

Inland Empire Collie Club

THE TAILWAGGER

Fall 2021

Events

2021 Catbird Farm Open Trials, October 15-18th. Scot Glen and his dog, Pip won. Here's a link to a short video of one of the final runs.

<https://youtu.be/XgsyJd63lyY>

AKC TD-TDX Tracking Test, October 31st

<https://youtu.be/KMkwISKBXPi>

Collie Club of Washington Specialty October 23rd in Wenatchee

IECC Obedience/Rally Trial November 11-14th

Christmas Party at Sharon Holden's House December 18th

2022 Winter/Spring Fun Matches will be held on January 16th, February 13th and March 13th (All Sundays) *Volunteers needed, contact Linda, sinkonacollies@gmail.com

“He was a collie, huge of bulk, massive of shoulder, deep and shaggy of chest. His forepaws were snowy and absurdly small. His eyes were seal-dark and sorrowful – eyes that proclaimed not only an uncannily wise brain, but a soul as well.”

Lad: A Dog by Albert Payson Terhune



Editor's Note

Salutations

Welcome to the IECC newsletter, The Tailwagger! I'm not sure why, but I (Sherry) feel like we should rumble a pirate, "Arghhh" after any of us say that. So, in that vein, "Welcome Aboard!" In this issue, we hope to have included all pertaining events and goings on. However, if we missed anything, please email one of us, and we'll work to remedy the omission in the Winter issue. Any suggestions, etcetera, gives us a nudge - our emails await. Please enjoy.

*Without further ado, we present
... your newsletter.*

Coloboma Study

The Collie Health Foundation still needs collies for an important study on Colobomas. This is a grant funded research, and all your expenses will be reimbursed by The Collie Health Foundation.

You do not have to be a member of The Collie Health Foundation to participate. (AND The Collie Health Foundation would love to have you as a supporting member 😊)

The research for a genetic marker requires blood samples from collies meeting the criteria from one of two categories:

GROUP 1: Collies that have had a clinical diagnosis by a registered canine Ophthalmologist of choroidal hypoplasia CEA only (no coloboma) and are affected as shown by the genetic CEA DNA test.

Group 2: Collies that have had a clinical diagnosis by a registered canine Ophthalmologist of choroidal hypoplasia (CEA) WITH Coloboma and/or detached retina and are affected as shown by the genetic CEA DNA test.

To participate in the study, you need to provide the following:

1. A clinical diagnosis by a registered canine Ophthalmologist of choroidal hypoplasia (CEA) WITH Coloboma and/or detached retina.
2. Results from the genetic CEA DNA test from either OptiGen or Wisdom Health
3. A blood sample from your veterinarian
4. A 5-6 generation pedigree

Your participation in this research is anonymous.

The impact you can make by participating will make a difference in our collies for generations to come.

Collie Health Foundation will reimburse your costs upon receipt of associated expenses related to a genetic CEA test, blood draw, and submission of sample which includes shipping. Please keep all associated receipts and submit them together to:

Karen Anderson, P.O Box 1681, Atascadero, CA, 93423, treasurer@colliehealth.org

For more information contact Patt Caldwell, pcaldwel@gmail.com

<https://www.colliehealth.org/research-samples-needed/>

“Happiness is a Collie”

A Note from Linda

The Inland Empire Collie Club held its first stand-alone All-Breed Rally and Obedience trials at Spokane Dog Training Club in Spokane Valley, November 12-14th. **A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED OUR TRIALS.**

Barb Benner was our Secretary and did a fabulous job. Two Rally trials on Friday. One in the AM and one in the PM, both overfilled and some people did not get into them. The Obedience trials also filled. Barb kept a "waiting list" so as people pulled entries, others could get in.

We had help vacuuming and setting up the Rally ring and taping the crating areas Thursday night after the Utility class. Thanks to SDTC members and Sally Wells (a collie person, Trainers To The Rescue, from Oregon).

Mary Jane Shervais was our Rally judge. She nested the courses nicely and the trials flowed very nicely. I wish to give kudos and a HUGE thank you to Sally Wells, who set Mary Jane's courses in the Rally ring. All that Mary Jane had to do was check them! It really helped to keep things moving. When the PM Trial was over, I changed the ring a bit for the Obedience trials and taped more areas for crating.

