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RMKC Newsletter



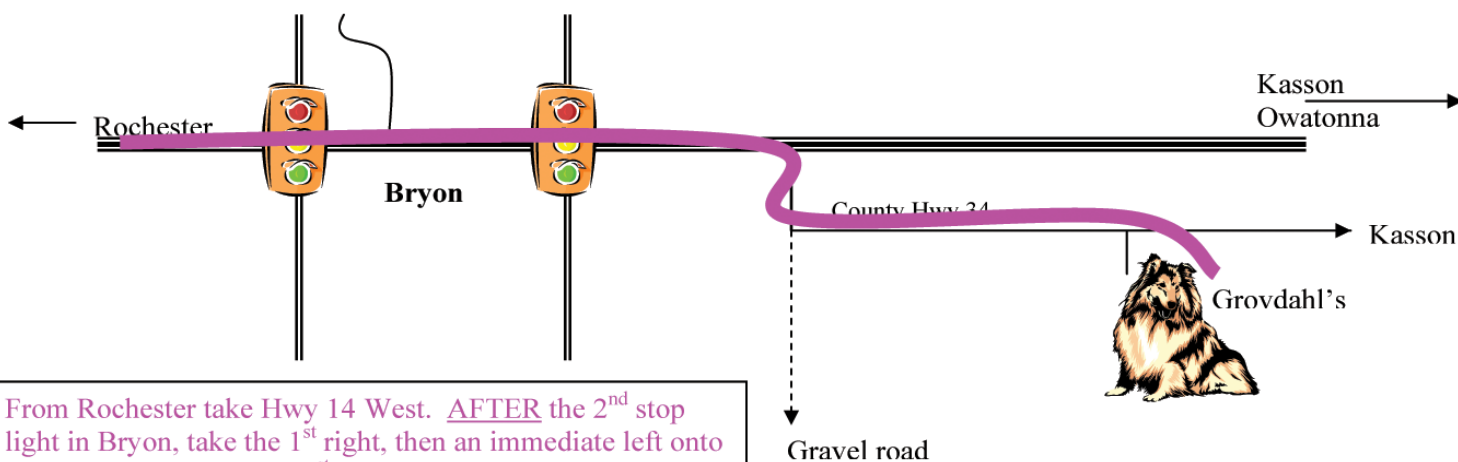
Annual RMKC Picnic



Date: Monday, August 14th Time: 5:30 pm to ?
Place: Grovdahl acreage - 27634 Cty Hwy 34, Kasson
(see map/directions below)

The club will provide the main dish (chicken) - please bring a dish to share. The Grovdahl's will be providing paper plates, silverware & cups. Members should bring their own beverages & a chair. Dogs are welcome - there will be canine fun & games following the meal.

Because the club is providing the main dish, members who will be attending need to RSVP to Linda Cornick (507-281-9960 or newlindac@hotmail.com) so that we have a head count.



From Rochester take Hwy 14 West. AFTER the 2nd stop light in Bryon, take the 1st right, then an immediate left onto Co Hwy 34. We are the 1st place on the right.

There is no RMKC Board meeting this month due to the Picnic.

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RMKC General Membership Meeting – Monday, July 10, 2006

Members Present: Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Vicki O'Neill, Carole Sorensen, Barb Hartman, Caroline Baihly, Linda Cornick, Lenny Gremminger, Julie Prentice, Duane Pulford, Rick Miller, Julie Davies, Sandy Woodruff, Chris Meyer, Stephanie Meyer, Paul Howe, Kris Henning, Paul Henning. **Guests Present:** Hayley Erdman (Pat's Granddaughter)

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. Guest was introduced and welcomed.

Approval of the June Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Duane Pulford and seconded by Caroline Baihly to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

President's Report: None

Corresponding Secretary: Correspondence reviewed and circulated among members present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Caroline Baihly, reported on income and expenses for June and ending account balances.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Planning for the show continues. Paul Howe reports that he will start recruiting help for the obedience stewards. Letters will be going out to club members reminding them of their commitments for trophy pledges. Diana Mann will send out reminder letters to vendors this week. Stephanie Meyer will contact Elisha Anderson to verify if she is doing public relations. Julie Prentice and Linda Cornick will be doing hospitality assisted by Ruth Miller if needed. Regal Catering has been booked. Baskets will be assembled for the judges and letters have been mailed to the judging panel regarding special requests for foot/beverages.

