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## President's Message – Rosemary Schroeder

I think we're on a roll! I have more good financial news to report this month. The New Year's Agility Trials held Saturday, December 31st and Sunday, January 1st in Amherst, NH and chaired by Joanne Williamson netted \$5,659.67 for the BCCA! I'd say that's a great way to start off the New Year! Many thanks, Joanne, for all the work that you do for us! And another piece of good news is that Val Maloney, President of the BCCME and Show Chair for the 2011 Specialty, has agreed to accept the position of Fundraising Chair for the BCCA. This position has been unfilled since 2010. Val has some great ideas about having a website where members can order Bearded items such as gifts for others or for themselves. This all came about just this weekend, so we will let you know as the idea grows and develops. If you have suggestions, you can post them on the Members List where Val will pick them up. Remember this won't happen overnight; let's give her some time. Plus our website designers will need to work some of their magic as well!

I have finally posted the information for Bearded Camp 2012. Normally I get this out sooner, but this year I've been sort of busy with other things! The dates are June 12, 13, & 14 at Purina Farms as usual. We have some exciting events this year that are totally new, and, of course, many of our traditional classes as well. Our staff of instructors is excellent, and I anticipate that a lot of great knowledge will be shared as well as lots of fun had by all! Hope you can make it!!! If you did not receive the recent related email, which included general information and entry forms, please let me know and we will resend it to you.

I want to thank Michele Ritter for her excellent work designing and editing the BCCA Roster this year! Michele was able to negotiate a much better price for this year's roster than we had been paying in the past. By using a different printer and by sending out many of the rosters with the Bulletin, we saved \$3,251 this year. That is 42% less than we have been paying! Michele has agreed to continue to do the roster for us biannually. In the off years, you will receive pages to attach with any changes that have occurred in the meantime. We are also planning to post the roster on the Members Only section of the website. We will not do this, however, until we have your permission to be included. Currently we are amending the dues renewal notices that are sent to you in May to include a place for you to agree that your information can be included. You will also be able to opt out of receiving a hard copy of the roster if you feel you do not need one. We want to give everyone access to a hard copy, but there is no need to print more than we actually need.

As you know we experimented with the Bagpipes last month by sending it out through Constant Contact and posting it on the website. Wendy has agreed to continue doing it both ways for a few months, but then we are going to have to decide on one way or the other. To be honest, the comments I got did not decisively lean toward either particular direction. This month instead of having to use the URL address that I gave you in January, you will just need to go to the website at [bccca.us](http://bccca.us) and click on the link with the Bagpipes logo. Then you will use the same information as last month: **member** is the username and **bearded** is the password. The By-Laws committee has begun working and will likely have some things to share with you in the not too distant future. The committee is made up of Michele Ritter, Carol Serrine, and Marie Wilson, our parliamentarian. They have been busy getting information from the AKC and learning the requirements that are imposed on us since we are incorporated in the state of New York. These are some of the nitty-gritty items that have to be dealt with as part of the process.

The next step will be for Marie to present the committee with an "*Analysis of Governance Documents for the Bearded Collie Club of America*". Sounds pretty impressive! The committee will review Marie's analysis and suggestions, work through potential revisions with her, and share them with the Board. Once a determination as to our proposed wording has been decided upon, the documents will be posted for the membership to review and ask questions or make suggestions. Once that is completed, the committee will make needed changes, the Board will once again approve what is written, and the document will be sent to AKC for its blessing. If all that goes well, the membership will vote on the amendments. This is going to take some time as you can well imagine, but we are making very good progress.



Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! Give your Beardies and all the special people in your life an extra hug!

Rosie

# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2012 BCCA BOARD MEETING

The Bearded Collie Club of America's Board of Directors meeting was held by mail on January 21, 2012.

