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The Latest Poop

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Message from our President

As I begin my term, I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence. I am very excited to be President of Ready 2 Run Agility Club. Our club is growing at a great rate and I think that is due to you, the members. It is very exciting to have a Club with such a diverse geographic membership. I think the sport of agility brings people together from all over and it is wonderful that we want to also be part of Ready 2 Run.

One of my goals for this year is to not only offer the best agility trials in the region, but to also encourage each of you to learn something new. I believe the success of our trials will be the shared responsibility of the tasks of the trials. The more of us who can fill in a position, the easier it will be on the rest of us. Many hands make small work. I hope that each of you will feel you can contribute in what ever way works for you. This might just include offering an opinion via e-mail.

Once again, thank you for your support. We have a very busy coming season and if you have not yet volunteered to be part of one of our upcoming events, it is not too late. You will be rewarded with the satisfaction of a job well done.

— Karin Bell

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Judy Chandler with her Pomeranian Garp from N. California
- Lynn Saunders with her sheltie Chloe from Truckee, CA
- Bill and Marie Tobyansen with their Corgis Ziggie and Ollie from Reno, NV

CPE Discussion at our Last Meeting:

Our last meeting was held on December 6 at Cherie's house and coincided with a great Christmas Party! We had a lot of fun with the gift exchange and hope to do it again next year.

We also had some serious items to discuss pertaining to CPE. The important points will be summarized here from Cythina's minutes. *If you would like the full text of the minutes, please visit the website.*

At our meeting in Elk Grove in November, the R2R members present voted unanimously to have a NADAC trial instead of a CPE trial in June since CPE will not allow a slatless A-Frame. At this meeting, we met to discuss the club's stance on slatless vs. slatted equipment and whether we wanted to have a NADAC or CPE trial in June.

It was brought up that not everyone felt comfortable saying what they thought at the previous meeting in Elk Grove. In order to keep an open dialogue, Cherie reminded everyone that constructive comments would be useful but destructive comments would not get us anywhere. Everyone present was then given 3 minutes to say their peace on the subject. A lot of useful and constructive comments were heard by all. Many people would support the club no matter what but worried that changing our trial would not really affect CPE. Others will never run their dogs on slatted equipment again. Still others feel that having a NADAC trial will draw more competitors than a CPE trial since Quicksilver is not having their NADAC trial in May.

In the end, ballots were passed out for changing the trial to NADAC or leaving it CPE. It was brought up that perhaps the entire membership should vote. However, Cherie noted that "We bent over backwards to let people know we were voting on this. They had their opp'ty." When the ballots were counted the vote was 12 to 2 to have a NADAC trial, in addition to the unanimous vote at the CA meeting.

A motion made, seconded & passed to send a letter to CPE saying that the club supports slatless equipment. Will draft a letter & submit to membership for comments. It was also made

clear by the membership present that they want to continue to be a CPE club in the hopes that things may change in the future.

Following this meeting, the officers drafted an email to CPE. The text of the letter follows:

Dear Linda and Al,

As you know, Ready 2 Run met this last weekend and discussed the club's commitment to hosting our CPE trial in June 2004 and our position on slatless vs. slatted equipment. After a lengthy and constructive discussion, the club has decided not to hold the June 2004 CPE trial that we had planned. We will, however, continue to be a CPE host club as many of our members enjoy and will continue to participate in CPE. In the coming weeks, our officers will be drafting a letter that contains the member's input on these matters so that CPE can hear a united voice from Ready 2 Run.

Thank you for all of your support.

Ready 2 Run

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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

Every effort is made ensure the accuracy of this newsletter. However, mistakes or oversights do occur. The newsletter editor, Cherie Singer, would love to hear from you if anything was missed OR if you have any suggestions.

Membership Dues

It is that time again. Time to renew your R2R dues. Our new VP, Greg, has enclosed a renewal from with the newsletter. Please return, *even if you have renewed your dues*, so we can update our database.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!!

