

Bonanza Kennel Club

General Membership Meeting - May 7, 2013

The May 7, 2013 general meeting of the BKC was called to order at 7:05 p.m. after the presence of a quorum was established. The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting. *Motion: Suzanne Johnson, second Taren Kinney* to approve the minutes of the April meeting. *Motion carried.*

The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries had no report.

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$23,335.59 and an ending balance of \$23,173.72

Show Committee: Anyone intending to donate trophies for this year's shows need to do so now. Bruce Rettick will be handling parking.

Match: Cindy Craig submitted applications to AKC for the July and September matches.

Sunshine: A card was sent to Sieg Goepner who is in the hospital.

Legislative: Assembly Bill 110 (banning breed-specific legislation) will probably not make it out of committee even though the AKC mounted a campaign for its passage.

Guests: JoAnn McGrath was unanimously voted in as a member.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Judy Johnson asked if the club plans to hold free handling classes this summer. Taren Kinney said she will offer them beginning June 5, 2013 at Fuji Park at 6:00 p.m. If there is no participation after three weeks (which occurred last year), they will be suspended.

Motion: There being no further business, *Motion Suzanne Johnson* to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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PAY IT FORWARD

This article was emailed to this editor by Elaine Oxborrow

While I couldn't hope to match the goal of twenty-six acts my presumed "teenage angels" had in their sights, I did come up with a few ideas (and polled acquaintances on Facebook) even if some of the deeds aren't anonymous:

- Pre-write a note addressed to "Ring Steward" explaining that you appreciate them for volunteering to conduct ring business, and then leave the note on a steward's table for them to discover;
- Leave a "goodie" adorned with a bow on a random grooming table in the grooming area, something any dog owner could use: A new box of wet wipes, a package of poop scoop bags, a box of dog treats, etc., and include a note explaining that the gift is a random act of kindness;
- Buy a drink or lunch for the fourth or fifth person behind you at the concession stand;
- While at a vendor selling dog books, insert a note between the pages of a book you've read wishing the eventual buyer of the book success in the show ring, healthy puppies if it's a book on breeding, or detailing the part of the book you found most helpful;
- Watch a breed different from your own being judged and tell someone whose dog didn't place something positive about their dog or how they handled it; As Caroline from Facebook said, "How many times do we walk out of the ring feeling invisible, yet have our spirits lifted because somebody ringside said a kind word. I still remember the first person who ever told me my [dog] was nice. . . .she didn't have to go out of her way to tell a novice she liked a dog, and we didn't win that day, but I felt like I was flying all the way home!"
- Offer to pull, or help pull someone's wheels bearing crates of dogs back to their car;
- Pay the parking fee for the car behind you;
- Help someone erect or break down their canopy;
- Bring a cup of hot coffee or iced tea to the volunteer dealing with cars in the parking lot;
- Spend a few extra minutes holding the door open for someone needing it;
- Help someone you don't know put on their armband;
- Offer to make space for someone in need of a grooming spot by moving your own stuff!
- Tape a really excellent coupon for dog food to the inside of a rest room door;
- Stand ringside of a junior handling ring and take pictures, then offer to e-mail them to the parent(s) standing by;
- Judges are people, too. If you see one who's particularly gentle with puppies, good with novices or comports their ring pleasantly and professionally, send them an anonymous note telling them that you noticed!



If you can think of some more, I'd like to hear them, but in the meantime, a few parting thoughts.

- There are times when it's best to explain with a note that an act of kindness is just that. I'd be more inclined to use a box of dog biscuits decorated with a bow if I knew that it was a good deed left by a fellow dog person, and not something a creepy dog poisoner left for me.
- On occasion, you might get to see the end result of your act of kindness, and if it seems to go unappreciated, I think it's because some people aren't accustomed to being treated well, or are so stunned that it takes time for them to process their good fortune. Don't worry about it. You can only control what you do, not how someone reacts to it. Above all, dismiss any feeling of being taken for a sucker. This exercise isn't to make **you** feel good but to toss some good karma into the world.
- Sometimes, your kindness may benefit someone unpleasant, undeserving, or maybe even someone you don't like. I look at it this way: You don't get to choose. It's called **random** for a reason, and besides, you never know. Being at the receiving end of one nice deed may be all it takes for someone to become a pleasant person.

Memorial Day Tribute to All Who Served



It's High Time for a New Dog Show Class

Source: San Joaquin Kennel Club May 2013 newsletter. Sent to this editor by Suzanne Johnson

A lot of commentary, jokes and bits have been put into these bulletins regarding the aging process of the dog breeder and handler. As we enter our "Golden Years" we discover that we still want to hang on to the sport/hobby that has enriched our lives for more years than we care to remember. We try to prepare for the future, reduce the number of dogs in our care and start discovering that our breeding program is basically just planning for the next litter rather than the next 20 years. We discover that it is getting more and more difficult to rise for those 8:00 a.m. show times and showing our own dogs is next to impossible.

