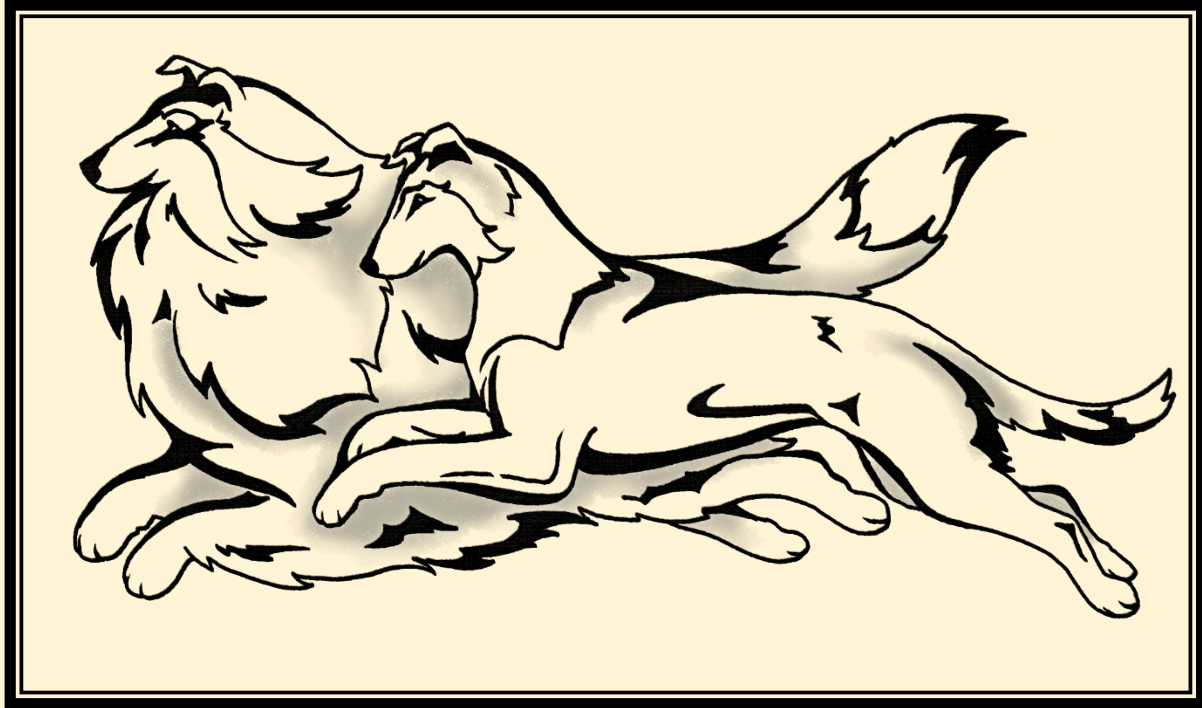


THE TAILWAGGER



Announcement

The next IECC meeting is Wednesday September 13th via Zoom. Look for an email with the links to join. Hope to see or hear you there!

Upcoming EVENTS

- **September 8-10th** Collie Club of American Western Regional Herding Trial
Fido's Farm
- **September 16-17th** SDTC AKC Scentwork Trial
Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Davenport
- **October 7-8th** AKC Obedience and Rally Trial (Two All-Breed Obed & Rally Trials)
Spokane Dog Training Club (SDTC)

- **October 13-15th Wenatchee Kennel Club All-Breed Agility Trials Confluence State Park**
Wenatchee
- **October 20-22 Wenatchee Kennel Club All-Breed Conformation, Obedience and Rally**
October 21st Overlake Collie Club Specialty (Concurrent)
October 22nd Overlake Collie Club Specialty (Concurrent)
Chelan Fairgrounds
- **October 20-22nd Spokane Agility Club All-Breed Trials – All-Breed Agility Trials**
Twin Willows Farms, Deer Park, WA
- **October 27-29th Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Trials All-Breed Agility Trials**
Spokane Fairgrounds
- **October 29th SDTC Thirty-second All-Breed Tracking Dog Test Fifty-seventh All-Breed Tracking Test**
Excellent
Miller Ranch, Old State Highway, Sprague, WA
- **November 10-12th IECC Obedience & Rally Trials**
Spokane Dog Training Club
- **November 17-19th Whidbey Kennel Club All-Breed Conformation Obedience and Rally**
November 17th Collie Club of Washington Specialty (Concurrent)
November 18th Collie Club of Washington Specialty (Concurrent)
- **September 29th – October 1st Pacific Northwest Herding Club Trials**
Packleader Farm
- **November 11-12th All Breed Herding Club of Western WA Herding Trials**
Packleader Farm
- **January 27, 2024, Overlake Collie Club Specialties**
AM Specialty – Carrie Lenhardt
PM Specialty – Jennifer Weiner
January 28, 2024, Collie Club of Washington Specialties, AM & PM
Monroe, WA

“Publicly glamorous yet privately ridiculous – this is often the way of a Lassie Dog.”

