



TEETER TALES

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April Trial a Huge Success, Thanks to Members and Despite the Weather

Kruisin' put on another great trial thanks to Kim Sexter and her amazing Trial Team (Anna Burbank, Anne Ford, Jeanie Burton, Sherry Wilson, Konnie McCaffree, Alan Stifelman, Judi Schroeder, and Linda Goldman). However the trial could never have run at all without the hard work of all our dedicated Club Members, cleaning and preparing the barn, building courses, keeping track of stats, parking cars, cooking and setting up the food, cleaning up, resetting the barn, transporting the judge and attending the judge's dinner, etc.

With a full two days of runs, there was a lot to do. Despite the rain that created a new stream, cutting out a lot of parking area, and the soggy ground that resulted in a huge van getting stuck in the mud, and a chilly day 2, everything ran smoothly in the end.

Kim expresses her gratitude to all the folks who worked so hard that weekend to make the Spring Trial such an incredible success, including those who were running

dogs and those who were not and still gave their valuable time to our club. The workers wrapped up the Sunday breakdown and had the facility back in working condition for classes in record time. As usual, the worker food was a huge hit with the exhibitors, and people seemed to be really enjoying themselves. Kruisin' has a wonderful reputation for having a great facility and making our exhibitors feel so welcome. We hope everyone had good runs and fun with their dogs and friends at the trial!



Board & General Membership Meetings

Board meeting 6:30pm,
Membership 8:15pm,
July 10 @ the barn

Work Day: June 9, time TBD,
followed by a B Match;
June 10, Joint GSGRC clean-up
in the morning before the
trial starts, time TBD

Trial: June 10, Garden State
Golden Retriever Club trial
@ the Kruisin' Barn
(premium closes 5/22)

Demo: June 9

AKC ACT I & II May 19 @ the Barn 2 Levels of Each Round

Premium and AKC ACT info sheet
available on Kruisin' website.

Contact Patty Mortara with questions:
k9sports@pattymortara.com

Agility Demo June 9

Warminster Community Festival
at the bark park in
Warminster Community Park
11:30am to 3:30pm
Dogs at all levels of agility will be
showing off! Everyone welcome!

Contact Alan Stifelman for details:
pandakita@gmail.com

The January membership meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report (Sherry Wilson)

The Garden State Golden Retriever Club is interested in renting the barn on Sunday, June 10, with barn rental fee of \$600. They requested two people from Kruisin' Kanines to help course build and they will compensate the club. Somerset Hills also may be interested in renting the barn.

Next membership meetings:

July: Tuesday July 10 - Tentative date for next Membership and Board meeting at the barn

October: tentative first week of October or last week of September to have the next Membership and Board meeting.

Work night

Next work day will be Saturday June 9 (prior to Garden State Golden Retriever Club using the barn on Sunday, June 10).

Treasurer's Report (Betty Skilton)

Account Balances - As of 4/15/2018

Account	15-Apr-18	12-Mar-18	Change
Bank Accounts			
PayPal Account	\$ -	\$ 1,015.00	\$ (1,015.00)
Univest Chk	10,324.67	8,821.35	1,503.32
Univest Sav	5,008.76	5,008.54	0.22
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 15,333.43	14,844.89	\$ 488.54
Cash Accounts			
Undeposited Funds	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 15,423.43	14,844.89	\$ 578.54

- Betty requests that checks and money to be placed in the box in the barn rather than sent to her house, if possible. The treasurer box will be set up on a table with the waiver forms, envelopes, pens, and pencils. Instructions will be placed on the box.

- The class payment should be made before first class since there have been some delays in payment. Jeanie provides the class lists to the instructors and the payment is needed prior to the first class. Suggestions were made to set up the class payments which do not allow registration to be completed until the payment has been received. Also, notification could be made to the class instructor that the student has not paid. In addition, it could also be stated that the spot in the class is not guaranteed until payment has been made.

Committee Reports

Membership (Patty Mortara):

There have been no new members. The new membership process has been put into place and its works well.

Website (Allison Miele):

Please provide Allison with items for the website. Also, please

provide any recommendations or suggestions for the website.

