



# The Barker

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Monthly newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club  
March, 2016  
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## Barker Editor Brings Changes

Hello, new Barker editor here. Just want to give you some information about a few minor changes to the Barker. First of all, the Brags section is now titled the Gallery of Brags so that all your beautiful pictures can be included. Remember, brags can be anything you are proud and happy about. Did you get a new dog? Introduce him! Is your beautiful girl going to be a mom? Tell us the details. As always, titles, legs and achievements (of any kind) are



welcome. Another new bit is "Instructor's Notes", a couple of paragraphs for those who teach classes to give them some tips or update them on information about

classes. As always, the notes from both the Board and Membership meetings, and Alison's Book Reviews will appear inside. The final new column to watch for is "Volunteer Puppportunities," a place for members to find out what they can do for the club to help earn those all-important volunteer hours.

If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Alicia at glocthebarker@gmail.com.



*"I didn't get where I am by trying to please."*

## Volunteer Puppportunities

*Need to get those volunteer hours in? Try one of these opportunities. Contact information is included with each job or contact Robin Bonge at [glocvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:glocvolunteer@gmail.com).*

Greater Lincoln Obedience Club - Obedience Fun Match  
Sunday, February 28th 9:00 am.

Entries Taken From 8:30am to 10:00am

Match begins at 9:00am. Three rings - Callers for Novice, Open and Utility. \$5.00 Per Run

Match Chair: Robin James [1-402-499-1794](tel:1-402-499-1794)

This is a great opportunity to help the club and get volunteer hours in. This is also a great opportunity to get some practice in for upcoming obedience trials.

April 2 – 4-H Paws On Dog Clinic – this annual 4-H clinic will be hosted at GLOC. The youth will have time to go through sessions on Obedience, Rally, Agility and Showmanship. There are also times on the schedule for demos. If you are interested in helping or bringing your dog to help with the demos please contact Kat Potthoff at [kpotthoff1@unl.edu](mailto:kpotthoff1@unl.edu).

### Instructors and Assistants needed for all classes.

Interested in helping teach classes? Want to enjoy the power of making up to 10 people and their dogs do what you say? Love the idea of working with people and dogs? Want to help promote dog sports? Contact Alicia Graybill at [a\\_graybill@yahoo.com](mailto:a_graybill@yahoo.com) to help with obedience classes or Jayne Sebby at [glocsportsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:glocsportsdirector@gmail.com) to help with agility classes.

*Have a demo, event, class or other volunteer puppportunity for members? Send it to Robin Bonge at [glocvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:glocvolunteer@gmail.com) and copy glocthebarker@gmail.com.*

Board Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2016

In attendance: Amy Hoger, Kat Potthoff, Judy Vitamvas, Jessica Bruns, Teresa Lee, Susan Melcher, Alicia Graybill, Martha Anderson, Jayne Sebby, Julee Vincent

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Judy Vitamvas

Treasures report: Noelie will be bringing all of the financial records this evening to Susan. The recent barn hunts grossed \$97 and there are still some bills for this event outstanding. Income for the month of January was \$5,571 and expenses were \$6,233 for a net loss of \$482. Current balances in checking and savings are \$17,441 and \$43,028 respectively.

Correspondence: Amy sent out a birthday card to Vince for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There was a nice write up about him in the newspaper.

Committee reports:

Sports Director: Jayne reported on the two meetings held at her home seeking input on the agility classes. All comments have been summarized and will be posted here that the building. The discussions involved revamping the curriculum and the general consensus was the need for at least one course dedicated to high level competition dogs. Classes will employ a skills based advancement model and instructors will expect more practice outside of class. It was also recommended that Agility Handling be included in the SCC course offerings so that non-members have a better understanding if they would like to continue with agility and become club members. This would not be included in the course catalog right away. Members who have completed Competition 1 or 2 have been included on the schedule for covering open agility on Sunday afternoons. Anyone not able to be there on the date they are assigned needs to find a replacement or switch with another member. She also reported that she has instructors for all classes. Jayne is looking into purchasing a different table. It appears that most of the vendors are selling the exact same model. She will do more searching for a suitable table. Jayne has the club credit card with Kathy Zupanic's name. It was noted that our current bank requires all signers to go down to the bank to sign documents when we have a change in check signers. There was consensus that Susan should investigate

possibly changing banks to one that is more "user friendly".

Obedience Director: Alicia reported she is in need of teachers for the Obedience Level 2 classes. There are plenty for all of the other levels. If anyone is interested, please contact Alicia. The obedience instructors will be meeting sometime soon to review and re-vamp the curriculum.

Building: No report

Membership: No report

Old Business:

Denise contacted the I Love My Dog Expo organizers and got them to donate a booth to GLOC in exchange for club members providing demonstrations. There was concern raised about the type of flooring and how that will limit the type of demonstrations the club is willing to provide. It was decided that a sub-committee will be formed to compile what GLOC wants in terms of space and flooring. This will be communicated to the Dog Expo organizers with a deadline for response. It was also suggested that we could provide CGC testing during the event.

Martha reported that she found an unsigned contract for the CPE trial. She is negotiating with the Sporting Center on price as March is their prime time.

New Business:

The 4-H Dog clinic will be held here at the club on April 2 and members usually do demonstrations over lunch.

The Bellevue Dog Obedience Club has asked to rent our timers for their agility event in May. This is an inside trial. We did rent them timers in an emergency situation in the past. It was recommended that any rental arrangement be accompanied by a written agreement. Kat moved that we offer to rent the times to BDOC at \$200 per day with a written contract. Alicia seconded. Motion carried.

The possibility of running radio ads on KFOR was brought forward. The ads would run \$50 per ad. The board will consider this in the future.

The Capital Humane Society has invited GLOC to provide demonstrations at their annual pet walk. There is no charge to GLOC and it is an outside event at

Fallbrook in May. In the past we have done Agility, Flyball, Obedience and Rally. Jayne motioned that we provide demonstrations and Amy seconded. Motion carried.

GLOC has also been invited back to the Child Advocacy Center in April to provide demonstrations for their event.

The possibility of a GLOC blog was discussed. Andy volunteered to set up and organize the blog but we would need someone to coordinate content contributors. Since our by-laws state that our official means of communication is the Barker and we are still in need of a Barker Editor (Alicia is graciously doing this now) we should use that for now. Judy will ask the general membership if anyone would be interested in taking this project on.

Judy brought forward the nomination from Janet Ball of Nancy Bowen for Lifetime Membership. Nancy has over 20 years of exceptional service to the club. A motion was made by Kat to accept this nomination and seconded by Amy. Motion carried.

Alicia motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jayne seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes** February 4, 2016

Members present: Pat Guticz, Pam Eckstein, Denise Want, Joan Olander, Cheryl Griffith, Alicia Graybill, Julie Pelster, Lynn Buckner, Jennifer Brown, Susan Melcher, Jessica Bruns, Judy Lee Vincent, Katherine Zupancic, Robin James, Jeannine Beer, Teresa Predmore, Eileen VanLent, Kat Potthoff, Carrie Johnstone, Kerri Paulsen, Kelly Snyder, Adrienne Schlake, Noelle Ackerman Sherdon, Bradley Hicken, Danielle Green, Teresa Barney, Martha Anderson, Dan Moravec, Mary Schweitzer, Jayne Sebbby, Gisele Olney, Lee Marshall, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Judy Vitamvas.

Minutes from the January meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve was made by Jayne and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Susan reported revenues of \$5,751 and expenses of \$6,233 for net loss of \$482 in January. Current balances in checking and savings are \$17,441 and \$43,028 respectively. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Noelle and seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

### Reports:

Correspondence: A birthday card was sent to Vince for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sports Director: Jayne reported on the two meetings held at her home seeking input on the agility classes. All comments have been summarized and will be posted here that the building. Jayne will be sending out a list of folks to supervise Sunday Open Agility time (2:30 to 4:30 pm). Anyone on the list not able to cover their time needs to switch with someone. The list will be posted on the board. Martha reported the 3/16 CPE Trial is up and running. She still needs volunteers and a signup sheet will be circulated. We are still in need of a chair for the November trial.

