



### FEATURED PIC:

BAREBONES THIS MONTH!!



# GOLDEN SPIKE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

## President's Message

*by Ann Miller*

It felt like I was in a fast-moving whirlwind involving several club members during December. It started with a full agenda for our board meeting and the Winter Social the next night. Luckily Jerriann Ernstsens had everything well planned and ready for the party. The party was great fun and we had a lot to celebrate. Crystal Toupin made the celebration memorable by recognizing the accomplishments of the members during the year. The highlight was the presentation she made to all the teachers and assistants of this year's classes. Each of them received a silhouette of their breed of dog painted by Crystal.

Meantime, Sheryl Harames worked hard to get the premium out for the obedience trial in March. Sharon Pearson and I tried to help. It's amazing the amount of details needed tending to months before the trial in late March. A special thanks to Joan Brown, Karyn Forsey, Crystal Toupin and Alan Miller for graciously agreeing to join the Obedience Trial Preparation Committee for the March trial. As an aside, I am looking for stewards for the March trial. I want to get commitments from members or other doggy enthusiasts in January.

We finished our classes for this session on December 20. We had a large group of people who passed the AKC Canine Good Citizen title on the last night. We also had two Saturday

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So, you think I need some obedience training?

agility training sessions at the Flock 'n Paws facility. We will have two more agility training sessions in January. It's great fun to work with your dog on the agility equipment even if you don't plan on competing.

I'm amazed at how active are our club members. They like to spend time with their dogs and each other. I've mentioned a few people in this message but there are many more that make the club work. I am grateful for all that we have accomplished this year and hope to have a wonderful new year. I've set some goals for the Stelvio and Ann team with Alan as our coach. We'll see what we achieve. I absolutely know that we'll have fun together no matter what we do.

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## Letter From the Editor

by Jerriann Ernstsén, [jernstse@gmail.com](mailto:jernstse@gmail.com)

Happy New Year. Wow, 2017. I have enjoyed writing and editing this newsletter since July, but for this January I have resorted to “*barebones*” – as the Pic of the Month suggests!!! I was busy with drafting the December newsletter, organizing our GSDOC Holiday Social, Porter's torn dew claw nailbed, sick in-laws in San Diego (which we spent 9 days caring for), and a car bash (hit and run) on top of the typical Holiday crazzies. I promise that I will resume my normal newsletter contributions and edits for the February newsletter. Once again Happy New Year. Please send me any contributions that you would like included in GSDOC newsletters, including great treats, toys, equipment, trials, trial awards, and new member information and pictures.

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

- ❖ Session 1 for 2017 starts Tue Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Many classes quickly filled up, but please come on the 9<sup>th</sup> if you didn't get a slot to see if a slot opens up. Life always happens.
  - ❖ Board meeting is on Mon Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - ❖ General meeting is on Tue January 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM.
  - ❖ GSDOC Winter Agility Practice
    - Dates: Jan 7 and 21.
    - Times: 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Experienced handlers from 12:00 to 1:00 and inexperienced handlers from 1:00 to 2:00.
    - Where: Flock 'n Paws, 3928 N. 3175 W. (west of Smith and Edwards in Plain City).
    - Cost: \$5 dollars for club members and \$10 for nonmembers.
  - ❖ GSDOC AKC All Breed Agility Trials
    - JANUARY 27-29, 2017. LEGACY EVENTS CENTER. FARMINGTON, UT.
    - Premium is on Facebook and GSDOC website.
    - Entry closes Mon January 16<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ Session 2 will start on Tue February 28<sup>th</sup> stay tuned for more information.
  - ❖ GSDOC AKC Obedience and Rally Trials March 24-26, 2017.
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## Messages from the Director of Training

Crystal Toupin and Lily

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### Next Class Session

The next session of classes will start January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and run through February 21<sup>st</sup>. We are currently re-designing the Basic 1 and Basic 2 Obedience classes, so get ready for some fun real-world training. I know that many of you don't show and would just like a well-behaved dog. Our newly structured classes have this goal in mind and will help you develop a wonderful bond with your canine friend. The following is a list of classes for the upcoming session:

- ❖ 6 PM – Basic 1 Obedience
- ❖ 6 PM – Basic 3 Obedience (Distractions, Proofing, and Heeling Skillbuilding)
- ❖ 6 PM – Rally
  
- ❖ 7 PM – Puppy Obedience
- ❖ 7 PM – Basic 1 Obedience
- ❖ 7 PM – Basic 2 Obedience
- ❖ 7 PM – Basic 3 Obedience

The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluation MAY be offered on February 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm, if there is enough interest. Confirmation will be posted February 7. Cost for GSDOC members and current class attendees is \$10. The CGC is also available to the public for \$25.



## TRAINING Tidbits

**Turn dinner into a training opportunity!**

**Make your dog work for his dinner...**

- **Sit/Stay**
- **Leave it**
- **Recall**





**New Members**  
to  
**Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club**



**TIFF (R)**

**ILENE (L)**

**My bad, forgot last names.**

**AND**

**CHEAPERS**

**THE ALL AMERICAN DOG**

**A**

**BLUE HEALER DOBBY MIX**



**SHAWN FLETCHER**

**SHAR HIS BFF (PARTY POOPER)**

**AND**

**SADDIE**

**THE ALL AMERICAN DOG**

**A**

**BORDER COLLIE AND  
AUSTRALIAN SHEPARD MIX**

# HOLIDAY SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS





