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## Profile Janet Boyum

Family: I have been married for 41 years, we were high school sweethearts and it has worked well for us. We have 4 children 2 boys and 2 girls and 9 grandchildren from ages 12 to 2. I love spending time with them all! But I am glad it is just my husband and my dogs at home now.

Dogs: I have 2 Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Neo is 3, he is a Grand Champion, a Therapy dog, is CGCA titled, has a Field Champion in Lure Coursing, he also has an Endurance Title from the RRCUS for running with me as I biked 12 miles and has a Beginner Novice Obedience title too! He is quite a boy and is will



always try to do whatever I ask of him! My other Rhodesian is Trinity, she is 20 months and has the sweetest temperament ever! Even at her young age, she is a

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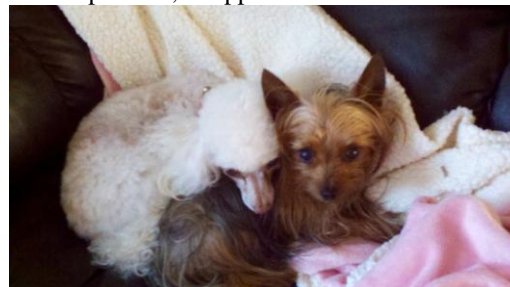
## Profile: Sylvia Thorstensen

### Family

I have two sisters and four brothers. Three daughters, five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren.

### Dogs

I have poodles, whippet and Yorkies.



No other pets

### Occupation

I own a small business called Grooming and Boarding by Sylvia. I have been here for twenty five years.

My goals for my canine partner.

If my back would handle it I would like to do more training with my mini poodle. Maybe beginners novice????

Why did I chose my breed?

Poodles because they don't shed. Yorkies because they are easy to love and no shedding. My whippet because of her eyes.

Is there anything that I wouldn't eat?

There are foods I don't enjoy but so far nothing I wouldn't try.



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Therapy dog, is also CGCA titled, along with that she has a Beginner Novice title and a Rally Novice title! She is so enjoyable to train and I hope to do more with her in obedience.

Other pets: I have no other pets, besides my dogs.

Occupation: Right now I am just the "Crazy Dog Lady on the hill" and I am so glad to just be home with the dogs walking and training them. I was a hair stylist for many years and just retired in July.

What are your goals for your canine partners in 2015?

My first goal is to get a CD title on Neo, if he gets that he will have earned his Versatility Certificate from RRCUS (Rhodesian Ridgeback club of United States), it is quite an honor that not many dogs achieve. I would like to get an International Ch title for Trini

and get her CD title as well, along with some more Rally. Then there is always Agility, I want to learn more about that! I have so much fun learning about different things to do with my dogs, I want to try it all! Oh yeah, Nose work too, can't forget nose work!! I have no other pets, besides my dogs.

Why did you choose your breed? I learned about Rhodesian Ridgebacks from my cousin, June Greenwood, and got my first Ridgeback about 18 years ago. I loved them right from the start, as soon as I heard about them and saw them, I was in love! Then having June in the family has made it very fun and easy to grow my love for the breed. Neo is my first show dog and he has just opened so many doors for me that I never thought I would go through, it has been an amazing ride, one I couldn't have done without June. She has taught me so much and she is always very willing to share her knowledge and help me with anything. She has especially helped me with conformation and Neo wouldn't have gotten to Grand Champion without



her.

Is there anything that you will absolutely not eat? I can't think of anything, beyond the obvious, like snakes, bugs and so on. I enjoy most food, for sure!

If money was no object what would be your dream vacation? At this point in my life I think my dream vacation would be to get in the car with my husband and dogs and drive through Yellow Stone, then on to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, maybe into Canada, play some golf, do some hiking and not have to be on any time schedule. Hmm, might have to look into a RV! Do you have any other hobbies? Yes, I am a big golfer, in fact that is how I met Sylvia Thorstenson, she was president of the ladies league at Elmwood and I was a very new golfer! She taught me a lot and I did improve slowly and eventually started playing in tournaments, etc. It has been very fun to see her again at the kennel club.

