



# The DOGazette DOGazette



Start setting aside your stuff for the club's big YARD SALE at Big Eddy's in Thompson Falls on June 24-25.



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## Still lookin' for a home.....

The "Easy Street" building that SCDTC rents for agility practice is once again on the market. It has been for sale, off and on, since it was built 10 years ago. While a sale probably is not imminent, it does remind us **we need to be looking for another home for our indoor agility practices and equipment storage.** Please keep a lookout



in your neighborhood for large, underutilized buildings that we could possibly rent.

## Important Dates!

March 5: Redneck Ball in Trout Creek. See Milo the Singing Dog perform his hits.

March 9: Board Meeting at 6pm, followed by General Members Meeting at 7pm. Elks Lodge. Guest speaker at 7:15: Kristin Maxwell on "nose work."

April 1-3: **AKC Agility Trial**, Great Falls

April 7-9: Beautification Days in Thompson Falls. Our task: dog park cleanup.

April 13: Board Meeting at 6pm, followed by General Members Meeting at 7pm. Elks Lodge. Guest speaker at 7:15: Lynn Lanzoni and his drug-sniffing dog.

April 15-17: **AKC Agility Trial**, Lolo.

April 22-25: **AKC Rally**, Lewiston, ID

April 29-May 1: **AKC Agility Trial**, Helena

May 1: May Day Celebration at Thompson Falls Dog Park

May 3-5: **AKC Agility Trial**, Bozeman

May 11: Board Meeting at 6pm, followed by General Members Meeting at 7pm. Elks Lodge. Guest speaker at 7:15: Maggie Epperson on essential oils for dogs.

May 13-15: **AKC Agility Trial**, Spokane (Nine Mile Falls)

May 21-22: **AKC Rally**, Spokane (Spokane Dog Training Club)

May 27-29: **AKC Rally**, Spokane (Spokane Kennel Club)

May 30-31: **AKC Rally**, Coeur d'Alene, ID

June 3-5: **AKC Agility**, Spokane (new trial!)

June 17-19: **AKC Agility**, Moscow, ID

June 24-26: Yard Sale at Big Eddy's

## Guest speaker scheduled for General Membership meeting

Our March 9 General Membership Meeting will feature **Kristin Maxwell**, who will speak to us about training dogs to do "Nose Work." This is something virtually any dog can do, and it serves as the foundation for many dog sports, dog jobs, and tricks. **Kristin** recently joined SCDTC. She lives in Plains and has a background in agility as well. Come meet her **Wed., March 9, 7pm at the Elks Lodge in Thompson Falls.**



**Kristin Maxwell,**  
new  
member of  
Sanders  
County Dog  
Training  
Club.

## Rally Fever strikes club members

New Rally students are having a blast! A new crop of Rally students started their "Beginning Rally" class on Feb. 15. We'd like to welcome **Shawna Thornton** and her border collie, Cap; **Cathy Regier** and her border collie, Bit; **Gayle Serratt** and her Aussie, Pax; **Heather Wroblewski** and her golden retriever, Tillie; **Nancy Beech** and her black lab, Gabby; **Carlene Bachmann** with her new sheltie, Sassy; and **Barbara Lacy** with her Chihuahua, Zena.



**Char Anderson** presented the first class on Feb. 15, with help from **Carole Jensen** and **Carol Searl**. **Jan Manning** will teach the

subsequent classes on her knee scooter, with help from **Char**, **Carole** and **Carol**. The second class, which starts immediately after the first, is comprised of **Connie Gunderson** and her dog Mel; **Char** with Kima and Miki; **Carole** with Bailey; **Carlene Bachmann** with Sady; and others like **Gigi Comer** and **Cathy Johnson** who can hopefully drop in when their work schedules permit.

# DOG PARK FUND-RAISER RAFFLE!

Win this new  
Brinkman Electric  
Patio Grill!  
Tickets \$5 each  
(or 5 for \$20)



**Tickets on sale at Feed & Fuel, S & S Sports, and from club officers. Drawing to be held May 1, 2016, at Thompson Falls Dog Park**

## Dog Park targeted for Beautification Days

Thompson Falls will be spiffed up by all sorts of civic groups during Beautification Days April 7-9. One of those groups will be Sanders County Dog Training Club.

Our club has two projects in mind. **First, the Thompson Falls Dog Park.** Many pine needles and pine cones clutter the area that immediately surrounds the dog park. You are invited to bring a yard rake and gloves and help clean it all up. We will provide black garbage bags.

**We also would like to help Deb at The Little Bear fix up her place.** Deb has been very supportive of our club, and we would like to return the kindness by giving her a hand with some outdoor cosmetic projects that are difficult for her to do by herself.



**Bring yard rakes and gloves to the dog park on Thurs., April 7.  
Call Jan for details, 827-6385.**

**The dog park cleanup will be on Thursday, April 7.** If you're interested in being part of the project, please call Jan Manning, 827-6385. The raking shouldn't take more than an hour if we have about three volunteers.