## I. Roll Call

PRESENT: Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Minner, Schroeder, Voss, Williamson ABSENT: None

## II. Officers' Reports

President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

## III. Committee Reports

## IV. Unfinished Business

### Results January Motions Ballot

**12/11-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None **Present:** Schroeder

**01/12-01** Motion to approve the Executive Committee decision to grant meritorious extensions to the membership renewals of following individuals: Ann Mabry, Barbara Constantine and Carla Viggiano. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None **Present:** Schroeder

**01/12-02** Motion to approve the Executive Committee decision to amend SR 07/87-08 (previously amended 7/7/90, 7/1/91, 07/93-07, 03/94-04, 12/94-10, 04/08-07, 01/11-02 and 12/11-03) to read as follows: "The BCCA Newsletter, Bagpipes, shall be sent electronically to all BCCA members with email accounts. Beginning January 1, 2012, members without email accounts may request an abbreviated paper copy which will contain only pertinent club business including the Treasurer's Report, Notices from the Recording Secretary, Board Meeting Minutes and all ballots required by the BCCA Standing Rules. *The club business only Bagpipes will be mailed first-class as soon as possible after the complete electronic version has been distributed, but in no case after the expiration of the current issue month.* The March Newsletter shall contain the Nominating Committee's slate of proposed candidates and the May Newsletter shall contain the resumes of candidates for contested positions. All copy submitted for publication in Bagpipes shall be received by the 1st day of the month for publication in that month's issue. Any material received after that date may be published in the following issue at the discretion of the editor. An exception is made for the treasurer's report, which shall be received by the 8th to allow the treasurer to close the month's books." (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Mendonca, McDonald, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** Minner **Present:** Schroeder

**12/11-06** Motion to allow board members who cannot be present at the Annual Board Meeting to participate via conference call. (Minner)

**POSTPONED MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER**

## V. Election of New Members

### New Members

The following new members were voted into the club: Virginia & Steven Leitner, Christy Stine, Harriet & Arthur Woodard.

### BCCA Applicants February

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Sponsor: Terri Stewart

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Sponsor: Leslie Papa

## VI. New Business

### Motions to be Considered in February

**01/12-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2012 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**02/12-01** Motion to designate "Beardie Camp," held in even numbered years at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO, a club sponsored event, and, as such, provide it with liability coverage under the BCCA insurance policy. (Williamson)

**02/12-02** Motion to approve the Executive Committee decision appointing Chantal Andrew as Chairperson of the 2012 Nominating Committee. (Alspaugh)

**02/12-03** Motion to retain the services of E. Marie Wilson, Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, as a parliamentary consultant to work with the Bylaws Revision Committee. (Alspaugh)

### Proposed Motions for March

**02/12-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**03/12-01** Motion to adopt the attached form, BCCA Board of Directors Candidate Resumé, as the official form to request biographical information from all candidates for BCCA office. (Williamson)

*Discussion: Based on member input, the form used in last year's election has been modified to add fields for years of membership and past service for the BCCA and to make it easier to fill in and save.*

**03/12-02** Motion to add the following language to the rules for the Breeders' List on the BCCA website:

1. If they wish to renew for the next year, breeders who are currently listing should send a check for \$50, payable to the BCCA, to the Breeder Listing person by December 31.
2. Breeders who are not currently listing, but who wish to list for the coming year, should send \$50, an application with the signed Code of Ethics, and a business card to the appropriate person by December 31. If that breeder would also like to list for the balance of the current year, they may send a check for the coming year PLUS a pro-rated amount for the current year, along with an application, signed code of ethics, and business card. They will need to contact the Breeder Listing Person for the pro-rated amount. In no case will a breeder be allowed to

list for only a partial year without listing for the next full year. **A check for the partial year AND the next year must be included with the application.**

3. Breeders may NOT list only for the balance of a year without committing to the subsequent year and paying for the next year in full along with the balance of the current year. (Hayes)

*Discussion: Currently a breeder can only sign up during the open period in December for the following year. The proposed motion would give breeder members the opportunity to sign up during the year with the requirement that they also sign up at the same time for the next full year. This will prevent people who just want to list when they're having a litter and then will drop the listing after a partial year.*

**03/12-03** Motion to approve Valarie Maloney as Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee. (Alspaugh)

**03/12-04** Motion to amend SR 07/01-01, Breeder of BOB at National Specialty, to read as follows: The "Ralph Carson Breeder's Cup" is an annual award to acknowledge the accomplishment of the Breeder(s) whose dog is selected Best of Breed at each BCCA National Specialty. ***The award shall consist of an engraved silver cup, silver plate, or crystal water pitcher on a wooden base engraved with the following: "Winner of Best of Breed (Dog's Name), his/her official titles, and year of the Specialty Win." The silver, or the silver plate water pitcher will be engraved with "In Memory of Ralph Carson of Stonehaven Bearded Collies". If a crystal water pitcher is presented, there will be a hanging tag over the top of the pitcher with the same engraving "In Memory of Ralph Carson of Stonehaven Bearded Collies".*** It will be presented to the Breeder(s) of the Best of Breed at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet each year beginning in the year 2001 and will remain with the recipient. A new cup will be donated each year by Irene Carson, and/or the "Friends of Ralph Carson" as a tribute to the Breeder(s) of the BOB National Specialty Winner. (Atkins)

