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## *President's Message*

Dear PRBC Members and Friends:

I hope that this greeting finds you, your families, and your hounds well and happy as spring gets underway. PRBC has begun its year with an excellent Meet the Breed event in support of public education (see Suzi Paine's article in this edition of "Paw Prints"), and more noteworthy events are coming up in late spring and summer. The board members and I hope that you can be a part of the fun.

As always, your input and ideas are welcome, so we hope not only to see you but to hear from you as well. Please feel free to email any of us; our individual contact information is linked on the website under the "Membership" tab/board of directors.

Lynn Harty  
 President, Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club

As a follow-up to the November 2012 Pet Expo public education event, PRBC would like to give a shout-out and thank you to participants Kris and Laura Hansen and hounds Mojo and Rose; Tina Kocar and her niece Samantha with puppy Pebbles; Suzi Paine and hounds Harriet and Spud; Cindy Wolfrom; Becky Irving with Clara, Janis Hardy with Follie; Tim and Sheri Whetstine with Ruckus and Tuley; and Kim Bialkowski with Au. See more Pet Expo photos on page 3 of this newsletter.

## ABC Meet The Breed Public Education at the Seattle Kennel Club 2013 Shows

A major goal of the ABC's Public Education Committee is to host at least one annual ABC Meet The Breed event in every one of our six regions. Previous to 2013, we have only hosted two MTB events annually; one at the AKC Meet The Breed event in New York City, and one at the Eukanuba Invitational show in Orlando FL and Long Beach CA. We believe that public education is one of the most important things we can do as Bloodhound owners and club members, and that we should take every opportunity to teach and mentor those who have an interest in making a Bloodhound part of their family.

The Seattle shows on March 9 and 10 were chosen as the Northwest venue for the ABC Meet The Breed, as they are held in a large urban center and are traditionally well attended by the general public in addition to the show exhibitors and handlers. The upper floor of the Century Link Event center is set aside for Meet The Breed booths, and this year there were about 70 breeds represented, from the Berger Picard and other new and little-known breeds to the always popular Golden Retriever and German Shepherd.

The booth was set up on Friday night, and opened for business at 8 AM on Saturday morning. The beautiful 10' X 10' backdrop provided by the ABC to each region and featuring a 19th century painting of hunting Bloodhounds, was a great focal point and drew lots of attention to our booth. A collection of stuffed Bloodhounds and figurines helped decorate the booth, which offered written information on how to find a breeder, raising a puppy, what to expect and activities to do with your hound. We also had a Bloodhound coloring contest and "Today I Hugged A Bloodhound" stickers for kids. The stickers were very popular and by weekend's end

there were hundreds of kids (and even a few adults) wearing them!

To help defray the booth expenses, we sold donated dog toys for \$1.00 each, and we paid for our booth space and printing costs with the proceeds! The booth was jammed with people meeting, petting and being slobbered on by the dogs for most of both Saturday and Sunday. We had a nice variety of four-legged ambassadors to greet the public, in all three colors and ages from 4 months to 8 years. We also had some excellent two-legged volunteers to answer questions about the joys and challenges of our unique and beautiful hounds.

Many thanks go to the individuals who contributed to this highly successful event. Tina Kocar donated the toys that were so popular, and Sonnya Crawford created the beautiful table coverings. Our great on-site volunteers were Cindy Wolfrom, Dave and Heather Richards, Janis Hardy, and Sheri and Tim Whetstine. The canine representatives who charmed the public were Tillman, Pearl, Follie, Ruckus, Tulley, Spud and Harriet. Thanks to you all for helping to educate, which is truly one of the greatest of our responsibilities as stewards of our breed. I look forward to doing it again next year!

Suzi Paine, Coordinator  
ABC Public Education Committee

(See Meet The Breed photos on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of "PawPrints".)

### Man-Trailing 2013

Attention all man-trailing teams! Over Memorial Day weekend (May 25 and 26, pending final ABC approval) 2013, PRBC will host a trailing trial in Valleyford, Washington at the home of Sid and Lynn Harty. All levels of trails will be offered; judges are Janet Kelly, Sid Harty, Janis Hardy, and Betty Seigal.

The premium list and entry form will be now available on the website:

<http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.org/events.shtml>

Entries for the trailing trial close on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 5 PM, and must be received by that date and time.