**February 3rd
6:30 PM**

**Washoe County Commission Chambers
1001 E. Ninth Street, Bldg. A. in Reno**

As many of you know, Washoe County has shut down several agility trainers in the area. The wheels are in motion to change the requirements so these facilities can get back up and running and so no other facilities are shut down in the future

Please come to this meeting to support agility training in Washoe County. You won't have to talk. We just need agility people there to show our support.

For more information contact
Jack Childress
jkchildress@sbcglobal.net
or 424-3647

AWARDS PARTY

Saturday February 21, 2004
Atlantis Hotel-Casino
Cocktails @ 6:30 pm
Dinner @ 7 pm

Come join in the fun!!
Enter the Centerpiece Contest
The winner will receive a FREE
entry to an upcoming R2R Trial

**Details of our California Awards Party
in March will be available soon.**

Questions about the Party?
Contact Lin at 425-2375

Please make sure to get your awards info
to Jack Childress by January 31st

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here is your chance to step up and help out your club. There are positions open for all types of jobs. Please consider helping out where you can.

WANTED: Our judge on April 10th has requested a **dog-sitter** to keep an eye on her dogs at the trial. Must be comfortable with big dogs. For more info contact Karin Bell at 530-582-0899 or karinbel@pacbell.net

R2R Wear SALES: Position open for a club member to help with the sales of R2R Wear at our April 10th trial. Contact Karin for more info.

TRIAL CHAIRS & SECRETARIES: We are planning our trials for 2005 and need to fill these important positions. Both required excellent organizational skills. The trial secretary must be comfortable with database entry. **We can train you!** Contact Cherie Singer at 775-742-2288 or kennelup@yahoo.com

Jeff & Maureen's Excellent Adventure

Jeff & Maureen Lyons are about to embark on a new chapter in their lives.

Jeff passed the California bar on the first try and has a new job with a real estate law firm in Santa Rosa in the litigation department. So, they sold their charming house in Reno and are moving to a 5 acre 1916 farm in Santa Rosa, CA.

We wish them all the best!

The Rainbow Bridge

The time comes when we all will have to say farewell to four-legged friends. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to those members who lost a beloved family member.

Kit & Bob Richards lost their 12 year old vizsla in December. Kit says " She got to do her favorite thing in the world - retrieve a few birds - even though she could not open her mouth when I tried to look inside! She managed to carry the bird all the way to the camper and walk inside to show the other dogs! She also got to visit her breeder."

Sageacre Angel's Kiss Kysska JH
August 7, 1991- December 5, 2003

We also would like to extend our sympathies to:

Katrina Anderson on the loss of her wolf-mix Mariah

Sherry Roach on the passing on Onyx

NEW READY 2 RUN EVENTS

April 10th New Classes Trial
Hidden Valley Park in Reno
Contact Cherie 742-2288 or
kennelup@yahoo.com

June 4-6 NADAC/ASCA Trial
Fuji Park in Carson City
Contact Cynthia Kennedy
trikpony@aol.com
Note: This was originally the date of our CPE trial.

**DON'T FORGET OUR
NADAC/ASCA TRIAL
APRIL 30-MAY 2.**
Contact Joanna Ambroz
NADACSec@ready2runagility.com

From the Recovery Room.....

We wish **Lyndy Pickens** continued recovery from surgery....Don't overdue it Lyndy!!

Greg Battaglia had surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome few weeks ago and now has the cast off. He should be 110% in no time.

We also wish **Denise Langston** all the best in her continued recovery from surgery.

Ready 2 Run does their best to send cards, flowers or other get-well gifts to members in the hospital or recovering from surgery or extended illness. If you know someone who needs some get-well cheer, please contact our unofficial hospitality coordinator, Lin Battaglia at 425-2375.

Thank You!

Dear R2R members,

Karin arrived at my home a few days ago with a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers. Thank you for thinking of me following the recent death of my mother. Many of you knew her through the doggie quilts, jackets and bags that she has made for the Morris Animal Foundation (Pepper Raffle) and for many dog lovers as well. She loved to sew and seemed to enjoy being able to donate her time to the causes that are dear to me.

Hope your holidays are happy.
Mary Ellen

Hi Runners,

*Just wanted to say "thank you very much" for your thoughtful gift following my carpal tunnel surgery. You guys are the greatest!!!
Greg Battaglia*

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Andy McIssac**, who just purchased a home in S. Lake Tahoe.

