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ELECTION 2016—MAKE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF DOGS

Election Day 2016 is November 8. In these last days leading up to the election, candidates are vying for your vote. You may receive phone calls, visits from volunteer door knockers, or even a direct appeal from the candidate. As you walk to your polling

place for early voting or on Election Day, you may pass dozens of workers with signs, stickers, and hand-outs who seek a last-minute chance to influence

your vote. A candidate may introduce him or herself and offer to shake your hand.

If they ask for a moment of your time—give it to them.

It doesn't matter if you support that candidate or not. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a statement on behalf of your dogs, your sport, and your breeding program. Rather than hanging up the phone, shutting the door, or replying "no thanks" and walking by, use that moment to let them know their actions on canine issues are important to you as a voter.

Most voters carefully consider many issues when deciding how to cast their vote. However, a candidate's position on canine issues may not be a readily visible part of their platform. If you wish to learn more about a candidate's positions on canine issues prior to the election, now is the time

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Joanne Silver's "Gidget" received her Dock Diving Junior certificate at the RKC show on Sunday, October 16. For more photos see pages 4-5.

JACK GRASSA

President's Message



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Sharon Fremer

November is a month to remember veterans and to be thankful. Ramapo Kennel Club has abundant reasons to do both.

Our membership roster shows many, many Life Members throughout its pages. We also have members of the cusp of that

honor. They are our veterans, they were in the trenches before us, bringing the club along and molding it into the organization it is today. I thank them for their effort and energy, we would not be the same club without them.

Our current active membership also deserves gratitude and thanks. It is hard to sustain a kennel club in today's world of Animal Rights activists and an American Kennel Club that often appears to have lost sight of why it exists. Happily, we have dedicated members that work extremely hard to ensure the club not only treads water in this environment, but moves forward year after year. Many of them you know well, but we have a number of unsung heroes who work under the radar and behind the scenes. Though they choose to keep a low profile, their contributions are equally enormous and important.

I thank every individual

that contributes their time, their effort, their energy and their enthusiasm to Ramapo Kennel Club. I do not say this enough. I could not do what I do as president without all of you. I appreciate every one of you and I am so grateful you are part of our team. I would name everyone here, but space will not allow it. I will do that at next week's meeting.

Let's start a trend. Let's show our appreciation and gratitude by thanking members for their contributions more frequently. I encourage all our members to take the time to thank the people you see doing good things for our club. Let them know they are valued!

On another topic, our Harvest Cluster shows were once again successful. Exhibitors were happy, spectators were happy, judges were happy and I saw a lot of dogs that were clearly happy. It was a big win for all involved. Many thanks to Melissa Ayer (Chairman) and Gerrie Oliver (Assistant Chairman) and their show committee for their hard work and diligence. It certainly paid off!

Dock Diving brought in a whole new crowd of competitors, many of whom have already said they look forward to 2017. We hope to add more activities next year. Coursing and Barn Hunt are being researched now. If you have ideas about these or any other events, please let us know. We want to reach as many dog owners as we can. Let's expand our horizons.

I hope to see many of you next Wednesday, but for those I don't – Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you for being a part of Ramapo Kennel Club.

Sharon

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Minutes

**RKC Member Meeting
October 12th, 2016
American Legion Hall
11 Oak Ave Pequannock, NJ 07440**

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:19

Recording Secretary- Anne Hulsizer made a motion to accept the September minutes and Janis Hayes seconded—voted on and approved.

Treasurer- September balance was \$17,011.39. Money Market \$34,873.87. Thank you note from NAIA for the \$200 donation was received.

Membership- Nothing new. Membership applications will be at Club table during shows.

Corresponding Secretary- Letters from the nominated candidates for the AKC Board of Directors were read. Our own Jeffrey Ball will be running. Voting takes place on March 14 2017.

Obedience- Classes are running nicely, lots of Leonberger puppies in class.

Sunshine- Cards were sent around for Lena who is in hospital and Joyce Wilson, Joanne Silver and Melissa.

NJFDC- S63 past the Senate but there is a “friend” on the Agricultural Committee Parker Space (Space Farms/Sussex County) who is holding it back for now. The tethering bill is too general. Breeders

Referral Guide is soliciting ads from dog businesses and contacts. Next meeting is December.

AKC Delegate- Jeffrey is running for Board of Directors, there are 9 candidates for 4 positions.