## Some Enchanted Evening ...

Make plans to join us for "Some Enchanted Evening," our 2013 regional specialty, on the evening of Friday, August 16th. The regional will be held at the Expo Center in Enumclaw, Washington. This location is the site of the Olympic Kennel Club shows on Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th, so there will be bloodhounds galore on site.

When not showing or cheering on our beloved hounds, we will have reserved space, not far from the ring, for chatting with friends old and new. A yummy banquet of treats (for humans, that is) will be offered throughout the weekend, and we hope to see you there! Additional details will be posted on the PRBC website, but don't hesitate to contact event chair Sheri Whetstine ([outtamymgourd@hotmail.com](mailto:outtamymgourd@hotmail.com) or 360.316.9360) or trophy chair Janis Hardy ([burntoast1@gmail.com](mailto:burntoast1@gmail.com)) with any specific questions.

Speaking of trophies, donations to this year's trophy fund may be easily made via PayPal on the PRBC website:

<http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.org/events.shtml>

For the regional, PRBC is honored to welcome Sweeps judge Sylvie and Breed judge Bernadette Cox for this event. Do you know them? Read on!



**SYLVIE McGEE** came to dogs naturally – family lore has it that when her mother was pregnant with her, their bitch Smudgie was also in whelp. Growing up, Sylvie's family always had two

dogs, and she has only been dog-less briefly while living in barracks in the Navy, with a number of pound-pups in her life. When the last two died within weeks of each other, her partner wanted the certainty of a purebred. A long research process led them eventually to Basset Hounds, and their first several came from Basset rescue, with which she was heavily involved for many years. When they decided to try raising a puppy, they were fortunate to connect with Bobbi Brandt of Sasquatch Bassets, and to have had friends "in dogs" who confirmed that Bobbi was a reputable breeder of good dogs. Sylvie and her partner were willing to give showing a try, and Bob-

bi's request was that they "give it a good try for a year, and if you don't like the show ring, then spay her and keep her as a pet". Last fall, Sylvie was approved to judge Basset Hounds, and she is the Assistant Show Chair for her kennel club this year, so she guesses she liked it ok!

In the intervening 16 years, Sylvie has been fortunate to obtain, breed, show - and most importantly live with - some lovely Bassets. She is as proud of having produced happy, healthy, long-lived pups and having good relationships with the families they live with as she is of her champions and grand champions. Her current pack includes four Basset Hound bitches ranging in age from 3 to 13 years, and Hank-the-rescue-boy, who loves (platonically) all his girls!

Since Sylvie grew up with a Saint Bernard and then an Irish Wolfhound, she is drawn to dogs that she can pet without bending over. She often can found loitering around the Bloodhound ring to get some big-dog loving! She is thrilled to have been invited to judge sweepstakes at PRBC's regional specialty and says, "Sweepstakes are the best, as far as I'm concerned, because they combine the antics of the youngsters and the dignity of the elders - often making us laugh and cry in short order! Thank you so much for the trust you have put in me with this assignment."



**BERNADETTE F. COX** was given her first Golden in 1964, and produced her first litter in 1967. From her earliest litters, she donated five puppies to

Guide Dogs for the Blind in California. They had sent a team of Professional Guide Dog Trainers to evaluate her unique Golden Retrievers and requested puppies that would be used to form the Golden Retriever foundation breeding stock there. Prior to that, GSD's had only been used. From her first homebred litter, a full sister to the Guide Dogs, Ch. Kazak's Anastasia, became the foundation for her own breeding program.

Annie was one of the earliest OFA cleared Golden Retrievers, and she produced four litters, from the finest Champion sires of the day. From Annie came eight consecutive generations of amateur-owner handled line-bred Champions in a very small (28 litters) and se-

lective breeding program, which included GRCA Outstanding Sires, Show Dog Hall of Fame members, Guide Dogs, working gun dogs, and movie actors.

For nearly 40 years, Bernadette worked in the veterinary health field, as a surgical assistant, and eventually as the business/hospital manager of more than one veterinary corporation in California and Washington. She began judging in 1988, and now she judges the entire Sporting Group, Best in Show, Junior Showmanship, and several Hound breeds at home in the U.S. and abroad.

### More PRBC Fun at Pet Expo 2012!





*PRBC Fun at SKC's Meet the Breed 2013!*





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