To **Greg Battaglia**, who just purchased a soon-to-be classic '91 Corvette.

To **Teri Geer**, on the addition of her new sheltie, Piper.

To **Gene & Marj Ross**, who just purchased an amazing new motorhome.

READY 2 RUN SUPPORTS THE Q-CUP

For the second year, Ready 2 Run supported Haute Dawgs Q-Cup event at their NADAC trial in January. At this event, pledges are made for every Q earned to benefit a worthy dog-related cause. This year, this event benefited the **Sacramento SPCA**. Ready 2 Run will pledged money for every Q earned by members AND for all the Q's earned at the trial. Of the 301 Q's earned, 48 were by R2R members—another great showing of our club's talent!

Happy Birthday!!

Judy Chandler on December 12

Phyllis Sanders on January 15

Kevin Lamb on February 5

Jack Childress on February 7

Joann VonLohman on February 23

Karin 's **Tasha**, who turned 12 in December

Lin's **Sweep** and Greg's **Trapper** who had their 3rd birthdays

And **Gats-B**, who will be 9 in February

NEW CPE JUDGES

Congratulations to Joanna Ambroz, Jack Childress and Dorris Wigglesworth who are now on the CPE Judges List. Our congrats also go out to Candace Rapp, who also made the list.

BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS

From **Barb Meyer**: **Pounce** earned her Open Jumpers Superior this weekend at the Haute Dawgs trial in Elk Grove. Why does it seem that the last leg takes the longest to get? Anyway, that was our first run of the weekend and I'm sure she picked up on the fact that we had accomplished a major goal because she just became a total goof from that point on! See you in the Elite ring!

From **Judy Chandler**: Saturday (1/17) at the Haute Dawgs NADAC trial, **Garp** earned the last 10 points needed for his Novice Agility-Superior Performance title. He also finished his Novice Jumpers title Saturday. Sunday he earned another Jumpers leg and also earned a Q10 in his first day in Open Regular. Whee!!

From **Phyllis Sanders**: 19 month old Sheltie, **Rally**, now has 1 tunnelers, 3 jumpers and 1 gamblers legs. This with only starting his agility career on New Years Eve. Not bad for a baby Sheltie.

From the **Kennedy's** [Rare]Beastie Boys, or the 3 R's: **Rigel** had his coming out party at the T'giving CPE trial at Elk Grove. Out of 9 runs, he qualified 8 times, & only had a problem in Jackpot as he's a bit velcro at this stage. He also had a number of placings, including a first! **Rusty** is now handled by Cynthia in Standard classes & he Q's & places with her every time. **Rowdy** sucked big time & did nothing. At the Jan. WAG/HD trial, **Rigel** had his NADAC debut. With less than 2 months weave poletaining he had no problem & Q'd in 3 out of 4 Standard classes. He mistook the teeter for the dog-walk in his first go & had a walk in space when the bottom went out from under him. He Q'd in Jumpers & training he had no problem & Q'd in 3 out of 4 Standard classes. He mistook the teeter for the dog-walk in his first go & had a walk in space when the bottom went out from under him. He Q'd in Jumpers & missed another one by a whisker. **Rusty** Q'd in 3 Standard classes & **Rowdy** was going for another

goose egg trial when he managed to get his rear in gear & stay on the line for a kosher start in Standard where he got a 1st place. We just can't get over Rigel's talent. He's a real gift.

From **Cherie Ripley**, the evil twin, earned his NAC-Outstanding Performance at the Haute Dawgs trial. Now if he would just stay on the start line!! **Sampson** is slowly inching towards his NATCH with another jumpers leg at the same trial.