**If you'd like to work on the Little Bear project,** please contact Carole Jensen at 425-299-9191.

## Win a patio grill and support the Dog Park

On May 5 we'll be drawing for the winner of a Brinkman Electric Patio Grill. Do you have your tickets yet? The grill is on display at S & S Sports this week (thank you, Cathy Johnson). You can purchase tickets there, or from any SCDTC officer. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20. This grill is PERFECT for someone who doesn't want to mess with charcoal or gas, and it will fit on its pedestal just about anywhere.

You can purchase tickets at the club meeting on March 9. Take home a few packets of tickets to sell to your friends too. It's easy to sell tickets for this, since the proceeds go to a community project (the dog park).



We'll draw the winner's name at the dog park on May 1, as part of our May Day at the Dog Park celebration (see details on page 5).



Hey! Your Dog's Name Belongs on the Fence  
at



Thompson Falls Dog Park!



Support the dog park by purchasing a 6" x 12" metal  
nameplate to be placed on the dog park fence.

You pick the colors and text. We'll design, order, and place sign on the fence. Include an email address on this form and we'll send you a photo of your sign when it comes in. There's a nominal yearly renewal fee (unless you're a member of Sanders County Dog Training Club), OR you can purchase a "permanent plate." (See prices below.)

In memory of  
**NELLIE GIRL**

**SADY**

**BAILEY**

Fill out this form and return to Sanders County Dog Training Club, P.O. Box 641, Thompson Falls, MT 59873.

Note: your payment must be included with the form. Please make check payable to: SCDTC.

TEXT COLOR (circle one):	BLACK	WHITE					
BACKGROUND COLOR (circle one):	WHITE	BLACK	RED	GREEN	BLUE	PURPLE	YELLOW
BORDER (circle one)	YES	NO					
PAW DESIGN ELEMENT (circle one)	YES	NO					
WHAT DO YOU WANT IT TO SAY? (Remember, the sign is 6" x 12", so the more text, the smaller it will appear)							
TEXT: _____							



### PRICES:

\$20 per sign, to be paid when order is placed.

Note: After one year, we will bill you for a \$5 annual renewal fee; SCDTC club members exempt.)

**\$50 for Permanent Plate \***  
\*(no renewals necessary)



Note: SCDTC is not responsible for theft or vandalism of signs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (in case we have a question) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

For office use: Payment rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Don't miss....

## ***May Day at the Dog Park!***

Sunday, May 1, noon to 3pm: Bring your dog to Thompson Falls Dog Park for games, prizes, exhibitions, and fun for all!

We'll have agility equipment there for you and your dog to try out (with supervision from experienced trainers). We will also offer an agility demo.

Among the other activities that day:

1. A drug dog exhibition
2. A grooming exhibition
3. Drawing for a Brinkman patio grill
4. A group sit-stay game
5. A group recall game
6. More things we haven't even thought of yet!



## ***Bring some flowers too!***

Yes! Help pretty up the fire hydrant ring outside the fence. Bring us some flowering bedding plants and we will plant them when it is warm enough. **Carlene Bachmann** is our "flower gardener." She tends them and waters them all summer long.

Bring your bedding plants on Sunday, May 1, and we will do the rest!



## Renew your dues today (please!)

If you have questions about whether or not it's time for you to renew, **please contact Secretary Carol Searl at [cmsearl@gmail.com](mailto:cmsearl@gmail.com)**. Generally, all renewals are done in January; but if you joined late last year, your renewal MAY be waived.

If you'd rather do it now and be done with it, you can pay online at the Sanders County Dog Training Club website: **[www.sanderscountydogtrainingclub.com](http://www.sanderscountydogtrainingclub.com)**. You'll find a **Paypal** link on the **"Contact Us" page**.

If you would like to include a bit extra that will be tax deductible for you, please include that amount. We will send you a receipt for your taxes. SCDTC is a nonprofit 501.c.3 organization that operates solely on private funding-raising and donations.

### What happens to your dues?

They're deposited into our General Operations Fund and used to purchase new training equipment and videos (that you get to use). They help subsidize the classes and training of our Junior members. They purchase items for our Dog Safety demonstrations in schools. They help support the club's "Operation Get 'Em Home" program, which provides free dog ID tags and collars to those who are in need. They are used to help us maintain Thompson Falls Dog Park. They're used to help publicize and promote the community service projects that Sanders County Dog Training Club is involved in.

### How big is our club?

We currently have about 45 members on the roster. We need more! More people means more events, more action, more influence, and more fun for everyone and their dogs.

### Our biggest goal:

We have a building fund! It's not big, but it exists. Some day we hope to have enough to construct our own training building, which we will make available to many different groups throughout the county. This is a long-term goal...but SCDTC is here to stay! Please consider making a donation to help sustain our goals! Your contributions are tax deductible; we are a 501.c.3 nonprofit group.

Please make your checks to Sanders County Dog Training Club and mail to SCDTC at PO Box 641, Thompson Falls, MT 59873. **And thank you for your help!!!**

***Annual dues: \$25 for adults, \$10 for juniors, \$35 for families, \$125 for life membership.***

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**SCDTC is a non-profit 501.c.3 organization. All your donations are tax deductible. We depend on your donations to help us fulfill our mission of community service, education, maintenance of Thompson Falls Dog Park, and youth programs. Thank you for remembering us this holiday season!**