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The Greater Lincoln Obedience Club Monthly Newsletter



Fun was had by all at the Annual Holiday Party! Santa came and brought presents, everyone shared yummy food and treats, there was laughter, photos with Santa and puppy dog kisses.



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Check out all the photos from the Holiday Party, thank you Dan!!

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Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2015 – GLOC Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cheryl Griffith, Martha Anderson, Judy Vitamvas, Jessica Bruns, Noelle Sherdon, Julie Vincent, Kathy Zupancic, and Leath McLaughlin. Melissa Marinovich, Alicia Graybill and Amy Hoger were absent.

Visitor: Marilyn Duba

The meeting was called to order by Judy at 1:30 PM. Julie moved and Martha seconded to approve the minutes from the October 2015 regular board meeting as submitted. The minutes were approved.

MINUTES

The board minutes from October and November were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for the month of November was \$18,068.46. Expenses were \$13,132.28 for a profit of \$4,936.18. The checking account balance is \$39,972.17. The savings account balance is \$17,439.79 for total assets of \$57,411.96. The treasurer's report was approved. Noelle did mention that our club insurance premium may increase with the next premium.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amy sent a card to Noelle on the loss of Scooter and to Eileen Van Lent on the death of her brother.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Sports Director: No report

Class Registration Director: No report

Obedience Director: It was reported

that the class schedules are set.

Building Supervisor: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing: No report.

Website/Facebook: No report.

Membership: Teresa has sent out vouchers for reduced membership dues.

Nominating Committee: A slate on officer nominees was presented at the general club meeting. See the general membership minutes for an updated report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy has tabled the security camera purchase. Judy is also the awards chairperson for this year. Awards will be presented at the February general meeting. All awards applications must be turned into Judy by the January 7 meeting. Typically, the Golden Bolt Award has been chosen by the board. Cheryl asked why the board has selected the recipient of this award and not the obedience instructors, since board members don't have any background on the accomplishments of obedient dogs. The award choice will be sent on to obedience instructors.

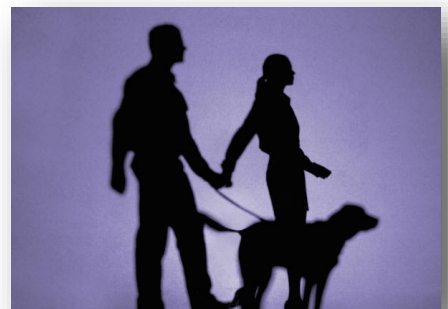
NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Duba addressed the board about her concern with the competition and non-competition tracks for agility classes. The new board will revisit the structure of the classes and decide if it's still relevant. When the changes were initiated in January 2015 it was noted then that this

would be re-evaluated in a year. Alicia Graybill agreed to stay on as obedience director for one more year. Thank you Alicia. A search for a new director continues. The upcoming board will discuss having the obedience and sports director jobs come up in off years. It was discussed that in 2016 the board needs to have more clarification in the by-laws about: 1. The donation to club members on an immediate family members' death or a club member's death and 2. The dues change regarding volunteer hours. It was asked about just adding an addendum, rather than rewriting the by-laws.

It was moved by Noelle and seconded by Julie to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM. The next board meeting will be January 7 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Griffith, recording secretary.



CPE Trial

Thank you all you great GLOC members who volunteered at the CPE trial over the Thanksgiving Weekend!

It was a great turnout with over 300 runs per day. Our awesome Course Building Chief Leath McLaughlin and his crew, Kerri Paulsen, John Wilson, and Walt K., kept our trial moving and we got done each day in record time! Thank you to others that stepped in and helped with course building.

Saturday we served chili and cinnamon rolls to our competitors. Pat Guticz and Judy Foreman made some really tasty Chili and Kerri Paulsen's mom made the cinnamon rolls. Thank you Grace Trevett's mom for running our kitchen both days and for all the wonderful treats she brought.

