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The Squeak of the Wheel *President's Report*

Well guys, I'm not one for politics, but there is information on CA Assembly Bill 1634 in the newsletter. This could have a very negative impact on the working and trialing community. Please contact your representatives and tell them you are opposed.

You will also find an entry for the Willowside Ranch trial in the newsletter. Many thanks to Pam Cornell and Willowside Ranch for inviting the club to hold a trial there.

For those of you who haven't been there, it's a beautiful facility just a mile or so inland. Pam and the ranch crew have put a lot of time and effort into building and renovating the ranch and it shows. It will be nice and cool there in July.

We will be using Boer goats as the stock for the trial. We have confirmed with USBCHA that the trial can be sanctioned for sheepdog points. The goats offer a little different character than sheep, but work very much the same.

These goats, provided by Mike Canady, a past USBCHA president, are used to being worked by dogs. We want to thank Mike for



A Boer goat looking rather sheepish.

providing the stock and serving as our judge.

And on a sad note, the trialing community lost a long time friend and competitor with the passing of Butch Wilson. He was a long standing member of the club and served on board.

Butch had an enthusiasm for dogs and an upbeat attitude that was infectious. I first met Butch working the exhaust at the Oak Hill Open. He taught me a lot that day and in the years following. He was a fixture in the community, knowledgeable dog man and friend. He will be missed.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the trial.

-Rusty

Remembering Butch Wilson, Valued Member

We are saddened to report the passing of Butch Wilson. The following is his memoriam.

C.E. "Butch" Wilson, Jr. was born in Kemmerer, Wyoming in 1933 to Marie and C.E. "Coach" Wilson. He grew up on the Wind River Indian Reservation at Ethete, Wyoming. He attended High School at Kent Boarding School in northwestern Connecticut where he was awarded its highest award for athleticism. Upon graduation he returned to attend the University of Wyoming. Butch participated in college rodeo as a steer wrestler and played football on the 1956 WAC championship team in which he and his teammates won the Sun Bowl.

Butch married Margaret Ann "Margy" Hirsig in 1956 and also joined the United States Air Force. After his tour of service he returned to Cheyenne and joined the Wyoming Air National Guard. He served in the Guard as a Flight Safety Officer and retired a Lieutenant Colonel.

Butch loved horses and everything about the horse. His career began with horse racing and ranching. After his daughters were old enough he was active and supportive with 4-H horse shows and judging events, AQHA horse shows, and high school rodeo. Mr. Wilson was also a very active member of the Heels, and



served as assistant arena director for Cheyenne Frontier Days during the late sixties and early seventies. Always service minded, Butch was a member of the Lions Club for most of his life. When Butch arrived in Pacific Grove, he was employed by Pebble Beach Co. in the Security Department. He started the "mounted horse patrol". On his days off, he could be found driving a team of draft horses for special occasions. In recent years Butch had attained much notoriety training, breeding, and competing with registered Border Collies. He started PGDogs providing service of migratory bird control. Please visit his website at www.pgdogs.com.

Butch Wilson was survived by his wife Miriam "Mimi" Thorngate-Wilson of Pacific Grove, California, his daughters Lee Ann Wilson of Ft Collins, Colorado, Dee Ann Wilson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, grandson Mardee Kai Urban of Cheyenne and stepson Adam Thorngate-Gottlund of Pacific Grove, California, sister

Maxine (Wilson) and Larry Sutton, Albuquerque, NM, their daughters Rebecca and Debra and their families. He is fondly remembered by his first wife, Margy (Hirsig) Wilson, C. F. "Buddy" and Glenna Hirsig, nephew Tom Hirsig and niece Debby Hirsig and their families.

He also is survived by his beloved Border Collies with which he found great reward working daily. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, C.E. "Coach" and Marie Wilson and his niece Sandra Lynn Hirsig.

Memorial Services were held at the Church In The Forest, Pebble Beach, CA, on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

NCWSA has set up a memorial fund in honor of Butch. You may send contributions to

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AB 1634 Passes State Assembly, Senate Next

The California State Assembly voted 41-38 to pass Assembly Bill 1634. The Bill now goes to the Senate. If enacted into law, this bill would adversely impact each and every sheepdog and cattle dog trial participant, and more importantly, every rancher who uses stock dogs and/or livestock guardian dogs to move and protect livestock. This bill requires mandatory spaying and neutering of **all** cats and dogs in California by the age of **four months** unless their owners are able to obtain an "intact permit" for that animal from their local municipality.

