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# President's Message



JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

Last month's meeting was our annual election. Amy Starost has stepped up to be our Vice President—Congratulations! Elaine Barone has returned to the Board as a Director—Welcome Back! I look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year. I believe we will accomplish a lot for Ramapo in many different ways. Big thanks to Arlene Stover for her term as VP. We wish you all the best as you work toward regaining your health and strength. Big thanks also to Rose Radel for heading up the Nominating Committee, made up of Cindy McMillen and Roseann Tucker. They worked arduously to put together this year's slate of officers and board members.

They did a great job!

Our annual dinner on Wednesday, June 10th, will be held at the Paris Inn on Alps Road in Wayne, NJ. If you would like to join us please let Lorraine Fennemore know you'd like to be included. Members dine for free and guests must pay \$30. This dinner is our annual awards presentation. Elaine Barone puts many hours of effort into this every year, please be sure to come to recognize the recipients and help celebrate. Hope to see everyone there!

The tick population has amped up considerably from this time last year. Remember to keep the mosquitos, ticks and fleas away from yourselves and your dogs – Lyme Disease is being diagnosed at record levels. Heartworm is also on the rise.

There are many OTC products available repel insects as well as a large number of homemade preparations easily found online. Research what works best for you and your animals and use them!

Long-time member and Brittany breeder Doc Berlet recently gifted RKC with his entire library of dog books. They run the gamut from informational/educational materials to dog-related literature. There is a plethora of books on Sporting Dogs (Brittany Spaniels in particular—no surprise!) and field trials. I picked them up from him last week and will catalog them for review at next week's dinner. I'd like input from the members on what we should do with them. Should we put them in storage and lend them to interested members as they want them? Should we donate those that may not be of long term interest to a book sale? Please weigh in! Thank you.

As always, our meetings will take the summer off. They resume in September; same time, same place. We're lining up some good presentations. Straws to Paws will be back, this time focusing on the female aspects of reproduction. We will also have a canine rehabilitation therapist come in to explain how PT works for dogs and the benefits it brings to recovery from injuries and/or surgery.

We will have a Board meeting on Wednesday, July 15th, at the VFW in Fairfield. One of the items on the agenda is Committees. If you are interested in chairing a committee or being a member of one of them please let me know. We welcome everyone and would love your participation.

Also, there are several issues the Board must address before July, so we will have a very short (no more than 15 minutes) meeting next week at the dinner. I will let everyone know if it will be immediately before, at some point during or immediately after it is over. If you have a preference please let me know via email.

Enjoy the summer!

Sharon

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### President

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Amy Starost

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Gerrie Oliver  
Rose Radel

### 2017

Elaine Barone  
Lorraine Fennemore  
Janis Hayes

### AKC Delegate

Jeffrey David Ball

# Minutes

## **RKC Member Meeting**

**May 13th 2015**

**VFW Hall**

**Fairfield, NJ 07004**

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

**Recording Secretary-** Janis Hayes made a motion to accept the April 8th minutes and Lorraine Fennemore seconded, voted upon and approved.

**Treasurer-** April checking balance was \$14,984.25 . The Money market balance \$34,842.46. Membership Dues are due June 1st.

**Sunshine-** A thank you note was received from Amy Starost who was in hospital. Rose Radel was in a car accident. The Club will make a donation to the Mt. Pleasant animal shelter in honor of her.

**Membership-** Vote was made in favor of accepting Sue Leonard from Pompton Plains who has Entlebucher Mountain Dogs into membership.

**Pet Therapy-** Red Cross went to West Point for Cadet distress day. June 11th at 10am Homestead school will have a demonstration on socialization.

**AKC Delegate-**The delegates meeting will be in early June in Newark NJ.

**NJFDC-** Bergen County will be receiving their trailer in the coming weeks. There will be a dedication upcoming. The Federation was awarded with the community achievement award from the AKC.

**Election of New Officers-** Members voted and approved of the following:

**Vice President: Amy Starost**

**Recording Secretary: Kim Luikert**

**AKC Delegate- Jeffery Ball**

**Board- Lorraine Fennemore, Janis Hayes and Elaine Barrone.**

Kim Luikert moved that one ballot be cast by the Secretary on behalf of the slate.

Voted upon and approved.

**June Awards Dinner** is June 10th at the Paris Inn. Please see Lorraine if you can attend.

**Match Show-** Is Saturday May 23rd at Sunnybank. Set up is at 7:30 all members are encouraged to come and help.

**Lure Coursing-** June 13-14 in Colts Neck NJ for the American Chesapeake Club. See Joanne Silver for more info.

Barn hunt- In September see Joan Murko for info.

Diane Ammerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 Amy seconded voted upon and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Kim Luikert / May 28 2015*



## VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

I have been so busy working recently that I couldn't find time to put paw to keyboard...I've been training for Open and it's a struggle...

