

## *The Year in Review*

*We had a pleasant year in 1999. We spent a little more time at home, and we spent more time with friends. Early in the year the dogs and I traveled to Portland, OR where Bonnie finished her AKC Open Agility title. Later we went to Truckee with our friends, David and Jennifer Krull, and their dog Cisco. When we arrived, the cabin was covered in snow. Clay and David had to climb on the roof to scoop off some of the white stuff.*

*In the spring of 1999, we spent some time around the house. I planned future dog trips, and Clay began making some plans for the house. Clay and I went to a couple of local agility trials, and Lizzie finished her AKC Novice Jumpers Agility title. I think that the most fun we had though was when we played board and role playing games with our friends. After a very busy 1998, this was a nice change.*

*Early summer 1999, I traveled to Eugene, OR where Bonnie finished her AKC Open Jumpers Title. Clay took a trip to Texas to do genealogical research. He came back to California with plenty of information, photos and stories. He immediately began to incorporate these new materials into his web site.*

*In the fall of 1999, we again stayed local for some agility trials. Lucky finished his AKC Masters Agility title. Then we went to our first NADAC agility trial where in one weekend Lucky finished his Novice Jumpers, Gamblers and Standard titles, D.B. finished his Novice Jumpers title and Clyde received one leg towards his Novice Jumpers title. We also added another canine to the household. His name is Maverick, and he is the sweetest Border Collie you could hope to meet. He has blended in quite well with the shellies.*

*A little later Clay installed a DSL line into the house and registered our own domain names for the server that is running in the garage. Our new email addresses are clay@maeckel.net and patty@palay.com. Clay's web site is now at [www.maeckel.net](http://www.maeckel.net).*

*Winter 1999 was definitely a return to family. Everyone came to our house for Christmas, and it was wonderful to share the holiday time with them. The adults had fun playing with our one year old niece, Sydney. She was the life of the party, and she's a fine dancer, too. We hope that the past year was a memorable one for you. It was for us. May this year be filled with happiness for you and yours.*