Agility Trial: The agility premium list is out and can be accessed via our website

Seminars: Julie Prentice and Stephanie Meyer continue to look for an appropriate date for the Tom and Kay Lamm conformation seminar. The committee welcomes ideas and suggestions.

Budget: No update

Public Relations: We have an okay to place a "Poop Bag Station" that will be donated and maintained by members of RMKC. Stephanie Meyer will bring examples to share with members. We will also need to decide where to place it. The location must be in close proximity to a trash receptacle. Stephanie will also finish up the design of the RMKC brochure. She will e-mail it to Diana Mann for printing and formatting. Copying & distribution will be the responsibility of the PR committee.

Membership: An updated membership listing will be coming out soon.

Judges Selection: No Report

Sunshine: A card has been sent to Marie Christianson. Marie is recovering from back surgery and recently lost her mother.

Old Business:

- **Non Profit Status** – As President, Diana Mann signed the IRS form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption. This has been submitted with the appropriate application and attorney fees. We should have a determination in about 60 days. Our attorney has been given "power of attorney" and should therefore answer all IRS correspondence.
- **Committees for 2006-** Volunteers are needed.
- **Programs for 2006-** Sighthound Straight Line Racing, Breed Profiles, Pet First Aid, Genetics and Buying and selling dogs/puppies contract discussion. All suggestions are appreciated. Please e-mail your suggestions to Diana Mann.
- **Breed Info Binders** – Caroline Baihly will contact the Fargo–Moorhead Kennel Club to see where they got their info / format for their binders as we have not found anything comparable.
- **Picnic-** The whippet person has a conflict on that date so they will not be available to do a demonstration for us. We will have a photographer on site to take some "candid" shots for sale. We will have a short meeting, a wonderful meal and some fun with the dogs. RSVP to Linda Cornick @ newlindac@hotmail.com so we can get a count for the chicken. Bring a dish to pass.

New Business:

- **Rochester Dog Limit Issue** - Rick Miller is collecting information and monitoring the city council docket to keep informed on this issue. He will attempt to network with council members to illustrate why this type of legislation would not be good for the city. Members are encouraged to contact their city council members. If any member personally knows anyone on the council, please contact Rick.
- **Chinese Shar Pei Raffle** – The Shar Pei club requested the club's permission to hold a raffle in conjunction with their speciality. A motion was made by Duane Pulford to approve this request and seconded by Julie Prentice. Motion carried.
- **Responsible Dog Ownership** – The Shar Pei club requested the club's permission to conduct a "meet the breed" event with the Shar Pei's on Saturday during the all breed show. A motion was made by Duane Pulford to approve this request and seconded by Julie Prentice. Motion carried.
- **Financial** - The board will begin to review the bank statements on a monthly basis to ensure the accuracy of the treasurer's reports. This was brought up as several non-profit organizations have recently suffered losses.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Duane Pulford and Seconded by Sandy Woodruff, Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:15.

Respectfully submitted

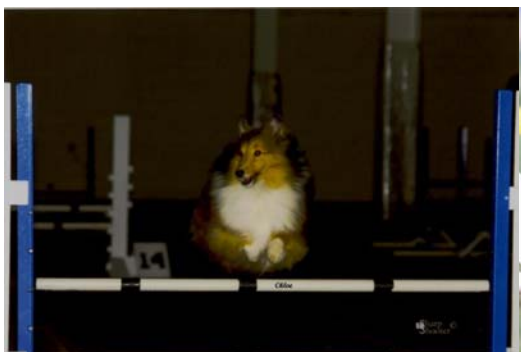
Linda Cornick

Recording Secretary - Rochester MN Kennel club

RMKC Member Profile

Member Name: Lynn Grovdahl **City of Residence:** Kasson, MN

Dog's Name(s), Ages, & Breeds: (note: names & ages are current, not age when photos were taken)



Peacewynde Magic O MyDawn CD NA NAJ CGC "Chloe"; 14 yrs old



My T Hi Peacewynde Fire Opal CD NA NAJ CGC "Chelsea"; 13 yrs old



MyDawn's She's A Lady CD AX AXJ CGC "Sari"; 8 yrs old



Kandisweet MyDawn's Lady C CD AX AXJ CGC "Charlotte"; 11 yrs old (Photo taken by Nicole)



Kenmar's Maggie Magee "Maggie"; 13 yrs old

Non-canine family members (spouses, kids...): Paul is my husband, and like myself, is employed by Mayo Clinic. Paul has two boys, Matthew and Brandon. Matt lives in Rochester and works for a company based out of Stillwater, MN, installing and repairing gymnasium floors in the upper Midwest. Brandon is in his last year of nursing through the University of Minnesota's Rochester program. Brandon also lives in Rochester.