AKC Trial April 2018 (Kim Sector, Chair):

Dates of trial at the barn: Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29

- All activities are on track for the trial at the barn.
- Judge: Barbara Bounds
- Trial Secretary: Anna
- Jeanie Burton volunteered to pick up the judge at the airport: 9:00am at the Philadelphia airport on Friday, April 27.
- Anne Ford volunteered to take the judge to and from the trial.
- Kim is still looking for folks to go to Judge's dinner - she would like to have 6 people from the club join.
- Kim requests a person to play the National Anthem from their phone or other means at the start of the trial. Members to contact Kim if they could do this.
- Workdays for the trial (support from the club requested): Thursday, April 26 from 12-5pm and Friday, April 27 from 5-9pm.

UKI trial (Teresa Koziatek, Chair):

- A \$1601 check received from Paul Mount. There were 244 runs total. Teresa is still working with Paul Mount on the refunds for dogs that could not run the last classes and also on the remaining funds for the club.
- Next trial, Jane W. will be the judge; Judy Kolva will come back as judge in March 2019.

AKC Trial August 2018 (Sherry Wilson, Chair):

- Two judges identified: Dan Faulkner and Dawn F.
- Trial Secretary: Jeff Abel
- New trial site needed for SMG in Warminster - The site was sold and there is a legal issue when the business closed. The contract with Kruisin' Kanines was signed, but the check was not deposited. For the new company, it was found that money will be used for renovations, but they were not sure if they want dogs running on the new turf.
- Extensive discussion occurred at the meeting to discuss alternate sites and options:
 - Newtown was investigated, but it is on a busy road, crating is upstairs (not convenient) and the flooring is not good, it is in run-down condition.
 - K9 Gym: \$900 for rent, mats similar to ring 2, not ideal conditions.
 - Bella Vista: Not available
 - Bucksmont: Left the site 3 yrs ago since the floor was slippery.
 - Pitman: No overhead fans are available. Fixed costs. The analysis found that if there were 400 runs per day, there would be no profit. This site will no longer be considered by the club.
 - Y2 K9 is booked on August dates with UKI trial and it would be a one ring trial. Would need to get judge if we try using July date.
 - XL Sports - Bucksmont: Seemed to be the best option out of the sites considered, however, this would require extensive work and take more manpower for the club; equipment would need to be transported to the facility and set up.
- Alternative ideas to bring in money to club were discussed.
- We discussed removing training credits for members (est. \$150 per person) rather than having August trial. The instructors would not have to pay the extra money since they are not paid for being instructor. Training fee is \$400 training fee every 6 months. The training fees would cover one class per session.

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- Do weekday trial
- Do more trials in the barn
- Do a 3-day trial in April 2019
- Do B matches or run thrus at the barn
- Do more Sniff and Gos
- Nosework or ORT's at the barn
- Tack on a Friday or Monday to another club weekend trial date (Bella Vista)
- The club (membership and board together) voted on whether to have the August trial. The club decided to re-evaluate XL Sports - Buckmont cost analysis for August trial based on past experience. Survey Monkey will be used for the club to make decision on XL Sports - Buckmont as the site for the August trial.

ACT (Patty, Betty):

The trial was held on Saturday, March 17. There were 59 runs. Next ACT is May 19, and Tony will be the evaluator.

Training Director's Report (Jeanie):

Not discussed at meeting due to time constraints.

Old Business

Not discussed at meeting due to time constraints.

New Business

Not discussed at meeting due to time constraints.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Natashan, Secretary

Board Business

by Sherry Wilson, President

Now that membership meetings are held only quarterly, I will be providing a short synopsis of what the Board is working on so that members can stay informed. At the April Board meeting the following items were discussed, or will be at the May meeting:

- securing a site for the August trial
- guidelines for same handler running 2 dogs in a class
- attracting new members
- offering incentives for students taking the puppy manners class to try beginning agility class
- moving from Yahoo/groups to Google
- an Open House for early fall
- policy concerning members who did not attend the required one meeting every 6 months.

Note Club POLICY CHANGE

There will be only four (4) membership meetings per year. Be sure to attend at least one every 6 months to meet your requirements for Active Membership. Please also help prepare for trials, which represent the club's major sources of revenue and their success depends on the efforts of Kruisin' Kanines members. We need your help!

