

General Membership Meeting  
November 21, 2005  
Meeting Hosts – Jan and Rocky Costa

Members present: Fred & Pat Helmbold, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Bruce Bertholf, Ann Brown, Sydney Seiver, Pat Barnes, Louis & Rebekah Mastro, Warren & Bonnie Belisle, JoAnn Gritz, Patti Martlew, Leslie McCulloch

Guests present: Larry, Zachary and Courtney Blackmore (arrived late)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by President Helmbold

President's Report – Fred: Holiday Party on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Peppery. Prices and items are in the Howler. Gift exchange also, with a \$20 limit is you wish to participate. Gift need not be doggy-related. Signup sheets were available.

There will be a Special General Membership meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Cherie Gessford's home. The meeting is called is due to actions detrimental to the club and the charges will be read at the meeting. Members are welcome to come and have a secret vote, and may attend the Board Meeting afterwards.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: No report

Treasurer's Report – Carol: No report since Carol is home recuperating from recent surgery.

Secretary's Report – Linda: Notice was received that Don Leonard had passed away on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the Union Democrat Obituary was passed around to members.

Meeting signups were passed around for 2006 meetings. Most of the months were filled after it was passed around.

Excess Equipment bidding is still going on, and closes on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The bid sheets were passed around on that.

Read a note from Suzy Hayes who had Carson, Golden Retriever, in the CGC Classes. She thanked everyone for the classes and will be coming with her new puppy, Tucker, to the January classes.

Applications for The Blackmore family and Mary Barrett were read. Voting was unanimous for approving The Blackmore family as members to the Club since they have met the two meeting attendance requirement. Welcome! (And just as the voting was approved, Larry, Zachary, and Courtney arrived at the meeting).

New format and color to the Tuolumne County Chamber newsletter, which was passed around.

Committee Reports:

Agility – Linda: The equipment has been placed in the shed and trailer, and thank you to Jim Frazier, JoAnn Gritz, Cherie, and Bruce for helping. The equipment will be easier to retrieve next year.

Obedience – Linda: Classes are starting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Have 2 or 3 signed up so far. Flyers were available. Louis asked about Business cards advertising classes. Bonnie provided some to Louis that she had, and he'll put them on his counters at his business.

Publicity – Sydney: Will be putting an ad in the Union Democrat in December for the upcoming classes.

Historian – Cherie: Has the printed obituary for Don in the history books.

Sunshine – JoAnn: Cards were sent to Carol and Fred for their recent surgeries. She will send one to Donna Leonard.

JoAnn reported that “Black Jack” had an episode on Saturday which gave her a scare and she thought she was losing him. It turned out to be an inner ear infection, called “Canine Vestibular Syndrome”. It is very treatable, non-life threatening, and several other members’ dogs have had in the past. It seems to target older dogs, and is not breed specific. Black Jack is doing better and we all wish him a speed recovery.

JoAnn also reported that Jerry will be having surgery the first week in December for a large cyst on his kidney. The cyst was found out by accident during a routine medical procedure. So Jerry needs our thoughts and well wishes.

Membership – Pat H.: Dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup> and if you are not paid up by January 1 you cannot vote in January’s voting. Membership renewal forms were available. A current membership listing was also available for those wanting a copy.

The Howler – Bonnie: She asked if anyone was interested in taking on the task of the Editor, and everyone laughed ☺ She also asked for a “Dog of the Month”, and Leslie volunteered to write about Splotches.

Website – Linda: The member’s recipes that have been provided have been put up on the website. I’ve cleaned up the old information, and updated the class information.

Big Show – Linda: Applications have been submitted and accepted by AKC for Rally, Obedience and Conformation for August 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional items will be sent next week.

Other Items:

Rebekah asked if anyone was interested in some kibbled cat food since she lost her cat this morning. Cherie offered to take the food to help feed the feral, spayed cats at Summerville HS which have been sponsored by the teachers. Cherie also mentioned that Marv Ordway gave her \$50 towards feeding of these cats.

Brag:

Bonnie & Kiah (Aussie) – went to their first “official” agility trial at Turlock and many of the Club members were present to cheer and support them on. She received 2 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> places, and 2 3<sup>rd</sup> places in Level 1 in CPE. They are now qualified for Level 2 in two classes. They have now entered her in ASCA/NADAC in January. They are now HOOKED! The awesome item was that Warren did all the training and after he was incapacitated by his back injury the week before the show, Bonnie stepped in and took over running her.

Ann & Libby (Golden Retriever) – In October at Del Valle, she was in Open for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and got 2 legs in Open with 197.5 for both legs (obedience). Libby also received her AX title in AKC agility in November at Fresno DTC in Madera.

Pat Barnes & Dexter (Boston Terrier) – They only ran one day at the Turlock trial because Dexter got ill, but he still got a “Blue and a Q” in CPE Jumpers. Pat doesn’t recall his actual time on the run, but he was awesome. She “bragged” that she jumped the dog walk to get to the other side of the course, and of course, was disqualified.

Larry & Spike (Sheltie) – They went to their first fun run at Elk Grove, and his problems in class are not any different in a trial situation. It was a great place to go for a first run.

Leslie & Splotches (Canaan Dog) – She did fine until her daughter, Karen, shows up and then Splotches just snubs Leslie. But she was able to achieve a 1<sup>st</sup> place in both Standard (two times) and Snooker, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Colors in CPE at Turlock.

JoAnn & Sunshine (Aussie) – She titled in AKC Open Jumpers and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> places in both Standard and Jumpers at Placerville. These runs were both “clean runs” (perfect).

JoAnn & Jed (Aussie) – He got a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Novice Jumpers

Linda & Alsi (Aussie) – She has her CGC at 8 months from STKC (youngest dog Linda obtained a CGC on).

Linda & Tali (Aussie) – She got a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> places in Novice Preferred AKC at Del Valle.

Linda & Dexi (Aussie) – He went Best of Breed over 7 Specials at an ASCA show in Turlock. Linda had not even groomed him, just trimmed his feet, and ran a slicker over him. A win photo was passed around.

Bruce & Echo (Doberman) – Echo arrived a few days early due to Hurricane Wilma and was here on October 20<sup>th</sup>. She is now 4 months old and a real fun dog, fits right in with everyone else.

Bruce & Alsi (Aussie) – She has started taking herding lessons in Camp Seco. She does fine in class until she finds the “cat poop” and gets distracted. Bruce has also taken Dexi, and Maci, but presently using Alsi to get her started. Bruce did give some information to the members about the training facility and the instructor.

Cherie & Mori (Aussie) – Obtained his Superior Open Touch N Go.

Cherie & Clavey (Aussie) – Has obtained 5 agility titles in the last month.

Cherie & Moon (Aussie) – She obtained the much coveted “Triple Triple” in NADAC which requires achieving 1600 points. Cherie provided champagne and Martinelli’s for members during dinner.

Meeting was M/S by to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant  
Secretary