Joined RMKC in what year? About 1998

Held any offices/committee assignments? I was the Newsletter Editor for 4 years, have helped with open houses, the annual conformation/obedience shows, and agility trials. Plus, have hosted the annual RMKC summer picnic the last couple of years.

Activities you & your dog(s) are involved in (ie Obedience, Agility, Conformation, Therapy, etc): *Obedience* – when I decided to become involved with dogs, one of my goals was for any dog that lived here to have at least a Companion Dog title. I have kept this goal, with the exception of "Maggie", who came to live with us permanently at the age of 12 yrs. "Charlotte" and I are currently working on attaining her Companion Dog Excellent title – maybe by the time this is printed she will have it!!!! "Sari's" turn will be next.

Agility – "Chloe" and "Chelsea" were up in years when I became involved in agility, so I only did Novice level with them. Paul chuckled when I entered "Chloe" in her first agility trial – "That couch potato?" was his comment. He attended the trial and was amazed that with the right motivation (bread) she could move! At this time "Charlotte" has 5 Master Agility legs and one Master Agility Jumper leg. My goal is to get her MX title. "Sari" has 3 MX legs and 1 MXJ leg and I will continue to work with her to complete these titles.

Herding – A couple of summers ago I ventured into Herding. NOT my thing! Charlotte is a natural and Sari showed lots of potential, but with infrequent practice availability I became too frustrated for it to be enjoyable for any of us! I do enjoy watching others participate and have great respect for the people. Charlotte is Herding Certified through the American Herding Breeds Association.

Rally – Once Charlotte completes her CDX, I plan to start Rally with her.

Titles earned: Canine Good Citizen (4); Companion Dog (4); Novice Agility (4); Novice Agility Jumpers w/Weaves (4); Open Agility (2); Open Agility Jumpers w/Weaves (2); Excellent Agility (2); Excellent Agility Jumpers w/Weaves (2)

RMKC Member Profile (cont'd from pg 3)

Best thing about being involved in dogs: The best thing is companionship. The awards and ribbons are nice and the activities are fun to do, but cuddling on the couch with 3 to 5 shelties on a winter's evening to read or watch TV, is the best! There are so many activities – Obedience, Rally, Agility, Conformation, Tracking – it is almost endless if you want it to be!

What are some of your “non-dog” hobbies/interests? *There are people “in dogs” that have time and money for other interests????? WOW!*

I do like to cross-stitch (mainly sheltie related items), gardening/yard work, and I love to read (fiction). Paul's main interest is cars, more specifically, Street Rods. We have a '55 Chevy, which we drive to car events and get-togethers during the summer. On the sideline (future projects) are a '62 Chevy Impala and a '57 Chevy BelAir wagon. Paul rebuilt a '79 CJ (Jeep – purtiest orange color you've ever seen!) about 7 years ago. We drive the CJ whenever possible on hot summer days. Summers are divided between car events and dog events. The shelties are not allowed in the old cars – something about hair being an issue! Although, when the '57 wagon is road worthy, that will be “my” car, so...

All in all, Paul is very accommodating with the shelties, and since the car events are not generally dog friendly, the two interests during the summer months very seldom conflict.



RMKC Board Meeting – Monday, July 10, 2006

Members Present: Diana Mann, Caroline Baihly, Linda Cornick, Pat Campbell, Stephanie Meyer, Paul Howe, Duane Pulford
President Diana Mann called the meeting to order @ 6:08 p.m.

Approval of the May 2006 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Stephanie Meyer and seconded by Paul Howe to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Caroline Baihly, reported on income and expenses for June and ending account balances.