I see no point in retaking the jump after retrieving the dumbbell, when returning around it is easier...I already proved I can jump and pick up that piece of plastic...so why do I have to jump again?...if I'm flying over a log in the woods to chase a squirrel, that's one thing...but when I return, I'll splash through the stream or step from rock to rock just for variety...

And this business of heeling...it's boring to walk some silly L shaped pattern with lots of stops and turns and pace changes...when I

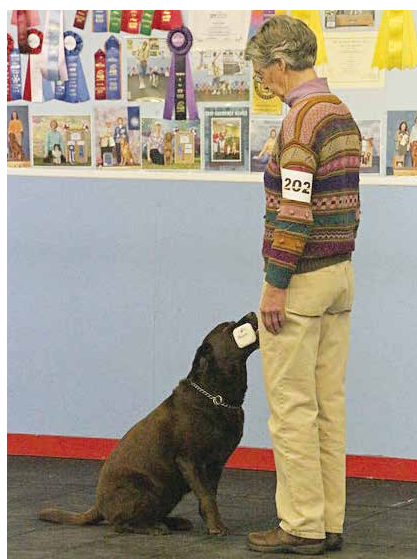
go for a walk, I check out Mrs Wren's nest, smell the skunk cabbage, roll in the moss, and drink from the cascading brook...

Now retrieving on the flat is pure fun...wait to see which way the dumbbell bounces, dash out, scoop it up, and trot back to present my trophy to my human partner...of course, I'd prefer bringing a squirrel, but it's rarely well received...

To keep me in the ring, my human is exploring different competition registries...with the help of Vivian Bregman and Diane Cohn who patiently answered a bazillion questions, I entered my first UKC trial this weekend and earned my U-CD... maybe I'll try CDSP too...gotta stay busy while struggling to learn Open...

Think I'll go for a swim right now...no telling what trophy I'll retrieve and bring home...

*Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CD, U-CD, BN, RAE RL3, ThD, CGCA  
(but you can call me "Friday")*



*Friday, with his human, Anne Hulsizer*

## TRIBUTE TO FOUNDING MEMBER JOANNE NYKAMP

Joanne Nykamp, the last founding member and past president of the Ramapo KC passed away on May 26th which was the same day as her 85th birthday. She was born in Cedar Grove, NJ. Her life was filled with many joys, a devoted husband, loving family, caring friends and dozens— if not hundreds of playful dogs.

Originally when applying to found the club it was as the Lakeland KC, but AKC did not accept the name, so it was changed to Ramapo KC. In addition to helping to found Ramapo KC, she was also on the Board of Directors for the Airedale Terrier Club of America. She established Meadowaire Kennels and bred 16 Airedale and Norwich Terrier Champions and trained one Airedale to a CDX. She passed on her love for dogs to her children who have several

married in 1954, and settled in NJ where they lived for over 35 years. Joanne was passionate about people, animals, and service to the community, serving as President of the Riverdale Women's Club in NJ. She was also a founding member of the Holy Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge, NJ.

Upon retirement, Joanne relocated to Woodlake, NC where she was active in several clubs and community service. She was a member of the Woodlake Women's Club, Woodlake Birders, and Woodlake Birthday Club. She also established the Sandhills Club which welcomed newcomers. She served her community delivering meals-on-wheels for over ten years, and volunteering as a Master Gardener.

In the later years of her life, Joanne was the care provider for Hugo, who faced Parkinson's disease with strength and courage. Joanne's commitment and dedication to Hugo served as an inspiration to others. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association (<http://www.apdaparkinson.org/>) or Our Savior Lutheran Church, Southern Pines, NC.



*Joanne Nykamp*

Joanne was a graduate of Cornell University. While attending Cornell she met her husband, the late Hugo John Nykamp, DVM who was a graduate of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Joanne and Hugo were

## Happy Birthday, Cassidy!

Cassidy turned one year on April 30, 2015. She is the only puppy that survived out of six (the others died in utero). When she could not walk normally at 21 days, it was suggested we euthenize her as it was presumed she would have ongoing neurological problems. If surgery was indicated it would cost in excess of \$8,000.

After an agonizing several days, my daughter and I felt she was here or a reason. I didn't see a puppy with neurological problems, I saw a bright puppy who could climb in and out of the whelping box, was curious, liked to explore, was happy, and was friendly with occasional kisses.

Because of the way she walked (she brings her rear legs up together to move forward in a hopping manner; however, she can walk "normally" with stiff legs), I decided to call her Cassidy after the cowboy personality of the 50's, Hopalong Cassidy.

I was told if she was going to deteriorate it would be between six and eight months when she would do

her most growing. I was concerned but optimistic.

With the encouragement of the Ramapo KC obedience staff we enrolled Cassidy in obedience classes. She graduated from puppy kindergarten, beginners, passed the CGC test and now is in advanced beginners. She does scent work and is learning barn hunting.

Except for the way she moves, she functions like a normal dog. I hope she can be a therapy dog someday and I would like to explore tracking sometime in the future.

