



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

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**Next meeting:**

**Tuesday January 19, 2016,**

**at the the**

**Adorni Center**

*(Address is at bottom of page)*

**Join Us!**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**BOARD MEETING**

**6:30 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 PM**

*Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Adorni Center in Eureka 1011 Waterfront Drive, in odd numbered months and at The Clubhouse at The Meadows, 2520-90 Hubbard Lane, Eureka in even numbered months. No meeting in December.*

## President's Corner

If you missed our LCKC holiday party, you missed good food, good company and a fun time. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Irvin, our hostess for the event. Her beautifully remodeled kitchen makes it even better suited for our event. Thanks again, Chris and Dan, for your generous hospitality.

So here it is, 2016 already. In our immediate future are our first winter obedience and rally trials and barn hunts. The first time ever offering an event lends itself to a unique set of challenges. We have no routines to fall back on. We need our membership to show up for this event, rolling up our sleeves and doing whatever is asked of us. Sara Borok (obedience), Sandra Gould (rally) and Cathlyn Wright (barn hunt) are going to have their hands full. I would like us to be there for them, do what needs to be done and have patience at those times when they're figuring out just what that is. So I hope to see you all at Redwood Acres on Friday, 1/22 for set up and on 1/23 & 24 for the trials and tests. Stay tuned for announcements about times.

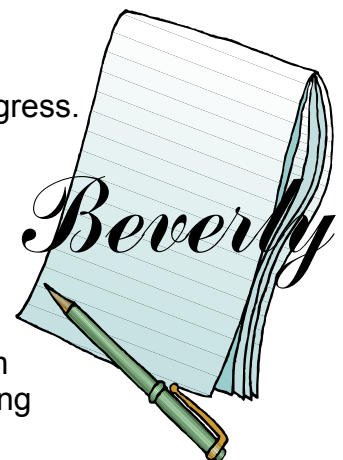
We're also rapidly coming up on HumDOG's annual Dog Expo. This year the date is Sunday, March 6. I hope we will have lots of member participation. The public loves to meet our breeds, so please consider having a booth. If you can't have a booth, there are still other ways you can help. Contact member Pat Johnson. If your dog has an especially entertaining talent that we can showcase, please let me know right away.

Believe it or not, our June and July shows and trials are not that far off. Stay tuned for more details as planning for these events progress.

So here we are; a new year, a chance for new beginnings. If you're not already involved, please consider 2016 as your year to be an active member.

Our next meeting will be at the Adorni Center on January 19. The Board will meet at 6:30pm (everyone is welcome) with the general meeting following immediately at 7:00pm.

Be there or be square!



# Club Activities

## Plea for Help ☺

Hi All,

Anyone who is interested in helping out with the Barn Hunt Trials, I would love to have you! I need at least a few club members to commit to help setting up and running the Barn Hunt trials. The super plus of this is that you will learn more about BH than any other way.

Abba Dogs is supplying a lot of the work, but there is always a need for more hands.

As this is a new venue for us, there will be last minute needs that will be better fixed if we have a few hands on deck.

We are planning on set up on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> starting in morning and going through the Beginners Clinic which should be over at 5 PM. This should not be an all-day deal.

For the Trials, Saturday – 8 AM to about 5 PM, and Sunday from 8 AM to about 1 PM,

we will need volunteers for all parts of the trial. There are always participants who volunteer, but it would be good to have a few local committed folks. You will earn entry chits for Abba Dog events for every event for which you volunteer. And the biggest plus is that by actively volunteering, you will learn more about BH and how to run the courses than any other way.

Give me a call please... Cathy @ 498-0706 or [cathlynwright@hotmail.com](mailto:cathlynwright@hotmail.com)



# Barn Hunt

## *Something a Little Different*



*Barn Hunt is a fun challenging new sport open to all breeds of dogs and their human partners. Barn Hunt provides an opportunity for handlers and dogs to work as a team to search for rats in a simulated barn environment.*

*Barn Hunt was created to allow any canine to participate in a dog sport that tests its hunting skills and has placements, titles and championships. Events are held inside or outside in a barn-like setting in a fenced in area. The course uses hay or straw bales stacked up to create climbing and tunneling obstacles for dogs to navigate through. The goal is to find the rats hidden in the hay.*

*Rats are safely and humanely contained in a PVC tube with plenty of air holes, and hidden in the hay. The rats are not harmed during the events. The tubes are large enough for the rat to turn around in and contain bedding. Great care is taken to make sure both rats and dogs stay safe. To make the hunt more challenging, empty tubes or ones with bedding, but no rat, are also hidden in the hay. Levels advance in difficulty, and more rats are hidden at each level. Dogs need to move through tunnels and climb hay bales to find the tubes with the rats.*

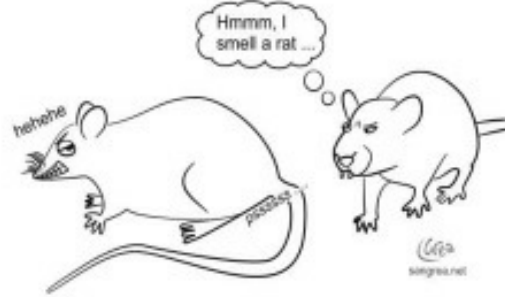
*Events are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs at least six months old. No ratting history is required, but the dog must be able to fit through an 18" opening between two bales of hay, which is the width of the tunnels, and the height of a bale of hay, approximately 22". Dogs are placed into one of three height groups: small dogs 13" and under, medium dogs over 13" up to 18" and large dogs over 18". Dogs can compete in five levels of difficulty – Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior and Master – and earn awards in each.*

*The challenge for the dog and his handler is to find the rat in a specific time period. Dogs are tested on speed, agility and ability to keep his footing. This is a team sport and the handler must signal when their dog has found the correct PVC tube containing the rat. This is a sport where the handler needs to know their dog well enough to recognize signs that indicate a rat has been found, including subtle signals that can be harder to pick up. Handlers have no idea where the tubes are hidden or which ones contain a rat, and must wait for their dog to find the correct tube.*

*The object of the sport is to have fun, whether you are participating or just watching. It's a sport that celebrates the working ability of dogs and the bond and communication between a dog and his owner.*

*In order to participate in sanctioned Barn Hunt events, your dog needs to be registered with the Barn Hunt Association. However, there are also fun tests and training clinics that don't require registration. This is a new dog sport that has quickly grown in popularity around the country. For information on how to register visit the Barn Hunt Association website. Barn Hunt is not an AKC or UKC sport, but both kennel clubs will record Barn Hunt titles on their pedigrees.*

*If you're looking for an exciting sport to do with your dog, Barn Hunt doesn't require a lot of running on your part or training. Try it, you'll like it ☺*



## Barn Hunt Beginners Clinic!

Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka, California - Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3 and 5 PM. Lost Coast Kennel Club presents an opportunity to learn about & practice the new, fun sport of Barn Hunt to prepare for LCKC Barn Hunt Trials - Jan 23-24<sup>th</sup> at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. Open to all dogs, including mixed breeds.

\* **Beginners Training Clinic**, facilitated by approved Barn Hunt Judges, Ann Wendland and Mary Bayley, will teach interested participants about the basics of engaging in this fun sport to prepare them for participating in Barn Hunt Trials on January 22-24<sup>th</sup>

### Training will include:

Meet and greet the rats,

Instinct practice run, and

Training on tunnels and climbs.

Participants will get fun certificates,

Cost is only \$5 per run 😊 Sign ups start at 2:30 PM at the judging arena -

Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka, California

For more information, email Cathy Wright at [cathlynwright@hotmail.com](mailto:cathlynwright@hotmail.com)



# Have you heard?

## From David Lindberg:

Mongo and I earned our Open Agility title at the Sacramento Area Dog Training Club's trial at Rancho Murietta where it was in the low 20's each morning.



## From Emily Dalton:

Maya got THREE first place finishes at the Sonoma County Agility Trial this month!

## From Nick and Patty Mendes:

2015 was a tough year for my family but Roo (CH Falling Branch Golden Dream) gave us a year to remember. He became a champ in April and we decided to continue showing him. He got his first two group placements at our shows. He then went on to be ranked #15 for Russell Terriers in group placements for 2015 (Canine Chronicle). We have had a lot of fun showing and we are looking forward to 2016 which has started out terrific with the birth of our 3rd grandchild on 01/12/16.



# *Have you heard?*

## **From Cathy Wright:**

Here is my little Bug finishing his Open Barn Hunt title at LCKC Barn Hunt Trial in July. He is really good at it, and I expect he will achieve his Senior title soon. Barn Hunt is really a fun sport for both my dogs and myself.

Unfortunately, this beautiful pup that I bred was only one major away from his Conformation Championship when I found out he has a congenital spinal malformation, and his physical abilities are degenerating due to neurological effects. I guess this is just one of the heartaches that accompanies the endeavor of dog showing and breeding activity. As a responsible breeder, I had Bug tested on all of the recommended health/x-ray, and DNA screenings and yet he still came up with a serious problem that only specialists even know about called transitional vertebrae.

Just makes you think...

You can never take things for granted...

Still love my guy; he's the sweetest Parson Russell I've ever had. Love your dogs



# *New Beginnings...*

## **From Susan Dean:**

My boy Dibs,  
GCH Collina D'Oro Rock you Like a Hurricane  
has sired a litter in the United Kingdom.  
They are due to whelp early February.  
Quite the strong "swimmer" eh!



## **From Deb St. Myers:**

Guess who's pregnant?????  
Yep!  
After a year of trying !  
We are expecting 4-5 little bundles of cuteness on Jan. 30.

Zazzy is very much a plump-kin these days and growing.

She wishes everyone at the up coming  
Obed./ Rally / Barnhunt Trials the very best.



