

THE BARK



Dear Members,

It is no doubt that we have experienced one of the coldest winters in our area since many of us were kids. Whether it was the innocence of youth, memories of snow forts, or bundled snowsuits and snowball fights, we wonder why the cold and snow is affecting us a lot differently now than it did in our childhoods. Yet, our dogs keep reminding us that time does move forward as they take advantage of every ray of sunshine and every sniff of the wind. May we also be reminded to do the same.

As March approaches, I look to Spring. With so much talk about the fancy waning, and the grim perspective on the future of our sport, I can only hold on to the hope of new life and Re-Birth. Ideas continue to flow as it is in our nature as humans to forge ahead. You make up the club, you are its heartbeat. The years of experience, passion and love of the sport must be passed on to the next generation of members and fanciers. Don't let negativity get us down. Just as fault judging is something we don't want to cultivate in our sport, let's keep our eye on attributes and positives. It takes just as much energy to say something positive as it does negative, and the results of a positive will manifest positive.

The rule of any success is to find something unique, and do it better than anyone else. Therefore, I would like to make Long Island the hub of Junior Handling. Junior Handling was started by Westbury. It is a legacy I want to see continue. I would like to reach out to our sister Clubs: Ladies, Long Island, Riverhead, Brookhaven and Suffolk (the ones who hold their shows here on the Island), to come in on a joint effort to bring Juniors to the Island, offering them incentives to compete in the Long Island Junior Handling Series & Tournament (Series starting with Ladies and culminating in September with WKA). It is my hope to implement this for 2016. It will be a handle for fanciers to associate Long Island to. Help is welcome and needed.

Please contact your Regional Clubs and ask for them to hold a Match Specialty at our Match. They can contact me until we get a match Chair in place. We will set a date very soon, most likely in June again. I would like to see Match Specialties and the Breeder's Cup become a Brand for our Match.

Most importantly, our point shows for 2016 and 2017 have shifted to the first weekend in October due to the AKC calendar year. This causes us to lose our site at the Planting Fields for those two years. Although there are some ideas coming in, now is the time for the membership to come forth. Please direct any ideas and help to Toni Welkes or myself. Our Next Meeting of the General membership is Wednesday, March 18th. Please be there. We need active members.

Happy Spring and start gathering more tidbits, recipes, fun and pictures for the next issue of "The BARK"

Pat



2015 Calendar

Wednesday, March 18th, 2015	General Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
Wednesday, May 13th, 2015	General Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
Tuesday, June 16th, 2015	Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink Room 2
Wednesday, July 15th 2015	General meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
August 2015	Annual WKA BBQ	TBA
, Wednesday, September 16th, 2015	General Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
TBA	Board Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
September 2015	WKA POINT SHOW	Planting Fields Oyster Bay, NY
October 2015	Board Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
Tuesday , November 17 2015	General Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink Room 2
TBA	Board Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink
Wednesday, December 9th, 2015	General Meeting	Oyster Bay Skating Rink

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear WKA Members,

I hope you enjoy this edition of **THE BARK**. Thanks to all for your support and contributions to our newsletter. All contributions are welcomed for the newsletter including show results and brags, agility, sunshine report items, ads, business cards and absolutely anything else you would like to share with our members. The deadline for the next issue is June 1, 2015.

Karen

MARCH 2015

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**Blast
from the
Past!**

*guess who
the WKA
member is?*

Life outside
of dogs??
NO WAY!!
Well,
maybe!

**Send your child-
hood picture to
stump the mem-
bership to who
you are today!**

*Picture should be digital,
sent via e-mail to Karen.
Scan to your files, then
send..it's that easy! Let's get
at least 10 for next issue!!*



WKA Treasurers Report 3/1/2015

Small Business Cashback Checking \$1,068..73

Small Business High Interest Savings \$32,666.10

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THE BARK needs your help ...

- Do you have ideas for articles?
- Do you like to write articles?
- Do you have any great pictures?
- Do you have any poems, funny/informative articles?
- Do you have ANYTHING that would look great in our newsletter?