Because our judge, Mike Willis, likes to have fun....on Saturday Pat Guticz donated California Raisin toys and for every qualifying run competitors got to take one, there

was chocolate for those that didn't qualify..... and on Sunday, it was Pajama Day. A trophy for the best pair of pj's was awarded to Aussie's mom (oh my I cannot remember her name) who was dressed in old fashioned pajama's and hat and Teresa Barney got 2nd place with her Minion pajamas (it was a tie that had to be broken by eating chocolate and playing rock paper scissors, very technical.)

Corey Legrand came and took pictures of our dogs in Christmas regalia. Thank you Corey!

Each day there is a High in Trial ribbon awarded and it went to a brand new competitor, she got it both days! (wish I could remember names)

I can never say enough thanks to all that helped. Lynn Buckner kept us moving and our volunteer spots filled. Pat Guticz was not only my pre-trial sanity, but our scribe guru and trained Raven Clone in the fine art of Scribing. Martha Anderson was my right hand woman on Saturday. Kerri

Paulsen was the truck packing czar. Cheryl Griffith and Judy Vitamvas were amazing in helping us on Sunday.

Rosemary Strasser our trial secretary came in on Saturday sick as a dog and even though she didn't feel well she stuck it out and even ran her dogs. Gotta love her.

Anyway, I love you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you did to make the trial a success,

Judy Foreman, Trial Chair

PS...Congratulations to all the GLOC novice dogs that ran at the trial. You were amazing and I am so very happy for your successes.

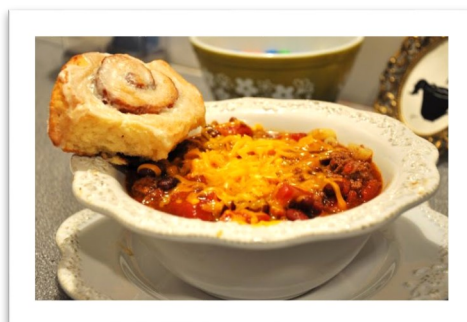
Robin and Maggie

Megan and Bo

Jessica and Bella

Denise and Summer

I think I am missing some!



FEATURED BABY

Autumn Lily Louise Marinovich



Congratulations Melissa and John on your new Human baby girl!

Born November 21st at 10:38pm. She was 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20 1/4 inches.

Melissa, enjoy life with Autumn, while we will miss you at GLOC, we are very happy about your new endeavor.

General Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2015 General Member Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Julee Vincent, Jennifer Brown, Jeannine Beer, Danielle Green, Teresa Barney, Leath McLaughlin, Susan Melcher, Noelle Sherdon, Mary Schweitzer, Rosalie Claussen, Carmen Sandell, Kathy Zupancic, Rose & Doug, Grace Trevett, Jessica Bruns, Jean Schlukbier, Beth Vincent, Alicia Graybill, Judy Lambert, Allison Hunter-Frederick, Andy Frederick, Marcy Graybill, Kathy Phillip, Katie & Howard Schwartz, Evan & Teresa Lee, Lee Marshall, Raven Klone, Kerri Paulsen, Kelley Snyder, Vince Kamrath, Judy Vitamvas

Guests: None

The evening started with the annual GLOC Christmas Potluck. The party was planned by Kathy Zupancic, Jean Schlukbier and Jessica Bruns. Members and their dogs got to visit and take photos with Santa Clause. Following the dinner, the meeting was called to order by President Judy Vitamvas.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Noelle Sherdon presented the treasurer's report for November 2015. Income for the month was \$18,068.46. Expenses were \$13,132.28 for a gain of \$4,936.18. The checking account balance is \$39,972.17. The savings account balance is \$17,439.79 for total assets of \$57,411.96. The treasurer's report was approved.

REPORTS

Building Superintendent: No report

Correspondence: No Report

Obedience Training Director: Alicia reported on the upcoming classes that will be offered. There will also be educational seminars scheduled for instructors and assistants. Even though Alicia has resigned from the Obedience Training Director position, she is willing to continue for six months and have someone new come on at that time.

