/General Meeting -
Dec 15, 2007 at
Rosina's Restaurant
440 West Union Ave
Bound Brook, NJ

The annual holiday party will be held at 6:30 and will cost \$25 a person. Laurence Gesquire has volunteered once again to coordinate the dinner/meeting. Additional details will appear in your inboxes from Laurence.

Award Dinner/General Meeting -
Feb 9, 2008: A dinner meeting along with annual awards and the election of officers / board members for the coming year will be held.

Proposed Dates for 2008 -

April
June
July 27 @ Duke Island Park Club Picnic
September 28 @ Sheltie Rescue Picnic
Deer Path Park
November
December Holiday Party



Board Candidates for 2008

The slate has been submitted to the membership for the scheduled elections at the Annual Meeting in February. Nominations from the floor can be made at the December meeting.

Position	Nominee
President	John Caruso
Vice President	Bonnie Ovnicek
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Newquist
Recording Secretary	Cathy Caruso
Treasurer	Helen Ackley
Board Member	Abbey Culp
Board Member	Laurence Gesquiere
Board Member	Marie Colasanti

Board Member	Linda Savino
--------------	--------------

Welcome New Members!

Fairfax Hutter , Pat Salvatoriello
and Sally Rosenberg



New Additions....

From Pat Salvatoriello:

... and then there were three. Pat and her family (bi-ped and quadraped), welcomed 9 month old Finnegan to her clan. Finnegan is her second sheltie proving once again that it's hard to have just one.



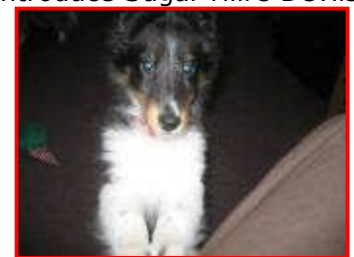
From Linda Savino:

Kobi now has a sister - My Red Hat Delight-Maggie Mae. Linda reports that Magggie sure is speedy, and hopes she will be able to keep up with Maggie once she is ready to compete in agility. One of Linda's immediate objectives? Trying to slow her down to get her to heel. LOL says Linda.



From Laura Galbo:

Laura would like to introduce Sugar Hill's Devils Trap "Mojo". He is a ball of energy, in constant motion. Diamond doesn't know what to make of him. Laura thinks Diamond is hoping Mojo will go away. At first Buddy ignored him,



but has been won over and has begun to play with the newbie. Mojo has started puppy class, it's mostly playtime and basic obedience and agility. He can hardly contain himself when he sees the agility obstacles. He's a pleasure to work with training him should be a blast.



CNYSSC would love some recipes!

The Central New York Shetland Sheepdog Club is putting together a recipe book – both human AND dog recipes – together with Horsefeathers Photography (Wendi Pencille).

They are looking for recipes for those 'special' dishes, canine and human which you'd like to share with them to be included in their cookbook.

For each recipe donation you make please include a pic of your pup which will be included on your recipe page.

CNYSSC would really appreciate your help in the efforts to develop this collection of DELICIOUS meals! ANY type dish is welcome ---appetizers, soups, crock pot, main meals, snacks, DOG treats, salads,....and we KNOW how a lot of us LOVE desserts (they just don't love us!!!)

If you have a recipe – please email it to Lauie at keltic@twcny.rr.com . Include your name, address, phone (in case of questions) or an email address. Might want to mention Metro SSC as well. If you'd rather snail mail– see the address below!

Laurie A. Danboise, Agility Trial Chairperson
241 N. Main St.
Minoa, NY 13116



BRAGS

From Bernadette Bay:

Bernadette is happy to share that Zen (Ag. CH OBay Truly Balanced) won the Silver Medal in the Medium Team Event at the 2007 FCI World Agility Championships in Norway. (Way to go Bernadette and Zen!!! Metro sends congrats to you both).



From Scott and Joanne Scott:

Scott Stock and Storm earned their MACH3 title at the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Garden State trial, under judges Edie Allyn and Randy Reed. Storm took 3rd Place in Excellent B Standard, and 2nd Place in Excellent B Jumpers.



