



### PRBC Rescue Update

Spring 2014 has been very busy for PRBC with rescue bloodhounds numbering in the double digits. As many members are aware, seven of these hounds have been owned by Chris Toepel and Steve Passé. Chris passed away very unexpectedly last year, and PRBC rescue was contacted in late March 2014 to assist with re-homing.

Of the Toepel/Passé dogs, bloodhound Maggie and George, a border collie mix, remain with Steve. Sunny was put to rest with advanced stage cancer. Thank you, Cindy Wolfrom, for your very heroic efforts on Sunny's behalf. Tush has gone back to live with her breeder.



Bloodhound veteran dog Duke now enjoys life with Sid and Lynn Harty. Here he is with Sid.



Gus ...



... and Daisy, who is not a Topel/Passé hound but a red female from Elk, Washington, now live with Tom and Sharon Lamb of Harrison, Idaho.



Here is Gus with new mom Sharon and Gus and Daisy guarding the gate at the Lambs' house.



Saucy Stella, shown here beating the heat with her mastiff pal Louie, is being fostered by Jewlz Lane, new PRBC member and

foster mom also to Annabelle, modeling her pink swim attire below.

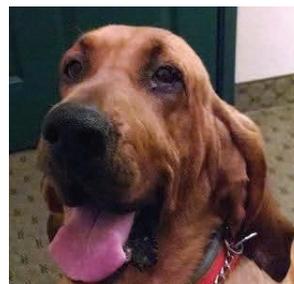


**News Flash:** Annabelle has just been adopted by Darren and Marina Coil of Bothell, Washington!



Perhaps the most remarkable transformation of the Toepel/Passé dogs has been with Susie, now renamed Dancer, who is being fostered by Deb Thomas-Blake of Harbor Rescue and Blakes' House of

Hounds. Dancer has lost 20 pounds, and Deb has had her Harder's glands taken care of. Here is Dancer today. Isn't she beautiful?



Rescue bloodhound Jethro, now known as Blue, is an enthusiastic red male, from the Port Townsend Shelter, who received his very own airplane ride courtesy of Pilots N Paws to his new home in Fallbrook, California with Mike and Car-ey Kennedy.





Clark of Kent, (whimsically named by Sheri Whetstine) from the Kent Animal Shelter, came to Valleyford over Memorial Day weekend to Alex Devilbiss, his new dad. You can see Clark and

Alex in the trailing trial summary further along in this issue of "Pawprints."

In terms of sheer volume, PRBC's spring numbers have been mirrored in the activities of other BH rescue groups nationwide. An article in the Spring 2014 *ABC Bulletin* (page 63) expresses widespread and significant concern among rescue groups about the numbers of bloodhounds for re-homing and the imbalance between resources and hounds in need. We encourage all of you to read this article and, please, to care and to get involved however you can.

***Hellos ...***

to **Jewlz Lane**, new PRBC member.



The PRBC board is delighted to introduce Jewlz to those who haven't met her, as she has been an anchorwoman in our re-

cent efforts to re-home this year's rescue hounds. Jewlz is very experienced in the breed and has been fostering both Stella and Annabelle. From Jewlz:

***I was the proud owner of the most perfect Bloodhound in the world. I learned many valuable lessons from my Gracie. Every thing I do in the breed is out of the love she taught me of Bloodhounds and to honor her.***

**Welcome, Jewlz!**

***... and Good-Byes***



*In memory of **Sunny**  
Owned, loved, and dearly  
missed by*

*Chris Toepel and Steve Passé  
Put to rest due to advanced-stage cancer.*

*In memory of **Rufus**  
Owned, loved, and dearly missed by  
Sid and Lynn Harty  
Put to rest at 13 years and 3 months due to  
complications associated with old age.*

**Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club  
2014 Annual Club Meeting, held in conjunction  
with  
"Follow the Trail to" the  
ABC Northwest Regional Specialty**

**Meeting to be held at the conclusion of breed  
judging on Saturday, August 16, 2014, at the  
Enumclaw Exposition Center, PRBC Set-Up,  
North RV Parking Area, Enumclaw, WA**

**Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order

Introduction of Members and Guests

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (January 2014:  
see notes on pages 4-5.)

