

# LUCKY DOG NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2009

### **President's Report**

On contributions to the Club – some rambling thoughts:

In every club, there are people who do a lot, and people who do not do so much. That's pretty typical and I'm actually ok with that. I hear people ask what this club has to offer prospective members, and I always think that's a backwards perspective. I've never joined a club because I thought the club would give me something. I join a club because I think I might have something to offer. Well, ok, there is one thing I want from a club – dialogue with people who have similar interests and an avenue to be involved in things that I am interested in.

*Regarding worker bees in a club and in LDTC in particular:* We've always had a rather diverse membership. We have some members that are involved in pretty much every event, because they have interests in all those areas, and the time and energy to be involved. We have others that are more specialists. In my opinion, that's ok. If a member is just interested in one aspect of the club and isn't much involved in some other things, that's ok. If a member shows up, but doesn't ever do any of the "big" jobs, that's ok.

There are some events that require more work. And if we don't have enough people to put on those events, then we don't put them on.

Personally, if it's an event that I have a strong personal interest in, I'll do more to see that event happen with or without the number of supporters in the club roster. If that doesn't happen, well, it just doesn't. I guess as I get older, I am less worried about changing what I can't change.

LDTC is down to tracking now. That isn't just because we don't have help at our other big event (obedience). While that's a factor, the big issue is that we are bleeding money for an event that doesn't seem to inspire a great deal of member support. So it is a combination of reasons. I know it wasn't inspiring a great deal of support for me personally, mostly because of the AKC bureaucracy and not because of lack of support. Agility kind of went the same route, for me.

We have support for tracking and always have, but most of our tracklayers are not club members. That's not a problem and actually not that unusual. It is an event that can be put on with a minimum of club members, and there's a huge tracking community out there to provide tracklayers. I'm motivated enough to continue even if I have to personally do more. It costs us money, but seminars or training sessions such as the one Ellen and I are doing (good idea, Ellen!) and the Corky Vroom seminar (thank you, Laurie!) will keep us flush in tracking. Maybe we'll have to tone down the

potluck and do more supplementing with club money. That's ok.

Gosh, I guess I'm just feeling Zen about the whole thing. I do know that when we put on an event – any event – those people who attend and those members who help always have a good time. We always put on successful events. So I'm just not getting my knickers in a knot if it feels like we don't have quite enough help or that the same people do everything. I do what I do because I want to do it, not because no one else will.

I think every member is contributing something. Even if a member can only contribute one thing, that is still important. I think, for our annual meeting, I'll try to make a list of all the things that members have contributed throughout the year. I kind of think there's not a single member that has done nothing. Every member has value, no matter whether they do lots of big things, or can only do one little thing.

So thanks for doing what you do!  
Margie - Prez

## Minutes

August 2009 – The Picnic Meeting. Betty and Larry Schwartz, Bob Parker, Jean Kane, Ellen Parr, Margie Dykstra, Sally Grimes and Peggy Miller braved a cool and breezy August evening to enjoy a picnic potluck meeting at Wallace Marine Park in West Salem. The upcoming obedience/rally trial was discussed as was the state of the November tracking test. Ellen reported that the old club computer has died and will be recycled. Peggy has done an inventory of the trailer and contents. Peggy has volunteered to organize a raffle at the trial.

OCTOBER 2009

The October 2009 meeting of the LDTC was called to order at 1845 at the Almost Home Restaurant in Salem by President Margie Dykstra. Present were Peggy Miller, Ellen Parr, Betty and Larry Schwartz.

Nominating Committee: Bob Parker, Peggy Miller and Sally Grimes were appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Obedience Trial Report:  
We lost \$550. AKC fees were \$1,000.  
Building cost \$1,100. Judges \$2,000.  
Trophies \$500  
Hospitality ??

Motion by Ellen to suspend the obedience trial for 2010 and revisit the possibility of reviving it in 2011 if there is interest. Second by Peggy. Passed.

Tracking Seminar:  
An Introduction to AKC Tracking one day seminar will be hosted by Margie, Peggy and Ellen on Sunday November 1 at Oak Grove School. Fee will be \$20/handler.

Tracking Class – Ellen and Margie have volunteered to teach a 9 week course for beginner trackers. Betty volunteered to judge certification tracks at the end of the course.

TD/TDX Test –  
Co-Chief Tracklayers are Bob and Margie. Tracklayers Susannah, Tamara, ?? Jean, ??Laurie...Margie will contact area trackers to line up more tracklayers. Cross Track layers – Peggy and Sally Grimes.

VROOM SEMINAR:  
The club will proceed with plans for another Corky Vroom or March 2010.

