



The Lost Coast **H O W L E R**

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,
November 15th
at

The Adorni Center
1011 Waterfront Drive
Eureka

Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Mtg. - 7:00
p.m.

Join us.
Everyone is
Welcome!

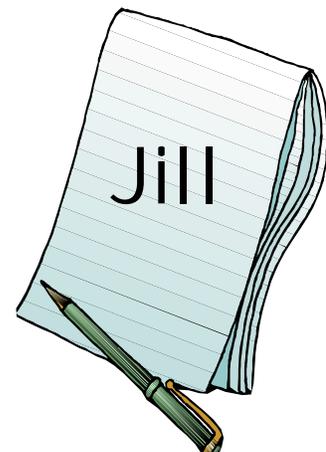
President's Corner

The upcoming November meeting is LCKCs "annual" election meeting. Nominations were open through the end of the October meeting. The slate of officers will be voted in by acclamation as there is only one candidate for each position. All officers and board members will remain the same with the exception of Vice-President. Al Driver will be our incoming VP. Michelle is taking a break after many, many years of continuous service. Thanks for all the hard work Michelle!

Our holiday party will be held at Chris Irvin's home on Saturday, December 10th. Chris has offered to cook the turkey, so we will need salads, side dishes, desserts, etc. for the potluck. Please bring an item for the gift exchange if you wish to participate in that fun activity. More details will follow after our November meeting.

Looking ahead, we will have a program at our January, 2012 meeting. We will have a short meeting and then will watch a 1 hour DVD put out by PBS entitled "Dogs Decoded." It's a very interesting program about how dogs have influenced our everyday lives.

I hope to see everyone at the November meeting at the Adorni Center ..



Have you heard?

From Jill Otto:

“Poppy” is now CHESHIRE N SUNSPOT’S CALIFORNIA POPPY, RN. She finished her Rally Novice title in one weekend, including a Third and Fourth place and a medallion for the title.

(Owners: Jill Otto & Mary Myers)



From Sarah Borok:

Of the three weekends(8 days) of showing Karma (CH. BRITESTAR’S GOLDEN RULE) did in October (Donner, Yuba City and Del Valle) she came home with 1 select and four Best of Breeds!!!

From Beverly Morgan Lewis:

MACH Puck!!!!!!!

RCA trial in Central Point, Oregon on 10/30/2011

You can watch Puck and Bev’s winning run here:

[MACH PUCK](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEorVsTYdng>



From Gemini Herzog:

My boy Tango (Harmony's Tango On Ice) Won WD/BOW On Fri, Nov 11th in Tucson Arizona 4 point major!



Tango went on to win another 4 point major in Arizona on 11/14 to finish his AKC Championship!

Have you heard?

From Tom and Anita Gage:

Irish Setter Piper, GCh FIRLE OAK PIPE DREAM CD, finished her grand championship in 5 weekends. New champion Catti, Ch. FIRLE OAK HOLLYWOOD WILDCAT, went Select and Award of Merit at the Del Valle shows where there were 12 specials, and best of all 12 month old LeDuc, NEW CHAMPION FIRLE OAK BOLD RULER, took 2 4 point majors and a reserve over Del Valle weekend---very unusual for a very young Irish Setter to finish at that age much less with 3 majors. We are very proud of our gang. Pictures to come in the next newsletter!

From MaryAnn Wik:

BELLADONNA'S SPARKLING MORNING GLORY, "Glory", went BOB both days at Two Cities KC shows in Yuba City last month. She also was BOS Puppy in the puppy sweeps at the Papillon Club of Northern California, - Roseville, CA -October 7, 2011, and went reserve at Del Valle Dog Club - Pleasanton, CA - October 24, 2011



From Kris and Bayard Smith:



"Neither snow nor rain..." will keep Bayard from from his appointed racing!