Point Show- Lots of set up on Thursday, those who can help please come by. 7:00 am is the suggested arrival time for show volunteers. Catalogs will be sold for \$5.00 both days in effort to sell more and waste less. Nancy Nycamp, daughter of longtime Club member will be coming for show. Her family will be invited for lunch that day.

Holiday Party- As in the past few years, Franco’s will be the host of our Holiday party on December 14th. Sign up’s will be available at the November meeting.

Refreshments for November meeting - Anne Hulsizer and Amy Starost.

Tilly Grassa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm seconded by Jeffrey — voted on and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kim Luikert
October 25 2016*

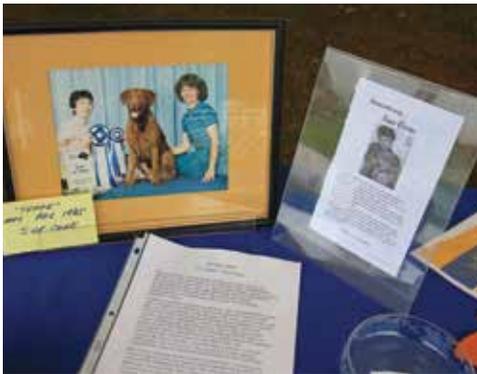
Committee Descriptions Needed

Did you ever chair a committee as a member of RKC? If so, please send me a ‘job description’ of what you did. We are trying to create a resource for our members to review so they understand what is involved in chairing a certain position. Please send your information to Amy Starost at astarost@yahoo.com. Thank you!

RAMAPO KC DOG SHOW, OCT. 15+16, 2016



The RKC show was dedicated to Rose Radel, above, and in remembrance of Sue Cone, right.





Elizabeth (Tibby) Chase, judge, and Amy Starost awarding Emily Polk and "Casey" winner of the highest scoring dog in Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B combined. The silver plated serving tray was offered by Patty Valente in memory of Sue Cone.



PHOTOS BY TILLY AND JACK GRASSA

BRAGS FROM CALIFORNIA

There were 4 agility trials at Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA - Thursday - Sunday, 10/20-23. We decided 4 days would be too much for our girlz, Marjji and Jessi so we skipped Friday. This story is about Marjji. All three days she was entered in Masters Standard, Masters Jumpers w/ Weaves and Masters Fast. For those who aren't aware at Masters which is 4th level a dog must be 100% perfect or fail. Thursday Marjji passed all three classes so QQQed - Triple Qualified. Then we took a day off.

Saturday she again passed all 3 classes and again QQQed which was more than amazing as these weren't "give me" courses, but the Fast was I believe the most difficult Dick had ever run. In total Marj was one of two dogs in total to pass this course, all heights considered. Marj has previously had 2 QQQ days in the past once or twice over the years.

Sunday came along and she ran Jumpers followed by Standard so

definitely had a QQ in "her back pocket". Fast was the last class of the weekend, and we thought she can't do this again. She came out of Fast w/ another Q, so earned her 3rd QQQ of the weekend. Now, how many can go into a ring nine times and come out 100%? What human taking series of tests can do that?. This was truly mind boggling. She is just awesome. Marj loves agility and adores Dick. She thinks of it as a game and she is truly a "game player". If we mention play, she is right there even though she's been sleeping. This girl would keep us gong 24 / 7 if2 given the chance.

Marj is now nine years and thrilled not only w/ this, but that Dick has done such a wonderful job memorizing the courses. He is probably the oldest man participating in agility in this area. He may not be the fastest, but the accuracy of this pair is astonishing. *Sue Symons*



Dick Symons and Marjji

Hi Fellow Puppy Lovers,

It is me, Kiwi, the Great Pyrenees puppy. I am getting to really love my Puppy Kindergarten class, although I know it is ending soon.

I have been learning all kinds of things, even though my human calls me a "slow learner". I like to think of myself as "independent". We learned to play "Hide and Seek" there. My human Mom hid behind a tarp and then called me. I did find her, but not very quickly. I really like to do things slowly, especially when she calls me in from being outside.

We have also been stepping over hurdles, but my back legs keep knocking them down. The instructors keep putting them back up, so I can knock them down again.

I really think they want me to jump over them, but as Mom says, "I'm a slow learner". We also got to go through a big tunnel and climb up and down a big A-Frame. No



problem with the A-Frame, but the tunnel was a little scary for some of the dogs in class, especially pudgy ones like me.

