



# Bloodhounds West Southern Chapter

## Hound of the month:

Flessner's Cowboy Cocktail, aka "Whiskey"

Whiskey is co-owned by Sue Sappok and Sherri McGuire. Whiskey was born August 28, 2013. He will be hitting the show ring and trailing trials soon. Right now he is enjoying being a puppy. We thank Tina Kocar who owns his sire CH Huggables Hollywood Nights, "Hollywood" and Brian and Chris Flessner who own his dam CH Flessner's Easy Breezy Beautiful, "Brinkley" for allowing us to purchase and enjoy this wonderful baby Bloodhound.



Send us your photo, a brief description and name of your dog. We will feature one each month.

# GAZETTE

February 2014

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**Your Newsletter is back!** This will be a monthly publication. Closing dates are the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following months' publication. Newsletter will be completed and sent to all members after the 25th each month. Don't forget to check out our website:

<http://bloodhoundswest.org>. We are also on Facebook.

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## From Your President:

Hi, my name is Judy Walker. I am married to Jeff Walker and we live on an acre in Vista, California with the hounds of Houndwalker's. We raise

Basset Hounds and Bloodhounds for conformation and love. My love for hounds began as a child with doxies, then, on to Basset Hounds. In 1989, I purchased my first Basset show dog and she despised the ring... but, as time progressed I bred some beautiful babies and had many champions. Through mentoring by many dear friends, I learned about the show ring and in 1993 I bought my first Bloodhound, a pet named Sybil. I loved her so much but lost her to spinal degeneration at age 9. Following her death, Michele McKinney of Churchill Bloodhound sent me my beautiful "Bella." Ch Churchill's Iron Belle Satine. She was a lovely girl and gave us beautiful puppies. Following Bella, we received from Michele a male named "Moonie" who would forever change our lives. Moonie was the ultimate show dog. He went on to become MBIS/MBISS Am/Mex GCH Churchill's Treasured Moon, HOF/CGC. He was the handsomest "man" I have ever known. We lost Moonie in November 2011 and our Bella in November 2013. They taught me so much about life and love, and I wish for every Bloodhound owner a "Moonie" or a "Bella" in their lives to give them the same joy. I am thrilled to take on this position of President of Bloodhounds West and promise to help our members in every way possible. We will show and trail and play and party and share with each other our victories and happiness and also our tears. God bless each and every one in the New Year 2014. The picture shows me with my beloved Moonie and Stephen Cabral in Central Park.

**Indio Highlights:** The 3 day show at Indio was a huge success. We had 22-25 Bloodhounds each day and the line-up was awesome. We had three different BOB winners over the 3 days and a beautiful Class Entry. Many friends from the Northern Chapter of Bloodhounds West joined us. Thank you all for traveling many miles to support our show and our special thanks to Cindi Sims for providing the Bombshell Barbie monogrammed towels and blankets for our trophies and prizes. Lisa Befus joined us from Colorado with her beautiful pups and Jan Stallings, Patsy Hall and their boy, Lincoln, came from Arizona to support us

and join in the fun. Debbie Stephens made our beautiful top trophies for the Saturday Supported Entry (Palm Tree hand fired glass plates) and Jill Beniak supplied our Top Trophies for our Sunday Supported Entry with hand-made fleece blankets. Trophies handled both days by Debbie Stephens and Jill Dingle. We played Bingo, Chuck a Duck (courtesy of Barb Copeland), had a live auction (auctioneer was Dick Greaver) and was organized by Sherri McGuire. Sherri also put together our Hound Feast on Friday. The Taco Dinner was, once again, a big hit with over 70 attending. Our area was laid out in grass sod with standing lamps at each corner and outdoor heaters, thanks to the generosity of Steve and Lynne Aguirre, John and Susan Hamil, and Lyn Sherman. Kirby Westergren and Lori Burch kept us in Tequila for our Margarita Machine and Kirby photographed our show as he is always willing to do. We had many generous donors, one donation was a Laparoscopic Gastropexy, and many other lovely items from our Vendors and members who also supplied great prizes for the Bingo games. We had our first Bloodhounds West meeting of the year and installed our new slate of Officers. Our new Membership Chairman, Sherri McGuire, gave away one of her beautiful "Hound Hammock" in the raffle for all those who renewed their yearly dues. Cindi Sims, from our Northern Chapter, was the big winner! We made some serious resolutions to trail, trail, trail this year and get our Newsletter underway, both with Sue Sappok at the helm. Several of our members who are interested in helping with and joining the "trailers" also attended with their Bloodhounds as well as a few new people wanting to do trailing.