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Standing Committee Reports  
Regional Specialty (Chair Sheri Whets-  
tine)  
Membership (Chair Marie Taylor)

Old Business/Report of the President  
Rescue

New Business  
Election of Club Directors: Report from  
the Nominating Committee  
Amendment to the Bylaws (second read  
before vote by mail: see proposal on  
pages 5-6)  
Trailing 2015  
PRBC Face Book Page  
Nationals 2017  
Stainless Steel Bloodhound Ornaments

Other Items

Adjournment

**PRBC GENERAL MEETING ~ PUYALLUP, WA  
JANUARY 12, 2014**

**PRESENT:** SHERI WHETSTINE, JANIS HARDY, CINDY WOLFROM, JAN COOK, BECKY IRVING, TINA KOCAR.

*Lynn Harty and Marie Taylor attempted to attend via phone; however, ambient noise in the meeting location was not conducive to this.*

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 9:25 a.m.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the general membership meeting held 16 August 2013 were reviewed. A motion was made by Janis and seconded by Cindy to accept the minutes as written. This motion was approved unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The final Treasurer's Report from 31 Dec 2013 was reviewed:

CHECKING : **\$4927.10** SAVINGS: **\$10000.31** PAYPAL: **\$428.30**

As of 1 January 2014, Cindy will take over as treasurer. The transition of office and transfer of paperwork between Kay and Cindy are currently under way. Lynn is in the process of getting Cindy's name added to the bank account. Dues notices have not yet been mailed due to the transition, but will be forthcoming in the next week or so.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** PRBC's newest member is Jan Rothwell. Jan is currently the ABC Trailing Trial chair and has been active in bloodhounds for many years in showing, trailing, and obedience. Jan is a welcomed new addition to our club!

**ELECTION:** No nominations were received outside of the nominating committee's recommendations, so the nominees have taken office as of 1 Jan 2014. The only new officer is Cindy Wolfrom, who takes over as treasurer from Kay Schmitt. Filling her vacant director position will be PRBC Past President Becky Irving.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion continued regarding events we could host relating to bloodhounds away from the show venue. Brief discussion was held regarding a weekend campout, trailing camp, picnic, etc. Proposed locations included Brush Prairie, Carnation, and the coast. The general consensus was to not plan any events for 2014 since we have the Clyde Reed coming up over Memorial Day and the Nationals in California in September. Cindy suggested perhaps getting together during the Nationals. This will be further discussed at the next general membership meeting in May.

Lynn is working on the by-laws amendment and will get the proposed changes (deleting the associate membership) done and forwarded to the general membership for final review. It is hoped we can move on it in the first quarter of 2014.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meet the Breed, Portland - Bloodhounds are scheduled for Saturday, 18 Jan 2014 at 9:00 a.m., following the 8:00 a.m. ring time. We will man the booth for one hour. Becky and Clara, Janis and Follie, and Sheri and Ruckus plan to attend.

Meet the Breed, Seattle - There is normally a Meet the Breed in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club show in March at the Qwest Events Center. In the past it has been a WWAHA event, but last year it was an ABC event. Suzi Paine headed up organizing participants last year. No one at the meeting has heard anything regarding whether or not we will be manning the booth again. We will check with Suzi to see if this is going to happen or not.

Clyde Reed Trailing Trial 2014 - The trailing trial, hosted by Sid and Lynn Harty, will again be held in Valleyford, WA, over Memorial Day weekend 2014. The application was submitted for two separate one-day events. Lynn has requested 4 MT's, 2 MTI's and 4 MTX's with EECTs available as requested. The Trailing Committee has approved the application, which is now pending ABC board approval. Lynn will be in contact with Inland Empire Bloodhounds to generate interest in entering to run EECTs.

Regional 2014 – Sheri has been working on the 2014 Regional. A Friday night independent event with a supported entry for OKC on Saturday has again been requested. The judges for Breed and Sweeps have been contacted and have accepted. Carolyn Goepner has agreed to again be the superintendent with Lynn acting as on-site Show Secretary. Based on experience from last year, ring steward(s) will be needed and will be actively sought out, as Lynn carried an unfair amount of responsibility. We will have another dinner after the show Friday evening. Sheri requested the membership meeting be held on Saturday, either before or after showing, in order to put less time pressure on everyone.

Committees chairs appointed today were:

- Trophies – Janis Hardy
- Raffles/Fundraising – Tina Kocar and Cindy Wolfrom
- Hospitality – Tim Whetstine

Tina would like to offer a new challenge trophy and will look into the process. Also, Tina now has her ribbon business up and running, so we have asked her to supply our ribbons this year. Janis would like to do a small trophy or gift in addition to the ribbons for the top 5 at the supported entry, and it was agreed that this would be a good idea.

National 2017 – It is PRBC’s turn to host the 2017 Nationals, should the club choose to do this. Janis and Sheri have tentatively agreed to co-chair the event. Discussion was held briefly regarding possible venues. Sheri suggested perhaps Portland, OR for 2017 as it seems to be a bit more centrally located and may allow for a larger entry. Janis and Sheri will check out possible sites when down in Portland next weekend. Janis also mentioned that we need to begin fundraising for the Nationals. She suggested perhaps a handling seminar and/or sport trailing seminar. Sheri mentioned that members Jan Stallings and Patsy Hall have a great deal of fundraising experience and will contact them for ideas and to request their participation.