What is the wildest thing on your bucket list? I think probably handling dogs in a dog show!! I still can't believe I am doing that!

Anything else you would like to add, Just thanks to all the very nice people I have met at the kennel club, you have helped me so much and I look forward to all the dog stuff ahead!



# TREATS

Feb. Dee I  
Mar. Banquet  
Apr. Kris H  
May. Paula S  
June Sally M  
July. Grace B

## Calendar of Events

### February

TBD Board Meeting  
10 General Membership meeting 7pm  
TBA AGILITY CLASSES START  
14 Valentine's Day  
16-17 Westminster Kennel Club Dog show

### MARCH

TBD BOARD MEETING  
10 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 PM CLUBHOUSE  
17 ST PATRICKS DAY

### WHEN I AM AN OLD DOG WOMAN

I shall wear turquoise and soft gray sweatshirts...  
And a bandana over my silver hair...  
And I shall spend my Social Security checks on  
Sweet wine and MY DOGS.....  
And sit in my house on my well-worn chair  
And listen to my dog's breathing.  
I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer  
night  
And take my dogs for a run, if my old bones will  
allow...  
And when people come to call,  
I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...  
And talk of them and about them...  
The ones so beloved of the past  
And the ones so beloved of today...  
I still will work hard cleaning after them  
And mopping and feeding them  
And whispering their names in a soft, loving way.  
I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a  
jewel  
And I will be an embarrassment to al...  
And my family...  
Who have not yet found the peace  
In being free to have dogs as your Best Friends....

If money was no object what would be your dream vacation.

I would love to go to a resort where it is warm and completely dog friendly so I could take all my dogs.

Do you have other hobbies?

I play golf, shoot pool. Love NASCAR, the Storm Indoor football game also NFL games, reading.

What is the wildest thing on my bucket list?

Get a tattoo of a pink poodle.

Anything else you want to add.

I have been a member of the SEKC since 1968. I dropped out a few years when I was selling real estate and couldn't have dogs.



Poem continued.....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall..

And eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep,

To greet you as if you are a God.  
With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will stay

And their big, strong necks...  
And kiss their dear sweet heads...  
And whisper to their very special company...  
I look in the mirror...  
And see I am getting old....

This is the kind of woman I am....

And have always been,

Loving dogs is easy,

They are a part of me,

Accept me for who I am,

My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...

When I am old this will be important to me...

You will understand when you are old...

And if you have dogs to love too.

Author Unknown

## Presidents Message

PRESIDENT MESSAGE – January 2015

The holidays are over and we are in the month of January. I don't know about you but Jan and Feb are the two longest months of the year. In March I can feel the change coming so don't mind it so much. I hope that everyone had a great holiday and are making exciting plans for 2015. We have two really exciting seminars coming up and I hope that you will be joining us. Nose Work is really filling and for those unfamiliar with it or can't make up their minds if it would be for them – come and audit. You will learn as much, in many cases more by watching and taking some notes. We will be having an obedience seminar in June and that sounds very exciting also. More information on that in February. Classes have started and since this is a new format and we are all getting used to it, it has been more work for Kristine which we didn't plan for but somehow we will get through. We have two new board members and a Dave Nilsen is working as the cleaning/fixing/go-to person and serving on the board. We will try to give them an easy start before we really start working them.

I want to thank Tammie for working with Kristine on a poster regarding our classes. The poster will remain permanent and people will be directed to the web for more information.

Nothing more exciting but I am going to share something with you that I thought was beautiful and hope you do also.  
Paula Spielman

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## Brags

Just found out that Brasstax Blu Streak (Streak) qualified for the 2015 Rally Nationals at the Excellent level. This is the 3rd straight year of qualifying and she has now qualified at each Rally level. The 2015 Rally Nationals will be held at Purina Farms near St.Louis in March.



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