Our last game was "Leave It". All

kinds of toys were around the room and we could not play with them. We could just walk past them and leave them alone. Boy, could I do a number on some of those soft chewable toys. I have lots at home but they are all kind of raggedy. Most of these toys looked delicious to chew apart.

I still don't walk nicely on the leash when there are other dogs to play with, however, I did get to play with some of them in the Pee Pee area outside after class was over.

Can't wait to continue on to 1st Grade after I graduate from Puppy Kindergarten.

*Love and Wags,
Kiwi Fennemore*

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to ask! The Candidate Survey in the AKC GR toolbox provides an excellent resource for questions.

If you ascertain that a candidate's past support of anti-dog legislation, affiliation with animal rights extremist groups, or answers to your canine policy questions are unacceptable, politely tell them that you do not agree with their positions on dog ownership issues, and this has influenced your vote.

On the other hand, when a candidate has worked to protect the rights of dog owners, has advanced good canine policy, and has voted against bad canine

policy, this is great time to express your thanks.

Regardless of whether you do or do not vote for the candidate—and you are under no obligation to share this information—you can seize these opportunities to express your opinion.

In hotly contested elections, a single vote can decide the outcome, especially in local races. That single vote—your vote—could determine the future for dogs and dog owners in your community. Make your voice and vote count for the dogs you love.

AKC



RAMAPO KC LOGO APPAREL

Order club monogrammed clothing — club jackets, golf shirts, sweat shirts, hoodies from Lorraine at the next meeting.



Holiday Party

December 14th, 2016

FRANCO'S RESTAURANT

907 Bloomfield Ave
West Caldwell, NJ 07006

7:00 .p.m.

\$25.00

BYOB and BYO dessert



BRING A SMALL ITEM FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE!

Contact Lorraine at lorryfen@optonline.net

862-251-2897 or at the next meeting



Braggs

Friday Sept 30 Ruth & Elaine piled 4 dogs, 12 crates, cooler & clothes into the BIG van and headed out for a 4 hour trip to Sturbridge MA for three Siberian Husky Specialties including our National. 5 1/2 hours later and a multitude of traffic jams we arrived at our destination and checked into our court yard room.

Saturday was the Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Specialty and the start of 3 days of rally and obedience competition. Hunter was the first to compete in Rally Excellent (RE) and placed first. Mickey was next in RE and took second. Then Hunter went back in for Rally Advanced (RA) and took another first to earn his first of ten RAE legs. He also took high score RAE in trial with 196 out of 200 and won a beautiful embroidered chair. Mickey went back in for RA and qualified to earn his 8th RAE leg.

In the afternoon it was time for the veterans to show off in Veteran Obedience. Hunter, 10 1/2 took first place and his buddy Nemo, 11 1/2 took second.

Sunday was the Garden State Siberian Husky Club Specialty and the competition continued.



Elaine and Hunter

Mickey competed in RE and took 2nd and qualified in RA to earn his 9th RAE leg. Only more leg to go for the title. But that's another story. Hunter took the day off from rally but he and Nemo showed off again

In Veteran Obedience, this time Nemo took first and Hunter took second.

Monday was the SHCA National and our last day of competition. Hunter took 2nd in RE and Mickey took 3rd. Then back in the ring again for RA where Hunter took 1st with a perfect 100 to earn his 2nd RAE leg. Mickey tied for 4th place on score and earned his 10th RAE leg for the completion of his RAE title!! Yay Mickey!!!

Our veterans were back in Veteran obedience and, in spite of their age and 3 days of showing, they made us proud. Hunter showed off his beautiful heeling and scored a 198 out of 200 with tail wagging and "strutting his stuff" to earn first place. Nemo gave a beautiful heeling routine as well and took 3rd. Bravo for the geriatric dogs and handlers.

This isn't all folks. Watch for the final installment of Team Siberlink in the next issue.

Submitted by Elaine Barone

Hi My name is Mickey and I am an 8 yr old Siberian Husky. My story began in March when I heard my owners, Elaine and Ruth talking about an RAE. I had no idea what that was—maybe some new treats for me!