*Discussion: Irene Carson asked for this amendment due to the fact Silver Water Pitchers are becoming harder to find and more expensive each year. It allows for substitutions in the type of water pitcher and clarifies the engraving. Amended language in **bold italics**.*

## **Discussion Sheets**

None.

This concludes the business of the BCCA Board of Directors' meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh  
BCCA Recording Secretary

## Official Notices from the Recording Secretary

### Call for BCCA Officer and Director Nominations

The Nominating Committee is calling for nominations from people who are interested in serving as an officer or director for the Bearded Collie Club of America. The term for an officer is one year, and the term for a director is two years, beginning July 1, 2012. Please submit names to one of the following Nominating Committee members NO LATER THAN February 20, 2012.

Chantal Andrew, Chair  
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Sharon Prassa  
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All submissions will receive consideration by the committee. Chosen nominees for the official slate will appear in the March issue of *Bagpipes*.

### 2012 Member of the Year Nominations

Standing Rule 04/96-03 established a BCCA Member of the Year Award. The award recognizes on an annual calendar year basis that BCCA member or group of members who, as a result of his, her, or their activity, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Bearded Collie or the Bearded Collie Club of America. The Member of the Year Award will be publicly announced and presented at the National Awards Banquet in October, 2012.

Nominations for the award will be accepted from any member in good standing with the BCCA. Nominations must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before March 20, 2012. Each nomination should be accompanied by a 250-word (maximum) statement as justification for making the nomination. Seated Officers and Board members are not eligible for the award. The entire Board of Directors, by majority vote, will select the Member of the Year.

## Treasurer's Report – Casey Minner

<b>Report from the Treasurer</b>		
Casey Minner 2011		
<b>Bearded Collie Club Of America</b>		
<b>Income Statement</b>		
	January, 2012	Fiscal Year to Date
<i>Income</i>		
Member Dues		
Renewal Dues	\$ 55.00	\$ 17,048.00
New Members	\$ 85.00	\$ 530.00
Affiliate Clubs		\$ 375.00
	\$ 140.00	\$ 17,953.00
Donations from Members		
For Rescue	\$ 7,414.22	\$ 24,372.80
Undesignated	\$ -	\$ 660.00
	\$ 7,414.22	\$ 25,032.80
Beardie Bulletin		
Subscriptions	\$ 84.00	\$ 16,642.00
Postage Charges		\$ -
Advertising	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 20,870.00
	\$ 1,988.00	\$ 37,512.00
Bagpipes		
Litter Listings & Ads	\$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
Proceeds from 2011 National	\$ 2,807.50	\$ 28,853.04
Agility Trials	\$ 12,130.50	\$ 12,130.50
2012 Futurity	\$ 245.00	\$ 885.00
Illustrated Standard Sales	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,695.00
Beardie Emblem Sales		\$ 556.00
Breeder Listings	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,300.00
Misc. Sales	\$ 75.00	\$ 565.92
Credit Card Fees		\$ 221.30
Interest Income		\$ -
	\$ 25,970.22	\$ 126,914.56
<i>Expenses</i>		
2011 Parliamentarian Expenses		\$ 1,171.27
Rescue Expense	\$ 2,113.54	\$ 13,287.90
Agility Trial Expense	\$ 4,320.83	\$ 6,470.83
Donation to CHF - Jo Parker		\$ 100.00
Donation to BCCA Trust		\$ -
2013 National Deposit		\$ 500.00
2014 National Deposit		\$ 1,000.00
Beardie Bulletin		
Art Direction, Editing		\$ 7,120.00
Printing	\$ 5,580.00	\$ 13,955.00
Postage	\$ 1,773.95	\$ 3,632.13



Bagpipes	\$ 7,353.95	\$ 24,707.13
Constant Contact		\$ 225.00
Printing		\$ 1,827.00
Postage		\$ 415.66
		<u>\$ 2,467.66</u>
AKC Club Flier/Dues/Subscriptions		\$ 25.00
AKC Quarterly Events Reporting	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
AKC Delegate Expense		\$ -
AKC CHF Expenses		\$ 647.80
Member's Roster- printing & postage	\$ 2,368.78	\$ 2,368.78
Beardie Emblem cost		\$ 270.50
Insurance		\$ 600.00
Shipping		\$ 518.70
Trophy Maintenance, Storage & Shipping		\$ 352.11
Postage		\$ 56.07
Bank Charges (NSF Checks & Fees)		\$ 187.61
Office Supplies		\$ 408.86
Telephone		\$ 74.79
Computer Equipment		\$ -
Computer Software		\$ -
Computer/Printing Services		\$ 202.14
Art Direction		\$ -
National Specialty Expenses		\$ -
Futurity		\$ 612.00
Meet The Breeds Booth		\$ 221.27
Jo Parker Memorial for 2011 Nat'l Catalog		\$ 40.00
Election Expense		\$ -
Juniors Scholarships		\$ 1,000.00
Sunshine Committee		\$ -
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 49.80	\$ 549.06
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$ 16,486.90</u>	<u>\$ 58,119.48</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<u>\$ 9,483.32</u>	<u>\$ 68,795.08</u>

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter OFA Report – Karen Drummond

This report can be found on the BCCA Website

<http://www.bcca.us/health/CHIC/BREED2011-4.pdf>

## OFA Registry Summary – Karen Drummond

This report can be found on the BCCA Website

[http://www.bcca.us/health/OFA\\_Cerf/OFA2011.pdf](http://www.bcca.us/health/OFA_Cerf/OFA2011.pdf)

## Have Ewe Heard – Ann Witte

Note to all - we will do our best to get all reports transmitted to you as received from AKC electronically. Let Ann and Elsa know if you find any discrepancies, but remember that each report will be 2 months after the Test or Trial where a title has been earned. What follows is the January titles which were earned in November 2011. Whatever month your dog completed a title, add 2 months for publication by AKC and another month for the Bagpipes to be published before you think we have "forgotten" you, please ☺

### **New HT:**

\*Allen Be Dazzled - Suzanne W Easley Buck & Bill Buck

\*Brandmar N Chelsic Kiss Me Quick - David Medo & Susan Lybrand & Pat McDonald

\*Briarpatch Just One Look - Anna Gracie & Carol Lamb & Lucy Campbell-Gracie New

PT: \*Brandmar Tail Of Intrigue - David Medo & Susan Lybrand & Nicole Conner New HIAs: \*Allen The Play Maker - Carol & Ruth Colavecchio

### **Congrats to All!**

## Highland Herding – Ann Witte

### **Commands or Conversation?**

Our Beardies are really very smart dogs and it is in everyone's best interest to get this communication right. Being humans, we do like to talk a lot. Being a dog, our Bearded perceives something different from hearing our voices.

If we closely define "command", it is always in effect a demand that the dog act in a specific way. It doesn't matter whether the "command" is to walk at heel or flank around sheep. I say and you do - or else!

Now we usually do not really expect the dog to do exactly as we said, at least there is some variation. If we say "Lie Down" in a softer way, we probably mean for the dog to just stop or at least back off. If our tone of voice is somewhat harsher, we mean "you'd better stop now"; if the tone is given with as much emphasis as we can muster, we mean "LIE DOWN". One set of words delivered in different ways can show the dog that yes, it IS a command but I really want you to do "X". Why have so many different words for a range of actions when one word or set of words given differently can accomplish the same goals?

"*Conversation*" is very different. We like to chat; OK, then never mind that our Bearded does not know all the words. The tone of voice tells the dog more than words anyway. Let's take a scenario; Pampered Pooch just brought the sheep so fast that they knocked us over! The first thing you WANT to say - after a few cuss words - is going to be conversation. So you say "Hey - that was pretty bad, wasn't it? Don't you think you could have used your brain better"; or something to that effect. Conversation, not commands. When you ask a question, the dog will try to answer the question. When you give a command, you are suggesting the dog NOT think, just do.

So if you just have to talk, make most of that talk a CONVERSATION with your Bearded and save the COMMANDS for their own proper place and time.