While she does occasionally fight with her mother, she continues to be a loving and happy little dog.

*Submitted by Arlene Stover*



*Cassidy, (Den Brook Happy Hopalong Cassidy) pictured on right, celebrating her first birthday with her mother, Fiona, (CH. Irish Rose Mary Maiden) age 5.*

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## AKC HUMANE FUND

Nominations are now open for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). We are searching for dogs that have greatly inspired and contributed to their community. One dog will be chosen in each category: Uniformed Service K-9, Search and Rescue, Therapy, Exemplary Companion, and Service.

Please spread the word about this special award and encourage others to nominate their canine heroes. Thank you.

Submissions to [akchumanefund@akc.org](mailto:akchumanefund@akc.org). Nominations will be accepted until July 1, 2015.



# A FUN DAY AT SUNNYBANK . . .



**"I**would like to thank all the members and friends who took time to help set-up, take entries, set up food, clean up and tear down as well as donate food and enter their dogs to make our 2015 Match a GREAT SUCCESS. Again we pulled people from NY, PA, MA and NJ and had a good turn out. Thank you all for spreading the word. It was a beautiful day and everyone thanked us for a fun time. Hope to see everyone again next year." — *Melissa Ayer, Match Chairperson*





# Ramapo KC Match, 5/23/15



Top, Best Puppy in Match, Miniature Dachshund owned by Kelly Vannatter of NJ.  
 Above, Best Adult in Match, Shetland Sheepdog owned by Vicki & Molli Jason of Moscow, PA.



JACK AND TILLY GRASSA



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973-697-9456

## **Congrats Elaine!**

On May 9 & 10 I entered Hunter in 4 trials in a new obedience venue called Companion Dog Sports Program. He finished his Novice CD-C title in the first 3 trials and also took High In Trial #1 with a 199. In the 4th trial I was able to move him up to Open and he earned his 1st leg with a 2nd place. Lost the run off for first to his buddy Nemo who also earned his CD-C and his first open leg. It was a fun weekend.

*Submitted by Elaine Barone*

## **PENNSYLVANIA BILL IMPACTS OUTDOOR FIELD TRIALS, DOG ACTIVITIES, AND OUTDOOR DOG SHELTERS**

A bill is advancing in the Pennsylvania Senate that would amend the state's cruelty laws to regulate tethering and sheltering for dogs kept outdoors.

The AKC strongly believes that no dog should ever be kept in a situation that endangers its health, wellbeing, or safety.

Senate Bill 373, however, could directly impact field trials, sledding or other winter dog sports, and other winter activities, as the bill prohibits a dog from being tethered outside for more than 30 minutes if the temperature is below 32 degrees.

Many breeds thrive in cold temperatures, and keeping them humanely tethered outside, even unattended, does not harm the animal. Certain training for field trials, search and rescue, and other activities may also require a dog to be temporarily and humanely tethered outside in cold temperatures.

The AKC recommends that this measure be clarified to state instead that a dog should not be left outdoors in conditions where the health and safety of the dog is in immediate danger.

The bill also sets specific standards for shelter and bedding for dogs kept outdoors. Dog owners are encouraged to review the bill in its entirety to see how it would impact your kennels and outdoor dog shelters.

### **What You Can Do:**

The bill has passed committee and will likely be considered by the Pennsylvania Senate soon. Use the Pennsylvania General Assembly's "Find My Legislator" page to find the name and contact information for your State Senator and express any comments or concerns you have with SB 373.



**Ramapo Kennel Club  
Annual Awards Dinner**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

7:00 p.m.

**The Paris Inn**

1292 Alps Rd.

Wayne, NJ 07470

Guests - \$30.00 Members - Free\*

Please R.S.V.P. to Lorraine Fennemore

973-227-0945 or [lorryfenn1@optonline.net](mailto:lorryfenn1@optonline.net)

**TROPHY DONATIONS NEEDED**  
for the upcoming point show  
To donate, please see Kim at the  
next meeting,  
call her at 551-265-4245,  
or email her at  
[kim.luikert@gmail.com](mailto:kim.luikert@gmail.com)

**Just a friendly reminder—the following members have not yet paid their dues. They were payable by June 1. Please send a check payable to Ramapo KC as soon as possible to:**

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**153 Holland Mt. Rd**  
**Oak Ridge NJ 07438**

Melissa Ayer  
Jeffrey Ball  
Linda Bassett  
Jack Berlet  
Lynn Budd

Mary Gallagher  
Fred/Linda Hachtel  
Tracey Schnabel  
Michael/Nicole Tomko

**Got Stuff?**

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, [tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com). Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Check the calendar on the last page for submission deadlines. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.



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# Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW Hall  
45 Plymouth Street  
Fairfield, NJ at 8:00 PM  
(unless otherwise noted)**

**Wednesday, June 10** Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting, 8PM. Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST**

**Wednesday, September 9** RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15

**October 9-12, 2015** The Harvest Cluster shows



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