

THE LOST COAST HOWLER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Embracing the Autumn Transition

As the vibrant days of spring and summer fade into the crisp air of autumn, I want to take a moment to reflect on our club's journey and look ahead to the opportunities and responsibilities that come with the changing seasons. The energy and excitement of our warmer months —packed with shows, events, and outdoor activities—are always a highlight for the Lost Coast Kennel Club. I am so proud of everyone's hard work, commitment, and the sense of community we foster during these busy times.

Now, as fall approaches, we find ourselves shifting gears. The pace may slow, but our purpose remains strong. Autumn is a time to regroup, take stock, and prepare for the quieter months ahead. This transition is vital not just for our club's operations, but for our own well-being and the care of our dogs.

Important Tasks for the Fall and Winter

- **Review and Organize:** Let's take this opportunity to review our records, organize paperwork, and ensure our club's documentation is up to date. If you have event results, membership renewals, or any outstanding items, please submit them as soon as possible.
- **Facility Maintenance:** With fewer events scheduled, now is a great time to handle any needed maintenance or improvements at our club facilities. This includes cleaning, repairs, and preparing spaces for future gatherings.

Board of Director Officers

Deb Lake
President

Patty Mendes
Vice President

Kris Smith
Secretary

Jill Otto
Treasurer

Members of the Board

Michelle Dostal
Debbie Tull
Kurt Pires

JOINS US!
AUGUST 19, 2025
BOARD MEETING 6:30PM
REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM
HELD VIA ZOOM

- **Planning Ahead:** It's never too early to start planning for the spring and summer events of next year. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer for committees, please reach out. Your input is invaluable!
- **Education and Outreach:** Autumn and winter offer a chance for indoor seminars, training sessions, or educational workshops. Consider topics you'd like to see covered, or let us know if you'd like to help organize these activities.
- **Community Connection:** Let's continue to support one another, whether it's through checking in on fellow members, sharing resources, or simply keeping our lines of communication open.

Looking Forward

While the calendar may not be as packed as it was just a few months ago, the fall and winter seasons are essential for laying the groundwork for our future success. I encourage all members to use this time to recharge, connect, and help prepare the club for another great year ahead.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Lost Coast Kennel Club. Your passion and commitment make our community strong, in every season.

Warmest autumn wishes,

Deb Lake

President, Lost Coast Kennel Club



Letter from the Editor

Well it isn't that I don't have anything to write, its mostly that I am lacking the time to do it. I have added another 4 legged family member recently who is keeping me even busier than normal!

So please accept this cute photo of 8 week old, Archie, an English Springer Spaniel as an apology. I'm certain you will be seeing and hearing more about our adventures and training together soon!

Lauren Wendt

LCKC Newsletter Editor



**NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

Board meeting will begin at 6:30pm
 General meeting will begin at 7:00pm
 Meeting will be held via zoom.
 Link will be sent out via the io group.
 All members are welcome and encouraged to join!

**HUMBOLDT DISC DOG
 2025 PRACTICE AND TRIAL DATES**

Rio Dell Fire Department, 50 W Center St,
 Rio Dell CA 95562

- September 20-21 trial
- October 11 practice
- October 18-19 trial - Monster Mash



October 2025 LCKC Practice Schedule

These are the tentative dates for planned practices, but there may be changes. Please pay attention to the notices that come out via the I.o. group before each practice day.

Note that the times are not always the same.

Date	Location	Time	Activity
October			
5	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	10 am (set up)	Fast CAT
		11 am	Fast CAT runs start
	Fairgrounds midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work

LCKC 2025 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Rohner Park, Bartow Field
Park St. Fortuna

See page 2 for RSVP instructions and more information

RSVP to: <https://lckc.holonet.net/>
(it's easy)

Or to Jill Otto , sunspotspin@suddenlink.net
Deadline is Sept. 22, noon
Guests are welcome.

LCKC Membership Appreciation Picnic**2025****Featuring:**

- *Excellent food prepared by Deb and Mike Lake. See your menu options on the RSVP website.
- *Goodie bags for everyone.
- *Achievement Circle.
- *Fun with you and your dog.
- *Meet friends and make new friends.
- *Awesome drawing prizes.
- *Exciting games, including the popular Team Challenge, for you and your dog.. Rules will be posted on the io group and in the newsletter. Rally and Scent Work courses also available

RSVP Instructions

Click on the RSVP link on the first page. Tell us how many will be attending and what you would like to eat. **NOTE:** you are not ordering your food. You are telling us what you will eat so we know how much to buy. Self-service drinks are available from the club ice chest at the event.

Kudos and 2 extra tickets to you for bringing your own dishes and utensils. Tell Jill when you pick up your goodie bag to get your tickets.

Other things to bring:

- Dog(s)
- Crate
- Chair
- Water and water dish
- Treats/toys for your dog
- Shade

There will be 2 club canopies to share or share a friend's pop up.