Sports Director: The CPE agility trial was a great success with over 600 runs in two days. Judy Foreman was the trial chair and did a great job with great volunteers. A financial report will be presented later.

Flyball: No report.

Membership: Membership dues are due in December.

Marketing/upcoming activities: No report

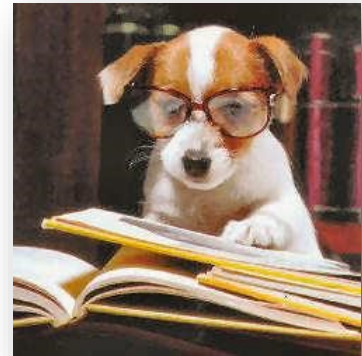
Class Registration: No report

OLD BUSINESS: The awards meeting will be in February. Any member whose dog earned a new title in 2015 should complete an award form and return it to Judy Vitamvas by the January general meeting. Judy noted that the 2016 Board of Directors election will be at the January meeting. The slate of nominations are:

Susan Melcher, Treasurer

Jeannine Beer, Recording Secretary

Jayne Sebby, Sports Director



Obedience Training Director, TBA

At-Large Board Members, Teresa Barney. There were nominations from the floor from Kelley Snyder, Kathy Phillip and Kathy Potthoff for at-large members too.

Next month's meeting will be January 7

Announcements: Members shared their brags about their dogs and exciting other things.

Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Griffith, recording secretary



In Remembrance

Jackson crossed the Rainbow Bridge Dec 9th at K state animal science. Summer misses him so much. He got diagnosed with IMHA Nov 4 and had many trips to the vet. with improvements in some areas , that gave us hope but he continued to have more lumps and labored breathing. Even with all those problems, he was still wagging his tail and had so much fun at the party. the weekend followed with no improvements and a trip to Manhattan was necessary. After the ultra sound with internal medicine , his body and lungs were full of cancer and oxygen was not helping. It was, one of the worst days of my life and I had to prepare myself to say good-bye to my best friend, the best costume wear'er, the best racquet ball player, and if you would ask him , the best comedian. He loved everyone at Gloc and all the parties. And one of his biggest loves was dock-diving and we went on several road trips, earning several metals and ribbons. Much to my surprise, was his dock-diving picture 4 1/2 years ago, placed last weekend at the Grand Island shopping mall as part of the State Fair advertising, what a beautiful remembrance.

Denise Want



Jackson



Reminders and Announcements

I have been asked to remind everyone about a couple of important rules at our club.

IMPORTANT:

All dogs must be on a leash unless they are working in a ring. Repeat All Dogs must be on a leash unless they are working in a ring. This includes inside and outside of the building.



While your dog may be friendly to people and other dogs, not all dogs or people may welcome their advances. Be courteous to your fellow members.

One of the perks of being an instructor is to get time in a ring between classes to work with your own dog.

REMINDER: The 1/2 hour between classes is time for instructors to work with their dogs. It is not open ring time. Unless the instructor has invited you to work in the ring with them, please stay out of the ring so they can work with their dog. If you want time in a ring by yourself please come in when there are not classes going on OR how about becoming an instructor so you get the special perk of working your dog between classes. Contact the Obedience or Sports Director about becoming an instructor.

Instructors please end your classes on time so the next instructor can use and set up the ring.

To all activity pass holders:

Just a reminder that your 2015 activity pass payments should be completed by the end of the year. Checks can be left in the cash boxes at the building or mailed to the club P.O. Box. Just be sure to mark the check to be credited to your 2015 activity pass.

If you have a question as to where you are with your activity pass payments, please send me an email (gloctreasurer@gmail.com)

I will get back to you ASAP.

Thanks for your cooperation,
Noelie Sherdon



The January meeting is election time for officers. In order to vote you must have your dues paid in full before the election.

Our slate of nominees:

Treasurer: Susan Melcher

Recording Secretary: Jean-nine Beer, Teri Lee

Sports Director: Jayne Sebbby

Obedience Training Director: Open

Board Member: Teresa Barney, Adrienne Schlake,
Nominated at Dec Meeting: Kelly Snyder, Kathy Phillip, Kat Potthoff



General Announcements

Welcome aboard!

Class Registration Director

Gisele Olney is our new Class Registration Director. Gisele and her Collie pack have been members for a year.

She can be reached at gloctraindirector@gmail.com.

Gisele is an automation guru and has great ideas on how to make registration easier for herself and you.

Thank you Gisele for taking on this job!!

You are appreciated and I am so thankful that you are willing to take this on.

Judy Foreman

Facebook Administrator

Adrienne Schlake will be taking over our Facebook page. Be sure to like our page and follow all the great posts! Thank you for taking this on Adrienne, we all look forward to seeing your posts.

Thank you Ashly Eickmeier for taking care of our facebook page this last year.

We will miss you.....

We have a couple long time members leaving us this year. They have given us so very much over the years and they will be missed:

Melissa Marinovich—Board member, Sports Director, AKC Agility Trial Chair, Barker Editor, class registrations, Teacher.

Judy Foreman—Board member, Agility Classes Manager, teacher, Class Registrations, Barker Editor, Marketing, CPE agility chair, and a little bit of everything.

Barker Editor needed:

Starting next month a new Barker editor is needed to take over the Barker Email address, publishing of the newsletter, and sending general announcements. Contact Judy Vitamvas if you are interested. She can be reached at

glocpresident@gmail.com

Obedience Training Director Needed

Alicia has agreed to stay on for a while, but we need someone to step up and take on this position.

If you haven't held a Board position before or taken on a role of responsibility now is your chance.

Judy Foreman

ANNOUNCEMENT!!

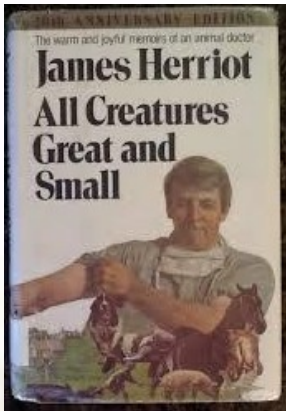
I'd like to welcome Dr. Mimi Harvey in joining me at Tomorrow's Vet Care in Waverly, as I take ownership there the first of the year, and to Woodland Vet Wellness in Hickman!

Raven Klone

I would like to congratulate the club. 2015 was a very busy year & everyone that helped make the club a success - Congratulations and Thank You! To the board members who are going out in 3 weeks - the members who are continuing in 2016 - thank you for all your hard work. To the members who are not on the board - who do so much for the club - Membership - Teresa Barney, Marketing - Jayne Sebbby, Registration of Classes - Judy Foreman (Gisele Olney will be taking on this task in 2016), Building Maintenance - Andy Fritzinger, The Barker - Judy Foreman. Thank you for all you do. We had 8 Show N Go's - Thank you Robin James for making these happen. We had 3 AKC Agility Trials - Melissa Marinovich Trial Chair - Lisa Black Trial Secretary - Jayne Sebbby Course Builder. Thank you for all you do. We had an AKC Obedience Trial - Robin James Trial Chair- Thank you for all you do. We had an CPE Agility Trial - Judy Foreman Trial Chair - Leath McLaughlin Course Builder. Thank you for all you do.

Dog Splash - Janet Ball. Thank you for all you do. Vince Kamrath - thank you for always reminding us to save our Best Choice Labels UPC Codes. To all the members who Teach or Assist Teach - THANK YOU - you not only help the club - you help keep dogs in homes. To all the members who volunteer for whatever I ask for - THANK YOU! You won't hear from me till 2016 :) Congratulations on a wonderful year.

Robin Bonge



Reading with Allison

James Herriot is a masterful storyteller. Today I'm reviewing the 20th anniversary edition of his book *All Creatures Great and Small*, which is subtitled "the warm and joyful memoirs of an animal doctor".