Unfinished Business:

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- **Other Unfinished Business:** - We have an okay to place a “Poop Bag Station” that will be donated and maintained by members of RMKC. Stephanie Meyer will bring examples to share with members. We will also need to decide where to place it. The location must be in close proximity to a trash receptacle. Stephanie will also finish up the design of the RMKC brochure. She will e-mail it to Diana Mann for printing and formatting. Copying & distribution will be the responsibility of the PR committee.

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- **Breed Info Binders** – Caroline Baihly will contact the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club to see where they got their info / format for their binders as we have not found anything comparable.
- **Other New Business** - Discussion was held regarding changing the show chair position to cover both days of the show with an assistant. This should help avoid conflicts. This item will be tabled until the conclusion of the 2006 show.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Campbell and Seconded by Caroline Baihly, Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned @ 6:55.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Cornick, Recording Secretary - Rochester MN Kennel Club

MEMBER BRAGS

★ Linda Cornick - **CH Vijam Sharper Image NA OAJ “Bowtie”** (Beagle)

★ National Beagle Club National Specialty - Agility

★ Novice Preferred - NEW TITLE!

★ Novice Jumpers Preferred - NEW TITLE!

★ Open Preferred - 1st leg

★ Caroline & Art Baihly - **Ravenwood’s Classic Edition JH “Ella”** (Flat-Coated Retriever)

★ Anoka County KC - Thurs. - WB/BOS - 1 pt.

★ Anoka County KC - Friday - WB/BW/BOS - 2 pts to finish CH TITLE!

★ Lenny Gremminger - **Gemstone Chewed Rubyslipper “Slipper”** (Basset Hound)

★ Vermillion KC - Group 1 in Puppy Hound group

This article was sent to me by Kris Henning - it comes from the AKC’s Public Education Department & is relevant to us as members of the RMKC given the possibility of the changing of dog limits right here in Rochester.

Need to Protect the Right to Own and Breed Never Greater

Message from Walter Bebout, AKC Canine Legislation Director

The introduction of crop and dock ban bills, breed-specific legislation, and mandatory spay/neuter ordinances is rampant across the United States. From Los Angeles County, CA, and Albuquerque, NM, to San Antonio, TX, and Louisville, KY, local governments are embracing mandatory spay and neuter ordinances as a panacea to deal with perceived pet overpopulation issues. So far in 2006 we have seen the consideration of an ear-cropping-ban bill in Vermont and the introduction of a crop-and-dock-ban bill in New York state. Breed-specific legislation, banning the ownership and/or breeding of certain breeds, plagues dog owners in scores of communities. The need for a resolute dog fancy committed to protecting the right to own and breed dogs has never been greater.

Our own complacency constitutes a serious threat to responsible dog ownership. It is all too easy for a dog owner involved in breeds not cropped or docked to have the view that crop-and-dock-ban bills do not affect them or their breeding programs. The same attitude can dismiss the relevance of breed-specific legislation if your beloved breed or breeds are not included in a proposed breed-specific ban in your community. Mandatory spay and neuter ordinances may provide exemptions, usually for “competition/performance/show” dogs, so again the outlook can be that “my dog is in a ‘special class,’ and my right to breed is exempted and protected under mandatory spay/neuter ordinances.”

But exemption from mandatory spay and neuter requirements comes at a high price. Albuquerque, NM, requires an annual \$150 intact animal permit and a \$150 litter permit, while Los Angeles County, CA, features a \$60 intact animal license and a \$175 litter permit if you choose to breed a bitch. But the greatest cost to dog fanciers is not monetary. Instead mandatory spay/neuter and crop/dock bans and breed-specific legislation singly and collectively threaten the rights of dog ownership.

The menace of repressive dog legislation is not a complex issue. Instead it reduces to a simple question: Who should make the decisions regarding dog ownership and breeding -- the responsible dog owner or the government? If your answer is that owners and breeders should make those decisions, then every piece of negative canine legislation introduced becomes an issue requiring active opposition by everyone in the purebred dog community. The common bond between all dog fanciers is our love of the purebred dog. Dog fanciers have shared interests, and we also have a shared responsibility to protect the right to own and breed dogs.

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Monthly Meeting Information

Date: 2nd Monday **Time:** 7:00 pm **Location:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 559 20th St SW
Directions from downtown Rochester: South on Broadway to 20th St SW (Kwik Trip) - turn right (W) - go approx 5 blocks to top of hill - Church is on the right, set back from the street