On Saturday, November 5, we made the 3 1/2 hour drive over the pass to Redding mostly in the dark, and in the beginning of the first snow of the year, for a day of LGRA racing. Coming home, the snow was getting serious, but only just over the two passes, and not quite enough for chains. Fair warning for next time. Our Kaelyn and Tillie, and two other Deerhounds raced, with ours finishing first and second. Kaelyn is still undefeated, and both girls are half way to their Gazehound Racing Championships, after just a little more than three months of racing, thanks to great workouts on Clam Beach!

A Show Story by Barb Stelz...

YOU WIN SOME AND YOU LOSE SOME...

On the way to the Coos KC show back in August, I stopped along the road at a scenic overlook to potty the dogs. Climbed up on a rock wall for a better view, stepped back off, caught my foot in a small ditch, and took a horrendous fall backwards, landing on the pavement and then hitting the parked car. Now mind you, when I say rock wall, I'm talking only 6 or 7 inches high, so it's not like I scaled some huge edifice and should have been using belays and carabiners. So there I was, lying on the ground with a painful hip, knee, and leg, and thinking about how in the world was I going to run around the show ring the next day when I couldn't even walk.

Took Tylenol, iced the knee on and off all evening, and next day purchased a recommended knee brace. Could hardly get around the ring but did get breed over three class bitches, which gave Linni a couple of points towards her grand championship. Took more Tylenol, iced more, and by the time group came around, I was still in pain but managed to at least move faster than a snail's pace. We were not particularly smooth. I nearly fell over when the judge pointed to us for a Group 2.



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Next day, still taking Tylenol and doing a bit of icing of the knee. Took breed again , this time over 2 class bitches and another bitch special, for more GCH points. Moving much better by the time group came around, we managed to get a Group 4. I was thrilled.



(The birdhouse in my head is a nice accent, don't you think?)

Feeling somewhat heady with the two group placements under our belt, I entered the Santa Rosa shows in September, as I knew there would be 7 or 8 Pulis entered. There were two male specials, a class dog, and 4 class bitches. I figured I would at least go BOS for additional GCH points. Wrong! Saturday, although I was now able to move okay, Linni decided she didn't like the feel of the stubbly dry grass on her feet. She hippity-hopped halfway around the ring, and then when some prickly debris caught in her coat and bothered her, she moved even worse, several times whipping her head around to check out her flank...all while I'm trying to gait her for the judge. Long story short is that the open bitch was declared BOS, although Linni did somehow still manage to pull off a Select award.

Sunday, we were in a ring that had patches of lava rock in it. I figured we were really doomed this time. If she was unhappy with the condition of the grass, running on lava rock was not going to be an improvement. We started around, Linni stopped to check out the lava rock, and then she continued on her way and floated along beautifully. Her GCH brother took BOB, but at least she took BOS for some more GCH points and, more importantly, I felt she had showed well. Her performance was a far cry above the "Princess and the Pea" act of the day before.

On to the Roseville shows for another stab at GCH points. First day, Linni is BOS to her brother and picks up some points from the class bitches. Second day, she takes BOB for her needed second win over a champion, plus gets additional points from the class bitches again. This completes her grand championship requirements. I'm thrilled. It is quite warm that day, and by the time group starts, us north coasters are feeling pretty uncomfortable. I wet Linni down to keep her cool in the ring. She does an exquisite straight down and back, which happened to be in the shade. On the go around, which takes us into the full sun, she proceeds to try to drag me back into the shade. She obviously had common sense, but it didn't make for getting any attention in group, at least not the kind of attention we'd like to receive. I did get a couple of compliments on her down and back, though.



Then we go to Dixon, which is Linni's first time out as a Grand Champion. On Friday, at the Northern CA Herding Group Association show, she takes BOB over her GCH brother. We do nothing in group, but we show okay. Next day, Linni again takes BOB. We go on to group, and I realize that in the ring of 20 dogs, Linni is the only one not being presented by a professional handler. Linni showed well, however, and while we don't receive a placement, I was really pleased when we made it into the judge's final cut of 6 dogs. On Sunday, she takes BOS to her brother. I felt very satisfied that weekend. Upon arriving home, I find her AKC Grand Champion certificate in the mail. The next day, via email, I received her invitation to the Eukanuba event in Florida, and while we won't be going, I felt honored that Linni qualified.

