



# Whippet Tales

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## Western Washington Whippet Association November 30, 2005 Meeting Minutes Tony Roma's Restaurant, Tukwilia, WA

In attendance: Susan Manthou, Bill Davenport, Diane Davenport, Gail Dunbar, Sue Hopper, Peggy Hewes, Janis Castle, Kerie and Aaron Swepston, Jeanette Dorsey.

The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Manthou. A quorum was determined.

**Minutes**—Janis moved and bill seconded that the minutes from the October meeting should be approved. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Janis Castle - \$3849.59 in checking as of end of October. \$1319.58 in savings. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Hospitality** – Gail and Sue provided an update on the preparations for the Christmas party and sought RSVPs. In addition, they made a list of non-members to personally invite.

**Card lady** – Cards were sent during the month to Glen Sowards in the hospital and to the Davenports after their dog Enya was injured.

**Membership** – Dues notices will be going out soon. Bill polled the group to see if there was interest in roster ads?

**Show Committee** – We will be doing a rally obedience demo to encourage an entry at the specialty. The next show committee meeting will probably be in conjunction with the Puyallup show in January.

### **Old Business**

**Camera** – As per the vote at the last meeting a finish line camera was purchased and used at the last race meet in November.

**Membership Dues** – The question that was already put in motion at the October meeting was called (in summary to raise the annual dues, effective 2006 to \$25 for individuals, and \$30 for family memberships). The motion was carried.

**Elections** – Before the elections took place, Jeannette Dorsey informed the group that she wanted to refuse her nomination for director, due to wording that she found in a 1996 version of the standing rules which stated that members of the nominating committee were not to nominate themselves for election. Background - Jeannette had been on the nominating committee, and so believed that her nomination may be in violation of the standing rules. Because there were other members of the nominating committee also on the ballot for Board positions, and since there were no other nominations for some of those positions and also because the current standing rules do not contain the wording referred to in the 1996 version, Janis made a motion to suspend the

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## KERIE'S KORNER

Happy New Year! Time for those infamous New Year's resolutions to begin. I've already started on mine personally. First of all, as the newly elected President of the WWSA, the first order of business is to ask everyone to join me in thanking Susie Manthou from the bottom of my heart for all the work that she has done for the club as President, as well as thanking her in advance for the wisdom and guidance that she will be giving me while she remains on the Board as Past President. Although quickly written and then read, and possibly out of a few people's thoughts, these considerations will be foremost in my mind for a long time to come!

I'd like to start off the year with the club by having us identify the areas that need special attention and development throughout this year, and then come up with definitive plans to address them. An effective club needs both ideas, and solutions, and the people that come up with both.

There are some things that our club does an awesome job with, and we need to keep those things running that way. Even maintenance takes attention. I just want to be sure that we are staying as healthy of a club as we can.

I would like to encourage all club members who have e-mail access to join the already-existing group on Yahoo in order for communication to be sent to as many members as possible should something come up between newsletters. This way, the whole subscribed membership can be reached by addressing the e-mail to one address, rather than having to keep current with everyone's e-mail addresses individually. Speaking for myself, if I need to address the membership mid-month, this is how I will do it. This keeps people from being inadvertently left off of a message. I would encourage you all to do the same. Information regarding the e-mail group is included at the end of this note. Also, we will be sending out invitations to those members that are not subscribed yet, that we have current e-mail addresses for. Subscribing is then as simple as clicking the response button within that e-mail invitation.

I look forward to getting started this year. I hope to see many of you at the Puyallup and Portland shows later this month.  
Regards,

Kerie Swepston  
kerie@swepston.us

Welcome to the Western\_Washington\_Whippet group at Yahoo! Groups, a free, easy-to-use email group service. Please take a moment to review this message.

To learn more about the Western\_Washington\_Whippet group, please visit  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Western\\_Washington\\_Whippet](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Western_Washington_Whippet)

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[Western\\_Washington\\_Whippet@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Western_Washington_Whippet@yahoogroups.com)

## Whippet Tales Newsletter of Western Washington Whippet Association

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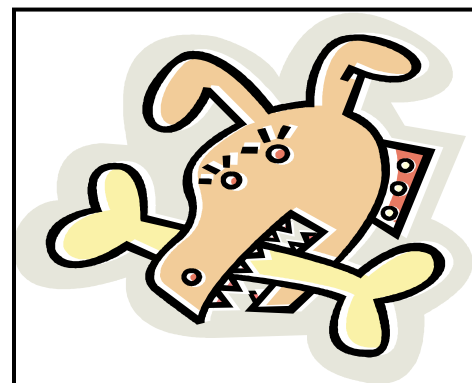
**Blarneystones Charlie Brown**, owned by Glen and Jo Soward, passed away on Nov 25th He was 18 years old.

He was the first whippet in our region to obtain a LCM2, was number 2 ASFA whippet in 1994 and was Glens' best friend. He truly led the good life.

The **American Whippet Club National Show** will be April 23rd through April 29th 2006 at Boston, Ma. More information: [www.awc2006.com](http://www.awc2006.com).

The show starts with Lure Coursing on April 22 and concludes with Best of Breed Judging on April 29.

The judge is Bo Bengston.



standing rules for the purpose of completing the election process. The motion was seconded, voted on and was carried.

The elections proceeded...The following people were voted in to office:

- President – Kerie Swepston
- Vice-President – Bill Davenport
- Treasurer – Janis Castle
- Secretary – Peggy Hewes
- Director—Shirley Konizeki

In retrospect, while suspending the standing rules for the purpose of completing the elections with the existing field of nominees seemed to be a good solution to the problem at the time, the fact is that the current standing rules do not contain the clause which had been in the previous edition. Therefore, there was no conflict to circumvent. Presumably in the last revision of the Standing Rules there was at least one unintended omission, perhaps more. There's no doubt that we will need to revisit the Standing Rules last revision, but until that time the June, 2004 version is "the" official operating version of the Standing Rules.

Open discussion followed the elections regarding meeting frequency.

Janis Castle moved, Kerie Swepston seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kerie Swepston

## **SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING PUYALLUP FAIRGROUNDS JANUARY 15, 2006**

The committee met ringside for a brief meeting to discuss any updates and the completion of committee assignments. The judges have been confirmed as well as the sweeps judges. There will be Rally on Friday and Obedience on Saturday. The Judges are: Friday—David Samuelson with Lisa Costello doing sweeps and for Saturday, Valerie Hamilton with Dianne Bowen for sweeps. Allan Immerman will be doing Rally and Obedience. Kerie Swepston and Jeanette Dorsey will plan the Friday night wine and cheese party after the show for exhibitors. Gail Dunbar will donate some wine for the event. Christine Hopperstad is the Publicity Chairperson and will be putting information in the AWC newsletter and Janis Castle will do an ad for the AWC catalog for the National show. Mary Downing and Susan Manthou will review the Ba Ray mailing list in February and make sure all members names are included on the list. Names should be given to them for the mailing list. The group discussed ring side mentoring and decided to offer it. Janis Castle will let the Hound Club know she is the contact. If there is a need for a mentor the group will discuss how this will be handled and who will do the mentoring. Breeders in the group indicated they would be willing to help dependent upon their showing schedule. Arrangements were made for a show photographer. Mary Downing will follow up on the particulars for the premium. Peggy Hewes will be doing the auction and encouraged members to start looking for items and donations now for the auction. Helen has a contact she will follow up on that may do videos for the show.

Susan will send in the AKC papers this week with payment for the shows. A separate rally application has to be made up. She will access it off the AKC website.

The next meeting will be held in March in coordination with the Bremerton shows.

## EVENTS

### DOG SHOWS thru APRIL

**JANUARY 20, 21, 22**  
Dog Fanciers Association of Portland  
Portland, Oregon  
Onofrio Dog Shows

**FEBRUARY 11 & 12**  
Linn county Kennel Club.  
Onofrio Dog Shows  
Albany, Oregon

**MARCH 11 & 12**  
Seattle Kennel Club  
Seattle, WA  
Bay Ray Event Services

**MARCH 25 & MARCH 26**  
Penninsula Dog Fanciers  
Silverdale, WA  
Onofrio Dog Shows

**APRIL 8 & 9**  
Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers Assn.  
Centrailia, WA  
MB-F

### COURSING/RACE EVENTS

**APRIL 1 AND APRIL 2**  
Roy Polo Field  
NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA

**APRIL 15 and APRIL 16**  
ASFA ALL BREED  
Roy Polo Field

**SEPTEMBER 2, 3, and 4th**  
WWWA/NWSGA  
Versatility Weekend  
Haps Field Ethel, WA  
NAWRA/LGRA  
NOTRA and Conformation Match  
ASFA -AB

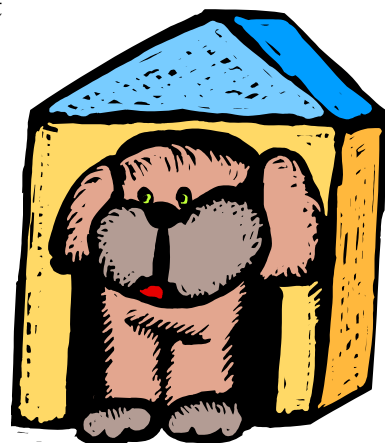
**SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1 - Roy, WA**  
NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA -

**NOVEMBER 11-12 - Roy, WA**  
NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA -

Check on the Region 1 website for a complete listing of Coursing and Race events.

We had a slight change of venue this year for the Versatility Weekend due to the Whippet NAWRA Nationals being on the same weekend in California. Because more than half the committee will be attending that event & we can't secure a field for the weekend, we are holding it over Labor Day weekend this year at Happ's Field in Ethel, WA. (close to Chehalis, WA).... a BEAUTIFUL facility found for us by Diane. I think everyone will enjoy this year's event. At the Region 1 meeting it was decided that the date be given up

At for this year only and we have it IN WRITING from them they will only use this year - so due to lack of worker's, a field, etc.This is why we will not have a trial this year on Memorial Day. These notes are from Jenette Gersich.



## WHIPPET RESCUE

As you may remember, we had a dog named Sprite in rescue in Nov who has been adopted out. Here is an update from his new family;

""Hi Laurel,

Just a quick update on "Sprite." He's doing great and putting on weight. He looks beautiful and is such a love. All our dogs are getting along just fine and our cockapoo is absolutely devoted to him.

I wanted to thank you for letting us adopt him. I can't believe how much my husband likes him. I don't think he's ever been around a whippet before -- neither have a lot of folks we've introduced him too. He's a VERY good ambassador for his sweet breed.

Hope you had a great Christmas and that 2006 is a wonderful year for you and your family.

Thanks again,  
Cindy and George""



Hugo was adopted out through SPDR to a wonderful family in Oregon. This is the 2nd email they've sent me asking for another!!

""Hi Laurel,

Hugo is doing very well. I am at work right now but when I get home I will send you some cute pictures I have recently taken...He is such a food hound! I feed him separately but lookout if any other dog comes near his bowl! He is pretty vocal about it!!! He is so sweet & we love him so much. He lays in my bed with me...he puts his head on my husband's pillow...you should see him!

Can I be on your waiting list? I am not

picky just cat & kid safe. I don't care about age, color, sex etc. Do you think Hugo would like having a new friend? I think he would.....

Hope you had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New year!

Kristie""

And of course, last but not least, Maggie! Most of us who attended the last meeting got to see the little cutie in person. She is living with a young couple with two, gentle, charming children. They are so enamored with Maggie; they are getting another whippet from Debbie Adams this spring for a friend for her!!



We also had a woman call and turn a Whippet into our national group; WRAP. She explained to me that the dog had been her sons dog, he had taken the dog when he moved out as an adult and had for some reason passed away and the mother was unfortunately not in a position to have a dog at all. She was a bit frantic and brought the dog right over. She told me the breeder was Jeannie Simonsen and when I called Jeannie, she said she would take “Tawny” back and keep her or rehome her. The weather made it difficult for us to meet up so Peggy Hewes thoughtfully stepped forward to keep her and get “Tawny” back to the Simmonsens. So, Tawny was not “in rescue” but, returned to her breeder.

We love it when this happens, we get a dog into rescue, find the breeder and instead of getting a “well, what do you want me to do with the dog or I can’t take the dog back now because..... or well, can’t you place the dog for me”, we get a “Oh, of course I’ll take the dog back, when can I meet you?”

Thanks to all the responsible breeders out there that makes Whippet rescue so much easier!

**Laurel Wilks**

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### Reminder Notice:



## **Western Washington Whippet Association** ***January General Membership Meeting***

**When:** Wednesday, January 25, 2006

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Tony Roma's Restaurant

17305 South Center Parkway in Tukwila

### **Directions to General Membership Meeting**

**From I-5 South:** Take the WA-518/Southcenter Blvd. & Mall Exit towards Burien/Sea-Tac Airport, exit #154B.

Turn Left on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/S 154th St./Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Southcenter Blvd. Turn Right on 61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy. The nearest cross street is Minkler Blvd.

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**From I-5 North:** Take the Southcenter Parkway exit towards Tukwila, exit #153. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy. The nearest cross street is Minkler Blvd.