From the **Battaglia's**: At the New Year's Trial **Fallon**, our rescued BC, competed her Novice AND Open Tunnelers. She really is at the speed I like. Doing 12 weave poles now and getting faster and faster. She also completed her Novice Gamblers title and Novice Jumpers title. I'll hold her back and will work on her Outstanding & Superior titles. Big accomplishments for only having her 7 months with only 5 months of training. **Tag** had two first place Tunnelers (with 24 & 19 second runs) and a 2nd in Weavers. His foot is deteriorating so we don't know how much longer he will be able to run. **Pebbles** had a first place Gamblers run with 62 points. She only did two Gambler classes all weekend. She doesn't like judges yelling the numbers and got scared on Sunday. **Trapper** and Greg did a good job racking up two first place Novice Jumpers runs. They only need two more for Superior, 3 1/2 more for Superior Novice Regular. They also earned two 2nd place Elite Tunnelers runs with amazing speed. **Sweep** finished his Superior Open Gamblers and earned 2 1st place. Also, earned 2 1sts in Open Jumpers. He only needs 2 more for his Superior. He also had 2 Open Regular runs, a 1st in Open TnGo, 3 1sts and 1 2nd in Elite Tunnelers and 1st & 1 2nd in Elite Weavers. **Gats-B** was being the Gats-B we all love. He got a 1st & 2nd in Elite Tunnelers, 2 1st place Elite Weavers, 2 1st place Elite Jumpers but wouldn't give me a regular or gambler run. The old boy is still as difficult as ever. Our pack are all so different and I guess that's what makes it fun....

From **Karin**: It's amazing what a difference a year makes. Last year at this time I was struggling with **Logan** jumping at me and biting me during a run. Many of you remember the struggles we had and how much patience I needed. Now, Logan is getting the game of agility figured out. We had a great trial at HD Qing 5 out of 6 times and also earning our OAC and our O-OJC. For those of you who may not know, when we went to the NADAC Championships in Calgary last September, much to

my surprise, Logan qualified to compete in the finals in Pre-Elite Regular. Unfortunately, I did not learn this until the next day so I had to imagine how we would have done instead of really living it. Maybe next year...My baby is growing up! **Zeb** is also doing great. He has made a fabulous transition into the Veteran division. The lower jump height has really excited Zeb about agility. It's funny what motivates a dog, but jumping 16" is really doing it. We once thought Zeb would never, ever compete in agility because of his lack of interest and motivation but now, he is on the track for a NATCH! ***It is very important to believe in yourself and your dog.*** The possibilities are endless. You gotta love agility!

CALENDAR

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| Feb 21st | R2R Awards Party
Atlantis Hotel-Casino
Enter the Centerpiece Contest! |
| April 10th | R2R
NADAC New Classes Trial
Contact Cherie
kennelup@yahoo.com |
| April 17-18 | Pepper Memorial Classic
NADAC/ASCA
Contact Lin
train@mdt-agilityability.com |
| April 25 | HA=HA
Spring Fling Fun Day
Contact Pat Conatser
425-5560 |
| April 30-
May 2 | R2R
NADAC/ASCA
Contact Joanna Ambroz
NADACSec@ready2runagility.com |
| May 22-23 | WAG
CPE Trial
Elk Grove, CA
Contact WAG
www.k9wag.com |
| June 4-6 | R2R
NADAC/ASCA
Contact Cynthia Kennedy
trikpony@aol.com |



Membership Renewal Statement

(Member dues must be paid by Feb 21, 2004)

Single Membership _____ Family Membership _____
(\$20.00) (\$25.00)

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All memberships expire Dec. 31st each year.

(Dues paid in Oct, Nov or Dec are valid for the following year.)

Member Information (please print clearly)

Member's Name: _____

Spouse's Name (for family membership): _____

Children's Names (for family membership): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ OK to call at work:

Cell Ph: _____ Email: _____

I prefer receiving club information by (check one): email postal mail

Dog's Call Names: _____

Payment Info

Membership Dues: _____

R2R Logowear:

Baseball Caps (\$8) _____

Tee Shirts (circle your selection): _____ Size: _____
(Short Sleeve White—\$9, Oxford/Jet Blue—\$10, Long Sleeve—\$12)

Hooded Sweatshirt (\$24) _____ Size: _____

Crew Sweatshirt (\$19) _____ Size: _____

Jackets (\$40, XXL—\$42) Special Order _____ Size _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Please make checks payable to: Ready 2 Run Agility Club.



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