Obedience Director: Alicia reported that the obedience instructors will be meeting sometime soon to review and re-vamp the curriculum. She is also in need of teachers for the Obedience Level 2 classes. There are plenty for all of the other levels. If anyone is interested, please contact Alicia. At this time Alicia is serving as the Barker Editor. She is willing to continue if there are no other interested parties.

Building: No report

Membership: Teresa introduced new members Bradley Hicken and Janene Douglas (will be here next month). Reminder all forms and payments are due by 3/1/2016 in order to remain a member in good standing. Susan will be reviewing membership forms, activity passes and key agreements. She will make requests if there are missing or incomplete information.

### Old Business

Gisele reported on registration for the winter. Denise contacted the Pet Expo organizers and they have offered to give GLOC a free booth in exchange for providing some demonstrations. In order to ensure that the space is adequate and safe for demonstrations, it has been recommended that a subcommittee be formed to determine what our requirements and conditions are for

equipment and flooring and communicate that back to the event organizers. A volunteer signup sheet will be sent out.

We are in need of someone to serve as the November CPE Trial Chair. There is some paperwork that must be done 6 months in advance, which is this month. Judy F has a file of information to pass on to the next chair. Anyone interested can contact Jayne and she can send out the job description. Pat offered to help this individual if need be.

Martha reported that the March trial is coming up fast and volunteers are still needed. The club also held two barn hunts the past two Saturdays. There are still some extra straw bales for sale from the event at \$4 each.

#### New Business

Kat reported on the 4-H clinic and is still in need of volunteers to do demonstrations over lunch. The event is held April 2 at the GLOC building. The club has been invited to do demos at the Capital Humane Society Pet Walk in May. We have participated in the past with agility and obedience demonstrations. Judy V inquired if there were any members who would like to start a GLOC blog. The consensus was that there was no interest at this time and the club should maximize their Facebook presence prior to taking on a blog.

#### Announcements

The meeting concluded with brags and introductions. Noelie motioned to adjourn the meeting and Teresa B seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

The awards ceremony was held immediately after the general meeting.

Awards list will be printed in a future issue of the Barker.

#### Allison's Book Nook



*Don't Dump the Dog* offers practical advice for solving behavior problems of dogs, along with lots of laughs and a few tears. Randy Grimm is well-qualified to write this collection of stories and solutions, given that he's devoted two decades of his life to rescuing street dogs and operates the well-known Stray Rescue in Missouri. As with

the biography written about him by Melinda Roth, *Don't Dump the Dog* will also make you at least a little mad. This opening chapter sets the stage for how the rest of the book is laid out, being hilarious in setup and style, practical in advice about how to channel the energy of an A.D.D. dog, and poignant in showing just how deep the emotional needs of stray rescued dogs can be. After sharing the owner's letter, which states that he wants to return his dog due to being too hyper, Grimm goes on to talk about how he probably should have responded more politely but... The evening before a dog had went into labor and so Grimm had spent the night ensuring the pups were all born okay. On top of that, most of the volunteers had called in sick—Grimm suspected they weren't sick but instead avoiding having to deal with a terrier who smelled of skunk. As telephones rang, the coffeemaker overflowed, and kenneled dogs barked for breakfast, in walks the owner of the A.D.D. dog. Grimm walks off with the dog to find a holding area, leaving the owner to handle the computer, the phones, and other interruptions. While not all chapters are equal, many like this one made me laugh and think, while also rewarding me with a happy end. The owner decides not only to keep his own dog but he also adopts a companion for her.

With regards to practical advice, I particularly appreciated the ones on aggressive and submissive dogs. In each case, Grimm overviews the origins of dogs, and explains how why some dogs might attack or defecate in the house. His explanations make all too clear how carefully owners need to be the type of dog they pick. Finding oneself with bullies and crybabies will obviously bring challenges, which dog owners need to be prepared to handle them. Otherwise that's when a dog who has already faced a lot of trauma in its life will end up being abandoned at a shelter, which no matter how well-run it

is, can't help but scare a dog simply by not being a home. Instead of dumping their dog, owners instead should turn to books such as those by dog experts such as Randy Grimm to find advice on how to manage their unruly "child". I won't give away all his advice here, but just enough to tantalize you. For example, when it comes to dogs who try to dominate, teaching them through the command "SIT" who is in charge of their food and other resources is a good start. When it comes to dogs who are more subservient, Grimm is a huge fan of bringing out hot dogs and helping them associate pleasure with what scares them.