Congratulations to Sally Wells and her collie Val for their Collie High Combined and Triple QQQ in both the AM and PM Rally trials (working towards their RACH). To Bobbi Graves and Tessa for their 1st Rally Novice A leg; Rusty Graves and Storm for their first venture into the Rally ring in Novice A (Rusty missed a sign so they did not Q - but they looked very good). And he said that he had FUN! To Barb Benner and Link (Malinois) for earning the All-Breed High Combined and Triple QQQ at the AM Trial and Barb Benner and Bijou (Malinois) for earning the All-Breed High Combined and Triple QQQ at the PM Trial.

Richard Lewis was our Obedience judge and very efficient for the full days that we had.

Congratulations to Sally Wells and Val for their Collie High In Trial both days. Sally pulled Val from Open on Sunday after the second exercise because Val came up lame (she is almost 10 years old); to Bobbie Graves & Tessa earning two legs to finish their Beginner Novice title.

Saturday there was a runoff between Barb Gordon with her Golden and Barb Benner with her Malinois for the All-Breed High In Trial. Barb Benner won with Link. Sunday there was also a runoff between Barb Benner with her Malinois and Jeanie Swanson with her Golden for the All-Breed High in Trial. Jeanie Swanson won with Ralph. Barb Benner and Link were the All-Breed High Combined for both Obedience trials.

There were many legs and many titles finished. I received a lot of positive feedback. We had OC matches on Friday and Saturday that were small but very appreciated. You know the saying "It takes a village"? **Thanks** to the IECC members that helped and a **Huge Thanks** to all the stewards that stepped up and helped who were not IECC members. With full trials we had more stewards than normal for each class to help keep things moving. It worked very well. Again, we had help with clean up from SDTC members and Sally after the Sunday trial was over to get the club back to normal.

Linda Marie Ward, Trial Chairperson

History

For the Love of Dogs

I wanted to research an interesting tidbit about our beloved Collie breed, but I got a wee bit sidetracked. I apologize about the lack of breed specificity here, but hope everyone enjoys this little snippet, nonetheless.

There is an absolute plethora on the history and science concerning the canine. Yet let us begin at square one: Dogs are the oldest domesticate. This fact just makes me smile. And the genetic evidence used to trace our best friend's origins reveals an intriguing story.

Between 27,000 and 40,000 years ago, dogs split from their wolf ancestors. This distinction is important because the genetic evidence of this separation is what scientist use to date when wolves became domesticated, less-wolffy—dogs. Now, the exact reasons of how and why are still being debated, but honestly let's be real, ancient humans had lots of yummy food. Woolly mammoth anyone? These early dogs recognized a good gig when they saw one and so did our ancient ancestors; there's evidence to prove it.

In 1914, a dog burial site was discovered in Germany and subsequently dated to be 14,000 years old. Yet it's not the burial site alone which points to the early human-dog bond, although that would certainly be enough. In 2018, an archeologist and veterinarian named Luc Janssens noticed something no one else had noticed before. In a nutshell, the dog was a 28-week-old puppy who had suffered from distemper around 19 weeks of age. For the puppy to have survived as long as it did, its human family would have had to care intensively for it. Heartbreaking and an affirmation that, yes, the dog and human bond was sealed thousands of years ago.

Furthermore, gene mapping shows evidence that the domestication of the dog occurred in human groups independently from each other. Think about that – an interspecies interaction discovered as mutually beneficial for each other in multiple instances across the planet from separate groups of both species. Archeologists continue to explore and debate about the beginnings of dogs, but I feel the important take away is in the absolute fact that our two species have co-evolved from the very earliest beginnings of our journeys on earth and throughout history. It is quite breathtaking to contemplate, and a marvel to appreciate.

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Schurr, Theodore G., Et Al. "Dog domestication and the dual dispersal of people and dogs into the Americas." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118, no. 6 (Feb 2021). Doi: [10.1073/pnas.2010083118](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2010083118)

"Emotional bond between humans and dogs dates back 14,000 years." *Leiden University*, February 07, 2018. <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/news/2018/02/emotional-bond-between-humans-and-dogs-goes-back-14000-years>

BRAGS and *Congratulations!*



Tanya and “Bree” - MACH PACH Sinkona's Sapphire Mountain Breeze UDX2 OM3 BN GN GO VER RE MXB MJS MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF T2B CA BCAT TKA

In September at Deer Park, Bree earned the MXP3 (Masters Excellent Preferred 3) at SAC (Spokane Agility Club).

The first weekend of October at the Helena Montana Kennel Club in Helena, Montana, she earned the MJP3 (Masters Jumpers Preferred 3) and her 12th QQ this year.