Meeting adjourned 1938

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11-5-2009 meeting called to order at 1905 by President Margie Dykstra at the Almost Home Restaurant in Salem. Present were – Peggy Miller, Laurie Kudna, Jean Kane, Betty and Larry Schwartz, Catherine Shields, Tamara DePue and Ellen Parr.

# BRAGS

## Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee has come up with the following slate for the upcoming election:

President – Ellen Parr  
Vice Pres – Peggy Miller  
Secretary – Margie Dykstra  
Treasurer – Coleen Powell  
Board – Bob Parker  
Board – Larry Schwartz

## TRACKING TEST –

Track layers: Dave Vesely, Dan Castle, Sally Wells, Nancy Seimens, Pat Porter, Cindy Leung, Tamara, Susannah, Peggy.

Laurie will get judges', landowner and tracklayer gifts.

Jean will get start articles and gloves.  
Peggy is doing hospitality. Lunch both days will be potluck provided by club members.

## TRACKING SEMINAR/CLASS:

Margie reported that we took in \$560. The building fee was \$54.

## VROOM SEMINAR:

Laurie has sent Mr Vroom a \$500 deposit. The seminar will be held the first weekend of March (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) Laurie will investigate the possibility of renting Judi James' training center for the seminar.

Meeting was adjourned at 1943.

The draw for the TD/TDX participants was held immediately following adjournment.



Best in Match at the Clackamas Kennel Club Fall Match was Peggy's Deerhound Louie – Tannochbrae's Illusionist from Glencrag. Louie followed this win with BOW at the Willamette Valley Kennel Club show November 7 for his first point. Good boy Louie!

Also at the WVKC show, Visa (Trouvaille's Traveller) picked up his first point by going BOW.



Visa traveling to his first point!

## Blast from the past

On Sunday November 22, 1992 Luckiamute held the required Sanctioned Tracking Match that would enable us to hold licensed

Tracking Tests. The match was held at Oak Grove School and the surrounding farms – some of the fields that we are still using.

Our judges were Sally Diess and Joanne Harnish. Test Secretary/Chair was Nancy Walker and the tracking test committee was Bob Parker, Jean Kane, Nedra Garrick and Ellie Boldt.

Although it was a 10 dog test, there were only 7 entries. Track #1 was a Pass. Peggy's Belgian Sheepdog Brio (CH Taree's Hot August Night, CDX, HT). Track #2 was a pass for Kirkwood's Flame and Brandy a Golden owned by Susan Carlson. Track #3 did not pass – a German Shepherd bitch. Track #4 – a pass by Margie's Labrador Carbon (Nautikaull's Buoy O'Blythmoor, CD).

Five was an Irish Water Spaniel which did not pass. Track 6 was a pass by a Rottweiler bitch Beau Diddley von Ditto owned by Robert and Doris Ditter. Track 7 was a fail by a Labrador bitch.

I remember that day as being sunny and beautiful. Of course that memory may be colored by the fact that my dog passed. Brio was my first tracking dog. He earned his TD the following spring at the Nisqually Kennel Club test on the Fort Lewis reservation. Another sunny day!

Margie got sidetracked by hunt tests and other events and never did let Carbon get his TD.

I am sure we will continue our long history of successful tracking tests.

### **TRACKING MINI SEMINAR**

On Sunday November 1, Ellen, Tamara, Margie and Peggy collaborated to present a mini-seminar for beginning handlers at Oak Grove School. Several of the handlers will be continuing on with the 9 week class LDTC is sponsoring.



## Our 2009 TD/TDX Test



NEW TDX AND NEW TD!



*Another Empty Kennel*  
**Druid**

CH Tannochbrae's Ardfillan Hills, JC  
1 September 1998 – 21 September 2009

This morning I had to say good bye to my old hound Druid. Even though he had cardiomyopathy, he'd been doing well so it was somewhat unexpected.

Druid was a good boy even though he was a counter surfer and thought it was great fun to bump women in their boobs and he never did learn how to share the bed. After a slow start he turned into a great show dog and we had a lot of fun in the group ring both alone and with his nephew Dragon as a brace. I'll never forget the day we got the brace BIS. Or the last specialty when we made it to the final cut and just missed getting an AOM.

The time we have with our dogs is so short I always wonder why we subject ourselves to the inevitable pain. Then I look into the eyes of the dogs around me or laugh at their goofiness and realize that it is the price we pay for such a wonderful, unique and awesome relationship. A high price, a terrible price, a painful price but I think, in the end, a just price. Look at what we get in return...

Our time with our dogs is like strawberry season in the Willamette valley. Short, sweet, intense and full of flavor. And over before we are ready.

~Peggy~