It' Just a Dog

From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog."
They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and, in those days of darkness,
the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend,"
"just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me, and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams
of the future, the fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the
worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me
humanity and keeps me from being "just a human."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog." just smile...
because they "just don't understand."

Authored by Richard A. Biby

from [Musings](#) ~ by Richard Biby, Contributing Editor (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma)



Thank you to our canine veterans...



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MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

October 18, 2011 Mendes home, Ferndale

BOARD MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 6:40 pm.

Present: Michelle Dostal, Chris Irvin, Nick Mendes, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Deb St Myers, Cindy Toste.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris Irvin reported on our assets. Conformation show brought in \$6872. Discussion of raising the spending limit for the raffle so we can offer more expensive items.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of who should not work the show and also show dogs, especially show chair, judges' hospitality and transportation, obedience chair.
- Website "ads" – discussion of links on our website for non member kennels. All belong to Redwood Matrix. Will recommend to club to ask Jim to put a disclaimer on the site saying LCKC doesn't endorse other Redwood Matrix websites.

New Business: Local donations – postponed.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

REGULAR MEETING: called to order by president Jill Otto at 7:12 p.m.

Present: all of the above plus Angela Curran, Al and Irene Driver, Patti Mendes, and new member Sandra Gould. Sandra is from Massachusetts, has PWDs, and explained "nosework".

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published with the following changes: Correct spelling of "Curran", Al will be show chair for 2012, Jill went over show issues, 2012 show dates are June 29 – July 1, the BIS/HIT list will go in the catalog, and Deb S will continue as a board member, but she was not at the meeting to be asked.

Report of the President: We will transfer our donation from the 2011 cancelled dog sled race to the 2012 race.

Report of the Secretary: Misc. promotional mail, receipt from Ferndale COC for joining; dog show calendars have been ordered.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris reported on our assets.

Report of Committees:

Ring Practice: \$30 from 3 Sundays, at Rohner Park and Cutten school. Will ask for interest in Nov.

Tracking: Deb Sholes not here.

Newsletter: "Get-To-Know" questionnaire is in the yahoo files. Send photos, breed info, other articles (with permission).

- Website: Discussion about how to approach making changes that the website needs - layout, navigation. **MSAC for Jill to ask Jim to put a disclaimer on our site that LCKC is not affiliated with nor endorses other sites named on our website.**

B-OB show: Al: Has started the online show account. We will keep entry fees the same. There is no AKC rule about who can and can't show; it's a club decision. Discussion of what to put in premium – will add: "Show chair and Hospitality chair will not show their dogs." Deb St Myers will be trophy chair again. Nick will take care of RV changes in premium.

Access to grooming area will be from 3 p.m. Thursday. Chris Irvin will be Rally chair; Sara Borok will be Obedience chair.

Presented options from Northwest Audio, plus rental possibilities.

Motion made and seconded to purchase the \$2964.60 system, to be voted on next meeting.

Jill: Discussion of Beginner Novice Obedience – we will offer it all three days.

Deb S: new AKC award - Reserve BIS. Al will look into it.

Agility Trial: nothing new.

Election of New Members: none

Election of Officers and Board: Nominations are now closed. Slate for 1012: President: Jill Otto. Vice President: Al Driver.

Treasurer: Chris Irvin. Secretary: Kris Smith. Board Members: Beverly Morgan Lewis, Sara Borok, Deb St Myers. _

Unfinished Business:

- 4H topics – Sara (sledding), Bev, and Chris will all present topics.
- The Drivers put together a current membership list, to be edited by Chris Irvin according to who rejoined.

New Business:

- January meeting will be showing of the NOVA DVD Dogs Decoded

- HumDOG's Dog Expo: Sunday, March 11. LCKC is in charge of the parade of breeds. Will need stewards to get dogs in their groups.

- Holiday Party – Chris Irvin's house, December 17 (now changed to the 10th).

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary.