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**From the President, Leon Hustad**

It is difficult for us to realize and accept that our dear Sharon has passed away and, indeed, all of us join and express our condolences to her family and dear friend. We know that she contributed so much to the preservation and protection of our very unique breed of dog. If Sharon had not worked so diligently, much of it unheralded, with the American Kennel Club, we may not have been recognized as the parent club for the breed and have advanced as far as we have. Her devotion to conducting and coordinating judge’s education seminars throughout the country, many at her own expense, greatly enhanced the quality of judging. We could always count on Sharon doing much more than was expected of her.

I was first introduced to Sharon at the December, 2011 dog shows in Orlando, Florida. She had a young dog with her that left a great impression with me. His name was “Nils”. Little did I know at the time, that CH Nils would come to my home in November, 2013. I made a commitment to Sharon…. that Nils would be a Grand Champion and would be ranked #1 in 2014 for our breed. In March, 2014 he earned his Grand Championship, and as of June 30th, he is ranked #1.

When Sharon elected to resign as our President because of her health, I automatically, as 1st Vice-President, succeeded her. Letty moved up to be 1st Vice-President. The Board of Directors appointed Donal Hummer of Reno, Nevada as 2nd Vice-President. The Board and I welcome Donal and look forward to his wisdom and contributions.

Shortly afterwards, Harvey Sanderson submitted his resignation as our Treasurer. The Board and I thank him for his long devoted service to our organization. The Board of Directors appointed Janet Robinson of Clover, South Carolina as our new Treasurer. She brings with her much experience and knowledge at this position. The Board and I welcome Janet.

Now we must look to the future and set attainable goals. There are three areas that I feel we need to address immediately to achieve these goals: Member participation; Judges Education and Mentoring; and increasing our membership. Harvey Sanderson’s idea of forming different committees is an excellent beginning. We have started to do this, and we need our members to come forth and volunteer to serve.

Ask not what the NLAA can do for you; ask what you can do for the NLAA! Volunteer!
NLAA is Honoring Sharon Pederson at our Fourth Annual Specialty on December 11, 2014 in Orlando

We know that Sharon worked diligently to obtain full recognition from AKC, and that she attended each of our specialties in person. The specialties were very important to her – a chance to introduce our unique dogs to the fancy. We are dedicating this specialty to Sharon and hope we will have more people attending - and more entries - than ever.

The Orlando Cluster welcomes us again. The first all-breed show that week is on Tuesday, December 9; the judge is William Usherwood. Wednesday the 10th is our Supported Entry with Gloria Geringer judging. Thursday the 11th is our NLAA Specialty, and the judge is Dana Cline, a well-known and respected judge who is still provisional for Lundehunds. The AKC/Eukanuba show is on Saturday (the 13th) as usual, so we will have four opportunities to show off our Lundehunds.

We will again offer the crystal trophies that Sharon picked out for our specialties. In addition, I am proposing at our next NLAA directors' meeting that we set up a perpetual trophy or plaque in Sharon's honor, beginning with this Specialty.

We also need to plan at least a year ahead. Do you have a site preference for the 2015 Specialty? Should we rotate around the country? Where would we get strong entries and have good exposure to both the fancy and the public? Go to California? Texas?

Help!!

Please contact me at lettybiloxi@aol.com for more information

Training Tips  Jason Leach

Eleanor Christie, Christen Lang, Sofie Schonheyder, Paul Ross, Harvey and Judy Sanderson, Frank Bays, and Sharon Pederson.

While there certainly are several others whose names belong on this list, this group of people directly and materially influenced the current state of our breed. Without several of these people, the breed would likely be extinct. Without some others, the breed would not have made it out of Europe as long ago as it did.

Without Sharon Pederson, the American population would not be as large, as diverse and as connected to the European population as it is today. Not only did Sharon help establish the most prolific Lundehund breeding program on this side of the Atlantic, she did it for all of the right reasons, and foremost on her mind was always: "What is best for the dogs?"

This type of thinking is what drew me to become involved with Frank, Ray and Sharon of Cliffhanger Kennels. They maintained long lasting partnerships with breeders on both continents, and kept the flow of genes going in both directions. Few living Lundehunds have pedigrees without a Cliffhanger dog in it somewhere.

Sharon frequently traveled to and organized shows and specialties, judges education seminars, meet the breed events and club meetings. She traveled frequently to Europe. She went to the big show every few years on Værøy. Sometimes she went to deliver a puppy to Norway, or to bring back a few from Finland. She gladly facilitated these transactions for others because it was good for the breed. Sometimes she never left
the airport and flew there just so a puppy would not have to fly alone. With Sharon it was always "Dogs first." All other considerations were secondary, including her own health issues.

Some of you reading this will remember the memorial we had in Tomales, CA for Frank Bays. I cried like an inconsolable child. I am doing it again as I write this, with three Lundehunds by my side.

Whenever we spoke on the phone she always started the conversation with "Oh Captain, my Captain." I have lost my General. We have all lost a facilitator, a rescuer, an adviser, a voice of reason, a light in the dark. Our dogs have lost one of their greatest advocates.

I knew Sharon when she lived and worked in Tomales  

Erwin Steinbeisser

Sharon and I met through Margory Cohen, who used to take her dogs to Cliffhanger Kennel. What I noticed about Sharon then was how compassionately she was involved in understanding the various sicknesses to which Lundehunds were prone. She even persuaded me to translate a German book on them.

The number of people she stayed in contact with, and visited, because of her interest in Lundehunds was quite remarkable.

We gradually came to know each other, and to discover interests we shared. One of them was picking mushrooms. Sharon not only insisted on bringing home all the mushrooms we found, but also on classifying them the way a mycologist would by laying them out, and then she cooked them into a delicious meal.

We also attended many auctions in Sebastopol. Bidding together on items was as much fun as sharing insights about their background, and eventually selling them together at sidewalk sales in San Francisco.

Sharon was always busy; always doing something; ready for adventure. Whether it was driving to Drake’s for oysters or attending a performance of the San Francisco Ballet, she did things wholeheartedly and with a great passion. One afternoon she was losing at chess, but would not concede the session until she beat me fair and square.

Throughout the brief time that I got to know her, I most remember the way in which she dealt with her own sickness. Sharon was very matter of fact about it, very realistic. She dealt with it as was necessary, yet never lost sight of the importance of life beyond that fact.

I’m sorry that she passed away so young. She had a lot to offer. She was a lot of fun to be with.

My memory of Sharon Pederson  
Anelli Rosenberg

I visited Frank & Sharon for the first time. Most of you know Sharon as the “Lundie-woman.” So do also I. My first imported Lundehund was Cliffhanger Uncle Sam which came to me in May 1999, the same autumn.

They were showed around the island and we have some special places which are worth to see and of course I brought them with me there.
Sharon was excited and looked around, saw two small islands, pointed at one and said: “That is my island, I want to live there.” From that day it was called Sharon’s Island.

Next time she came over was when we changed puppies – Cliffhanger Daniel to Eriksro Fagre Kettil. She really did that to bring the dogs in the cabin with her, and she is one of those I have trusted to bring dogs to the States. But it has not always been without problems – that is for sure, and I have helped her out many times. I have never met a more honest person than Sharon. I knew I could always trust her words and promises.

Later on I took a puppy with me to US and joined the first NLAA-show, Christen Lang was the judge and it was a trip to remember. I was only in Colorado for a weekend, but what a weekend.

She stood by my side during my divorce and was the one I could trust. It was the same year it was double show in Morokulien and I said: “No, I am not in a mood to go and drive through Sweden alone” so she took a flight from Oslo to Arlanda where I picked her up the weekend before it was time to take off to Morokulien. That week she fixed my kitchen chairs (IKEA) which I not had put together because I was totally depressed She helped me out with my son when everything was a mess and was there by my side and gave me good advices. On the way to Morokulien I remember she sat and made earrings – I loved her earrings and was impressed she could do them while sitting in the car.