From Jamie and Stephen McKay:

Jamie and Piper earned a RN (AKC rally novice title) at the Wine Country shows.

Stephen and Piper earned the following titles and have contacts again in competition! Novice Fast (NF), Novice Weavers (WV-N), MXJ and AX.

From Eleanor Campbell:

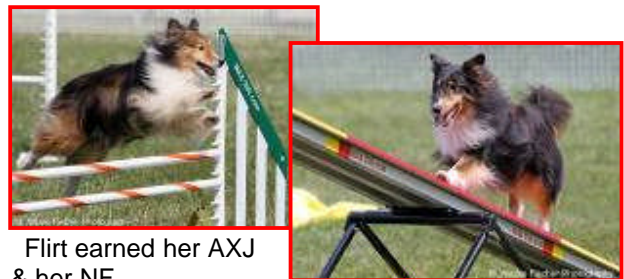
Ozma (Heart Lake Dnsthbr Ruler of Oz RN) debuted in AKC agility in JWW and FAST at the Westchester KC's first agility trial and won the Novice JWW 16" class and earned her first Q! Ozma also ran in some agility games at the August Flexible Flyers CPE Agility Trial in PA as a "tune-up" and qualified in every game entered. Trying to keep up with her makes me wish I was 20 years younger!

Presto (MACH2 O'Bay Dunstnburgh Rapid Tempo RA OF) finished his Open FAST title with a 1st place at the Westchester KC's agility trial.

Eleanor is also happy to share that Presto finished his Performance Dog 1 title (PD1) at the Long Island Agility Club's USDAA trial. He and Ozma also ran in Performance Pairs. Ozma and partner took 2nd and Presto and partner took 3d! Onwards to the Performance 2 level!

From Helen Ackley:

Duffy earned his MX, MXJ and his Novice Fast titles.



Flirt earned her AXJ & her NF.

From Cathy and John Caruso:

Cathy and John are so proud of their whole gang who have had a very busy fall!

- Cartman earned his CGC and NJP, as well as two Novice Standard Preferred legs.
- Mary earned her last two points and is now Ch. Belmars Wisteria.
- Heather earned her JHD, her NA, and picked up two Excellent Jumpers legs as well as two Open Standard legs.
- Chuckie earned his CGC, HTD1s, HRD1s, and earned an HTADIIs leg.
- Guy picked up an HRD1s leg.

From Laurence Gesquire:

Bandit (an honorary sheltie) got his 1st leg in novice SDT on at the MNJPBGVA (with a 1st place), and a second novice STD leg at SICDTC with a (2nd place).



Angel continues to do well and earned another QQ #13 toward her MACH2 at SICDTC (with a 4th place in Exc B STD).

From Marie Potts:

After only 6 months of training, Twister completed his NAJ at the Princeton DTC. He accomplished this in 5 shows with 2 first places, a third place and is having a blast!

From Karen Newquist:

Team Sheltie has been busy:

- Halo earned her ARCHX (APDT Rally Excellent Championship), her RE, and 2 RL3 legs with a first and second place finishes. Halo also earned her Open Tunnelers and Novice Touch 'n Go titles, and did so with 2 first places.
- Bailey was able to stop barking long enough to finish his RN with 2 first places.
- Mysty earned 2 more legs towards her Rally Level one championship, and also earned her NADAC Novice Jumpers title with a first place.



YAHOO List Updates

Our Yahoo membership list is not complete. Not all of our current Metro members participate in our Yahoo List. If you are not a member of this list and a member of Metro SSC, please join the list when you receive your invitation.

Please note that in the future our Board and Committee members will rely on the list to manage club matters such as keep members informed, conduct polls, send out meeting notices, etc.