~Emily Sowulewski, writer, blogger, and collie lover



2023 IECC Picnic

This August the club held its yearly picnic at Linda and Tanya Ward's lovely home and training facility. There was a nice turn out which included Coleen and Ryan Elliot, Ric and Eileen

White, Sherry and Jason McCauley, Rich and Sandy Kirsch, Wes and Kristen Deitrick (IECC members in the making), Caroline Baines, and of course the hosts, Linda and Tanya Ward. Everyone brought something tasty, but I will say that Coleen is

becoming quite well known for her desserts. Linda and Tanya grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and even surprised Jason and Sherry with veggie burgers, much to their appreciation and delight. It really was a

charming get together. Many thanks to Linda and Tanya for hosting it as well as firing up the grill, and to everyone who brought food for the partaking. We shared stories, laughed and laughed, ate great food and loved on a few collies!



Collie Herding Camp at Fidos

By Teri Liechty

On a mild and overcast weekend in August, nine students and two instructors gathered at Fido's Farm for a fun filled 3 days of collie sheep camp. I for one wasn't sure what I was in for, having never been in the ring with sheep before, but it turned out to be a fabulous experience!



We split into two groups – one being the less experienced folks, and the other more experienced

group. There were three different areas for herding – one small pen, one larger pen, and the field trial area. Two different sets of sheep – the slower blue backs, and the more 'energetic' clover boys were used in groups of 3 sheep. It took time to figure out which dogs worked better with which sheep, but once we learned that – things went much better. Each day we had two sessions, with 2 runs in each session. As the sheep got tired they were swapped out with rested ones. It sure was fun watching the border collies do their thing swapping out the sheep.

Day one there was a LOT of sheep chasing vs. herding, but with each



session the dogs got better and better. It was great

to see the improvement in all of the dogs (and handlers too 😊).



Day two included a session with ducks, which was a totally different experience! By day 3, all dogs

started settling in and doing the job they were bred to do.

Of course by then, exhaustion had set in too, which I'm sure helped - the dogs had a bit of a glazed look in their eyes!

It was a fabulous experience for us all, and the dogs (and handlers) all learned so much. Watching the transformation in each of the dogs as they started to understand how to use the instincts they all have to purposely do what they were bred for was awesome to witness. It really gives you an appreciation for how smart our breed is and how fantastic they look doing it. A huge shoutout to Suzanne Schwabb and Lisa Charaba who were our fabulous instructors for the weekend! They taught us all so much!



Congratulations



CH San-Dee 'N Sinkona's She's A Pistol

GCHG CH Southland Auralis Island Nights x CH Sinkona's Mardi Gras HT

Bred/Owned by: Sandy Kirsch, Linda & Tanya Ward

5-30 Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers - Winner's Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex 3 pt. Major
7-09 Flathead Kennel Club (in Great Falls Montana) Winner's Bitch Best of Breed to
Finish her Championship!

**GCH CH PACH UCDX URO1 Sinkona's Dream Catcher CDX BN GN
GO RE HSAd HSAsM MXP6 MXPS MJP7 MJPS PAX MFP T2BP CA
BCAT CGC – ELSA**



5/12 SDTC Agility -

Master's Jumpers Preferred - 4th Place

Great Falls Dog Training Club Agility

5/19 Masters Standard Preferred - 2nd
Place

6/2 Masters Standard Preferred – 3rd
Place

6/3 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 2nd
Place

Lilac City Dog Training Club

UKC Rally Novice 3 Q's - earning her
URO1 Title

Palouse Hills Dog Fancier

6/16 Masters Jumpers Preferred –
Earned her Masters Jumpers Preferred
7 (MJP7)