In this first memoir of several, Herriot shares how he became a veterinarian assistant and all the adventures this occupation entails. His stories are funny, gritty, riveting, eye-opening, and a host of other positive adjectives. I've enjoyed reading Herriot's memoir this week, as much I did when I first discovered it as a young person.

When I initially read *All Creatures Great and Small*, the animal stories are why I liked it. One that appears frequently is that of Tricki, a Pekingese dog, who is owned an elderly widow by the name of Ms. Pumphrey. She dotes on Tricki so much that she overfeeds him. And she doesn't just overfeed him dog food or even meat scraps. No, this dog also receives cake and other sweets. Because of Herriot's respectful care of Tricki, he earns the prestigious title of Uncle, with which comes various favors including invitations to parties.

There are numerous other memorable animal stories too. Some our sad, such as that of a widower whose fourteen-year-old dog is his best friend. The dog's swollen abdomen is due to inoperable cancer. Others are happier, such as that of the young farmer whose livelihood depended

on a cow who had developed a bad case of summer mastitis. After a night of having her udder massaged every thirty minutes, along with other care, the cow surprises everyone by returning to normal health. Finally, some stories just show the varied nature of being a vet. For example, there's the incident where Herriot proclaims a cow to have a broken pelvis and not capable of ever walking again, only to have the cow walking about the next morning in the fields as if nothing had ever been wrong. Or there's the incident where a farmer tries to get Herriot to sign a statement that said his cow had died from lightning, when clearly she died of heart failure. There are many priceless tales!

Upon my recent rereading of *All Creatures Great and Small*, I found it to be as rich in stories about people as animals. In 1937, there was usually two or three vacancies with an average of eighty applicants for each one. For that reason, Herriot feels appreciative and excited about the opportunity to interview for an assistant position in the country. He spends the drive to his interview trying to imagine his prospective new boss. Once he arrives, however, he finds that the employee has left to visit his mother. He waits a couple of hours, during which time various clients come by to call on the doctor, before Mr. Farnon actually returns. The whole situation makes Herriot wonder if a joke was being played on him.

There are numerous other memorable characters too. An outstanding one is Mr. Farnon, who hates to admit to mistakes. When Herriot and Farnon receive



a call to visit a neighbor, they argue over the correct name. Farnon turns out to be the one in the wrong, but instead he admonishes Herriot to be more careful in the future. Similar situations repeatedly happen. Farnon more than once blames Herriot for an incorrect diagnosis or for a careless use of the practice's car. Another outstanding example is Tristan, who is Mr. Farnon's brother. After failing his vet exams, Tristan turns up for a visit and never leaves. He then becomes the subject instead of Farnon's wrath, except the difference is Tristan often deserves it. For example, when the three take on the simple task of raising hens and then pigs, Tristan can't even keep the livestock contained in a pen. Finally, there are the locals, many of whom believe that they knew more than the vets, and always enjoy an opportunity to prove the vets wrong. When I first sat down to write this review, I struggled with deciding on what highlights to share. There are so many excellent qualities about Herriot's memoir, including simply how well he writes. His stories foreshadow what lies ahead, hold conflict and no easy solutions, offer food for thought, and finally just simply entertain. I'm eager to have time to reread the rest of Herriot's memoirs! Allison

<http://allisonsbookbag.wordpress.com/.wordpress.com/>

BARKER BRAGS



After implementing "Therapy Dogs During Finals Week" at the college where my mom teaches (SCC) and collecting 2.5 years of data on students in higher education and their satisfaction with stress-reducing therapy dogs, my mom and I will be presenting the results of our research findings at a national conference in Chicago in March of 2016. The conference involves innovations in community college education. My mom and I look forward to the freezing Chicago weather. I am also looking forward to spending a few days in Chicago with that "hunk of a guy", Shadow Vincent, who will be helping me as a therapy dog at this conference. I am living proof that dogs with disabilities can accomplish a lot!