There are no provisions for stock dogs or livestock guardian dogs in obtaining one of these annual "intact permits." There is also no plan for deciding which breed registries shall be included in the permit process, nor a fee schedule set; all of this crucial information is left up to the individual municipalities to decide on their own, as well as to enforce and pay for this unfunded measure. And there is certainly no provision for working crossbreeds or unregistered purebreds, no matter how useful they may be to their owners in moving or protecting livestock.

This bill, if passed, would be devastating to working dogs of all breeds. The NCWSA, SJVBCA, RESDA, AHBA, ABCA and other sheepdog and cattle dog clubs' Boards of Directors have voted that the clubs will oppose AB



1634. All have been listed on the official Bill Analysis and will repeat that process with the Appropriations Committee.

However, there is an urgent need for **each and every one of us** to phone and fax our local California Assembly representatives as individuals, and let them know that we are very much opposed to AB 1634. **In addition, it is crucial that you phone and fax the members of the Appropriations Committee, and their Committee Consultant.** Please look over the following websites.

The websites will lead you to phone numbers and contact information for the Appropriations Committee as well as to locate your representative.

There is also a lot of other information to read about the bill and why we are opposing it, not just for stock dog issues, but for health and other considerations. It is crucial to phone and fax, because those contacts are the only ones tallied by each Assemblyperson's staff.

<http://www.saveourdogs.net/>

<http://www.ab1634.com/>

<http://noab1634.com/>

<http://petpac.net/>

Call your representative during business hours; simply state that you are calling to register your opposition to AB 1634 as amended on April 24th. A staff member will likely ask for your zip code and/or address to confirm that you are a rightful constituent of whom you have called.

It doesn't take much time and it is of the utmost importance. Many organizations are lobbying and working hard to defeat this bill. Dog training clubs, purebred cat fanciers, and most dog breed groups oppose it. But we really need individual grassroots support in order to make sure that the "animal rights" people don't win this battle.

Please help to keep the decisions about our animals where they belong—in their owner's hands.

Member Classified: Ram for Sale \$225

Sir is a registered black headed Dorper.

Dam is a non-registered Dorper.

Bonnie Richardson

209-847-8264, cell 209-606-2414

Classified ads are free to **members**. Contact Dale at editor@norcalssheepdog.



Willowside Ranch Stockdog Trial

July 14 & 15, 2007

Judge: Mike Canady, Coalinga, CA

2 Open Trials -\$50 Sat & Sun 2 Nursery Trials -\$40 Sat & Sun

2 Pro-Novice Trials -- \$40 Sat & Sun Run Pro-Novice & Nursery Combined Entry \$42

Sanctioned by U.S.B.C.H.A.

Sponsored by The Northern California Working Sheepdog Association

Hosted by Pam Cornell, Willowside Ranch

Stock will be Boer Goats

Open Purse - Cash Payback each Day Nursery --Trophy to first

Pro-Novice - Cash Payback each Day

Open Class - Full ISDS Course

Pro-Novice -- Shortened ISDS Course, no shed.

Nursery -- ISDS Course, no shed.

Classes may be limited or run to a Standard.

Limited to 55 dogs per day

Limited to 2 dogs per handler per class

Overnight parking available at trial site. No hookups, No dumping!

No food available at trial site. There are sandwich shops in Pescadero about 2 miles.

Willowside Ranch is located about 1.5 miles inland.

Average High Temperature in July 70^o

Trial Information: Rusty Jeffers president@norcalssheepdog.org

Entries Open June 4 -- Close July 2, 2007 (by postmarks)

CHECKS CASHED July 9. US FUNDS! Checks returned by Bank voids your entry.

No fax, phone or email entries! Fees must accompany entry. NO REFUNDS after July 2, 2007!

LATE ENTRIES may be taken after closing, but must include additional \$10 per run.

Mail Entries to – Rusty Jeffers, P.O. Box 937, Knightsen, CA 94548-0937 Checks Payable to - NCWSA

Dog's Name	Class	sat	sun	
1. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

READ AND SIGN: "I certify that I am the owner of the above dog/s or the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. I agree to hold the NCWSA, it's Members, Officers, Directors, USBCHA, it's Members, Officers, Directors, Pam Cornell, Willowside Ranch and it's Employees harmless from claim. I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damage or injury to the dog/s incurred due to negligence of the club or any of the aforementioned parties, or by negligence of any other person or any other cause or causes. In case of injury to any stock by the dog/s, I will assume financial responsibility for any damage. I will pay the full market value of any animal killed or seriously injured, or the veterinarian bill if so required. I certify that the dog/s entered is/are not a hazard to persons, livestock, or other dogs. Member or Not, I agree to "Section 4M 1-16" as it pertains to misconduct by the U.S.B.C.H.A., and if it is a non-sanctioned class I make myself accountable to the rules of misconduct as written by the Host Club N.C.W.S.A. " The Rules and Guidelines may be reviewed at the websites of each club.