Beware of the New Tick Species Found in New Jersey

"Just when you thought it warm enough to venture outdoors again, health officials are warning that the number of Americans infected by mosquito, tick and flea bites has more than tripled in recent years."

That was the first line of a recent *New York Times* article. The alarming headline of a recent *Forbes Magazine* article read: "New Jersey is Dealing With a Tick Species That is New to America". Neither was a fun read! The tick is known as the *Haemaphysalis longicornis* tick, first discovered in the US in 2017 on a sheep after it had been sheared. She had thousands of them on her. Dozens would be disgusting, thousands is nightmarish. Also called East Asian or Longhorned tick, this species is usually found in Russia, Japan, China, Korea, New Zealand, parts of Australia, and some Pacific Islands, so it was only a matter of time before it could be found here. Unfortunately, "officials are not sure how the tick entered the United States," and where else it might be lurking on our continent. When officials visited the Hunterdon County farm to investigate, they found hundreds of ticks, in all life stages, in the paddock where the sheep lives. That means they are breeding there, and – wait for it – they don't need to copulate to multiply.

According to the *Forbes* article, written by Bruce Y. Lee, the East Asian/Longhorned tick has been infecting people in China with a virus that causes SFTS (severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome). The fever causes low platelets, which causes bleeding.



"Besides fever and low platelets, those infected with the SFTS virus can also develop gastrointestinal symptoms, low white blood cell counts, and elevated liver enzymes.

"Up to a 30% of people with SFTS die (usually from multi-organ failure)" according to an article in the *Journal of Virology*. These ticks also spread what is called Japanese spotted fever, along with a variety of other nasty diseases—but so far, none of that is happening here.

Back to the *NYT* article, tick-borne diseases including Lyme and Rocky Mountain spotted fever have been on the rise in the Northeast, Upper Midwest, and California, while West Nile virus and Zika are being transmitted by mosquitoes in some parts of the country.

So follow all the usual precautions for protecting yourself (tick and mosquito repellants; protective clothing; showering after outdoor activities, etc) and your pets. And be vigilant about carefully checking yourself and your animals over after outdoor activities. If you hear of more local sightings of the East Asian tick, or see increased numbers of the usual varieties at the barn, please let everyone know.

Sources: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2018/04/21/new-jersey-is-dealing-with-a-tick-species-that-is-new-to-america/#8cb91507bc16>, and <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/01/well/mosquitoes-ticks-lyme-disease-protection.html>

Kruisers at the April 2018 AKC Trial



See page 5 for more photos





The Garden State Golden Retriever Club is Hosting an All-Breed Agility Trial at the Kruisin' Kanines Barn

Sunday, June 10, 2018 • Closes May 22

The Garden State Golden Retriever Club (GSGRC) is holding its agility trial at the Kruisin' Kanines. It will be a one ring trial with Dee Crofton judging Standard, JWW, and FAST.

In addition to the AKC competition, the GSGRC will be offering "Glory Runs" – a special attraction designed to give retired or disabled agility dogs one more time in the ring. We'll be breaking the trial around 9 am to cheer for these special dogs as they have a chance to play this fun game they love so much.

The premium is available on the Fast Times website. Trial closes 5/22. Kruiser's are encouraged to participate and/or spectate!

For more info, visit: <https://gsgrc.org/welcome/agility/>

NOTE: work day June 9, and morning of June 10, times TBD. Need Volunteers!

Congratulations!



Judi Schroeder & Whiskey. March 2018 was a good month for Whiskey! She celebrated her 11th birthday and also earned her PACH in Palmetto, Florida, winning both classes.

PART I: DOG'S EYE VIEW... a comparison between canine and human vision in dog agility

By Nicki Gurr BSc, BEd, Masters Judge AAC/UKI

I am NOT an Ophthalmologist. I am NOT a Veterinarian. I am just a curious individual (that many years ago enjoyed studying neuro - and biopsychology) with 17 years experience watching dogs training and competing in Agility. My goal with this topic is to compare how dogs see the world vs how we see things, and to relate them to the sport of Agility. I hope that this information may influence choices made [when] designing/choosing equipment for this sport.

