

Annual Agility Report - BCCA Agility Committee –September 2016

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Goals for 2015-2016:

We will look at the AKC FAST class and Time 2 Beat. We will also look at the Masters Bronze, Silver, Gold and Century titles and decide whether they have a place within the BCCA Agility Awards and Register of Merit programs.

Activities and Major Accomplishments:

A: BCCA Awards:

The Lightning Award was approved by the Board in December 2015.

The Lightning Award, **sponsored by Lori Weinberg in honor of Rocky**, MACH PACH Chaniem Creag MXS MJG MXP3 MXPB MJP7 MJPS PAX XF, recognizes speed in AKC agility at the Masters' level for the fastest legs in Standard Masters or Masters Preferred and JWW Masters or Masters Preferred. Preferred scores must be for a Veteran, age seven or over. The custom steel award features a shadow figure of a Bearded Collie stretched over a jump. Yards per second are used for scoring purposes. The five fastest legs for each dog in Masters Standard and JWW (regular or preferred) are selected. The high and low values of these five legs are dropped and the remaining three values are averaged. The averages for Standard and JWW are added to get the dog's total score. The dog with the highest total score is the winner. In the case of a tie, multiple trophies will be given.

47 Teams were Eligible in 2015. The first winner is **MACH5 Camerons On The Cutting Edge** MXB2 MJC2 OF T2B2 (Blade), owned by **Lori Weinberg** of Edwardsville, IL.

Joanne Williamson has done all of the statistics for the BCCA Awards and AKC annual reports since 1996.

B. Trials:

BCCA:

The Bearded Collie Club of America holds an annual National Specialty agility trial.

Jeff Ipser chairs annual BCCA all breed agility trials in the Midwest as BCCA fund-raisers.

Joanne Williamson chairs annual BCCA all breed agility trials in the Northeast as BCCA fund-raisers.

Affiliate Clubs:

Jack Buhite chaired the NCBCF's 16th annual Regional Specialty agility trial.

The National Capitol Bearded Collie Club, the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound, and the Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers hold between seven and nine all-breed agility trials annually.

C. Publication:

The Agility Committee fosters the sport of dog agility through publication in the Bagpipes and the Beardie Bulletin. Milestones, explanations of new classes and rule changes, agility events, and tributes are published in

the Bagpipes. The annual reports appear on both the BCCA and BAD websites. All AKC Titles and BCCA Awards are published in the Bulletin, as well National Events and articles on the sport.

The **Beardie Agility Diehards** (BAD) pay for all agility pages above the yearly allotment and for the publication of USDA, NADAC, CPE, UKC, and UKI titles as well. Over the last 19 years the Diehards have sponsored articles in all 76 issues of the Bulletin and contributed \$21,175 toward the publication of 259 agility pages.

D. Internet:

The BCCA website's Agility Section contains agility articles and a link to the Beardie Agility Diehard website (www.beardieagilitydiehards.org). The BAD website, created by **Karen Norteman** and launched on New Year's Day 1998, has a large section devoted to BCCA Agility, listing the current BCCA Agility Committee, the complete list of BCCA Agility Award winners since 1996, the Register of Merit for Agility, the National Specialty results starting with the first trial in 1996, and the annual agility reports. There are pdfs of all AKC Agility legs earned by Beardies from 1 January 2012 through 30 June 2016 so that BAD Members can update their pages. The website features a Rainbow Bridge page for all BAD Agility Beardies.

Currently there are 775 Agility Beardies on the Website, including 722 at home and 53 abroad. Of these, 660 have earned legs and titles in the five United States and two Canadian dog agility organizations and 575 are BAD.

The Beardie Agility Line, started in January of 2000, brings together the Agility Community from the USA and around the world to help those new to the sport, to discuss techniques, and to share agility successes and questions. Currently we have 285 members. **Joanne Williamson** publishes the BCCA's year-end AKC Awards to the line so that they can be confirmed before being printed in the Bulletin. **Libby Myers-Buhite** publishes the USDA, NADAC, CPE, UKC, and UKI titles and the Rainbow Bridge Beardies.

Recently updated on the BAD Website:

Links to 19 BCCA Nationals agility trials: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAntls.html>

2015 BCCA Nationals Agility Trial: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAna15.html>

2015 BCCA Awards: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAaw15.html>

2016 Annual Report: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAr16.html>

BCCA Register of Merit for Agility: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAROMA.html>

BCCA Versatility Masters and Excellent: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/vb.html>

BAD Membership Page: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/MEMBERS.html>

574 BAD Beardies with their agility titles: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BADstats.html>

201 Non-Member Beardies with titles: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BADstatsN.html>

All Champion and Masters Beardies: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/MACH2Qs.html>

Rainbow Bridge Agility Beardies: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/bridge.html>

E. AKC Correspondence: None needed this year.

Statistical Information:

American Kennel Club- January 1-December 31, 2015 AKC Report from Joanne Williamson:

2015 was another banner year for Beardies in AKC agility. 145 Beardies earned a total of 3,271 legs in the Regular, Preferred, FAST, T2B and Premier classes in all breed and Specialty competition; 37 Beardies competed in the Preferred classes. 109 of these teams accounted for 310 total titles (71 Novice, 32 Open, 21 Excellent, 145 Masters, 24 Championships, 14 T2B and 3 TQX). Four teams completed two MACHs within the competition year: **Jeff Ipser and MACH4-5 ReZoom** (Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator), **Linda Porter and MACH8-9 Mika** (Fox Lane's Mika At Tweeddale), **Miranda Mulders and MACH2-3 Kizzy** (Colard Fly Me To the Moon) and **Karen Barratt and MACH10, PACH Miller** (Colquhoun's No Time To Relax). Six teams competed at the 2015 AKC Invitational held in Orlando, FL in December; Miranda and **Kizzy** made the finals in the 20" class and placed 7th overall. 16 Teams have qualified for 2016 AKC National Championships to be held in Tulsa, OK in March, 2016.

American Kennel Club- AKC:

642 Beardies have earned legs since 1994. 32 Beardies are new since last year.

65 Beardies have earned 178 Championships: 63 AKC MACHs, 9 PACHs and 2 PACH2s.

36 MACH2s, 20 MACH3s, 13 MACH4s, 10 MACH5s, 5 MACH6s, 4 MACH7s, 4 MACH8s 4 MACH9s,

3 MACH10s, 2 MACH11s 1 MACH12, 1 MACH13, and 1 MACH14.

United States Dog Agility Association- USDAA:

164 Beardies have earned legs since 1992. 8 Beardies are new since last year.

10 Beardies have earned 11 USDAA Championships: 1 triple champion (ADCH-Bronze), 7 champions (ADCH), and 2 Performance Champions (PDCH).

North American Dog Agility Council- NADAC:

181 Beardies have earned legs since 1996. 3 Beardies are new since last year.

6 Beardies have earned 12 NADAC Championships: 6 NADAC Champions (NATCH), 3 NATCH2s, and 2 NATCH3s, of whom 2 also earned the NADAC Versatility Championship (VersNATCH),

Canine Performance Events- CPE:

84 Beardies have earned legs since 2003. 5 Beardies are new since last year.

14 Beardies have earned 48 Championships: 12 C-ATCHs, 2 CT-ATCHs, 1 CT-ATCH2s, 2 CS-ATCHs, 5 C-ATCH2s, 3 C-ATCH3s, 3 C-ATCH4s, 2 C-ATCH5s, 2 C-ATCH6s, 1 C-ATCH7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12., 3 C-ATEs, 1 C-ATE2, 3, 4, and 5.1 CT-ATE and 1 CS-ATE

United Kingdom International- UKI:

At least 16 Beardies have competed in UKI since this organization came to the USA in 2010.

John Youngblood holds the distinction of winning the 20" class at the US Open in 2015.

Commendations:

Beardies have been competing in agility since 1992. To date, 85 Beardies and 55 handlers have earned 255 Agility Championships in 6 venues. The BCCA Agility Committee congratulates 23 Beardies and 22 handlers who have earned 27 Agility Championships since August 2015. Congratulations to **Suzi Beddoe's Emma**, Headline's Upcoming News, who earned the first GCH CH MACH on February 29, 2016 and to **BJ Walkers's Brodie**, Brymar's My Love, who earned the first GCH CH PACH on 19 April 2015. Congratulations also to **Jennifer Phillip's Ryan** who joins the select circle of MACH ADCH Beardies.

American Kennel Club:

MACH	Mia	Estrella's Solamente Mia	Jennifer Scheytt	10.11.15
MACH	Ryan	Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter	Jennifer Phillips	1.29.16
MACH	Emma	Headline's Upcoming News	Suzi Beddoe	2.29.16
MACH	Bryn	Brymar's Simply Irresistible	BJ Walker	4.01.16
MACH2	Rhia	Wynsum Rhiannon In Flight	Kathy Tomlinson	10.17.15
MACH2	Marco	Lakewood Born To Be A Star	Cheri Omnus	11.15.15
MACH2	Maya	O'Duinnin Heart In Motion	Carol Hegg	1.24.16
MACH2	Shug	Cameron Sugarland Express	Jill Scarborough	3.05.16
MACH2	Anna	Casanovas for American Beauty	Richard Masley	5.15.16
MACH2	B-Buster	Lil'Clove Poppet's First Moppet	Claire Cifarelli	5.29.16
MACH3	Perk	Cameron Mocha Espresso	Jill Scarborough	5.22.16
MACH3	Rhia	Wynsum Rhiannon In Flight	Kathy Tomlinson	7.01.16
MACH4	Pip	Wigglesworth Great Expectations	Larry Dalan	9.27.15
MACH4	Mckenzie	Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff	Debbie Alexander	1.08.16
MACH4	Smitty	Wynsum Rhythm And Brews	Jan Leverenz	1.31.16
MACH5	Blade	Camerons On The Cutting Edge	Lori Weinberg	9.09.15
MACH5	Rezoom	CH Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator	Jeff Ipser	11.14.15
MACH5	Pip	Wigglesworth Great Expectations	Larry Dalan	3.20.16
MACH5	Mckenzie	Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff	Debbie Alexander	1.08.16
MACH6	Blade	Camerons On The Cutting Edge	Lori Weinberg	4.24.16
PACH	Miller	Colquhoun's No Time To Relax	Karen Barratt	8.23.15
PACH	Guinness	Wynsum Hard Habit To Break	Bob Leverenz	9.12.15
PACH	Snow	Ha'Penny Harwood Ode To Choi	Tracy Corey	6.26.16
PACH2	Sterling	Brandmar Come Fly With Me	Karen Reed	5.07.16

United States Dog Agility Association

ADCH	Ryan	Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter	Jennifer Phillips	4.01.16
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Canine Performance Events:

CT-	Granite	Kamelott's Great Stone Face	Nancy May	9.26.15
CS-	Farley	Kamelott's Wild Thing Farley	Nancy May	8.29.15

Thank you:

The Agility Committee thanks **Joanne Williamson** for 21 years of recording and analyzing AKC and BCCA statistics, the **Beardie Agility Diehards** for the Diehard Trophy, **Emily Venator and Glenn Hamilton** for the Denia Trophy, **Beth White** for the JWW Trophy in Honor of Mirage, **Carl and Kay Widell** for the Veteran Preferred Trophy in honor of Cagney, **Beth Canner** for her past support of the Sunshine and the Ryan Awards, **Beth Canner** and **Gail Romine** for the Relay Banner designed by **Gretchen Blackburn**, and **Karen Norteman** for designing the BAD website. We thank **Ruth Bryden, Tracy Corey, Libby Myers-Buhite, Miranda Mulders, Cheri Omnus, Kathy Tomlinson, Lori Weinberg, Joanne Williamson, Lori Wolbach,** and **John Youngblood** for their agility columns this year. We also thank **Lillian Esposito** and **Michele Ritter** for doing such a fine job with agility publication in the Bulletin and Bagpipes. It has been a pleasure working with all of you! Many thanks to those who made our 20th National Specialty Agility Day an event to remember, especially **Pam Harris** as Agility Chair and Relay organizer, **Sharon Prassa** and **Shannon Smart** as Trophy Chairs, and the Agility Trial Committee: **Jack Buhite, Jana Dozet, Dawn Kinney,** and **Libby Myers-Buhite** as well as **Billy Carter** and **Jackye Dunn** for all of their work on the 2015 specialty.