I know they chuckled a bit but decided "why not" So our quest for that RAE began. They talked about finishing in October so no big deal, it was only March. My first Rally trial for this RAE thing came and Ruth, my handler, and I competed for the first of many RAE legs (still had no idea) . We qualified in Rally Excellent and I thought "great, that was easy" let's go home and get my new treats. But, no, we had to compete again in Rally Advanced at the same trial. I now figured out "RAE" meant we had to compete and qualify in Excellent and Advanced rally at the same trial and we had to do this 10 times!!!--that meant 20 qualifying scores!

Our goal became to finish 7 legs before October. You see, there were going to be 2 independent specialties and our Siberian Husky National in Ma. We did get our 7 qualifying scores—phewww!. So off we went with my buddies Hunter, Nemo, & Allie. What great fun to be with them for 5 days! We really love to play together. But, we did have to get serious and on that Saturday we qualified for our 8th leg with scores of 97 & 88 and on Sunday our 9th leg and scores of 91 & 89.

Then the big day came. I know that Ruth was a bit more nervous than usual but I did not know why—to me it was just another trial following and performing those silly signs in



Ruth and Mickey

the ring We went in the Excellent ring and I qualified—GREAT—I thought we were done. But , NO, there was still Rally Advanced signs and in the ring we went again. More signs, more exercises. I knew this seemed very important to Ruth so I tried really hard to follow her lead. We finished all the exercises and the judge indicated we qualified---I guess I did really, really good since I got a big hug and a kiss from Ruth. She said "we did it" (whatever that meant). Well, she meant we had qualified for our RAE Title with scores of 91 & 91 at the National Specialty. I know that Elaine was also thrilled that we finished our title there.

I forgot to mention that I live with Elaine & Hunter so I could only train once or twice a week with Ruth.

We all had a great time. It is always so nice to compete with your own breed at a National. All the Obedience and Rally judges were very impressed to see Siberian Huskies doing so well at competing. You see we are usually known for doing our own thing and that does not include obedience/rally.

I am now—Mickey Mick at Two Rivers BN, RAE, THD, CD-C, RL-1, UR01

Submitted by Ruth Henningsen

Ed. Note: Although these 2 stories are similar I thought both versions were worthy of publication. Congrats to Elaine and Ruth for a job well done.

Bragg

VIEW FROM THE END OF THE LEASH

Some say dogs are like their owners... we both have brown hair rapidly going gray...we're both on the lean side... we both like to hike in the woods and swim in the lake...we both zone out on classical music in front of a warm fire... we both enjoy a good hamburger...we both love doing pet therapy visits...we both have immature cataracts...

However, there is a difference of opinion about the venue in which I should compete...my human keeps entering me in obedience trials with that d*** heeling pattern...this is what we did (and DIDN'T DO) in chaotic October...my human spent Thurs helping to set up the point show and fortunately left me home to snooze...we entered Saw Mill on Friday and NQed



U-CD, URO2 Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CDX-C, CD, BN, RAE, RL3, ThD, CGCA (but you can call me "Friday")

(a-g-a-i-n) in Open A...my human stewarded Saturday and Sunday, leaving me home (phew!)...then it was off to the Mid-Jersey Lab Specialty on Thursday and Friday...(my human will only say she had 65 pounds of brown fur

on a leash, but no dog in the suit)... then it was off to UKC rally on Saturday and Sunday where I redeemed myself by finishing R02 with a 3rd place and earning two legs in R03 with a 4th and a 3rd place...(good thing I did OK since my partner is a rally instructor)... then on to UKC obedience Saturday and Sunday, where I earned a leg and 2nd place...followed by an NQ...I AM A RALLY DOG...

Some say dogs are like their owners...but you can easily tell us apart...my antics will keep you in stitches, but I DON'T KNIT...



Yellow Frame's Bossy Britches and Amber Spaulding at the Ramapo Kennel Club Point Shows were Winners Bitch- Best of Winners in Breed on Saturday and Best Junior on Sunday!!



Gerrie Oliver reports that Riggs, Collicove Black Gold, received his lure coursing title!

Got Stuff?

Send your stories, news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, tgcreative@aol.com. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Submissions are due two weeks before the meeting. 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

**American Legion Post 450
11 Oak Ave.
Pequannock, NJ 07440 at 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

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| Wednesday, November 9 | Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA |
| Wednesday, December 14 | Holiday Party, 7PM - Franco's Ristorante, West Caldwell, NJ |
| Wednesday, January 11 | Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA |



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