She showed “Eva” (Eriksro Hemliga Eva) for me, I wanted her to have a dog to show and she did well. We had an amazing weekend in Morokulien, and I was going to give up the breeding in 2007 but she talked me over so I continued breeding and all litters from 2007 and forward is due to her getting me to work further on for the breed. After Morokulien shows I had given her promise to drive her to Oslo. During that ride we got a flat tire in the middle of nowhere, well Geez, what a day that was...
Later that autumn I took off to SFO to visit her in September and also to pick up Frosty – a gift from Frank and Sharon to me. I had the luck to again be able to join a NLAA-specialty and had the opportunity to show some dogs, among them Frosty who got BOB and the feet award. Another great Cliffhanger dog I could bring with me home.

Sharon also brought Arcticridge Talk To The Paw with her to me when she picked up two puppies coming from Sweden, again an excellent male which has given my breeding good things to continue with.

It was winter and we took her to the horse-track for the horse day entertaining they had that day. Sharon was like a child in the snow, happy and with a big smile together with the sun. I noticed she was more tired than before and needed to rest more often.
I also took a trip to Florida to Eukanuba show, it was the last time I met Sharon. I was so happy for her as she had talked about Dale and finally I got to meet him. They were just a great couple.
For me Sharon was more than a Lundehund breeder – she was my best friend, the one I could trust, the one who always was there for me when I needed – no one can ever imagine how deeply I loved that woman, and I’m so happy she met my husband, Conny, and could take a closer look that he took good care of me.

She will be my guardian angel forever. I know that in my heart, but she will also be the one who takes care of all the Lundehunds which we have lost.

For me – this is the real Sharon

Anelli Rosenberg, the Judge and Sharon at Morokulien 2007
BOB: Trofast av Vinterskogen. BOS: Erikso Hemliga Eva
It is with a heavy heart that I forward this from Dr. Dale Simmons, fiancé of the beautiful Sharon Pederson, who was known in the dog world for her love and passion for the Norwegian Lundehund.

Sharon had danced in the Joffre Ballet in NY in years past and contracted Parkinson’s which amazingly did not deter her joy of life, her love of Dale, her loyalty to her family and friends as well as her devotion to her beloved breed, the Norwegian Lundehund. Sharon was also President of Sir Francis Drake KC.

She is at peace and no longer in pain.
I would like to dedicate my article to my mentor, and more importantly my friend, Sharon Pederson. I first met Sharon back in August of 2011. I excitedly saw that there was going to be one of the rare, almost mythological, Norwegian Lundehunds at a show I was planning on taking my terrier to. After showing in Juniors, I hunted around the show to find this mysterious canine. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a fox-like dog with extra toes. I walked past the dog again to make sure my eyes were not mistaken.

I then introduced myself and asked eagerly if her dog was a Norwegian Lundehund. She replied very kindly that it was, but told me that I was pronouncing the breed’s name wrong. I needed to say it like a Norwegian would, and say it proudly as they would.

I tried again, and the results were only slightly better. We both laughed, and our conversation took off from there. Needless to say that by the time we were done talking, Sharon had convinced me that the Lundehund was the best breed of dog, best animal, and best organism in existence. She was very welcoming and answered all of my questions about the breed, and even let me take a picture with her Lundehund. She had probably been asked about her dog a hundred times before, just on that day, but she still managed to talk with me enthusiastically.

Before I left, she gave me all of her contact information and encouraged me to be in touch. After I convinced my parents, it didn't take long to get back in touch with Sharon to see if I could be put on a list to get a puppy. Then the waiting began. Sharon kept me up to date about her dog Ultra and while Ultra took her sweet old time getting pregnant, Sharon and I got to know each other better. Finally, when my puppy was born, she invited us to stay at her house and meet the puppy.

She opened her house to us again, and insisted we stay there, when we picked up my puppy, too. There was this huge blackberry bush, more like a blackberry wall, by her house, and we picked them to put on our ice cream. I remember watching America’s Got Talent with her in our pajamas, while eating the ice cream. It was a simple dessert, yet in that moment it was better than any fancy long-named French dessert. Speaking of food, did you know that Sharon made the best poached Salmon in the universe? Atlantis would have been jealous of her Salmon.

To this day, I still take in an extra inhale of breath before saying the name “Norwegian Lundehund”, because I know that I will need all the air that I can get to say the name correctly. Sharon taught me to accent it, to say it properly, to say it proudly.

To this day, I think of Sharon every time I look at my puppy Luna. I will think of the lessons she taught me, not only about raising and showing Luna, but also about life.

To this day, and for all the days to come, I have missed and will miss Sharon Pederson. I do not know of the infinite lives she changed, or of her entire impact on the world, but she changed my life for the better. I may not have known her for as long as others, yet I am grateful for the little infinity of time that I was fortunate enough to have known her.

Memories of Sharon. Noreen Cartwright

Let me be very clear. I do not want to have to write a farewell for my friend! Sharon is gone too early, too quickly and with much left to do.

However, it seems I have no choice. She is gone. The final end was quick. And others will carry on.

Somehow I, and we, have to cope.

Sharon came into my life casually, much the same as others have done who are involved in the sport of dogs. We met at an outdoor Portland fun match where I judged Hounds. Dale and she approached after I finished a puppy group and asked if I would like to see a Lunde. I jumped at the chance, and it went from there…

Sharon was objective that day in answering my probing questions about her canine pride and joy. She was detailed in her replies and included the breed history that gave context to the Lunde’s unique physical characteristics.

Months later a judge flew up from California for Sharon to tutor him, and I was invited to participate. We stood outside on her kitchen deck, under the warm sun, and went over her two Lundies, one after the other. It was a classic Compare and Contrast session. What he didn’t ask, I did. Sharon answered and then pointed out things that we overlooked. There was much laughter. Afterwards, into the kitchen for a snack that we watched her prepare.

Months later I judged Lundies at a mid-west show. A young man handled a dog that was antsy about having his toes touched. Afterwards we met in the handler’s area where he explained and demonstrated the steps for picking up a
Lunde and turning it on its back so its toes were extended towards the judge. Our common denominator was being mentored by Sharon!

She was enthusiastic, goal-driven and determined, each of which stood her in good stead while successfully dealing with the AKC bureaucracy. I picture a rod of determined steel hidden in her soft demeanor. That same determination allowed her to accommodate the Parkinson’s without letting it take over her life.

I remember us sitting in her basement while going through boxes of fabric scraps to select the best ones for the lap robes I designed for the National’s silent auction. She found the proper colors for flowers and lichen. And, since she had seen the cliffs, she was able to refine my design.

When she invited me to go with her to the 2013 National I was unsure what my role was to be. What kind of help might she need? She and Nils, seasoned traveling companion, knew my role exactly: to come along, don’t get in the way and to get help should she need it. While there she planned her days and worked her plan. It was not until she was on the plane for our return trip that she let down and napped in her seat.

Again in her basement. This time we are at her computer where we compared various newsletter apps to determine which would work best for her latest project – an international staying-in-touch system. The NLAA newsletter was born in her basement. She was key in developing the Mission Statement in which members are invited to share opinions and to do it in a courteous manner.

Sharon was scheduled to present the Lunde at the April Oregon Dog Judges meeting. Dale did it instead, stating simply that she “was not feeling well.”

She is missed. She is remembered. She made a difference.