COLOUR: A good place to start in comparison of vision in Dogs vs People is with colour. People can see the entire colour spectrum (barring colour blindness) as shown in these spectrum comparisons. Dogs only see part of this spectrum. All of the colours between, and including, Red thru Green appear as YELLOW, in varying brightness. A dog sees YELLOWS, BLUES, GREYS, WHITE and BLACK. Restrictions in colour vision are probably of limited consequence in dogs, as it is likely they respond only to colours of biologic importance to them. Problems may arise when people attempt to teach working dogs to distinguish among Red, Orange, Yellow and Green solely on the basis of colour.

EYE STRUCTURE: Human eyes have more CONES. Dog eyes have more RODS. Cone cells distinguish Colour. Rod cells require much less light/illumination to detect the Grey spectrum. In twilight or indoor semi-darkness a dog can see more clearly than we can. They can see in light 4X dimmer than us and only need 1/4 of the light we do to see at night. Rods are also sensitive to MOTION, allowing dogs to detect smaller movements and to quickly sense something new that is moving, ie prey...helpful when hunting at night/dusk. The central Retina area of a dog's eye is 20% cones vs 100% cones in a human eye. The cones work best in mid to high levels of light. Dogs derived from wolves. Wolves are nocturnal and rely more on the ability to see in the dark vs discriminating between colours to see food. It is only since their domestication that tame dogs have become Diurnal (active during the day).

EYE PLACEMENT: A Dog's eyes are set on the front of the face not the sides like a horse, so a dog has good Binocular vision. Binocular vision allows BOTH eyes to simultaneously see an object. But, depending on the distance of that object, a dog may see a blurry outline rather than a discernible object because their ability to focus on detail is not as sharp as ours.

FIELD OF VIEW: Field of View is the area that can be seen when the eye fixes on one point. A dog's Field of View is up to 270 degrees compared to a Human's at 180 degrees. Although the Human has less Field of view, they have larger vision overlap, and that produces better depth perception. Field of View varies by breed due to placement of the eyes in the skull. Length of nose also interferes with the amount of binocular overlap.

PUPIL SIZE: Dogs have larger pupils than humans, allowing more light for night vision. They see objects only in the centre of the image to be in focus when looking over long distances. Everything else in the image appears fuzzy. Ironically, while dogs are not able to see in as fine detail as we are, they see things over greater distances than we do IF the object is moving. Dogs see

flickering light better than we do. The human brain does not detect the flicker of motion pictures/TV, but a dog is more sensitive to detect those individual frames, thus flickering effect.

DEPTH PERCEPTION:

Depth perception is enhanced in those regions in which the visual fields of the two eyes overlap. This will vary among breeds due to lateral placement of the eyes in the skull. The binocular overlap in people is approximately 140 degrees (with field of view at 180 degrees). In contrast, the dog with much broader Field of View (monocular fields of 270 degrees) and

has much narrower Binocular overlap of only 30-60 degrees. This binocular field (for depth perception) is tall, narrow and pear shaped. Depth perception is probably greatest when the dogs look straight ahead and is probably blocked by the nose in most breeds when dogs look below the horizontal.

Author's Note: (Perhaps dogs jumping heights taller than their shoulder will experience this to a greater degree - ie a 20.5" dog has eye placement at 23-24" so looking below the horizon to sight the bar at 20-22" may be difficult with a longer nose blocking that viewing area? Will setting a strong colour such as blue/black horizontal bar against clear vertical lines (wings with posts) assist in spotting the bar for these dogs?

VISUAL ACUITY: This is the ability to resolve shapes over a distance (important in Agility!). Canine vision is estimated to be 20/75. To see what this means if you have 20/20 vision corrected vision or are blessed with it naturally, look at an object (ie, a jump) 20' away from you (a typical distance on course). Notice the detail, the colours. Now move that jump 75' away from you. Can you take in the detail and colour from that distance? So what we see at 75' away is how the dog sees it just 20' away! That is assuming their acuity (sharpness of focus) is on par with our 20/20 (which it is not). At long distances, dogs rely much more on their higher audio detection capabilities and movement detection. They will not detect camouflaged animals/objects as well as Humans due to our higher colour range. Try playing Hide and Seek outside with your dog wearing Blue or Black vs Yellow/Orange/Red. Modern studies of refractive states in dogs have suggested that most dogs are within 0.5 D of emmetropia,