Bree earned her PACH (Preferred Agility Champion) & PAX (Preferred Agility Excellent) at the Wenatchee Kennel Club agility trials in October. She started her career 10 years ago at these same events—full circle! ♡

At the IECC Rally-Obedience Trials November 12-14 she earned the OM3 (Obedience Masters 3).

New PACH and Grand Versatility

Elsa is the most amazing, adaptable, and forgiving partner I could ask for. Life threw us many curves. Who knew that "Dream Catcher" was the name that would describe her perfectly? Our journey continues.

Linda
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GCH CH PACH *Sinkona's Dream Catcher*
CDX BN GN RE HSA_s MXP₄ MXPB MJP₄ MJPB PAX MFP T₂BP CA BCAT CGC GV

Linda and "Elsa" - GCH CH PACH Sinkona's Dream Catcher CDX BN GN RE HSA_s MXP₄ MXPB MJP₄ MJPB PAX MFP T₂BP CA BCAT GV

On October 10th Elsa earned her PACH (Preferred Agility Champion) and PAX (Preferred Agility Excellent) at Helena Montana Kennel Club agility trials, which gives her a Grand Versatility Award for CCA. She has collected 12 QQ's this year since March.

At the GSSSC (Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club) Agility trials she earned her MXP₄ (Masters Excellent Preferred 4) at the Spokane Fairgrounds the weekend of Oct 29-31.

Elsa earned her United Kennel Club U-CD at the UKC Obedience trials at Lilac City Dog Training Club, Nov. 5, 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Barb and "Louie" from a Scent work trial in May 2021

**Barb and
"Louie" – CH
Sinkona's
Jazzman CDX
BN RE PT FDC
NAP NJP ACT1
SWA CGC VX**

Not to be totally outdone by his sister's PACH, Louie competed in Electric City Kennel Club Scent

Work Trials the same weekend (Oct. 9-10) in Great Falls, Montana earning his Scent Work Advanced Title!!! Qualifying in all 10 runs with 8 1st places and 1 2nd Place. He would have placed in the other run, but the judge didn't hear Barb say "finished".

**Tanya and "Isis" - CH Snovalley
Silva Sinkona VCD2 BN GN RE PT
MX MXJ MJP OF T2B CA CGC VX**
Earned her UKC U-CDX title at Lilac City Dog Training Club on November 5th & 6th.

Caroline and "Hope" are at 31 GCH points, has all her majors. She was also awarded BOS at the Puget Sound Pomeranian Club specialty.

**"Strider" - Sinkona's Highland
Sojourner** - Sire: CH Aurealis Light The Way (Darrin) x Sinkona Majestic A New Day Dawning (Flurry). Bred by Linda & Tanya Ward and Co-Owned with Leslie and Steven Brost.

Wenatchee Kennel Club Breed

10/22 WD from BBE 2 pts.

10/24 RWD from BBE



"Felicitations!"



Sharen and “Belle” – Glenelg’s La Dame D’Argent successfully completed the AKC S.T.A.R. puppy program!

Michael and “Mouse” – Glenelg’s Lil’ Anam Cara successfully completed the AKC S.T.A.R. puppy program!



Sherry and “Morven” – Ratagan’s Forenoon Fall Gift of Glenelg
Earned her CGC November 10th.



“Yer Pure Dead Brilliant!”

“Pistol” San-Dee ‘N Sinkona’s She’s A Pistol was Winners Bitch for 2 points at the Collie Club of Washington Specialty on Saturday, Oct. 23 in Cashmere, WA. She is sired by “Kasen”, GCHS Southland Aurelias Island Nights x CH Sinkona’s Mardi Gras HT. Pistol is Bred and co-owned by Sandy Kirsch – Linda and Tanya Ward of Sinkona Collies.

Sandy says: *“Linda and I drove over Thursday night with each of us driving our own car. Tanya drove over Friday night, and we all stayed at the same motel. It was a very cold and rainy weekend. We groomed under a covered area, but it was open on both ends and extremely cold. Luckily, collies had their own building to be judged in everyday with no other breeds, so it was quite nice. The Collie Club of Washington provided hot coffee and lots of goodies to eat all three days of showing. We had a great time, and I want to especially thank Tanya for all her help which included running errands, taking chairs to the show building, and bringing them back each day plus getting her van first and then driving us over to the parking lot. So, a special “thank you” to Tanya!”*



The End

Bow, Woof, Wag

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