Signature _____ Date _____

Rim Rock Ranch SDT Results: May 4-5, 2007

High Combined Open:

Amelia Smith & Price

High Combined P/N:

Fred Temple & Jack

High Combined Nursery:

Angela Akers & Sage

FRIDAY

Open (30 Handlers):

Amelia Smith & Price 1st

Terry Folsom & Sweep 2nd

Ken Hitchcox & Flinn 3rd

Cris Flint & Rose 4th

Pro-Novice (22 Handlers):

Fred Temple & Jack 1st

Francesca Canfield & Mist 2nd

Fred Temple & Cap 3rd

Nursery (5 Handlers):

Angela Akers & Sage 1st

Judy Loflin & Cam 2nd

LisAnn Spencer & Faye 3rd

SATURDAY

Open (30 Handlers)

Amelia Smith & Price 1st

Mike Meredith & Gwen 2nd

Terry Folsom & Sweep 3rd

Tricia Guidry & Tara 4th

Pro-Novice (25 Handlers):

Fred Temple & Jack 1st

Fred Temple & Cap 2nd

Judy Loflin & Cam 3rd

Nursery (5 Handlers):

Judy Loflin & Cam 1st

Angela Akers & Sage 2nd

Steph Summers & Kate 3rd

To Snuggle or Not to Snuggle? Ah, Go Ahead

First a disclaimer I have not followed this discussion and just happened to read this one post so I don't know what it was in response to. So this response may be out of line. If it is please just put it down to too much sentimentality and ignore it.

However I do snuggle with my dogs. I don't let them sleep in the bed but that has more to do with liking a clean bed than any reluctance to cuddle with them. And one of my dogs, Pippa, takes every opportunity to jump into bed with me in the morning if I am not fast enough to forestall her. I can clearly remember the TN finals which were incredibly muddy and wet and miserable. Pip had a great semi-final run (I think the high score or certainly right up there) and I came back to the camper and there she was all

covered with mud sound asleep in the middle of my white down comforter. Just another example of a spoiled dog getting away with what she can. I wanted to make a plug for snuggling and spoiling.

Anyone familiar with my dogs will tell you that they are pretty bad. I like to think I have rules, but my most spoiled dog, Pippa, thinks nothing of breaking them given a chance. Not just my rules anyone's rules. She knows the rules and knows they don't "really" apply to her. If this isn't spoiled I don't know what is. But she does not take this off field expectation of "anything is fair for love or food" on to the trial field. I snuggle with all of my dogs. I like them. I like dogs I enjoy being around them and I don't want to sacrifice my enjoyment of their company for success on the trial

field. I like petting my dogs. I like giving them a hug when I want and I like that they return this desire for closeness and affection.

On a cold day I like a warm dog in the lap while I watch the trial. I like sitting with a pup asleep in my arms in the evening while I watch TV. Thus far I have not found that I need to give up cuddling to achieve success on the trial field. I have not had a dog that couldn't be loved and cuddled and treated like a pet and not expected to perform well on the trial field. I suppose its possible they would do better if we had a more disciplined relationship. But I'll never know. It's not a sacrifice I have ever been willing to make for success.

- Beverly Lambert, posted 5/2/07,
Sheepdog-L@yahoo.com



Comic courtesy of
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Upcoming Events ...

- ◆ **June 29 - July 2:** Sprague River SDT, Sprague River OR
- ◆ **July 1:** Marin County Fair SDT, San Rafael, CA
- ◆ **July 14 - 15:** Willowside Ranch SDT, Willowside Ranch
- ◆ **September 1 - 2:** Scottish Games, Pleasanton, CA
- ◆ **September 22 - 23:** Novice Fun Trial, Oxford Ranch, Porterville, CA
- ◆ **October 26 - 28:** Fifth Annual Point Pleasant SDT, Elk Grove, CA
- ◆ **October 6 - 7:** Hubbard Ranch SDT, Hubbard Ranch, Bonanza, OR
- ◆ **November 3 - 4:** SJVBCA Fall Trial - Porterville, CA
- ◆ **November 9 - 11:** Fifth Annual Point Pleasant SDT, Pt Pleasant Ranch, Elk Grove, CA
- ◆ **November 12 - 13:** Alun Jones Clinic, Pt Pleasant Ranch, Elk Grove, CA
- ◆ **November 16 - 18:** Thompson Ranch SDT, Thompson Ranch, Auburn, CA
- ◆ **December 1 - 2:** SJVBCA Coalinga SDT, Coalinga, CA



See www.norcalsheepdog.org for more information about each trial, including entry forms.

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