As for why the book will make you mad, foremost, far too many of these stories will make you realize how cavalier or even abusive the attitude of some dog owners are. The losers are the dogs who end up strays. While many of them will end up finding forever homes and adjusting well, some will never be whole again because of how their owner deserted or abused them, which breaks my heart. With regards to the latter, Grimm mostly focuses on how to help those dogs as well as commends those who will work with them. As for the cavalier attitude, there are few situations more upsetting than owners who bring their dog to the shelter simply because it can no longer see, hear, or walk well. In all other ways, the dog is often perfect. The dog is more than likely housebroken, probably gets along with neighborhood dogs, and might even have passed obedience class. Yet the dog is being traded for a puppy, like one might trade an old car for a new model. While Grimm does offer practical advice in situations like these, he spends just as much time on a soapbox. Each chapter of *Don't Dump the Dog* starts with a letter from a pet owner, which voices a complaint and ends with the request for a date of when the owner can return his/her dog to Grimm's rescue. After each letter is a response from Grimm, generally never sent, which are mostly funny but occasionally are bitchy in their sarcasm. The remainder of each chapter tells the story of the dog in question, maybe something about the owner, and offers some advice. While the usefulness of each chapter varies, overall this is a must-have guide. From dealing with a noisy dog to one that bites, Grimm covers a wide variety of situations that many owners face at one time or another, and offers humor along with sound advice. – Submitted by Allison Hunter-Frederick

## Instructor's Notes



With the move from 6 week long classes to 5 week classes, there is a need to restructure the current syllabus. All instructors and assistants are invited to a meeting on Saturday, March 19, at 12:00 noon to trade

ideas, discuss where the obedience program is going and finalize the syllabus. If you'd like to contribute but can't attend, please call Alicia at 402-465-5393 or email at [a\\_graybill@yahoo.com](mailto:a_graybill@yahoo.com).

If you aren't on Facebook but are interested in seeing some of the great dog training articles we've found, email me and I'll send you a list of the resources that have appeared that week.

## Even Dogs Do IT...



# Gallery of Brags

From Mary Schweitzer: February 12th, Kael finished his CDX with a 2nd place in Des Moines, Iowa. (Where's the title picture?)

*Barn Hunt took precedence this month. No matter what breed, you need to try this fun new sport.*



Chelsey and I went to the Barn Hunt in Omaha on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14. She qualified in Instinct and got 3 legs in Novice and received both the Instinct and Novice titles. This is Chelsey's first title. - Submitted by Pam Eckstein



Riko attended the 2 Barn Hunt practice sessions held at GLOC. Riko and I went to the competition in Omaha. He received his RATI title for Rat Instinct Test and also his RATN title for Novice Barn Hunt. - Submitted by Kat Potthoff

Judy Vitamvas with Blaze received their RATI title for Rat Instinct Test and a Q in Novice. Blaze really loves this new adventure! (As noted by several of his club mates.) - Submitted by Kat Potthoff

Three students out of Lynn Buckner's Tracking Class had a Tracking Certification Test - all 3 passed and now can enter a tracking test to compete for a Tracking Dog title.

In the photo - L to R - Andy Fritzinger tracked with Nyx; Dian Quist, Certified Tracking Judge; Terri Lee tracked with Tillie; Terese Pirl tracked with Peej.



Trip weaving. - Submitted by Pat Guticz, photo by Judy Foreman

## THE BARKER, MARCH, 2016

MEETING AGENDA March 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Greeting/Introductions

Minutes Feb.

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Committee Reports

Sports Director - Jayne

Obedience Director - Alicia

Building

Membership - New member applications

Old Business

Pet Expo

March Trial - Martha

New Business

Any arising?

Announcements

Braggs

Left over awards.

### Pupcoming Events

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, March 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Agility Trial – Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13 @ 7:30 a.m. Loading agility equipment Friday, March 11, unloading Sunday, March 13.

Obedience Instructors' Meeting – Saturday, March 19 @ 12:00 p.m.

Barker Deadline – Sunday, March 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

4H Dog Clinic – Saturday, April 2