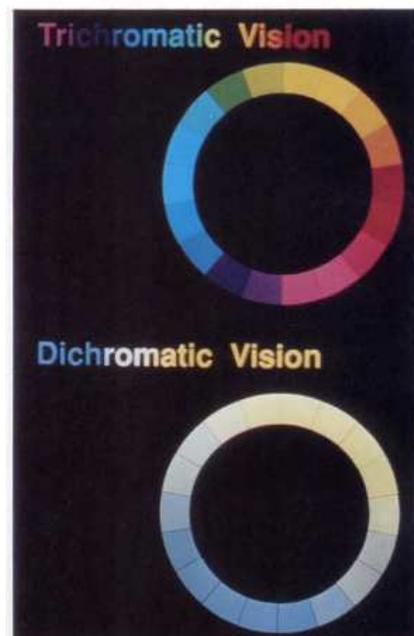


Figure 10—Comparison of the visible spectrum in individuals with trichromatic (top) or dichromatic (bottom) color vision. People with normal color vision are trichromatic; dogs are believed to be dichromatic. (Illustration courtesy of Dr. Jay Neitz)

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the normal refractive condition of the eye in which with accommodation relaxed parallel rays of light are all brought accurately to a focus upon the retina.

SUMMARY: Compared with the visual system in people, a dog's visual system could be considered inferior in such aspects as degree of binocular overlap, colour perception and visual acuity (depth perception/colour recognition/crisp focus). However, in other aspects such as ability to function in dim light, field of view ability to differentiate shades of grey and perhaps ability to detect motion, the canine visual system surpasses human, making the dog a more proficient predator. Agility takes advantage of heightened motion sensitivity spotting a moving Handler, but all of the equipment is still. Lighting is often brighter vs dimmer, so that heightened ability is not being used to advantage either.

(Bruce Dwyer www.dogwalkersmelbourne.com.au) (Leading Edge Medicine JAVMA VOL 207 NO. 12 Dec 15, 1995)

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO AGILITY?

A dog has several sight advantages over a Human, however, only one of those is of significance on an agility course: their larger Field of View, allowing them to see the Handler with less head movement. Seeing in the dark and detecting subtle motion at great distances are strengths not required on the agility course. Conversely, a dog's inability to see colours other than blue and yellow, their small amount of binocular overlap, narrow centred area of depth perception, and significantly reduced visual acuity (resolving shapes/colours at distance) are all very relevant to agility. Agility is about finding colourful/multidimensional, stationary objects....

Summary of Thoughts: I think I now have more questions to answer than I did when I began looking up a few things! Some of my big "take aways" from this research are: environmental colours can overshadow the equipment colours - footing/walls/fencing/sky, ring crew chairs will blend in better if green vs white. Ring barriers in orange or green will not create depth issues when jumping towards the fence line. Minimizing "noise" under orange tarps (equipment not in use during the course being run) will also create more focus on the stuff that matters. Emphasizing the bars TO jump with blues and blacks (and the crossbars with Red/Orange/pink/green will help the dog focus on the important piece of the obstacle. Contrast between the ground and the contact ramps is VERY important, more so than contrasting the board itself with a contact zone. For dogs with acuity deficiencies greater than the "average dog" (and they ALL have less acuity than people do), contrasts of black/blues or bright, darker purples would set depth for mounting or dismounting the contacts from the ground colour - 2020 or Running Contacts would both benefit with crisp delineation of board/ground. For Judging purposes, only a line is required across the ramp wrapping the sides of the ramp.