## The Great Hip Debate - Andrea Hobe

Congenital hip dysplasia (CHD) has been called the leading genetic health problem in dogs today. In broad terms dysplasia is an inherited disease that affects laxity (looseness) of the joints. It is polygenic meaning it appears to be controlled by more than one gene. In an ideal world, there would be a genetic test we could utilize to determine whether a dog would develop hip dysplasia later on in life or if it would pass it on to its offspring. However, because it is affected by multiple genes, work on genetic testing for CHD has been challenging. In the meantime, scientists and veterinarians have been using physical tests, such as OFA and PennHIP, to see if a specific dog has or is more prone to develop the disease.

Hip testing, whether it be through OFA or PennHIP, is a useful tool for making sound breeding decisions towards improving the Bearded Collie breed as a whole. Because dysplasia can come from many different genes, we will probably never be able to entirely eradicate it. However, if we allow health testing to influence our breeding decisions we can certainly lessen the number of dysplastic animals in our gene pool.

There are two main organizations that offer hip testing in the United States - Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program (PennHIP). There is much controversy over which program is more accurate at diagnosing and predicting hip dysplasia. The following is a brief summary of each:

- OFA radiographs can be done by any licensed veterinarian and can be done once the dog is two years old (a preliminary report can be done for younger animals but they will not receive an OFA number). The OFA recommends chemical restraint to the point of muscle relaxation, however it is not required. The test is based on one view (hip-extended). The hip grades of Excellent, Good and Fair are within normal limits and are given OFA numbers. Radiographs of Borderline, Mild, Moderate and Severely dysplastic hip grades are not issued OFA numbers and are not made public unless requested by the owner.
- PennHIP radiographs can only be performed by certified individuals who have undergone a specific training and evaluation process. To maintain strict quality control, PennHIP radiographs must be performed under sedation, however, general anesthesia is preferred. They claim to be accurate in puppies as young as sixteen weeks of age. The PennHIP process consists of three views - a hip-extended view, a compression view and a distraction view. Instead of a grade, PennHIP issues a distraction index for each hip, which is basically a percentile ranking of that dog's hips compared to other dogs of the same breed. For example, a Bearded Collie with a 90% has tighter hips than 90% of all other Bearded Collies that have been tested. PennHIP does not make specific breeding recommendations, however they propose breeding only those dogs in the top 50%. At this point, there are only 56 Bearded Collies in the database; however, PennHIP is gaining popularity with both breeders and veterinarians. With increased participation, PennHIP should be able to give a strong evidence-based recommendation as to a dog's breeding potential as it relates to CHD.

Inarguably, PennHIP maintains a much more accurate database as to the existence of hip dysplasia as a whole, and is thus a better tool for improving the breed. In order to maintain the integrity and validity of the PennHIP method, all radiographs are required to be submitted for evaluation. This prevents data corruption which can occur when only the better test subjects are submitted for review. OFA allows the veterinarian and owner to review and pre-screen the films prior to submission, diluting the field from which health decisions are currently made. If you were to look at a group of dogs from an OFA database, you would see mostly "passable" scores, giving a false impression of sound hips across the board. What you wouldn't see are the dogs who had radiographs taken but did not have them submitted for fear they might not get an acceptable score.

This alters the overall picture of breed health altogether. The skewed percentage of "normal" dogs in the OFA database may significantly slow the progress of decreasing the prevalence of hip dysplasia. It is difficult to improve the breed as a whole if breeding decisions are not based on an accurate representation.

The evaluation and grading processes of the two organizations differ greatly. OFA sends the radiograph to three different veterinarians who visually review and assign a grade to the film based upon the veterinarians' opinion as to how much of the femoral head (the ball-shaped piece of bone located at the top of the thigh bone) lies within the socket. The median of those three scores is the grade that is assigned. Researchers have shown a wide variation in consistency in regards to OFA's grade assignments. Not only might one radiologist disagree with another, but may even contradict himself and give different grades to the same film on different occasions. Unfortunately, the hips are evaluated as a cumulative whole and no further information as to the general structure of the hips are given.