That's our story after the Indio show. Our next "supported entry" will be at the Ventura Summer Show over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July... all proceeds will be going to our Northern Chapter for their 2014 National Specialty in Sacramento. If we missed saying thanks to anyone that helped make this a memorable weekend, we apologize.



**Trailing Committee:** A Trailing Committee has been formed and Sue Sappok has volunteered to be its Chairperson. Sue has over 30 years experience working with dogs in many different capacities. Showing, tracking, trailing, search and rescue, critical response, therapy, obedience, conformation, as well as other areas. Sue has been a trainer, a CGC evaluator and has been a breeder of Rottweilers and German Shepherds. She was introduced to Bloodhounds almost 9 years ago when she purchased a beautiful male puppy from Pam Bauer. Bauer's Gold Digger, aka "Digger." He was out of the Flessner's awesome male, "Tigger." The Committee has lots of plans this coming year for those of us who love to trail, would love to begin, or just want to find out more about what trailing is and how to get started. There are already two seminars planned, **February 15** and in March, date to be announced. Watch for fliers or contact Sue at [suesappok@yahoo.com](mailto:suesappok@yahoo.com) for further information.

**Membership Committee:** Sherri McGuire will be handling all of the Club's membership responsibilities. Thank you to all members who have already gotten your dues in to Sherri. Send your dues or questions about membership to Sherri at 17680 Linden St., Hesperia, CA 92345 (760) 964-7123; or [Halnbns@aol.com](mailto:Halnbns@aol.com).

**New Members:** There were new members voted in at the last general meeting. They are Marti and Richard Secor. A big welcome to them, we are so glad to have you as members. Those that have applied for membership are: Jackie Nolan, Hedy & Alexander Liau, John Sidney and Jeanine Edwards. We are looking forward to all of our new and potential new members joining us and having fun with their Hounds.

### **Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

Let the editor know your birthdays, anniversaries, important dates for you so we can remember and celebrate those dates with you. For example, if your birthday is in December, just let us know that your birthday is in the month of December. We will recognize all birthdays within that month, etc.

### **Brag:**

Let us celebrate with you. Send us your brags. Show results, special events just about anything you would want to share with all of us. We would love to hear about them. Small brag with no picture is \$2.00. Large brag with a picture is \$5.00. Send us those brags.

Below are a couple of examples of some brags. A brag can be about anything you are wanting to share, awesome vacation, any accomplishments by you and your dog, family news, your dog took the Thanksgiving turkey but then actually gave it back to you.



**BRAG from Sherri McGuire:** CH McGuire's Pistol Annie, owned and handled by Sherri, received her Grand Championship at the Kachina Kennel Club Show in Phoenix, AZ.

**BRAG from Sue Sappok:** McGuire's Mustang Sally, owned and handled by Sue received her two major wins in Phoenix and only needs 5 more points to become a Champion. It has been a long road for these two as Sally thought being in the ring was just silly.



## The Beggin' Bucket

Every year at the American Bloodhound Club's (ABC) National Specialty, the top twenty show Bloodhounds are invited to join in the celebration of our Breed's finest. The Top Twenty Celebration was first celebrated at the 2005 National in the Northwest; the concept continued to evolve, and just last year, it became an official ABC event. Our own Lyn Sherman is the ABC National Top Twenty Director.

Part of the celebration is the participation of each of the recognized breed clubs from the six regions of the ABC, Bloodhounds West, Northern and Southern Chapters (SW), the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club (NW), the South Central Bloodhound Club (SC), the Colonial Bloodhound Club (NE), the South Eastern Bloodhound Club (SE), and the Prairieland Bloodhound Club (NC), have supported the efforts of the hosting Clubs by donating a special basket for raffle held during the event.

