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UPCOMING METRO MEETINGS

[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. Laurence Gesquire, Bonnie Ovnicsek and Linda Savino are coordinating the Meeting and will be contacting the membership with further details.

Please send your accomplishments, by dog to Karen Newquist (newquick@verizon.net) by 1/20/08. Be sure to include: your name and for each of your dogs their name and each of their new titles, the registry for their titles and the type of venue (conformation, obedience, rally, herding, agility, etc.).

[Proposed Dates for 2008](#) -
April

June	
July 27 @ Duke Island Park	Club Picnic
September 28 @ Deer Path Park	Sheltie Rescue Picnic
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 Ovnicsek
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

Our Christmas Party

On Saturday evening, December 15th, we gathered to celebrate the holiday season. We enjoyed good food, excellent company, great raffle prizes and wonderful grab bag gifts for our dogs. This was a truly enjoyable evening that miraculously was over before the onset of the scheduled snow/ice storm.



Sunshine and Showers

Sunshine and Showers Chair, Eleanor Campbell (escampbell@earthlink.net) has requested that you let her know when you, or someone you know of in the club, is ill or has experienced a loss. She would like to be able to send support/card to that person in a timely manner.

Group Herding Lesson

Metro Group Herding Lessons w/Gene Sheninger
Wayside Farm Training Field
Boonton, NJ

Look for upcoming notices of several group training sessions in Boonton, NJ with Gene Sheninger.

Open to beginners and advanced herding students. If you are new to herding and would like to try your sheltie or ducks or sheep in a



casual, supportive atmosphere this is the event for you! Or, if you are more advanced and would like to work in a trial-like setting this is a great opportunity. We'll

have a campfire and roast marshmallows to keep the cold away! Limited attendance - dates to be announced as soon as they are finalized. FMI Cathy Caruso at peachmor@earthlink.net

BASIC GENETICS FOR BREEDERS SEMINAR

BLUE RIDGE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB will be presenting a two-day seminar on basic genetics for breeders.

Kim Schive of Foxglove Shelties is a prominent breeder, owner-handler and AKC approved judge. She has bred and owned Register of Merit winners in both sexes. She has taught statistics, experimental design and other subjects at Harvard, Boston, and Gallaudet Universities and she currently writes about mathematics and medicine for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Kim has also written about genetics for Shetland Sheepdog magazines.

Do you have questions about genetics and breeding?

- Should I inbreed, linebreed or outcross? What are the potential benefits and risks?
- What breeding strategies can I use to improve structure, temperament or control size?
- Why does that mediocre stud dog consistently sire puppies better than himself while my specialty-winning bitch has yet to produce a puppy even close to her quality?
- A genetic problem showed up in a dog of my breeding. What do I do now?

This seminar will answer these questions and more. It will provide you with the basic and advanced genetic concepts every breeder needs and will help you build the solid framework of genetic knowledge you need to get the breeding results you want. Breeding good dogs is more than a matter of luck. There are rules, and even your dogs follow them!

See the link below for further details and flyer.
http://www.brssc.org/Kim_Schive_Sem_08_.pdf

When: February 16 & 17, 2008
Time: Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$85 for a 2 day seminar.
Program runs from 10:00 – 4:00 both days. Refreshments will be provided.
Preregistration is requested, as handouts will be provided for all attendees.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



AWSS

The **A**ssociation of **W**orking **S**hetland **S**heepdogs

At our December meeting, Linda Rohleder shared information about this recently formed organization. Included is their Mission Statement and web address.

Their web site is

<http://workingshelties.org/index.html> .

On it you will find the mission statement, code of ethics, and the details of the Versatility awards and ROM-P programs.

Their Mission Statement:

1. To recognize and preserve those virtues necessary for the Shetland Sheepdog to be capable of performing at a high level in a variety of fields, in accordance with its heritage as a working dog.
2. To promote excellence, responsibility and good sportsmanship in training, showing, and ownership of the working Shetland Sheepdog.
3. To promote the breeding of temperamentally and physically sound Shetland Sheepdogs in accordance with the club's Code of Ethics.
4. To encourage versatility of the Shetland Sheepdog through public education, breeder and exhibitor recognition programs, and equal recognition of successes in working, show, therapy, and service areas.
5. To educate, inform and support new and current Shetland Sheepdog owners in all areas in which they choose to responsibly participate.

Their yahoo group is at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AWSS-Shelties/> .

The message board is open so you can read back through the archives and see the discussions and debates that have gone on performance folks about proper structure.

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 Laurie 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



Time for Annual Dues

Our membership chair, Linda Savino has sent notice for a request for annual membership dues.

New Additions....

From Fairfax Hutter:

Fenner came to join Fairfax coming all the way from Massachusetts.

Welcome to the family Fenner!



BRAGS

From Pat Salvatoriello:

Pat wants to share a Christmas pic of her gang – Dempsey (her honorary sheltie), Lucy and Finnegan.



From Marie Potts:

Twister finished his OAJ title at Port Jervis. He completed his title with a first place at the Staten Island show, and 2 second places at Non-Sporting. What made it even more special was that that the weather was bitterly cold with snow and we still had fun! Marie states " Onto excellent in the spring and running with the big kids....."

From Linda Savino:

Linda is thrilled to share the wonderful news that Kobi earned his Open Agility Title on Dec. 1st at the trial in Port Jervis.

From Karen Newquist:

Halo continues to excel in spite of illness:

- Halo earned 2 legs for her UCX (UKC Open Obedience) and did so with 2 second places.
- We are proud to report that Halo successfully completed her round of radiation treatments and got to celebrate with her favorite radiologist, Mike.
- Thank you to all of you who kept us in your thoughts and prayers as we worked through these difficult months. Halo will be looking to thank you herself at the upcoming trials.





The Rainbow Bridge

We would like to recognize our good friends and companions who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Please send your contributions to Karen Newquist (newquik@verizon.net). Include your dog's registered name, all titles, a bio and a picture if available. All contributions will be placed on our website and will be accessible from the main menu.

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!

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Membership	Linda Savino	
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Yahoo List	Abbey Culp Laura Galbo	
Newsletter, Web Site	Karen Newquist	



New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

The next delegates meeting of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs will be held April 7, 2008 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/meetingnotice.htm> or Cathy Caruso
peachmor@earthlink.net