Happy Holidays.—Skylar Zupancic

Sir Shad of Newport (Shadow) earned 1 Q at Wahoo and but for his handler would have had 2 Q.s. He was only entered in two runs as I hoped he would double Q and be in the 4 level in everything before his retirement. Bizzy Boy also earned 1 Q at Wahoo on his very first run EVER and also might have gotten his 2nd Q but for his handler. Was a really nice show in Wahoo and thanks to everyone and even the weather cooperated somewhat.

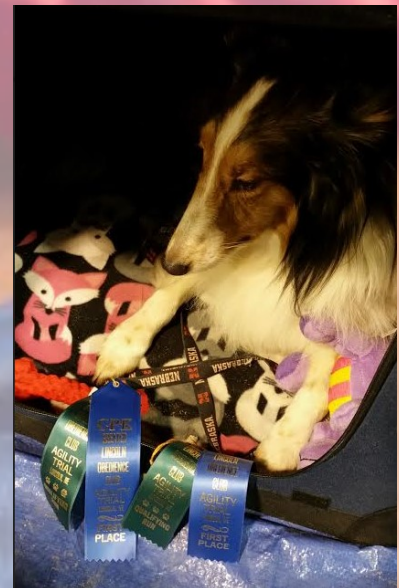
—Julee Vincent

Happy Birthday!



Miss Maggie Maggs competed in her first agility trial. GLOC CPE Trial and had a wonderful time. She received 2 Q's - we did better than I thought we would. It was a fun adventure for both of us. Robin Bonge

Happy Birthday Maggie!!! December 20th—
7 years old, from Thunder and Lightning



Summer has had a lot of fun learning new things and developing confidence in 2015. I wasn't sure that Summer was going to get fly ball, but she not only got it, but loves it. Sumer and I have been taking several agility classes to get her ready for a trial. She was hesitating a lot at the jumps and just not being motivated. We entered her in her first CPE trial Nov 28 /29 in Wahoo and she left me in the dirt, she showed excitement and speed and earned 5 ribbons, so we cant wait for the next trial. Summer also had a full "summer" of learning the dock diving with Dock-dogs and Super Retriever Series, and she earned her first title with North American Diving Dogs Oct 4th. Summer is a registered therapy dog with AseraCare and Community Hospice. She loves the visits —Denise Want

BARKER BRAGS

Riko received several q's and ribbons at the recent CPE Agility trial hosted by GLOC in Wahoo. I relearned that you shouldn't take your eyes off of your dog during a run (even when you are about to biff it into the dirt/fence) but it still was a really good standard run! Thanks to everyone who helped in some way to make the CPE trial possible – there were a lot of runs and everything went so smoothly!

2015 was a busy year for Riko and I, branching out into new events with some successes (with hopeful plans to try some new dog events in 2016)! But

Well this has been a good month for Team McLaughlin. in the CPE show Blast was near perfect as he is closing on his second CATCH. Deja Vu had some good runs and was about 50 percent at the show. We moved on a couple of weeks later to the NADAC show in Lawrence where Blast Qed in 17 of 18 runs and earned his 5th Versatility NATCH. Deja Vu was a little under 50% on Q rate due to missing some she normally would get but She did hit some contacts and Got one Regular Q and qualified in her first two Chances runs in which she had to hit a dog walk handled at a distance so she ended the day really exciting me. Merry Christmas to all Leath

Rainwater Gunflint Trail aka Gunny earned his Rally Advanced title November 15 at our GLOC obedience and rally trials —Marilyn Scheffler



Tucker & Olive are Canine Good Citizens
Gisele Olney

From left to right- Harley, Tucker, Olive & Sam.

Time to say "So Long..."

It has been a fun ride doing the Barker and being a member over the last few years. For those of you that don't know the face behind the Barker, it probably has been a good thing....for those of you that do,Here are some memories that we shared!

Thank you everyone for making it fun, being great friends, and for letting me put together a newsletter for you all these years.

Judy Foreman



Photos courtesy of Andy Frederick and
Corey LeGrand



{Corey LeGrand 2014}