PennHIP uses a computer program to measure and evaluate the joint laxity, thus removing any room for human error. While the computer measures and calculates the distraction index, PennHIP veterinarians visually examine the radiographs in order to get more detailed information about the hip. In addition to the distraction index, PennHIP provides owners with a detailed evaluation report including notes on any degenerative joint disease, cavitation and any other abnormal findings. This information can be very useful when selecting breeding stock as you can breed to correct any irregularities or weaknesses and build upon the strengths of your breed.

A recent study shows that 80% of dogs evaluated as "normal" by the OFA were found to have hip laxity by PennHIP testing that predisposed them to developing hip osteoarthritis in the future\*. Results of this study suggest that OFA's test procedures and scoring methods underestimates a dog's susceptibility to osteoarthritis. By basing their evaluations solely on the hip-extended radiograph, OFA is approaching hip dysplasia from a narrow point of view. Many veterinarians have learned to manipulate the dog in order to generate more favorable results. PennHIP, on the other hand, evaluates a dog's hips from three different positions, physically compressing and distracting the hips to precisely demonstrate the laxity in each hip. PennHIP believes this is a much better indicator of current and future hip dysplasia susceptibility.

It is important to note that hip testing is not just for breeding dogs! Unfortunately, many "pet" owners do not feel the need to check their dog's hips. Early detection of hip dysplasia allows an owner to be proactive about treatment, whether that be through medication, supplements, fitness and/or nutrition. These preventative measures can certainly help the dog to live a longer more comfortable life, allowing a Bearded to bounce comfortably for many years to come.

\*Powers MY, Karbe GT, Gregor TP, McKelvie PJ, Culp WT, Fordyce HH, Smith GK. Evaluation of the relationship between Orthopedic Foundation for Animals' hip joint scores and PennHIP distraction index values in dogs. J Am Vet Med Assoc 2010; 237: 532-541.

## Litter Listing – Elizabeth Hayes

***The BCCA does not endorse, recommend, or warrant any breeders or dogs who are included in the Litter Listing.***

Send updates to [Elizabeth Hayes](mailto:Elizabeth Hayes)

3/1/12 (projected)

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Ch. Arlins I'm A Starr X Ch. Arlins Lady Luck

Sire: BC-4050G29M-VPI; CERF: Normal; Thyroid Panel - Michigan State University

Dam: BC-3930E32F; CERF: Normal; Thyroid Panel - Michigan State University

### CARTOON



***“Just follow us around the course and look efficient.  
We can be back in a dry barn in two minutes.”***

## "Companion Dogs" and Why They Have a Committee – Barbara Stone

A bit ago, the question was asked on the BCCA members email list "what is a pet Beardie?" Answers varied from 'every Beardie is a pet Beardie' to 'the Beardies who do not compete for titles'. From the perspective of the two-person Companion Dog Committee of the BCCA, a 'pet' or 'companion' Beardie is one who lives as a friend and companion to his/her owner. That dog may, at times, compete in a variety of events, but some may spend their time exclusively in pursuits like fetching a frisbee, going for walks, warming the bed or couch or being informal ambassadors for the breed. When I joined the committee, it was with the express intention of continuing the role I had on the obedience committee - to encourage people to have mannerly Beardies so that a) they can go out in public with their owners in a relaxed manner, and b) they can be perceived as 'good' dogs by the public who may not know or care to know about all the weird and wonderful antics our furkids can think up.

The Companion Dogs committee (Linda Taylor and me) welcomes your input to what you think this committee should do! Please let us know by sending us email directly. Also, anyone who wishes to be involved on the committee should let Linda know - we welcome your participation!

### **Not Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing - a slight diversion from our usually schedule programming!**

I was asked recently why I don't include correction-based methods in the training suggestions I write in this column. There are several reasons and I ask you to consider these when deciding how you will proceed with your training.

A correction is only effective if the dog knows what it is being corrected for! This goes as much for a collar pop as for a gentle verbal 'ah-ah'. For example, with puppy nipping, I have absolutely no qualms about grabbing by the beard a dog who is headed for me with teeth and telling it to knock it off, but I want to know that my timing is spot on. That correction **MUST** be delivered when the dog is about to nip, not after and definitely not while it is warning me to keep my distance. A puppy who is upset and/or uncomfortable enough to be issuing a real warning growl needs to be removed from the situation that makes it feel threatened. Correcting the nip or growl will do nothing to improve this situation and will teach only that you should get in your bite quick before the human gets in his correction!