In order to accommodate this declining energy and mobility but still driven to search for the elusive major or desperately remain in the Top 20, we hire handlers, buy motor homes to stay on the grounds, sleep in motels close to the show and still need caffeine, Advil, and three days to recover from a long weekend.

Much of this expense can't be avoided if we wish to continue with the addiction we call dog shows, but there could be a way to avoid the expense of a professional handler if the AKC would just initiate the Crippled Handlers Class. In order to entice more and more people to exhibit their dogs and spend more on entries, the AKC has initiated the Amateur Owner Handler class and group, the Young

puppy class and group, the BBE Group and the Puppy group. Think of all who would qualify for the CHC. This could be done with or without designated runners who would gait the dogs, but all the people who still wished to show but could not run could still be involved. Basic criteria would be a copy of the exhibitors handicapped parking permit sent in with the entry or on file with the superintendent and proof of one of the following disabilities:

- Bad knee (s) including unsuccessful replacement
- Bad hip (s) including unsuccessful replacement
- Severe Plantar Fasciitis
- Lower limb prosthetic device
- Inability to move faster than a slow walk
- Necessity of a wheelchair or scooter
- Lower limb broken or severely sprained
- Weight over 350 lbs. with clothes on (high enough to eliminate Gabriel Rangel, I think)
- On oxygen



Legislative Issues

By Tony Yarbrough, Legislative Liaison, Bonanza Kennel Club

The Legislature is in the final days, and the topic has turned to taxes [as usual], but they are still processing

the few surviving bills such as [AB110](#) [Anti-BSL],

[SB73](#) [Allows public disclosure of the name of the

ACCUSED animal abuser], and [SB83](#) [Animal Fighting]. Each bill is advancing toward the Governor, and by our next newsletter/meeting these will be signed into law. Each link above will provide details about each bill and its status – start to finish. AKC supports [AB110](#) and [SB83](#) as we did. [SB73](#) is a prosecutorial matter where AKC would not typically participate even though it is sponsored and funded by national and local animal rights organizations. There are some places that AKC will not go even though it can and will affect the future of our dog community – be it shows or our ownership.

[AB110](#) is a GIGANTICLY HUMONGOUS victory for everyone, and it has the full support of EVERYONE in the dog community – all sides of the issue.

Among the entire legislative minutia we had to wade through this session, I believe we escaped some very serious misguided attempts to lessen the pleasure and enjoyment we share with our dogs.

I think we did well!

Your Legislative Liaison,

[Tony Yarbrough](#)

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In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



BRAGS!

Ronnie and Glenna Elrod are happy to announce that Patty and Copper have had a beautiful litter of 4 Shiba Inu puppies 2 boys and 2 girls. Now which one of the que-streaming box activities live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bridge-engineering>



BKC-sponsored handling classes by Taren Kinney will begin on June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Fuji Park. It's free, folks!

Judy Johnson was busting her buttons at Chief Solano when her Whippet puppy, Tio's Windsong (Greta) beat her two sisters (first and second picks of the 4-6 puppy competition) in the 4-6 Hound Group.



Nancy Gammie has three brand new wire crates for sale. They're still in their original boxes. I bought one recently and can vouch for the quality.

- Folding double door for dogs up to 12 lbs. It measures 22L X 13W X 16 H. Price \$25.00
- Fold and carry for dogs up to 12 pounds. It measures 18L X 12W x 14H. Price \$15.00
- Folding double door for dogs 12 to 25 pounds. It measures 24L X 18W X 19H. Price \$25.00

She also has an old but still good dolly for schlepping crates to the ring. Price \$10.00

If you're interested, call Nancy at 882-3710.

Ronnie and Glenna Elrod are proud to announce the Championship of "Rosie," CH Copprdots-Beikoku Rose. Rosie got her onship on March 8th in Hanford California.



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Want better performance from your show dogs? Our very own Elaine Oxborrow has a handling class on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Carson Canine Adventures!

My goal is to print each and every brag from each meeting *BUT* please don't expect me to be able to write down everything at a meeting. I'm not that good and you wouldn't want mistakes. So, be sure to follow up your brag with an email to me (jayjay44@charter.net). *AND . . . SEND PICTURES!*

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www.sierrabulldogclub.org



Sierra Nevada Border Collie Club

<http://snbcc.blogspot.com/>

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