

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

**UPCOMING  
MEETINGS**

**General Meeting  
May 16  
9 a.m. to 11.**

**TRAINING  
SCHEDULE**

**Posted on the  
web site and  
Bulletin Board  
at the  
Dog House.**

**BFDC  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

Skelli Demon,  
Bruce Grounds,  
Co-Presidents

Laura Palmer,  
Vice President

Juanita Braemer,  
Secretary

John Stevenson,  
Diana Barnum,  
Members at Large

**Know anyone in  
the club who is  
having a difficult  
time in their life?**

Call Linda Smith,  
"Sunshine Person,"  
and let her know.  
**623-974-2500**  
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**Lost**

**Pomeranian**  
Tricolored-Mostly red  
with Black.  
**623-977-1256**



# PAW PRINTS

## Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City

May 2006

### The Co-Presidents' Corner, by Skelli Dedmon and Bruce Grounds

Training classes for the spring session will be complete by May 20th. Thanks to all who participated.

We hope you will continue to work with your dog during the summer break and that we'll see you in one of the classes this fall. Our next newsletter will be September and we will have details then about class registration.

For those who were not able to attend the Annual Bark in the Park Picnic we'll bring you up to date on the most asked question—who won the costume contest this year? Well, it's official and the winners were:



**1st: Lily Palmer as  
the Easter Bunny**



**2nd: Niki Lenke as  
a Bride  
(that we'll have Pat  
explain later)**



**3rd: Princess  
Sophia Bock**

Photos will be available on the website and bulletin board and Ada Jane is doing another one of her fantastic CDs for a Club presentation. A good time was

had by all especially those dogs bobbing for hotdogs. All were winners in that



category! And the Dressing for Success team relay was quite a show. Thanks to Laura and Lou for their hard work and Betty for teaching the dogs how to retrieve the hotdogs!

We, along with Lou Sniderman, attended a meeting about the Fairway Renovation Project. The good news is we are on schedule to have our new arena in the first phase of construction—which is a 12 month project scheduled for completion—and move in December 2008. Mr. Wellman has told us that we will be able to remain in our present location for training until phase one is complete. That is

obviously important since it would be hard to find a temporary facility for our meeting location, All other Fairway Clubs affected by the demolition will change during that time as well. We are confident that our club activities will not be interrupted during the process. A Big Thanks to the "RCSC" Board of Directors for updating this aging facility and giving the area a showcase Recreation center!

### Arizona Search Track and Rescue, Inc. to Address BFDC

You won't want to miss our last meeting of the season. Our guest speaker will be from the Arizona Search Track and Rescue, Inc. In Arizona and throughout the nation, trained search and rescue (SAR) teams and (SAR) dog teams have consistently proven themselves as a valuable resource to the emergency services community and local law enforcement agencies.

**Rate Your Best Friend**

An excerpt from <http://www.barkbusters.com/Site/BehavioralQuiz.aspx>

By taking a simple quiz for your dog's barking, you can determine if training is needed. Here are a few of the questions on the web site. Answer with *no/ rarely; Sometimes; Frequently*. At the end there's a score.

◆ When the doorbell rings, does your dog bark and/or run to the door?

◆ Does he demand attention by asking to be petted or to play?

◆ Does the dog jump up on visitors (and sometimes you)?

◆ Does your dog ignore you when you call him to come?

◆ Does he exhibit destructive behaviors, i.e., ruining furniture, etc.?

There's much more! Check it out. *Thanks to Jan Sniderman*

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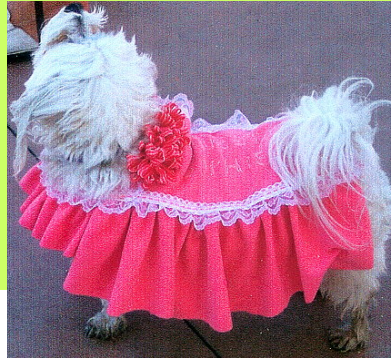
**We Barked In The Park Costume Contest Winners**



2nd: Niki Lenke, a Bride



3rd: Princess Sophia Bock



1st: Lily Palmer, the Easter Bunny

**Volunteers Needed For BFDC Training Demo!  
Call 623-933-7907**

**The Happy Dog's Bedtime Prayer**

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
The queen-size bed is soft and deep.  
I sleep right in the center groove  
My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs,  
She's tucked in tight,  
And here is where I pass the night.  
No one disturbs me or dares intrude  
Till morning comes and I want food!

I sneak up slowly and it begins  
My nibbles on my human's chin.  
She wakes up slowly and smiles and shouts,  
"You darling beast! Just cut it out!"  
But morning's here and it's time to play  
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you, Lord, for giving me  
This human person that I see  
The one who hugs and holds me tight  
And shares her bed with me at night!

*Author unknown, (Thanks to Ada Jane)*

**BFDC Helps A Happy Couple**

Because of our dog club a very happy couple in Sun City West has one of the "Breeder Puppies" from the EyeDog Foundation. My friends from church inquired of me two weeks ago, "Do you know anyone who would be having German Shepherd puppies?" I told them I would inquire at the dog club about it. Once home it dawned on me that we had a speaker from the EyeDog Foundation at our club last year so I got in touch with Clare and Jan who directed me with phone numbers and names to the right person. My friends were approved and got their puppy on the 14th of April. Her name is Jenny. It had to begin with a "J" because she is from the "J" litter. She will be bred, once old enough for the foundation dogs.

Congratulations and Happy Tales to Bob and Gail Southamer and to our wonderful club.

AJ Cowper

**Visit our beautiful and paw friendly website <http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org>**