

LUCKY DOG NEWS

November 2008

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee (Margie Dykstra, Sally Grimes and Peggy Miller) has selected the following slate for the 2009 Officer and Board positions:

President – Margie Dykstra

Vice President – Ellen Parr

Secretary – Sherree Lewis

Treasurer – Laurie Kudna

Board Positions ('09/'10):

Catherine Shields

Peggy Miller

LUCKIAMUTE DOG TRAINING CLUB MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2, 2008

The October meeting of LDTC was held at the Almost Home Restaurant in Salem, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Laurie Kudna. Members present were Margie Dykstra, Ellen Parr, Catherine Shields, Laurie Kudna, Jean Kane, Bob Parker and Betty and Larry Schwartz.

Moved, seconded and passed to approve the September minutes as published.

There was no secretary's report, no president's report.

Treasurer's Report:

We lost about \$300.00 on the obedience trial.

Obedience Report:

Regarding expenses, do we want to buy food for the helpers (club members) if we give Lucky Bucks to them? Survey of exhibitors is on separate sheet. The judges were generous to lower their expenses or we would have lost more money.

TD/TDX Test: Premium list goes out this weekend. Bob will contact the landowners; we can have the building we usually use. Bob suggests we have a larger plaque for TDX. It would be less expensive to do the engraving of the dog's name and title at the same time. Costs about \$8.00 for each engraving. Tracklayers and cross tracklayers are needed. We need people to bring food on Sunday. On Saturday tracklayers can bring their own food. We will have 2 more landowners to give gifts to; the judges' gifts are on hand.

Membership: Sherree is planning to send e-mails to members who don't attend meetings urging them to come to the meetings.

New Business: There is one 4H trophy unused from the Polk Co. Fair.

The question came up regarding having an obedience trial next year. It was moved, seconded and passed to hold the obedience trial on September 12 and 13 next year. Betty and Larry will make arrangements for judge's hospitality. Names suggested for judges were Theresa Temple, Carolyn Wray, Alan Immerman, and Chris Cornell. Suggested motels are the Town House or Best Western in Corvallis.

Need to find out the whereabouts of the club's credit cards.
Nominating Committee: Peggy, Margie and Sally Grimes.
Moved, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Schwartz, secretary.

TD/TDX – Come and See What Happens

By Bob Parker

Our annual TD (with the added attraction of TDX this year will be held November 16th at Oak Grove School and in adjacent fields. The TD level tracks will be run first, followed by the TDX level.

The event will be held “rain or shine” with rain being fairly likely at this time of year. Where else can you go to stand out in the rain and cheer for a dog you may not really know who has done something you can barely see at the far end of the field. And consider it to be fun and very satisfying – especially if you were a tracklayer, and the dog/handler team passes on “your” track. Bring a dish and plan to stay for the Pot Luck lunch after which the judges talk about each of the tracks and what they saw the teams do or not do. Being so much closer to the dog they can often see things that the gallery can't see. These sessions are like a mini tracking seminar and many people think they are the second best part of the day. The BEST part is when a team you are rooting for PASSES!



CH Blythmoor's King Oberon

February 1994 – October 2008



Born on his mother's birthday in February 1994, Reggie joined his mother Whoopie at the Rainbow Bridge in October. He was a silly boy always – starting with his many names. He was most often called Reggie, but also responded to Reginald, Reginald P. Jones, Pudge and Pudge-Mo. He finished his championship quite easily at a young age, but was not a Special. He wasn't a particularly timid boy, but was sure the big dogs in the group ring were out to get him and refused to carry that tail gaily in the group ring. We dabbled in agility. He loved it, on his own terms. He would run up and down the A Frame as many times as he could before being snatched off. After an interesting run at a fun match, he became convinced that the teeter toter was a launch pad and he loved it! He'd run as fast as he could and vault of fthe end before the teeter could even think of going back down. Reggie retired quite early also. He was a Champion Couch Potato and was always fun to be around. He is missed.



Match Brags



Peggy's Scottish Deerhound Louie got a Group 1 at the recent Clackamas Kennel Club match in Canby.

Sally Grime's Great Pyrenees Riley was second in the working group.

Sherree's gang - Gwen, Abby and newcomer Scout - enjoying a Fall vacation at the Oregon Coast.



Sherree adds "If you can guess the nearby Central or Southern Oregon coast town where this photo was taken, then I have a prize for you! Email me your guess sherlewis@msn.com. The winner and answer will be published in the next newsletter.

Like Grandmother - like Granddaughter!

By Margie Dykstra

I was chatting with Julie today. She owns the remarkable "Emma" who is Sabrina's daughter and Whisper's granddaughter. Julie says Kody, her other Lab is a morning dog and gets up early to go outside with Lee. Emma prefers to sleep a bit later and stays on the bed with Julie. But, when Emma feels that it is time to get up, she puts her nose inches from Julie's face and just stares. Very quietly and without contact, but you can FEEL that stare - maybe even a little hot breath, but you dare not move! If she thinks you are awake (don't peek!) < the wiggling and wagging starts and there is no going back to sleep. I changed perspective there in the story telling because when Julie was telling me, I already knew the story. This is EXACTLY the same behavior that Whisper displayed when she slept on the bed. To the last detail! I swear Whisper could tell if I was awake or in REM sleep just by watching - and that stare was better than any alarm clock.

It is remarkable what little traits seem to get passed down and I swear many of them skip a generation. Sabrina never did it. Emma never really lived with Whisper so they didn't share the secret between them. But the details of the behavior are identical. There is so much more to genetic memory than we humans know!

