

Old English Sheepdog Club of Scotland



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News Letter January 2005

 **Presidents Report**

Hello everyone, can I begin by saying I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know you will all join me in remembering the survivors of the Tsunami in our thoughts and prayers.

On a lighter note, I found out to my cost that you cannot leave a bobtail for a few weeks without grooming...I had gotten out of the habit of regular grooming to that extent as I had been out of the show ring for a while...I have had my young bitch on the grooming table for over two hours every night and I am just now getting her to resemble a show dog...moral of the story (for me) groom every night!

Our last open show in November, with the “All Rounder” Aitken Johnson was a lovely day and enjoyed by all. There was a great atmosphere around the ringside. As always we each take the best dog home. The next open show will be on Sunday 20th March with Judge Dave Topliss (Carave), I look forward to seeing you all there.

Can I just finish by announcing my Daughter was safely delivered of a baby girl on 31st December, my first Grand-child, Mya who weighed in at 7 lbs and 1 ounce. They are home now and both well.

Can I wish you all a delightful year with your Bobtails, and if you show, then I wish you success.

Dot Paterson.



Secretary's Report

Dear Members,

I Hope you all had a nice Christmas, and have now had your batteries recharged for your dog showing in the coming year. The club will be holding 3 shows this year, the first one is 20th March you will have had your schedules sent to you with your news letter, the second one is on the 14th August in the Windsor Hall, Bargeddie and our well known Judge on this occasion will be Mr Matt Smith (Arthurlie). Our Ch. Show this year will be on 27th November in The Loreburn Hall. Dumfries. Where we will be holding as usual our pre-show dinner and fun night were our entertainment for the evening will be supplied by Mr Jim Harrison and his better half Isobel, any one who has come to these evenings before has always said how much they enjoyed them, one exhibitor said it was better than a tonic We have booked Lockerbie Manor once again for this event as it was really very good for dog walking, It has now been taking over by a new family and has been upgraded, if you would like to find out any more info on the dance please give me a phone, or a booking form for the event will come out with our next schedule in May. The renewal slips for membership of the club are in the newsletter you can pay them with your March entry, send them in separately, or our Breed Stand will be at Crufts Hope to catch up with as many of you there as possible.

Margaret McWilliam

Oh! What a Beautiful Day

On a cold crisp day in December I decided to take my dogs a walk. As I had just finished grooming Piper a Standard Poodle, and was having him till five o'clock, I decided I would take him with me. I also went for Sam a staffie pup, which I walk occasionally. After our walk I put Sam and Piper in the back of the car and my three dogs on the back seat. (Estate car) I took Sam home and settled him in his kennel, and went back to my car.

When I tried to open my car door Panic! It was locked. What! Am I going to do, Car keys, House keys, Customers dog, my dogs all locked in the car. Morgan my oldest dog had jumped over onto the front seat and managed to hit the child lock switch. A wave of panic came over me, how am I going to get in.

Luckily I had left the windows open about three inches, so I tried to reach in and open the door. No luck, by now I am sweating and panicking. I try coaxing Morgan back over to the back seat, but she won't budge, it's as if she was thinking to herself (It wasn't me).

Nothing else for it, minus four outside and I have to start taking layers of clothes off, jacket, fleece, gloves, and I still couldn't reach. By now it was getting dark so I thought about phoning hubby, yes, you've guessed my b----- phone is in the car. Oh! And the dogs are all lying sleeping.

(Caption)

I had a look around to see if I could find something to stand on. I spotted a plant pot outside someone's front door. I placed the pot at the back window to stand on and tried to push the glass down so I could reach in. Ten minutes later my arms were sore, I was frozen, but just as I was about to give up I managed to reach. Click the door was open, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry with relief. (Caption)

The next day I could hardly move my arms, as they were aching and covered in bruises from my shoulders down to my wrists. That took some explaining to family and friends who all thought my husband is a wife beater, Ha! Ha!

This will teach me never to leave my keys in the car again.

Writer anonymous. I wish!!!!

Audrey Corrigan



Well we had a great night on Friday the 26th November at the Clubs annual Ceilidh, the biggest ever turn out ever, with "60 plus" attending this event.

This is just one of the many events the club has throughout the year for its members and supporters of all the work that the Club does in Scotland. The Scottish Country Dancing & *our own* very own brand of games is to be seen to be believed! Oh and yes we now have a new game for our "CH Show Dinner Dance" in November this year. All this is possible through the organisation of Margaret McWilliam, dance & games organiser Isobel Harrison and the fantastic music is provided by Jim Harrison.

Many thanks to everyone who made this night a very memorable one. Oh and by the way the "Ladies" once again won the "space hopper race".

The fabulous amount raised for Rescue & Rehoming of OES in Scotland was in excess of £300.00p.

November Open Show



**Judge Mr Aitken
Johnstone (Keinford)**



November Open Show



Club Future Shows

March 20th 2005 Open Show
Judge – Mr D. Topliss
August 14th 2005 Open Show
Judge – Mr M. Smith
November 27th 2005 “CH” Show
Judges – Mrs C. Masterson & Mrs M, McWilliam



**Judge Mr Aitken
Johnstone (Keinford)**

Best in Show

Mrs M. Frame Megabob Nerr'day Blessing.

Reserve Best in Show

Mr & Mrs T. Lee Megabob Gaolach Legacy.

Best Dog

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Reserve Best Dog

Mr J. Cassells Silence of The Night.

Best Bitch

Mrs M. Frame Megabob Nerr'day Blessing.

Reserve Best Bitch

Ms J.S. Ayrton-Forte & Mr P. Allievo Oakfarm Olivia of Allievo.

Best Puppy

Ms M.E. Harvey Eynhallow Tin-Wis at Dobden.

Best Opposite Sex Puppy

Mrs C. Russell Kerjalee Star of the Dance.

Best Veteran

Mr & Mrs A. & L. McEwan CH Allmark Pillowtalk of Kindamagic.



MPD/B(3)

1. Harvey's Eynhallow Tin-wis at Dobden:- Mature puppy dog 8 months, showing great promise. Balanced head, dark eyes set well apart, good neck, shoulders and forechest. Excellent bone for his age, small tight feet, good body and spring of rib. Short coupled well muscled quarters, moved out with purposed BPIS.

2. Russell's Kerjalee Star of the Dance:- Balanced 7 month bitch, good head, square skull, lovely expression from dark well placed eyes, good foreface, open nostrils, good pigmentation, arched neck, good shoulders, well ribbed for her age, moved out true, very promising.

PD/B No Entries.

JD/B(2)

1. Patterson's Zottels have a Dream at Clearshaw:- Nicely balanced bitch of 13 months, super head, square skull, good muzzle, strong deep arched neck, good front, well boned, deep ribbed, short coupled, good rise over loin, strong well angulated quarters, moved out well.

ND/B(1)

1. McEwan's Kindamagic Crazy Dreams:- Quality bitch, balanced cobby outline, great strength in skull and muzzle, super forechest and front, ample bone, arched neck with well angulated shoulders, good topline and rise over loin, excellent hind angulation, moved out with reach and drive when settled, did not do her self justice.

GD(4)

1. Cassell's Silence of the Night:- Excellent head, very typical square skull, good strength in muzzle, dark well placed eyes, neat ears, arched neck into good shoulder angulation, sound front, good bone, small tight feet, well ribbed of good depth, short coupled, good topline and rise over croup, strong well angulated hindquarters, low set hocks, moved out true with good reach. RBD.

2. Gardiner's Loch Ryan Bold Bear:- Square skull, well spaced dark eyes, deep stop, good forechest, straight well boned front, arched neck, good topline, longer coat than (1), well angulated quarters, moved out with reach and drive.

PGD(4) Repeat.

LD(2)

1. Lee's Megabob Gaolach Legacy:- Balanced cobby outline, nothing exaggerated, presented in excellent condition, strong male head, square skull, strong foreface, good underjaw and pigmentation, well defined stop, dark eyes neat well placed ears, good neck, shoulders, well ribbed, excellent topline, loin and croup, moved with reach and drive using well angulated hindquarters. BD.

2. Gardiner's Loch Ryan Bold Bear.

OD(6)

1. Corrigan's Maestro Emperor:- Sound dog in excellent condition, square outline, super head, square skull, strong muzzle and under jaw, deep stop, strong arched neck into well laid back shoulders, straight front, short compact body, well sprung rib, deep brisket, strong well arched loin, moved true.

2. Gardiner's Loch Ryan Bold Bear.

VD/B

1. McEwan's CH Allmark Pillowtalk of Kindamagic:- Pleasure to see this 9year old bitch out again, superbly constructed, balanced cobby outline, broad square skull, strong muzzle and under jaw, good dentition, dark eyes and neat well placed ears, feminine head with good expression, arched neck in well angulated shoulders, excellent front deep brisket, arched loin, presented in excellent condition, moved true with reach and drive. BV.

2. Corrigan's Sanrosi Belisima Ninyamea:- Balanced 8year old bitch in excellent condition, feminine head, square skull, well placed dark eyes, good pigmentation, strong foreface, deep stop, strong arched neck into well angulated shoulders, straight front, good bone, tight feet good topline, loin and croup, moved true with drive.

GB(2)

1. Corrigan's Megabob Summer Love:- Super young bitch 16 months, square outline, short coupled, feminine head, lovely expression, square skull, deep stop, dark expressive eyes, neat well placed ears, good front, well boned for age, good forechest deep brisket, good topline and nicely arched loin. Strong quarters, moved true.

2. Kindamagic Crazy Dreams.

PGB(3) Absent.

LB

1. Ayrton & Forte's Oakfarm Olivia of Allievo:- Balanced cobby outline, nothing exaggerated, presented in excellent condition, quality bitch of 20 months, great potential, lovely feminine head, strong arched neck into well angulated shoulders, straight front, tight feet, good forechest, topline and loin. Excellent hind angulation, strong neat hocks, profuse coat, excellent texture and condition. Moved out with purpose and drive. RBB.

OB(3)

1. Frame's Megabob Neer'day Blessing:- Beautifully constructed bitch, nothing exaggerated, balanced cobby outline, lovely feminine head dark expressive well placed eyes, strong muzzle, good underjaw, wide open nostrils, good pigmentation, strong arched neck in well angulated shoulders, excellent front, good bone, neat tight feet, deep brisket, good topline and rise over loin. Handled well showing correct pace for reach and drive. BB & BoB.

2. Smith's Notown's She Dances in the Clouds(Imp):- Balanced overall, cobby outline, plenty of bone, lovely head and expression from dark well placed eyes, arched neck, good topline and rise over loin. In excellent condition, moved with reach and drive.

J. Aitken Johnston.



Dobden Trophy

All points for this trophy to be sent to
Trophy Secretary
Mrs L. Brown, 29 Munro Avenue,
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 2PJ
by the end of February 2005

The Trophy will be presented to the winner
at our March Open Show.



Training Nights

Well we are now back in our usual venue in Windsor
Hall Bargeddie, but on Friday nights instead of our
usual Thursdays. Catering training needs to give good
all round training. We try to give the OES attending
socialisation and basic skills for pets and show dogs a
like.

Time 8 – 10-pm

See back page for dates!

Christmas Party
Night



As you can see from the attending dogs we had a great Christmas Party at our training night in December 2004 with dogs and people travelling from afar to the Clubs annual doggie doo!

Fun and games were the order of the night.

Doggie food and presents galore, oh the humans were fed and watered as well.

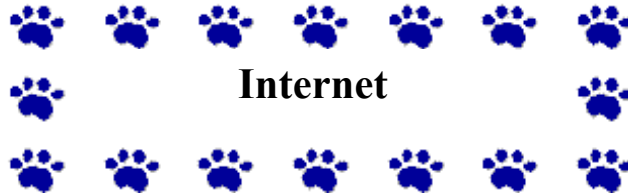


AGM

This years AGM will take place on Monday the 4th April
2005 at 7.30pm in the Windsor Hall, Bargeddie
near Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Will members please note that any items to be included
on the agenda should be in the hands of the Hon
Secretary no later than fourteen days prior to the AGM.

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Next Breed Council Meeting:- April 24th 2005

THE Old English Sheepdog OWNER

It can safely be assumed that where two or more OES owners are gathered together talk will turn to the characteristics of this magnificent breed. Furthermore, it is a well-known fact that owners grow to look like their dogs.

But are we missing the point? Let's face it, didn't your dog choose YOU? When two or more OES are gathered together surely conversation turns to the ideal characteristics of an OES Owner.

A possible Breed Standard might be:-

Appearance - Owners should not worry overmuch about their appearance as it may be difficult to maintain a standard after being pulled through hedges and into ditches.

Size - This is not important but strength is vital for containing the natural exuberance of the dog.

Eyes - should be sharp and expressive for maximum eye contact but location in the back of the head is not necessary as OES are very trustworthy.

Coat - Colour and style is immaterial but should be waterproof and paw-proof, as well as warm for all those lovely winter walks.

Temperament - Robust. The OES likes to see how far he can go and toughness therefore makes the game last longer.

Sensitive - Vital in order to commune with the spiritual element of the dog himself. The OES is so in tune with the owner's needs. (although not, unfortunately, at the right time and place.)

Fun-loving - a sense of humour is required to enjoy to the full all those little OES jokes, such as the "Pretending not to hear when called" or the "They haven't fed me for weeks" ploy to visitors.

Even-tempered - vital for those trying occasions when a dog gets into trouble through no fault of his own. These include damage to household effects caused by excitement or boredom and bath time - an event owners should approach in the right spirit and a swimsuit.

Physical attributes - should be sound in wind and limb. Must be capable of putting on a burst of speed when necessary if commands fail, or of running several agility rounds without getting out of breath. An OES enjoys a good gallop and appreciates company.

Financially secure - insurance is a must (see accidental damage, above) and the initial outlay on the dog is a considerable investment, which is repaid hundreds of times over, naturally. Food and lodging should be of a high standard. NB. Savings may be made on DIY grooming and burglar alarms.

Generous - OES appreciate little surprise gifts and a regular supply of rawhide shoes/bones/balls/chews, squeaky toys, frisbees etc., as they don't last long.

In conclusion, an OES needs a well-rounded owner with endless resources of all kinds and a very large capacity for love - just like an OES really!



T.O.E.S. 2005

Friday Training Nights

8 – 10pm

Windsor Halls, Bargeddie, Near Coatbridge.

21 January

18 February

18 March

15 April

20 May

17 June

Trainers

Mrs Audrey Corrigan

Mrs Margaret Frame

Miss Laura Frame



Scottish “CH” Show 2005

SKC - 21st May

Judge—Mr J. Harrison

Border Union (No CC's) - 19th June

Judge—Mr P. McMahon

SKC (No CC's) - 27th August

Judge—To be confirmed

Working & Pastoral Breeds - 5th November

Judge—Mrs A. Turner