## **From Tina Molton:**

Introducing  
Jo-Na-Da's Black Cat Kisses at Rovente,  
aka "Bisous", which means "Kisses" in French.  
Perfect name for an ITALIAN Greyhound, right? Pronounced "Bee-shoo".  
Bisous is co-owned with my daughter and will live with her.  
I will get to show her! She is niece to my Wrapper. We are  
beyond thrilled with this little girl who shows so much promise.  
She is bold, brave little thing who has settled right in to life in  
Humboldt County :-)



Minutes of the Lost Coast Kennel Club  
November 17, 2015 at The Adorni Center, Eureka

**BOARD MEETING:** Called to order by President Beverly Morgan Lewis at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Sara Borok, Cheryle Davis, Susan Dean, Chris Irvin, Pat Johnson, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Jill Otto, Kris Smith.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Approved as published.

Report of the Treasurer: Sandra was not present, her report was distributed. She advised trying to do our yearly donations after our income comes in.

Unfinished Business:

- Canopies: The pop up canopies which failed in the wind can have their tops replaced for the cost of shipping. Recommendation to reinforce the places where they come apart, and take down when it gets windy.
- Mike Guisti will stay on with a complimentary membership and be our liaison with The Meadows for our even month meeting place.
- Barn Hunt practice at the Farm Store – Positive response from the Farm Store, the particulars are being worked out. Discussion of possible dates.

New Business:

- Additional insurance for the Board: The question had been raised about getting Board insurance. Chris said we did that one year, then did not renew because we determined that we don't need it.
- A lost mail box key was discussed. Chris Irvin will stay on as mail box liaison, and will buy a new key if the old one is not found.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING:** Called to order by President Beverly Morgan Lewis at 7:05 p.m.

Present: All of the above Deb Tull, and Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the last meeting: Approved with the correction of the dues as being \$15 single membership, \$25 family.

Report of the President: Beverly reported that the entry forms are up on Abbadogs.com for the January barn hunt, rally, and obedience trial. We don't need to do anything to warn people about leaving dogs in hot cars because the AKC runs an ad about that in the classified section of the newspaper. The new agility equipment rules are slow in developing, so we are way ahead in replacement of our equipment.

Report of the Secretary: Mail: Catalogs, thank-you note from Bless the Beasts, bank statement, mower payment.

Report of the Treasurer: Same report as above. Time to pay dues.

Report of the Committees:

**Ring Practice:** Nothing new.

**Newsletter:** Correction in President's corner: Susan Dean is an owner of West Coast Plumbing. "Tricia" Morgan is the owner of the Merlephant. Submissions to the newsletter should go to [lostcoastkc@gmail.com](mailto:lostcoastkc@gmail.com).

**Website and Yahoo group:** January events have been added to the website.

**B-OB Show:**

- Chris Irvin shared can opener/tape/flashlight key rings with our name for use at the January and July trials. Photos of ring placement banners were shown by Cathy. Discussion of ring numbers and their placement – should go high, perhaps plastic numbers on the canopies – Tina will look into it. Group numbers and BIS/RBIS will be discussed next time, they are the most important at this time. Cathy will look for a high resolution logo.

**Agility Trial/Barn Hunt:** Marlene picked up part of the new agility equipment order. The trolley for the jumps did not work, and is being remade, and then shipped to us free of charge.

**January Obedience Trials and Barn Hunt:** January 23, 24.

- Entries are up on the secretary's website. Lorie will be bringing a laminating machine for dog I.D.s
- Sponsors: Rover Bones, All Dogs Bakery – coupons will be used as prizes. Also, our chocolate bars. Ribbons still need to be ordered. The trophy sponsor list was circulated.
- Barn Hunt – Cathy introduced the idea of a "Rat Meet and Greet" on the Friday before, giving information about the Barn Hunt.
- Sara will find out about help to handle the straw bales.
- There will be ribbons for new titles.
- Cathy will order a banner for Barn Hunt.

Election of New Members: No new applications.

Election of Officers and Board: A motion was made and seconded to accept the following slate of officers and board members as nominated and presented at the October general meeting

- President: Beverly Morgan Lewis
- Vice President: Jill Otto
- Secretary: Kris Smith
- Treasurer: Susan Dean
- Board members: Sara Borok, Emily Dalton, Deb St Myers.



Unfinished Business:

- Holiday party – Saturday, December 19 at 6 pm, at Chris Irvin’s house in Eureka. Potluck (club provides turkey and drinks), games, gift exchange (the “stealing” game) – gifts not to exceed \$20 in value. Jill will update the invitation.
- Reminder that dues are due - \$15 single and \$25 family.
- Barn Hunt Practice at the Farm Store: Farm Store is on board, they need dates. We can buy straw from them, then return. Sara will call re dates.

New Business:

- HumDOG Dog Expo will be March 6, 2016, at Redwood Acres. Chris Irvin will announce for the Parade of Breeds again. Members encouraged to participate for a wide variety of breeds. Get your applications in promptly after you receive them. There will again be the “Question Scavenger Hunt” for kids.
- Discussion of enhancing the safety of dogs in an emergency with dog identification and information, to be put on the dog’s collar, or carried in the owner’s wallet, or other places that it would be found in an emergency.

Announcements:

- HumDOG is offering obedience and rally ring practice for \$10 per night on Mondays at 5 pm. at Redwood Acres on January on 4, 11, and 18. Bring vaccination records.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary