



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

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,

January 17thth

at

The Adorni Center

1011 Waterfront Drive
Eureka

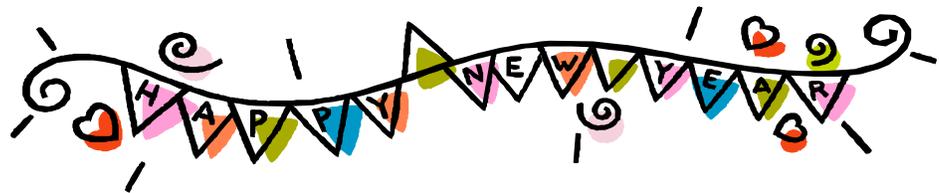
Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.

**Regular Mtg. - 7:00
p.m.**

Join us.

**Everyone is
Welcome!**

President's Corner



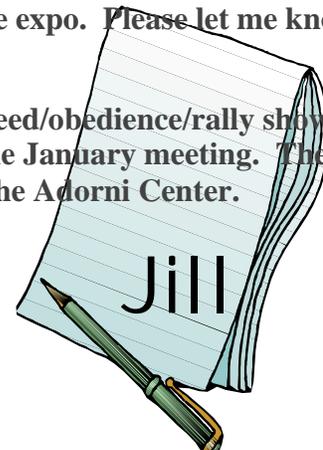
Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. We had a great crowd at the holiday party with good food, fun games, and lots of great gifts to exchange. If you missed the party, hopefully, we will see you there next year.

Thank you to Chris for hosting the party.

Our first meeting of the year will be here soon. We will be viewing a DVD entitled "Dogs Decoded". We will have a short meeting at 7pm and try to start the DVD by 7:30.

HumDOG's Dog Expo is being planned for Sunday, March 11, 2012 at Redwood Acres. Pat Johnson will be sending invitations out soon. Dogs that are people- and dog- friendly are welcome. Please submit the application that arrives with the invitation. If you have a demonstration that you think the public would enjoy, please let Pat or myself know. As usual, LCKC will be in charge of the Parade of Breeds. I am currently looking for a "backup" person to help organize the actual "parade" on the day of the expo. Please let me know if you can help.

Al has been working hard on the 2012 breed/obedience/rally shows. I'm sure he will have items to report at the January meeting. The meeting will be held on January 17th at the Adorni Center.



Club Activities

The Annual LCKC Holiday Party, hosted at Chris Irvin's home in December, was a great success always. Great food, great fun, great folks!
Unfortunately, no one took photos....that will be on the list for 2012 party!

LCKC members will be gearing up for the HumDog Expo in March. This event is Always a lot of fun, and a great opportunity to educate the public about specific breeds and responsible dog ownership.

The 2012 Conformation, Obedience and Rally Shows, as well as the Agility Trails, Will be here before you know it! Work has already started. Club members are encouraged to help out wherever they can.



Have you heard?

From Maya Conrad:

In December, Zorro and I received our Schutzhund "BH" at the Menlo Park Schutzhund Club. He did so well - the judge and others were very impressed with our performance!



From Deb St. Meyers:

My Jasper, Agates Black Tie Affair, Earned his first major at the Roseburg Shows in November by going BOW and Best Bred By!



Clare Freeman's Hubble earned his MACH back in Oct!

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Puppies!!!!

Shirley Groom welcomed her new litter of King Charles Cavaliers in November 2011. Dam is Shirley's "Penny Lane" - 2 girls and one boy!:



Karen Larkin welcomed her first litter of Chihuahuas in early December.. Dam is Karen's "Mouse".



From Chris Irvin - the long awaited Wizard x Chablis (Belgian Tervuren) litter arrived early in the morning on December 26th. Two boys and one girl!



Getting to know...

Kris and Bayard Smith!

We are Kris and Bayard Smith, LCKC members since 2006, which is when we moved to Humboldt County from the bay area. Kris is currently LCKC secretary and ring practice organizer. You probably know Bayard from set up and take down of LCKC events, and as the guy in the kilt at the show.

We have Scottish Deerhounds, which are cool weather running hounds that love it on the north coast where they are rarely over heated and get to run on the beach and chase sea gulls and the occasional dune jack rabbit. Bayard grew up with Deerhounds, as his mother was one of the early importers. Although she only bred two litters, most of the Deerhounds in the U.S. trace back to her breeding. I always had shelter mutts, and that's what we had while our family was young because our focus was on horses. After our two daughters were grown and the current family dog was getting old, Bayard said he'd like to have a Deerhound again. We knew one Deerhound contact, who was in the bay area, and who happened to have a litter (rare), and they were not all spoken for (even more rare), and, with Bayard's history, she was willing to sell us a puppy. It didn't take long for Rhia to win me over with the breed's elegance and beauty (especially at speed) combined with an affectionate and whimsical disposition. We decided to carry on with Bayard's mother's kennel name, which is Jeffcain, a memorial to her first Deerhound, Jeff of Enterkine.

We are intermittent participants in conformation showing and sighthound performance competitions. We like to do what our dogs are good at, which means we lean toward racing and lure coursing, because that's what's fun for them. We have finished two Dual Champions (conformation and lure coursing). We've not been lucky with breeding. We bred Rhia twice, the first was a stillborn singleton, and the next time we lost her right after whelping. Only one orphan puppy out of the litter of five survived, then she died in a freak accident at one year of age. We have lost three others to strange and upsetting causes, and we are hoping that our run of heart breaking bad luck is at an end.



Getting to know...

Kris and Bayard Smith - cont'd

Currently we own two bitches, and have a dog staying with us who may become a permanent resident. Our show dog is Tillie, who Bayard showed to a Group 2 last summer at Ferndale, and who we hope to finish this year. Our girl Kaelyn, just 17 months, is a superb racer, as yet undefeated in Large Gazehound Racing and winner of the nationals, held last year in Redding. The boy, Colin, is 14 months, and has potential for both, but is recovering from an injury, which we hope will not become chronic.

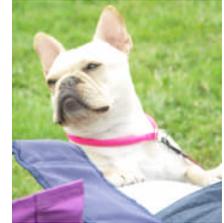
When we retired to McKinleyville, we knew it would be a good place for the Deerhounds, but we imagined we'd mostly be busy fixing up the old property we bought (Bayard was a carpenter for 30 years) and building a horse barn. The barn is done (my first ever real barn, after 40 years in horses!), but somehow, we've become focused on the Deerhounds, and they seem to be defining the rest of our lives. Have we really become classic "dog people", happy to have them on the couches and beds, nonplussed by muddy floors, unperturbed by epic dust bunnies, not interested in hosting people who don't love our dogs, planning vacations based on dog events, and few other friends besides our dog contacts? Almost. Our other focus is our growing family, a young grandson, and a granddaughter due in late March. Hopefully, they will like Deerhounds.



My Dogs Live Here...



My dog's live here, they're here to stay.
You don't like pet's, be on your way.
They share my home, my food, my space,
this is their home, this is their place.
You will find dog food on the floor,
they will alert you're at the door.



They may request a little pat, a simple "no" will settle that.

It gripes me when I hear you say,
"just how is it you live this way?"
They smell, they shed, they're in the way. "

"Who asked you", is all I can say..

They love me more than anyone,
my voice is like the rising sun,
They merely have to hear me say
"C'mon it's time to go and play"

Then tails wag and faces grin,
they bounce and hop and make a din.
They never say "no time for you",
they're always there, to Go and Do.

And if I'm sad?

They're by my side and if I'm mad, they circle wide.

And if I laugh, they laugh with me,
they understand, they always see.

So once again I say to you, come visit me, but know this too...

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.

You don't like pet's, be on you're way.
They share my home, my food, my space,
this is their home, and they're here to stay.



~author unknown, found making the rounds on Facebook



MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

November 15, 2011 Adorni Center, Eureka

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

Present: Sara Borok, Chris Irvin, Beverly Morgan Lewis, 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.

Unfinished Business:

- Jill talked to Jim W about putting a disclaimer on the website regarding links to kennels, etc. He wants to stay on as webmaster and will work with us regarding updates.

- Discussion of possible organizations to which we might donate. Irene submitted a list of local suggestions, board members liked Humboldt Co Fair Assoc, HumDog Spay and Neuter program, Animal Shelter, Humane Society, Meals on Wheels if they deliver dog food. Not local – definitely AKC Canine Health Foundation again - \$200 keeps our banner to display at shows.

Will bring up at general meeting.

New Business: none

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

REGULAR MEETING: called to order by president Jill Otto at 7:03 p.m.

Present: all of the above plus Cheryl Davis, Al and Irene Driver, Sandra Gould, Tina Moulton, Jim Wasetis, Cathy Wright.

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

Report of the President:

Report of the Secretary: Misc. promotional mail, catalogs, and magazines.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris reported on our assets. Trailer registration is due. Jill reminded us that membership dues are due, and we need to get the Adorni Center paid so we can keep our meeting room.

Report of Committees:

- Ring Practice: No practices planned. If someone wants one, contact Kris or the Yahoo list.
- Tracking: Deb Sholes not here.
- Newsletter: Tina congratulated on a good job.
- Website: Discussion with Jim on how website should be updated. He said the website is not a way to communicate – that's what the Yahoo group does, it's more like the Yellow Pages – how to find information and make connections. Suggested links to breed show, agility trial, newsletters, officers, yahoo group. No breeder page or member list. Separate page with links to 1) dog stuff and 2) Redwood Matrix sites. Group liked the idea of a “welcome page” with pictures, and using club colors of silver and green. **Cindy and Tina will work with Jim on photos for the welcome page.**
- B-OB show: Al: The new “Reserve BIS” starts July 3 – will not effect us this year. Speaker system was discussed: 2 Fender Pro 500 portable PA systems will give us 4 speakers (parking lot, obedience ring, inside, main rings). We can use a June ring practice for a trial run. Al will store it. **Motion made and seconded at the last meeting to purchase the 2 Fender Pro 500 systems was voted on, and passed unanimously.** AKC online projected judging schedule was discussed. AKC fees discussed (rally fees based on number of entries). We'll limit number of entries in rally and obedience. Michelle will be disaster co-ordinator. Tina will do catalog ads. Mary Ann Wik will help with hospitality. Vet will be Cutten. Jill said the BIS/HIT past winners list will not include owner names. Discussion of having lure practice runs on two days. Discussion of food vendors.
- Agility Trial: nothing new.

Election of New Members: **none**

Election of Officers and Board: **MSAC to elect the following slate for 2012: 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:

- 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. Maybe we can use the new speaker system.

- Holiday Party – Chris Irvin's house, December 10th, 5:30, gift exchange (\$20 value max), potluck (turkey, stuffing, and drinks will be provided. Volunteer donations of dry dog food. Chris and Cathy will do games. **\$100 approved for prizes.**

- Donations: Discussion of organizations we might donate to. Favorites: Fortuna PD K9, HumCo Fair Assoc, HumDog Spay and Neuter Fund, Canine Health Foundation. Sara will find out if Meals on Wheels delivers dog food. Will discuss more at the January meeting.

New Business:

- **MSAC to raise show raffle spending limit to \$499.**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary.