

The Sheltie Seanachie

The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.
Serving the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region (DC-MD-VA) since 1972

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PVSSC MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at the Dunn Loring Fire House (2148 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring, VA) except for March and July (no meetings) and December (Holiday Party).

NEXT MEETING is November 19, 2019.

Meetings are open to the public. The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club welcomes Sheltie breeders and fanciers, including those interested in conformation and performance events, and pet and Sheltie Rescue owners.

THE SHELTYE SEANACHIE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Cathie Skoog, Editor

The Sheltie Seanachie is the Club's Monthly Newsletter. It provides a forum for sharing information, discussing issues concerning the breed, AKC information and club activities.

Email brags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie at cathieskoog@verizon.net

The Newsletter is sent to members and friends preceding the meeting. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please send an email to PVSSC.shelties@gmail.com

Back issues of The Seanachie are available on the PVSSC website:

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MEET UP

See PVSSC events and join other Sheltie enthusiasts by logging on to our MeetUp page at

<https://www.meetup.com/Potomac-Valley-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup/>

Upcoming Meetings and Events

November, 19: During our business meeting, which begins at 7:30, we will hold our 2019 Election of Officers and Board Members.

President: Donna Richards
Vice President: Rich Gurney
Treasurer: Jack Gurney

Corresponding Secretary: Judith Bienvenu
Recording Secretary: Fran Beacham

Board of Directors: Deb Lauritzen and Patrick Keough

Following our business meeting, refreshments will be served and we begin taking Santa Photos. Melinda McKenzie Hall's husband will be taking professional quality photos of members/guests with their dogs. The photos will be posted on a server and available at no-cost.

Scottish Christmas Walk, Saturday, December 1, 2018. PVSSC and NVSR will again participate in the Scottish Christmas Walk in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday, December 1.

We are making the assumption that things will work as at past Scottish Christmas Walks. In the past the participants needed to meet around 10:30. Parking is limited so it is recommended to arrive around 9:30.

Folks who have participated previously report having met a lot of great people and the dogs love the attention. This is great exercise for you and your dogs. Mike O'Shea is the POC. More details to come in the next few weeks, or reach out to Mike O'Shea.

December 15 (Saturday): Meeting & Holiday Party: The PVSSC Holiday Party/Meeting will be hosted by Debbie Lauritzen at her home/farm in Luray, VA.

Dogs are invited. Watch for more details from Debbie in the coming weeks. We do request members/guests RSVP.

PVSSC Herding Trials & Tests

Saturday, November 3, 2018

PVSSC hosted herding events at Keepstone Farm in Berryville, VA and included Farm Dog Certified Tests (FDC) and Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Tests.

Thank you to those who volunteered: Jack Gurney (our incredibly hard working trial secretary) and trial chair Mike Skoog. These two men were at the farm on Friday getting things in place for the trials on Saturday morning.

Rich Gurney and Fran Beacham each worked with a judge as scribes and timers and moved around with the judges. Nancy Hansbrough handled the lunch, including the clean up, and assisted with ribbon preparation and helped out where needed.

We only had two Shelties entered in the trials/tests: Archer (Nancy Hansbrough), earning her Farm Dog Certificate (FDC) and her Herding Instinct Certificate; and Annie (Cathie & Mike Skoog), earned her Herding Test Title (HT).



Archer
Suncrest Aryana Ayashe, FDC CGC TN



Annie
Merlyn Hullston The Stratovarius Black Diamond BN RN HT NF FDC CA
BCAT CGC RATN AG1 RL1

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for 2019 is due December 31, 2018. Dues are \$25 for family memberships and individuals. Please send your checks to Jack Gurney, payable to PVSSC at:

245 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066

DIXIE DOODLE EARNS MACH3

Congratulations to Dixie Doodle and owner and handler Mike O'Shea. On Sunday, November 4 at the CVAC agility trial in Doswell, VA, Dixie Doodle earned her MACH3.

Over the weekend, Dixie went 8 for 15 with 1 FIRST Place, 6 SECOND Place and 1 THIRD Place resulting in Triple QQQ on Saturday and QQ on Sunday which earned her MACH3 and MXC Titles.

And, Dixie is 17 Premier Standard quantifications away from earning her Agility Grand Championship. GOOD LUCK Dixie Doodle and Mike O'Shea.



MACH3 Dixie Doodle HSAs RA MXG MJS2 MFG PAD PJS T2B2

One more point worth mentioning, on Sunday, Dixie Doodle ran her 100th Master Standard Run.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

In October we introduced Seanachie readers to Tipper, the Sheltie puppy, bred by Lilian Yeh-Forsyth and his new family. Now we are introducing yo

The Leiter's were voted into membership at the October PVSSC meeting. **WELCOME.**



Jeff Leiter with puppy, Tipper

SOUTHPAW DOGS

Is your dog "right" pawed or "left" pawed?? Dogs do have preferences, just as people, as to which paw (or hand) is the dominant. Which way does your Sheltie Spin – and no, it doesn't matter whether you are north or south of the equator!

As with people, dogs have a preference and as with people, it is associated with right or left side of the dog's brain.

The following link, was posted on November 6 in the Psychology Today Online Magazine. It is interesting as it discusses the difference and influences in emotions and health, the study and how to determine if your pup(s) are "right" or "left" pawed.

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/canine-corner/201811/the-psychology-left-handed-people-and-southpaw-dogs?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CanineCornerCS+%28Canine+Corner%29

CANINE WEB LINKS

Below are a few Canine Web Links. Send me the links you tend to look, to cathieskoog@verizon.net at and I'll post them for others to share.

The Gerald P. Murphy Cancer Foundation: Old Grey Muzzle Tour. <http://www.gpmcf.org/muzzletour.html>

When you have some spare time, you might go to the AKC website. They have a lot of interesting articles, statistics by breeds and informative videos. . .and lots of cute dogs and puppies: <https://www.akc.org/>

SUNSHINE

Please remember to notify a board member, or Melinda McKenzie Hall, chair of our Sunshine Committee if a PVSSC member needs a little club sunshine.

If we don't know who is ill, who has lost a family member or needs help with a pet, we cannot reach out and offer "sunshine".

This committee doesn't work if you don't call or email us with your concerns for PVSSC club members. Please help Melinda stay in touch with what is going on.

Mark your Calendars Upcoming PVSSC Events

NO Obedience or Rally Trials in February 2019. The Board is looking at options, such as dates and other venues to hold our obedience and rally trials. If any member has suggestions, please contact Cathie or Jack Gurney.

May 18, 2019: PVSSC Specialty. We will be holding a Designated Show in conjunction with the Mattaponi Kennel Club Spring Show. If there are any questions, please contact Cathie Skoog, Club President.

New CONTACT Information??

Make sure you contact PVSSC if you have a new email address, or any other changes. We want to make sure you don't miss a single issue of The Sheltie Seanachie.



Send any changes to Donna Richards, PVSSC PVSSC Corresponding Secretary at PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

PVSSC BREED REFERRAL Looking for a Sheltie?

For information on obtaining a Sheltie, contact PVSSC members Jan Stanley or Doey Blount. They will work to find you the Sheltie that is right for you and your family.



Jan Stanley: 703-281-2828
SheltiesReign@gmail.com

Doey Blount: 301-567-3933
jimjandoe@aol.com

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Please get with Fran Beacham to sign "up" for 2019 Meeting Refreshments.

The November meeting refreshments will be provided by Marilyn Manser and Rich Gurney.