**Metro Officers & Board Members.....
We want to hear from you!**

Board Members		
President	John Caruso	jcaruso@psgus.nj.com
Rec Scrtry	Cathy Caruso	peachmor@earthlink.net
Corr Scrtry	Karen Newquist	newquick@verizon.net
Treasurer	Helen Ackley	hackley@Princeton.EDU
Member	Abbey Culp	engrider18@aol.com
Member	Bonnie Ovnicek	bonnie_ovnicek@ml.com
Committee Chairs		
Membership	Linda Savino	
Sunshine	Eleanor Campbell	
Yahoo List	Abbey Culp Laura Galbo	
Newsletter, Web Site	Karen Newquist	



New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

The next meeting of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs will be held December 3, 2007 at 8 PM. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn , 195 Davidson Ave, somerset, NJ (732-356-1700). All Metro members are encouraged to attend. Discussions will be centered around pending dog legislation in the state and education programs.

FMI contact

http://www.njfederationofdogclubs.org/meeting_notice.htm or Cathy Caruso
peachmor@earthlink.net

MEET OUR SHELTYE

. This month's Sheltie is **Twister** owned by Marie Potts.



How Fate brought a "Twist" into my life! U-CD Bach Twist of Fate, CDX, ASCA CDX, RE, NAJ

Star was almost 2.5 and had been recuperating from surgery to fix a torn ACL and dislocated patella when I started looking for a playmate for her. My hopes and dreams for Star in the obedience and agility ring had changed but I wasn't giving up on her. I felt both she and I needed another dog before she got any older. So again, I started prowling the internet looking for a puppy. Not the best way to go about looking for a puppy but then again, it had brought Star into my life! I was looking on the internet and came across Bach shelties in Ohio. They had a few puppies for sale of different ages along with Twister and his brother at 8 weeks. Well, needless to say, I saw Twister's picture and fell in love. With his unique coloring of a split face and black coat, many people don't realize he is a bi-blue and it gets him quite a bit of attention! I knew he was the one for me. So, after a 10 hour drive there and back, he was mine.

His puppyhood was uneventful, filled with growing, playing and taking obedience classes at Top Dog. It wasn't very long before I realized he was a mama's boy and didn't want to stray far from me or his big sister Star. At about 1 year old, we started playing with agility. He liked it but started having issues with the see-saw, which led to A-frame and dog walk issues. I decided to stop and work on obedience since I didn't have any agility equipment and didn't feel it was fair to Twister. His Novice obedience career was awesome with placements in AKC, ASCA and UKC. We also qualified for the All Star tournament and placed 10th out of 50 dogs with scores of 196, 196 & 197. It was an incredible weekend and one I will never forget. While I was training him in Open, we got back in the ring and went from Rally Novice to Excellent in 3 months. Then it was on to Open. Time to crash and burn..... The dog that did so well in Novice was gone. My little mama's boy didn't like working away from me and it showed in his attitude in training and in the ring. The more worried he got, the less confidence I had in him and it was a vicious cycle. We worked our way thru an AKC and ASCA CDX but it wasn't pretty. I would get so nervous because I wanted to do well which made it even worse. We kept trying for the UKC (which he only needed one leg) but finally I said enough. While all of this was going on, I was introducing him to the Utility exercises which he seemed to like but there was still a lack of confidence on his part. I knew we had to take a break from obedience and thought it was the perfect time to try agility again. In March, we started classes and Twister loved it! It seemed that the issues he was having with the see saw weren't as much of a problem. We worked hard, and 3.5 months later competed in our first trial. Twister got a Q and 1st place in JWW at his

first trial! As most of you who compete in agility know (which I now know), crossing the finish line with your dog is an incredible rush! We finished our novice jumpers title in 5 shows with 2 firsts and a third place. We are now getting ready for Open jumpers and will be trying standard in December. More important than anything else is that Twister and I are having fun again. He loves to go out and play (train). The change in his confidence from March until now is amazing. One day we will go back to the obedience ring for his UD but that will be in the future. I still have to deal with my ring nerves which are another story. I never thought I would be running agility and having so much fun, but Fate decided that's where the "Twist" in my life wanted to be.



Written and submitted by Marie Potts (with Twister's help to be sure!)