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Norwegian Lundehund
AKC Dog Show Results
By Leon Hustad, lhustad@aol.com

**April, 2014**
4/13/2014 Sacramento KC, Sacramento, CA. Judge: Kathy Beliew 0-1 (0-0) WB/BOB: Cliffhanger Natalie’s Number 1-Owner: Natalie Hummer


**May, 2014**
5/15/2014 Northern California Non-Sporting DC, Vallejo, CA. Judge: Eva E Berg 0-1 (0-0) WB/BOB: Cliffhanger Natalie’s Number 1-Owner: Natalie Hummer

Junior Showmanship Competition: Judge: Eva E Berg-Open Senior Class: 1st Place- Natalie Hummer with Cliffhanger Natalie’s Number 1

5/18/2014 Greater Kingsport KC, Gray, TN Judge: Anne Savory Bolus 1-0 (0-0) WD/BOB: Cliffhanger Nilsson-Owner: Janet Robinson

5/24/2014 Key City KC, St Peter, MN Judge: Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark 0-0 (1-1) BOB: CH Neocles Aleksander-Owner: Kathy Conroy-Votca and Letty Afong; BOS: CH Hammarhojdens Ultra-Owner: Sharon K Pederson and Kathy Conroy-Votca

5/25/2014 Key City KC, St Peter, MN Judge: Richard V Miller 0-0 (1-1) BOB: CH Neocles Aleksander-
Owner: Kathy Conroy-Votca and Letty Afong; BOS: CH Hammarhojdens Ultra-Owner: Sharon K Pederson and Kathy Conroy-Votca

5/31/2014 Flatirons KC, Longmont, CO Judge: Joe C Walton 0-2 (0-0) BOB/WB: CH Seacliff Claire Luna-Owner: Karen Woerner; RWB: Norsestar Annika Lucky Seven-Owner: Karen Woerner

June, 2014
6/1/2014 Flatirons KC, Longmont, CO Judge: Mrs Chris A Levy 0-2 (0-0) BOB/WB: CH Seacliff Claire Luna-Owner: Karen Woerner; RWB: Norsestar Annika Lucky Seven-Owner: Karen Woerner


6/20/2014 Brevard KC, Orlando, FL Judge: Carl E Gomes 0-2 (0-2) BOB: CH Emma Tallulah Lonewolf-Owner: Leon Hustad; SB: GCH CH Dusty Dawn Lonewolf-Owner: Leon Hustad; WB: Ingrid Alexandra Lundejeger-Owner: Leon Hustad; RWB: Leah Isadora Lundejeger-Owner: Leon Hustad

6/22/2014 Space Coast KC of Palm Bay, Orlando, FL Judge: Sandy I Wheat 0-2 (0-2) BOB: GCH CH Dusty Dawn Lonewolf-Owner: Leon Hustad; SB: CH Emma Tallulah Lonewolf-Owner: Leon Hustad; WB: Ingrid Alexandra Lundejeger-Owner: Leon Hustad; RWB: Leah Isadora Lundejeger-Owner: Leon Hustad

*All wins subject to AKC confirmation.

2014 BOB Rankings thru 6/30/2014

1st 20 pts.- GCH CH Frontpage Nils-Owner: Leon Hustad
2nd 13 pts.- GCH CH Dusty Dawn Lonewolf-Owner: Leon Hustad
3rd 11 pts.- GCH CH Rockdancers Ruby Tuesday-Owner: Kathy J Rainesalo
4th 10 pts.- CH Fleurette Lonewolf-Owner: Tracy and Peter Rousseau
5th 5 pts.- GCH CH Maud Angelica Seacliff-Owner: Leon Hustad
5th 5 pts.- CH Fransiska Lundejeger Lonewolf-Owner: Charleen Nugent
7th 4 pts.- GCH CH Sonja Christina Lundejeger-Owner: Leon Hustad
7th 4 pts.- CH Neocles Aleksander-Owner: Kathy Conroy-Votca and Letty Afong
9th 3 pts.- CH Emma Tallulah Lonewolf-Owner: Leon Hustad
10th 2 pts.- CH Seacliff Claire Luna-Owner: Karen Woerner