6/18 Masters

Standard Preferred – 3rd Place

Spokane Agility Club

7/2 Masters Jumpers Preferred - Q
SDTC Agility

7/8 Masters Standard Preferred – 2nd
Place

7/9 Masters Standard Preferred – 3rd
Place

SDTC Agiltiy

8/12 Masters Standard Preferred – Q

8/12 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 4th
Place

8/13 Masters Jumpers Preferred – Q
Big Sky Tracking Club of Montana –
Agility

8/27 Masters Standard Preferred – 2nd
Place

CH Sinkona's Black Magic BN RN PT OAJ OF NAP CGC - *Ebony*

5/13 SDTC Agility - Open Fast – 1st Place
Spokane Kennel Club

5/27 Beginner Novice – 3rd Place

5/27 Rally Novice – 4th Place

5/28 Beginner Novice – 4th Place

5/28 Rally Novice – 4th Place

5/28 Gazehound Club Fast Cat 1 Q

5/29 Gazehound Club Fast Cat 1 Q

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club

6/2 Open Fast - 1st Place

6/4 Novice B Standard - 1st Place

Lilac City Dog Training Club - June

UKC Novice B - 2 Q's

UKC Rally Novice 2 Q's

Spokane Agility Club

6/30 Open Fast – 3rd Place – Title (OF)

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club

7/29 Novice B 194 – 1st Place with High In
Trial

7/29 Rally Novice – 99 1st Place – Rally
Novice Title (RN)

7/30 Novice B – Q

7/30 Rally Intermediate - 100 – 1st Place
SDTC Agility

8/11 Novice Standard Preferred – 3rd Place

8/12 Time2Beat Preferred Q

8/12 Novice Standard Preferred – 2nd Place

8/13 Novice Standard Preferred – 1st Place –
Title (NAP)



**CH Snovalley Silva Sinkona VCD2 BN GN RAE PT MX MXJ
MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB OF T2B CA BCAT CGC – Isis**



- Great Falls Dog Training Club Agility
5/19 Masters Standard Preferred - 3rd Place
5/20 Masters Standard Preferred - 4th Place
5/20 Masters Jumpers Preferred - 3rd Place
5/21 Masters Jumpers Preferred - 2nd Place
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Standard Preferred Bronze (MXPB)
Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club
6/3 Masters Standard Preferred – 4th Place
6/4 Masters Standard Preferred – Q
Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers
6/18 Masters Standard Preferred – 2nd Place
Spokane Agility Club
7/1 Masters Standard Preferred – Q
7/1 Masters Jumpers Preferred – Q
7/2 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 4th Place
SDTC Agility
7/9 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 2nd Place
8/11 Masters jumpers Preferred – 4th Place
8/12 Masters Standard Preferred – Q
8/12 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 4th Place
8/13 Masters Standard Preferred – 4th Place
8/13 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 4th Place
Big Sky Tracking Club of Montana – Agility
8/25 Masters Standard Preferred – 4th Place
8/25 Masters Jumpers Preferred - Q
8/26 Masters Standard Preferred – Q
8/26 Masters Jumpers Preferred - 4th Place
8/27 Masters Standard Preferred – 4th Place
8/27 Masters Jumpers Preferred – 4th Place

CH Cairdean's Tsesit Stone Sinkona CGD - *Petra*

5/28 Gazehound Club Fast Cat 1 Q

5/29 Gazehound Club Fast Cat 1 Q

Lilac City Dog Training Club - June

UKC Pre-Novice - 2 Q's with a 199 – 1st Place & 199.5 1st Place

UKC Rally Novice - 2 Q's

SDTC Agility

8/11 Novice Fast Preferred – 2nd Place

8/12 Novice Fast Preferred – 1st Place with High In Class



And last but not least . . .

Hap and Sherry passed the Pet Partners team evaluation
and are now a Therapy Animal Team!



Here he is, practicing his therapy techniques on his sister –



In Loving Memory of Adele

"Our beloved dog" ~ Susi Czarnek





Lightning in a Bottle

One day I saw a bolt of lightning...

This lightning was unlike any I had seen before, sparking and dancing in a manner, truly beguiling. I found myself transfixed, unable to turn my gaze away, deciding to have it for my very own.

Never knowing how long the lightning would last, I took ahold of it anyway. Reaching for it, I felt it nestle into my grasp and was surprised how perfectly it cradled itself into my palm.

Not wanting this precious force of nature to get away I put in a bottle where I would see it every day. The bottle became luminescent as the lightning tripped fantastically, sometimes filling up the bottle so intensely as if trying to break free, the brilliance almost blinding. Other times, it would quietly hum, pulsating undisturbed.