Extra drawing tickets will be given to anyone who helps a committee member with a task. We are: Beth, Jill, Cathy, Sara, Beverly, Kurt, Bobbie, Kim, Kris, Deb, Mike.

Come celebrate our exceptional club and your fabulous dog loving family.

Let's have some fun!

Questions or comments can be directed to Beth; beth.debbie@gmail.com, 707-407-5355



August was another banner month for Matt and Ruby. They took first place in Throw-N-Go at the Disc Dog Trail in Rio Dell as well as High in Trial. Lola and I didn't bring home any ribbons, but we had fun! The very next weekend, Matt and Ruby entered their first dock diving trial at Brown Dog University in Gig Harbor, WA. Ruby started the day with a 9' jump but her very last jump she cleared 16' 3"! Not bad for only being in the pool only 3 times prior. Lola enjoyed swimming in their practice pool. Looking forward to next dock diving season!

Submitted by Teresa M Domingo Chase

We are so proud of both our amazing collie girls and their achievements in the fall scentwork trial.

Zinnia had 9 qualifying runs including 2 Third Placements and 2 Novice Element Titles.

Phig had 9 qualifying runs including 6 placements (a First, 3 Seconds and 2 Third) and 2 Novice Element Titles.

Submitted by Bobbie and Kurt Pires





Bayley had a great time at the LCKC Scent Work trial over the Labor Day Weekend. She earned two "missing" Q's to complete her overall Excellent SW Title. She earned her Masters Container Title with a 3rd place. She got a 4th leg of Masters Exteriors scoring and Q'd her first leg of the Master Interior, with a 3rd place. Those two runs were our favorites for the weekend!!

It was a great trial! The Super Judges Abel, Edholm, LeRoy, Kretner and Chase never failed to challenge and support everyone. The volunteers were very capable and efficient. Thanks to all involved. You rocked!

Submitted by Marilyn Cottrell



Miss Zingy earned a bit this last trials. 2 detective qualifiers. She finished her Excellent Elite title and her handler discrimination excellent title. We ran 15 searches and only missed one due to my mistake of not counting treats in my pocket correctly.

Placed in all her searches.

She's a for sure going to find that hide and get that cheese. A wonderful weekend.

Submitted by Deb St. Myers

Miss Zuzu earned 2 High in Trials in the Masters division and finished all her Master titles.

We had three days of trialing and we only missed 1 in 12 searches.

Thus. We came up with high in trials.

She's a star and we are very much enjoying this ride.

Now onto detective and elite titles and more fun to always be having in this sport.

Submitted by Deb St. Myers

Just a handful of all the amazing volunteers that contributed to making our Labor Scent Work Trail a success!



Three days of single element play. Qualified each day. Pictured below is Mattie day one and granddaughter and Mattie day three. Day two not pictured.
Submitted by Beverly Chang



Brassfire's When Calls the Heart to Jenna (Jenna) had a slow start to the scent work trial but finished strong! She earned her Scent Work Advance Title (finally getting that last Buried element), 2 Q's in Handler Discrimination Advanced (1st and 2nd place), Excellent Container Title, and her Master Interior Title which now qualifies her to do Detective (well, that will take a bit training but looking forward to the adventure!
Submitted by Susan Hutchinson



Kelson completed his Excellent Level title (SWE) and earned his Master Container and Master Exterior Element titles (SCM and SEM) at our recent LCKC Scent Work Trials. Tori qualified twice in each Novice Buried and Novice Container and only needs another leg in each to complete her overall Novice title.

Proud Owner: Jill Otto



I want to thank every one who helped and donated to our workers drawing and raffle for the Scent work trial, All Breed and Obed, Rally and fast cat trials. I could not have done it with out all your help!!!

Hildy and Vinnie had a great time at the scent work trial!

Vinnie finished his entire novice title and got his advanced containers element.

Hildy is one advanced Q away from her entire advanced title.

Submitted by Sara Borok

BOARD MEETING 6:30-7PM

Call to order 6:30 p.m. by Pres. Deb Lake

Roll call: Board members: Deb L, Jill Otto, Kurt Pires, Patty Mendes, Michelle Dostal, Debbie Tull.

Non-board members: Deb St Myers, Cathy Wright (taking minutes for Kris Smith absent for family obligation) Marilyn Cottrell, Beth Rogers, Tina Moulton, Deb St Myers

Minutes of Last Meeting -

MSA Patty, Jill approved July board minutes

Report of Treasurer - Andrea out of town with family emergency, trying to work remotely, but Jill could not contact her, and no financial report for last month was sent. Jill reported nothing major changed in financials. We received a check from agility trial from Abbadog which will be deposited. The old canopies are all out of the trailer and paid for, and payments were sent to Jill. Received notice to renew membership in Ferndale Chamber of Commerce was discussed. MSA Patty, Kurt to renew Ferndale Chamber of Commerce membership for \$100

Unfinished Business

- none

New business

- Addition of 2 nd show to AB July 2026- Tina reported on the possibilities of adding a second show on Friday July 3rd (2 shows on that day), at our next year's shows. Exhibitors response was positive. Will need a new MBF contract after application to AKC if we decide to. Will not change our financial obligation to MBF that much. We discussed entry limits and next steps, and a Zoom meeting is planned for September 3rd specifically to discuss adding a second show on Friday 2026.
- 2026 Spring Scent Work Trial-Cathy Wright - * May Scent Work Trials committee wanted to continue May scent work trials, as we did this year, for 2026. MSA Jill, Michelle approval for continuing spring scent work trial first weekend in May
- Purchase refurbished iPad for Fall Scentwork approx. \$150-Marilyn Cottrell - Marilyn reiterated the probable need for extra iPad. MSA Jill, Patty to buy refurbished iPad for not over \$200

Adjournment - 7:10 pm

REGULAR MEETING 7PM

Called to order by President Deb Lake at 7:10 pm

Roll Call - all of the above plus Beverly Morgan Lewis, Susan Hutchison, Suzi Martin, Teresa Chase

Minutes of Last Meeting – MSA Patty, Jill approved July regular meeting minutes

Report of President – Deb L wanted to give a big Thank You to the membership for all their work and for hanging in there making LCKC a great Club.

Report of Secretary – Kris mailed a condolence note to Sylvia L from the club. Insurance has arrived but Kris doesn't have it yet. Jill got the additional insured for Cutten to them. When she gets the packet, Kris will scan the others and send them to the event Chairs who need them. Two new membership applications in mail.

Report of Treasurer – same as above from board meeting – no monthly financial report from Andrea yet. It will be included in September's report.

Report of Committees

- LCKC Practice: Dates for: Conformation; Rally; Obedience, Scent work; Agility; FCAT; Barn Hunt – August 24th practice at Ridgewood school at 1:00 p.m. So far mostly scent work and maybe a few conformation. Afterward, volunteers for Labor Day scent work trial will go to Cutten to see where things are.
- B-Ob Shows/Rally-Obedience/FastCAT/ATT – report delayed for receipt of financial report
- Agility Trial/Barn Hunt/FastCAT –
- Full report delayed for receipt of financial report. Debbie Tull said the Fast Cat team had a meeting with 16 people, discussing options for improving safety of our volunteers, reducing practices to three in the spring, and no longer doing fun funs on Thursday of agility weekend.
- Scent work Trials – Susan reported most of our local people got in the trial and off the wait list, some SW committee members did a walk through at Cutten and also members got all of the SW supplies from the shed. There was a meeting to go over the flow maps and schedules. Needs: trucks to move supplies from Susan to Cutten School on Friday, need tarps, baked goods for hospitality. Set up Friday, August 29th at 5:00 p.m. . Need volunteer help for set up & take down. Need items for volunteer drawing. Kurt is doing volunteer training for use of agility gate by the stewards via Zoom. There is a messenger group for SW volunteers. Kurt will be at the Ridgewood practice on August 24th to demo Agility Gate. Thank you to Marilyn for ongoing coordinating huge volunteer corps
- Membership Appreciation Picnic – nothing new
- Fit Dog – no Fit Dog walk yet this month. Kim is busy with a new pup!
- Newsletter – Lauren's been doing a great job with the newsletter, August newsletter was very full.
- Website – nothing new

- Chat Group - Tina reported that our free IO chat group has 100 member limit and one gig storage limit - we are pushing the envelope on those and may need to get the premier plan which costs money for more storage in the future. At some point maybe we'll clean out the storage to make more space for documents.
- Membership - Beth will send the updated membership list soon.
- By-laws - nothing new

Election of New Members - there were two new membership applications Christie Duray for associate member, and Stacia Allen for regular membership. Both were sponsored by club members.

MSA Cathy, Marilyn new members Christy Duray and Stacia Allen were approved.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- Addition of 2nd show to AB July 2026-Tina Moulton discussed possibility of adding a second show on Friday for four shows total Friday through Sunday July 3rd 4th and 5th 2026. There will be a zoom meeting on September 3rd to discuss adding an additional show on Friday.
- 2026 Spring Scent Work Trial-Cathy Wright - May 2026 sent work trials May 1st and 2nd similar to this year. Will check to see if Jeanette's available to secretary and need judges. We will increase slightly possibly to 125-30 per day. I'll make sure to get all of our local people to send their interest in the Friday before the closing Monday.

Announcements: Disc Dog trial August 23rd through 24th , also a trial September 20th and 21st also at the Rio Del Fire Department baseball field.

Adjournment 8:05

Minutes taken by Cathy Wright and edited and submitted by Kris Smith