



Pacific Rim Maltese Club

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NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2005 PRM CLUB MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eileen Bentz at the Wilsonville Izzy's at 7:05 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2005.

The following members were in attendance: Zel and Shirley Gernhart, Joe Woltner, Lucy Fomenko, Elaine Lancaster, Vonnie and Van Vandervort, Judy Madsen, Sharon Binger, Patricia Drake, Jeff and Carrie Dorn, Sharon Bruner, Eileen and Sarah Bentz and JoAnne McKenney.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$1729.89; Savings: 4740.93.

Speaker: Sharon Binger is doing a calendar for next year that will be available at the show. The proceeds will go to rescue fund. Sharon gave a presentation on rescues. This was very interesting. If you are interested in being a foster home, doing transportation, fund raising, doing home checks for future foster homes or to be a foster parent, Give Sharon a call.

We did the Second Reading for Mamie Gregory and Margaret Summers Badger. It was moved and seconded to accept these new members. Welcome to our new members.

Show Business: Premium books should be out any day. Be sure to read everything, check for the upcoming deadlines..

Call early to reserve your room. Let them know that you are with Maltese Club for a discount. Free RV parking is available.

If you have any items that you would like to donate, be sure to contact the auction chairperson, Eileen Bentz or the Raffle Chairpersons JoAnne McKenney or Susie Swain. All donors will have their name in the catalog as a donor.

Trophies are being gathered.

Braggs:

Char's-TNT's Glory of Notori went best of Breed both Saturday and Sunday in Eugene. Notori Oh to be Me went Best of Breed on Friday.

Shirley-CH Hartland's To Sir with Love (Sir) and CH Hartland's Diamond in the Ruff (Honey) received their Canine Good Citizenship at the AMA show.

Elaine Lancaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and JoAnne McKenney seconded the motion.

Attention All: There are still 50/50 raffle tickets available. If you would like more you can call Carrie Dorn for extra tickets. Remember the more we sell the more you could win.

Red Lyon Rates:

Pacific Rim Maltese Club Members will be given special rates. Reservations however must be made before October 17th.

Room Rates (per night):

- 1 Queen for 1 or 2 people - \$69.00
- 2 Queen beds Pool side - #79.00
- 2 Queen beds w/premium View \$84.00

To make reservations, call:

1-800-RED-LION or
1-800-325-4000

Webpage: <http://redlion.wchc.com/>

President's Input:

A thank you goes to Sharon Pearson for doing such a nice job on the PRM Club's web-site.

Hope to see you all at our/your PRM Club Specialty this month.

Char

More Dog Show Important Information:

Remember fellow Maltese lovers. Our Pacific Rim Maltese Club Speciality is October 28, 2008. There are deadlines.

The **entry for conformation, obedience, sweepstakes, veteran, companion, rescue is October 12, 2004.** Entries are sent to Jane Garvin, superintendent, 14622 SE Old Barn Lane, Boring, OR 97009-9267. If you did not receive a premium for the show, please contact Zel Gernhart, 503-668 4747 sheartland@aol.com or Jane Garvin at 503-558-1221 www.garvinshowservices.com or mail@garvinshowservices or Char Woltner at nortorimaltese@aol.com.

Deadline for Catalog advertising is October 7, 2005. Advertising helps support the show. Send the info and payment (payable to PRM) to Char Woltner.

Deadline for the banquet is October 22, 2005. Please send your **check payable to PRM** and your **choice of entree** to Shirley Gernhart, 34140 SE Hwy 26, Boring, OR 97009.

Auction items to support the Club (and the show) are appreciated and welcomed. Please contact **Eileen Bentz** at **503-823-8950**.

Remember, two all-breed shows follow our speciality. Vancouver Kennel Club will be holding their back-to-back shows on Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30 at the nearby Clark County Fairgrounds. Onofrion Dog Shows is the Superintendent. www.onofrio.com

The Club is encouraging any Maltese with obedience training to enter the obedience trials. The Club is offering prenovice class for those who are just starting. Please know that this is a non-regular class but will give you and your Maltese experience in the obedience ring.

JUST FOR FUN:



Live each day as if it is a memory in the making!

BIOGRAPHY: Sharon Pearson

My love for animals, and dogs in particular, dates back as far as I can remember. As a child I was always bringing home strays of some kind. When I was about 13, I first became interested in “show dogs” when I was given a Borzoi puppy whom I named “Russia”. I trained and worked with Russia daily, and began to become interested in showing, although the opportunity never arose.

Then I got married and began raising a family. I have two sons (Kevin and Donald), and a daughter named Teri, all of whom I am extremely proud. My interest in showing during these years was suppressed because my ‘then’ husband was not even fond of having a pet, let alone a show dog, perhaps a reason the marriage did not last!

Years later I met and married the man of my dreams.....Dennis. He quickly recognized (and shared) my love for dogs and encouraged me to pursue my dreams. The rest, as they say, is history! As I began to pursue my dreams of showing, Dennis encouraged me and eventually suggested I choose between my job as a bookkeeper, and my desire to pursue a career involving dogs and the show ring. That was a “no-brainer” for me!

I loved all dogs but then I obtained my first Maltese, which I named “Brutus” (Sir Brutus of Foxstone). From this marvelous animal I learned how much a Maltese could love and become the center of life. Brutus quickly “owned” me and my heart; and provided the foundation for Foxstone Maltese. I knew nothing about showing dogs but Dennis encouraged me to research it and pursue showing since that is what I wanted to do. Brutus and I made our show debut when he was 6 months old, with neither of us knowing anything about what we were doing! During this time I met a handler named Kristi Trevalino (Sp) who asked me to bring Brutus back to her setup after we were done showing. She then proceeded to do some trimming and other minor things to Brutus to make him look better. When she was done I thanked her profusely and asked her if I owed her anything. She said that all she wanted in return was for me to help someone down the road, which I have done time and time again and always remember Kristi when I do. Consequently, Brutus won his class the next day over Kristi’s dog and Kristi was as happy for his win as I was.

I continued to research Maltese and showing Maltese and bought every book and magazine I could find on the subject. I learned and gained experience with Brutus, but soon decided I wanted a “real” show dog. Thanks to the graciousness of Billie Bechtel, I acquired Vanity (Ch. Bechtel’s Vanity of Foxstone). I felt Vanity was the epitome of what a showdog should be, based upon my research and preferences. She had a lovely head, small cobby body, a nice front and a beautiful topline. I went on to show Vanity to her Championship.

I wanted to get into breeding as well as showing so I used my Brutus to breed to his daughter “BooBoo” (Foxstone’s Babooska Lady). This breeding produced my first homebred Champion, Ch. Foxstone’s High Roller, who we called “Mojo”. Mojo was the only Champion Brutus was to breed because Brutus was neutered shortly thereafter but I still had my beloved Brutus who slept with us every night, as he had since he was a puppy until he passed away in November of 2004.

During the time I was showing Vanity, I met and became friends with Tammy Simon, who eventually offered me a male called “Teddy” (Ta-Jon’s Bare Necessities). Teddy was the product of Ch. Pashes Beau Didly ROM, and Ch. Ta-Jon’s Tickle Me Pink. Teddy was unable to be shown due to his penchant for chewing on the bars of his x-pen and damaging his teeth! Tammy also took me under her wing and began to teach me the fine art of grooming a Maltese. Teddy was to become the foundation male for the emergence of Foxstone Maltese. Teddy went on to produce seven champion offspring and became a ROM sire.

I then acquired a bitch we called “Sparkle” (Foxstone’s Sparklin Blu Star), who was out of Ch. Serenade’s Midsummer’s Night and Ch. Serenade’s Calico Moonlight. Sparkle had some needed size, was cobby and had the outstanding front and rear that I desire in my Maltese. Teddy, BooBoo (the Brutus daughter) and Sparkle were the foundation for Foxstone Maltese.

My first “real” show dog (Vanity), who is also the love of my life, was bred twice after obtaining her championship. Neither breeding went well so she was spayed and now shares my pillow at night, as she has since she was a puppy, and serves as the “guide” on my website (<http://www.foxstonemaltese.com>)

I am certainly not a big breeder but have a love and devotion to producing healthy, genetically sound Maltese. My life certainly revolves around the Maltese, however. We have a motor home we travel to the dog shows in that makes the Maltese’ life easier and we recently added two rooms to our house for their comfort. In my “other life” I do commercial website design and serve as the Town Clerk for a small town in our county. Both of these jobs I can do from home which allows me the time I need with my beloved Maltese.

One of my greatest joys in showing Maltese is trying to help and educate others about the Maltese breed. I feel doing this, in some small way, repays my gratitude to Tammy Simon, Barb Cuttell, Sheila Meyers, Patsy Stokes, the late Sandra Kenner, Chris Pearson, Mary Day, Billie Bechtel, Tonia Holibaugh and everyone else who has assisted me along the way. There is nothing more gratifying to me than watching someone I have helped in some small way be successful in the show ring.....other than maybe one my own Maltese being successful in the ring, of course..... Because when that happens I can think back to the early days and realize that Foxstone Maltese is literally a dream come true for me!

Editor’s Note: Thanks Sharon for your biography. It’s nice for everyone so we can all become better acquainted.

BRAGS:

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