Bloodhounds West, has traditionally put together a gift card basket. We've had a flower pot with the gift cards as the flowers, a basket filled with gift cards, a fancy wrapped present of gift cards. Our baskets have averaged \$200 - \$300 in cards, and the winners have all been ecstatic. So let's not disappoint! We have always emphasized getting cards that can be used anywhere in the USA, and Canada, i.e., Visa or MasterCard, Starbucks, Home Depot, Walmart, Target, McDonalds, etc. If everyone would pick up a card now and then, while out and about, over the next 8 months you will be astonished at the final tally of all the cards.

With that, our next meeting is at the Silver Bay shows in San Diego at the end of February – let's see how many we can gather for a start. See you then, gift card in hand!

### Classified

We will be running this section for you to advertise your business, services, things for sale, etc. The cost to run an ad is \$2.00. Business cards are \$3.00 and larger ads are \$5.00. The cost covers one month in the Newsletter. If you have anything that you would like to give away – there will not be a charge for "free" items. All items to be advertised are to be approved by the Board of Directors. Contact the Editor: Sue Sappok at [suesappok@yahoo.com](mailto:suesappok@yahoo.com) The cutoff date for publishing for the coming month is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each prior month.

Send your ad, or call or email the Editor to have an ad inserted into the Newsletter. Monies will be sent to Editor, Sue Sappok at 10776 Mills Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, payable to Bloodhounds West, via check, credit card or paypal. Be sure if you use paypal to put in the notes that it is for a brag, classified, etc.

## Calendar of Events

### February:

2	Fresno, CA
15	BW Trailing Seminar – Learn the Basics, La Verne, California
22/23	Silver Bay KC – Del Mar, CA
28-3/2	Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Assoc., Inc. Scottsdale, AZ

In case we miss something these are your show websites: Jack Bradshaw; Onofrio; InfoDog.

*There will be trailing practice dates between seminars. All members will be notified of those dates and times as well as the locations. There will be no charge for this as some of the trailing committee will be volunteering their time. We thank each of them for their dedication and commitment.*



### **Over The Rainbow:**

It is with deepest sympathy and regret that we inform you of the loss of Barb Copeland's beloved "Sherman." GCH Soonipi Shado in Moonlight MLH. Sherman passed on February 23, 2014 due to complications of cancer. Sherman was an awesome hound, pet, friend and show champion and he will be missed by many. Our prayers go out to Barb in this time of her loss and we wish Sherman a beautiful transition over the Rainbow where he will wait to once again see his friends and loved ones and will run and play pain free.



### **Adorable Bloodhound Puppies**

2014 Flessner Litter –Stetson and Whiskey are on the top row. Whiskey, co-owned by Sue Sappok and Sherri McGuire will be in his first show in a couple of months. Stetson, Whiskey's brother is owned by Tina Kocar who also owns their daddy, "Hollywood." They live in Washington. Watch for both of these upcoming stars. Their sisters and other brother are back east. DOB 8/28/13

**RESCUE:** Let us know if you have any Bloodhounds in need of a new home, foster home or just need some help or would be willing to foster or adopt a Bloodhound. Your Bloodhound Rescue contact is Susan Hamil ([CAH20372@aol.com](mailto:CAH20372@aol.com)).

### **Trailing Committee News:**

Hello everyone and welcome to 2014! Our focus this year will be to help anyone who is interested in learning how to trail do just that – trail. How do you get started? What equipment will you need? What is your first step? What is an EECT?

The first seminars will answer all of your questions and many more. Once this is accomplished then we can help everyone move forward into the world of "trailing." Our goal is to help you and your Bloodhound(s) HAVE SOME FUN and maybe even earn some trailing titles. Our first Trailing Seminar is February 15, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The first seminar will be held at: Ramona Avenue Christian Church, 909 Romona Avenue, La Verne, CA (off the 210 Freeway). Look for the Seminar Notice being sent to you soon.

We hope that all or most of you can join us this year and have some great fun in the world of "trailing." We are looking forward to working and trailing with you and your dog(s).



Whiskey is ready to start trailing... are you?



## Sleepy Bloodhound Pups

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This pup is ready to trail.

**HAVE A GREAT MONTH EVERYONE**