The big jumps, including the tire need to be clearly seen. I'd like to see the colour pattern on jump bars be different for single jumps vs the bigger jumps, ie black/white markings for regular jumps and blue/white for tire, double, spread, triple. The dominant colour needs to be substantial - approx 75% of bar length. It would be amazing if that became standardized so in all agility rings the dogs would know by bar colour what they were approaching. The tire should be addressed in the same manner. The entire inside diameter should be a dominant colour, such as blue, black or dark purple. Small amounts of effective contrast can be added. The tire MUST be more prominent over its frame. Tire Frames that are "T Style" will draw less on the dog's focus vs 45 degree angled supports. Strong coloured Tires can really assist the dog navigating the tire's location from the frame holding it. The Tire Frame colour should blend with the environment and not compete for the dog's attention, ie red/orange/green/pink on grass/dirt or sand. A strong colour on the tire will allow the dog to be more accurate in setting up for its take off point.

If the contacts are Blue, Jump bars on singles should be black to help with the depth of the jump in front of the contact. If the contacts are black, the bars could be blue. I could not find any photos online of black contacts, though I have come across them in videos. Black is a GREAT choice (visually) for contacts!

Red/Orange/Pink/Green disappear against dirt/sand/grass/turf. They hold up better as shades of yellow against blue or black mats/flooring.

I am going to continue to work with colour schemes and jumping. Perhaps colour can make jumping an easier task for dogs with less binocular overlap (depth perception), and less acuity (focus).

Making my home environment as comfortable as possible may make it more challenging going into trial environments. It reminds me of the introduction of rubber over sand/paint on the contacts: training on rubber at home but trialing on sand was challenging/surprising for the dogs trying to decelerate (if stopped contacts). Now all venues in Canada use Rubber so there is consistency. Perhaps in the future, colours on trial fields will become standardized too. In the mean time, I will expose my dogs to the typical colours seen in our trials, but I will train more frequently with more black and blue on our jumps/tires/weaves.



Teeter or Dogwalk? Open wall beyond and bright light above. 8/9 dogs had flyoffs because of colour/light.



Indoors: White walls, brown dirt. Dog's Eye View of dirt is Yellow. The red contacts appear solid yellow. The Yellow contact zone at the end of the teeter disappears under the lights with a white wall in the distance. The red markings on the bars blend in with the footing. The judge is very visible wearing darker colours.

Congratulations!



This is Obi, born February 10, 2018, and owned by Cindy Everett. He is little brother to Luna and they are getting along great and enjoying each other's company! Obi will be playing games in agility, obedience, tracking and maybe a little field work. He is a fun and sweet little boy!



Kim and Russ Sectar welcome "Ripley" Eromit's Sixth Edition. She was born March 6, 2018, and became part of the family on May 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

17 — ACT I & II, 8am
22 — GSGRC premium closes

June

9 — Demo at Warminster Community Park, 11:30am-3:30pm
9 — Workday, time TBD
10 — GSGRC trial @ at the barn, plus early workday, time TBD

Weekly Club Events 2018

Every Sunday: Run Thrus all day, unless another club event is scheduled.

For a detailed look at all Classes and Events, visit www.Kruisinkanines.com, and click: [Kruisin' Kanines Calendar](#).

For Barn Use Schedule, click on: [Barn Use Calendar](#)

For general information, visit www.kruisinkanines.com

Training Schedule *

Mondays

Ring 1
Fancy Handling - 7:00pm (Jeanie Burton)
Fancy Handling - 8:00pm (Jeanie Burton)

Ring 2

Beginners - 5:30pm (Anna Burbank)
Foundation 1 - 6:30pm (Anna Burbank)
Foundation 2 - 7:45pm (Anna Burbank)

Tuesdays

Ring 1
Skills and Handling - 7:00pm (Linda Goldman)

Wednesdays

Ring 1
Skills and Drills - 6:30pm (Kim Sectar)

Ring 1

From Weaves to WOW! - 8:00pm (Jeff Abel)

Thursdays

Ring 1
Intermediate - 10:30am (Rosemary McQuate)

Ring 1

Master - 6:30pm (Jessica Ajoux)
Master - 8:00pm (Jessica Ajoux)

Sundays

Pet Manners - 3-4pm (Julie McLaughlin)

Note: Nosework classes are on hold through May. Watch emails for info on possible Sniff and Go events in the interim.

* Schedule subject to change. Check website for most up-to-date information.

THE BOARD

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Kruisin' Kanines holds a General Membership meeting quarterly. The Board of Directors meets once a month. If you would like to attend either meeting, please check the Kruisin' website calendar for dates and times.

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