The lightning was often unpredictable but always true to its nature mesmerizing me as it flickered and sizzled. Delighted by its many hues, I was awe struck at how something so pure and full of energy was mine to embrace and treasure.

However, over time, the lightning began to subtly change but in such a fashion as to go unnoticed as those radiant moments of chaotic fury would still erupt unapologetically rekindling my wonder and joy.

But even lightning kept in a bottle will fade over time, as the energy begins to wane.

The sparks became less brilliant and the fierce dancing began to slow in tempo and frequency. In the end, only the hum remained although pulsating a little less steadily.

Now, the lightning is gone, having dissipated into the realm from which it came. Only an empty bottle remains where once the brightest of lights once shone. Like the lightning in which it manifested, a remnant survives etched forever into my

consciousness. Someday I will be grateful for this.

But, oh, how I miss the lightning...

By Tanya Ward

June 22, 2023



Heidi Ursula Waltraud Braun

Age 72

Heidi Ursula Waltraud Braun died May 3, 2023, in Baptist Hospital, North Little Rock Arkansas after a brief illness. A memorial service will be held on July 8, 2023, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 292 Munn Rd, East Fort Mill, SC 29715, at 10:00 am.

Heidi was the first child and only daughter of the late Heinz Hermann Braun and Hanni Zimmermann Braun. She was born in Durlach, Germany on June 8, 1950, welcomed by a large family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She immigrated to Teaneck, New Jersey, with her parents in February of 1953. She lived in many states during her lifetime. In her childhood, her family moved with her father's IBM career to Pennsylvania and New York. Heidi enjoyed skiing and camping with her family and was an avid animal lover from an early age. After high school she married and moved to Connecticut, working at Cheeseborough-Ponds and Safeway. A few years later, she and her husband followed their dream of owning a horse farm and moved to Montana, where Heidi lived until 2008. Here she continued her work with raising horses, training dogs, and working as a vet assistant. She was a member of the Inland Empire Collie club and showed her beloved Zorro in many dog shows. From Montana, she moved to Spokane, Washington. Over her lifetime, she rescued many dogs and provided good homes for her four-legged "children."



Heidi gave her love freely to several foster children, and always considered them "her kids." She was generous with her time and talents and enjoyed deep friendships. In 2015, she moved to North Carolina to be closer to her family and her aging mother. She enjoyed time with her brothers and their wives and children in Charlotte while living with her brother Hanns and his wife Mary. A year ago, she moved to Little Rock to spend time with her third brother, Heinz, and his wife, Patti, and their children and grandchildren. Having lived far away from family for most of her adult life, Heidi cherished the time she had with her mother before her death, and her three brothers.

In Charlotte, Heidi attended mass regularly at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC. In Little Rock, she attended Trinity Fellowship Church and was in a Bible Study there. She also enjoyed activities at the Senior Center.

Heidi will be missed by many friends and family members, including brother Hanns Braun (Mary), nieces April Reddington and Samantha Lyons (Brett); brother Heinz Braun (Patti), nieces Patricia Rosas (Willie) and Lindsay Hampton, and nephew Stephen Braun; brother Harry Braun (Amy), nephews Andrew Braun (Kate), Alan Braun, and Harrison Braun. Heidi loved her great-nieces and nephews, and enjoyed any time she was able to spend with them and sending them gifts. She will be fondly remembered by her stepson Will Przybylowicz (Joanne) and their son Logan as well as three foster children, Jennifer Kay Learned, Kurtis Learned, and Kerry Bates.



∞ In Memoriam ∞

Jeff Newkirk

My wonderful husband of 49 years, 2 days, 2 hours, and 26 minutes left me, the dog, and the cats to share the future without him. He was battling lung cancer. We had come up to Spokane on July 14 so the Cancer Care team could remove his chemo pump. They said that since he did not feel good or look good, we should go to the ER at Sacred Heart. They determined that he had pneumonia on top of the cancer and admitted him. He never came home. We all loved him so much, there is a huge hole in our hearts. I'm sure he was enthusiastically greeted at the Rainbow Bridge. ~Dot





This picture was taken years ago with a rescue, Cambric Colin O' Camano (Honorary Uncle Colin), whom we got as a playmate for Am. Int. Ch. Lisara Skyeclad at Cambric (Skye).

***Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light.
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.***

Mark Twain



Cambric Night Wind Magic, our last Collie, in Jeff's hospital room, saying goodbye.