Jan made a motion to adjourn, and Becky seconded.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sheri Whetstine, Secretary

**Proposed Language Change for the PRBC Bylaws**

**The purpose of this change is to delete the associate membership and to extend voting privileges to all club members in good standing, age 18 or older, who either attend one meeting per year or participate actively in the business of the club, regardless of their geographic location. Bylaws’ language, current and proposed, is shown below.**

**Current Bylaws’ Language**

**Article 1: Name, Regional Geographic Area, and Objectives**

Section 2: The objectives of the Club are:

- a. To be representative of Bloodhound owners, breeders, and exhibitors in the regional area.

**Article 1: Membership**

Section 1 Eligibility

The Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club shall offer three (3) types of membership for applicants: Voting, Associate, and Junior Membership. Membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and the American Bloodhound Club, and who subscribe to the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club Inc.’s Constitution, Bylaws. and Code of Ethics.

A Voting Member shall be a person who meets the general membership requirements and who resides in the following states and provinces: Northwest region as defined by the American Bloodhound Club (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming), California and the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club may add additional states or provinces as voted by the membership. To maintain voting privileges, members must either attend one meeting per year, or participate actively in the business of the Club.

Associate Members shall be persons who meet the general membership requirements and may reside outside of the areas required for a voting member. Club members who reside within the Northwest Region but do not wish to participate actively in the business of the Club may also choose to hold as Associate Member status. An Associate Member shall not be eligible to vote or hold office. A Junior Member shall be a person who is under the age of 18 years old and who meets the general membership requirements. The Junior Member shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

**(See page 6 for proposed changes.)**

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**Results of the Seventh Annual Clyde Reed Memorial Trailing Trial**  
 By Lynn Harty

“Every trail has some puddles.” – Old West Proverb

Way out west, bloodhounders' trails don't usually include the stampeding cattle, desperadoes, wildfires, and flash floods that they used to, but still there can be some puddles for trailing teams and trailing trial committees to jump over. For Memorial Day 2014, the puddle for the Seventh Annual Clyde Reed Memorial Trailing Trial was an extremely small entry. What to do? The trailing judges had been confirmed, the airline tickets bought and paid for, the food planned.

The answer came by way of another Old West proverb: Ride the horse in the direction it's goin'. A small entry would give us time to do other things. But trailing would come first.

Of the four trails run, two teams earned new trialing titles:

- Cheryl Signs-Cromeenes' Jersey (Can't Fight the Moonlight at the Magpie), co-owned by Claudia Kaminski, is a new MTI. Jersey's trail was judged by Betty Seigal and Janis

Hardy and observed by Janet Kelly and Becky Irving. Runners were Alex Devilbiss and Mark Scholla.



- Mike and Betty Henslee's Fergus (Acadian's Blackbird Knob Trail) nailed his EECT and proved himself ready and willing to do more trailing. "Great job – could not have been any better!"



said EECT Judge Cindy Wolfrom. Marie Taylor was the trail runner.

More free time in the schedule afforded more collaboration time for trailing judges Janet Kelly, Sid Harty, Betty Seigal, and Janis Hardy. Janet and Sid provided mentoring at the MTI level for Janis, and EECT judge Cindy Wolfrom completed her tenth EECT judging assignment. With all her requirements complete, Cindy can now submit her application for judging MT trails to the ABC Trailing Trial Committee.

**BRAGS**

**PRBC Treasurer Cindy Wolfrom is a New Trailing Trial Judge!**



Kudos to Cindy Wolfrom, who is the first in our region to complete the new judging requirements established by the National Trailing Trial Committee.

Cindy joins fellow regional trailing trial judges Suzi Paine, Katy Cole, Sid Harty, Janis Hardy, Shei Whetstine, and Betty Seigal. PRBC member Cheryl Cromeenes is currently completing her requirements and preparing to make application as well.

**Congratulations, Cindy!**

The West is a land of wide-open spaces and far-flung places, and our trailing folks, most of whom are also members of the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club, get only a couple of chances to get together each year. This past spring, PRBC had an astonishing – ten! – bloodhounds who needed re-homing. The trailing trial venue gave us a chance to get caught up on our efforts in this notable cause. For us, the frosting on the cake at the trial was to re-home a lovely young bloodhound, dubbed “Clark of Kent” by Sheri Whetstine, with Alex Devilbiss, long-time hound owner and new dad to Clark. We think that they will make a fine pair on and off the trail!



Now, some folks might be wondering about the finances associated this trailing trial. Surely the financial puddle must have become a pit of quicksand with big outgo and little income . . . but generous donations saved the day. Airfare, rental car, food, and beverages: all were donated. Even the judges’ special T-shirts were donated (you benefactors know who you are).

Thanks go to the judges, the runners, the participants, and our supporters and benefactors, all of whom worked closely together to make this trailing trial a huge success in so many ways. We look forward to seeing all of you again soon, puddles notwithstanding, somewhere down the trail.