Many dogs have a hair-thin line between 'everything is OK' and 'shut down'. It takes a very good trainer, a human who is absolutely attuned to their dog, or a relationship built to allow for crossing the line and then recovering effectively to train through the missteps. In training it is so easy to cross the line into the territory where a dog is overwhelmed or shut down, that the third option, a dog who has been taught to recover, is clearly the best solution. In her book, *Control Unleashed*, Leslie McDevitt offers a training plan to build a dog who has strong recovery skills. Even doing just two of the games she describes, "Give Me a Break" and the "Off Switch" will help you make great strides toward a working training partnership.

I don't have a problem with using corrections in training, but I do want to caution you to use them wisely (and correctly!)

### **Treiball Anyone?**

And last but not least...is anyone doing Treiball with their Beardies yet? It's just cropping up in our area and I've been encouraged to bring Eri. I think we have enough on our plate right now, but I did want to mention that Treiball discussions and information will be welcome on the Beardieobed list!

If you have a specific topic you'd like me to address, please feel free to drop me an email at [flyingdustmop@yahoo.com](mailto:flyingdustmop@yahoo.com)

Also, the Beardieobed (Beardie obedience) list on yahoogroups welcomes manners questions as well as those on competitive obedience, rally, tracking, K9 Nosework, Treibball, and anything else you can think of. Join the list at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Beardieobed/>

## Agility – Joanne Williamson

Trialing in New England in the winter is always a challenge because of the fickle nature of the weather. We haven't had any significant snow since the disastrous Halloween storm that caused so much damage but instead had a problem with some exhibitors arriving late because of black ice on the roads Saturday morning. Fortunately, my committee members who all come long distances to help out... Trudy Wisner and Claire Cifarelli from Staten Island, NY, Maryann Groves from Alfred, Maine, and Sonja Blanchard from Woodstock, Vermont...either came on Friday or were able to make the drive safely on the morning. We had a full entry of 330 each day. On Saturday, we ran FAST classes in addition to Standard and JWW and on Sunday, the new AKC game, Time2Beat, instead of FAST, in order to shorten the day and get everybody on the way home a little earlier. Kim Ingraham was our judge for both days of competition and she provided lovely, challenging courses to test everyone's skills. We received many compliments from the exhibitors, especially because Trudy's husband Bob provided some delicious home made Christmas cookies each day!

It was nice to have more Beardies than just my two entered in a New England AKC agility trial. In total, nine competed: Claire's Patch, Buster and Roxie; Trudy's Poppet, Jack, and Billy; Maryann's Camille; and my Flash and Jack. It was the cause of much confusion and amusement to the gate stewards when Trudy's Jack and my Jack were in the same class; they had to become Jack #3 and Jack #42 so our scribe sheets didn't get mixed up! All did well. Patch was 1<sup>st</sup> in Preferred Excellent A Standard on Saturday finishing his AXP and also earned legs in Preferred Novice B FAST (1<sup>st</sup>) and Preferred Excellent B JWW (1<sup>st</sup>). Buster got legs in Novice B Standard (1<sup>st</sup>), Novice B JWW (2<sup>nd</sup>; finishing his NAJ), and Open JWW (2<sup>nd</sup>). Roxie earned QQs both days, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in both classes on Sunday. Poppet qualified twice in Excellent B JWW, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sunday, and also earned a Time2Beat Q. Trudy's Jack finished his OAJ on Sunday with 1<sup>st</sup> place. Billy qualified in Excellent B Standard on Saturday. Camille earned her NF title on Saturday with second place in the class. Flash qualified in Preferred Excellent B FAST (1<sup>st</sup>), Preferred Excellent B Standard (1<sup>st</sup>), and Preferred Time2Beat (1<sup>st</sup>). My Jack ran well the entire weekend at the Open level but just missed qualifying. We had two dogs finish MACHs: Chris LaVoie and her American Eskimo, Becca, and Karen Kinnan and her Miniature Schnauzer, Dasja.

I would also like to thank my friends, Shirley LaFlamme of the American Bullmastiff Association and Maureen McLatchey of the Tartan Gordon Setter Club, who both worked really hard to make these trials a success. As a result of everyone's efforts, we earned nearly \$5,700 for the BCCA treasury!



## Rally & Obedience – Marylou McLeod

THE CHANGES IN THE AKC RALLY REGULATIONS THAT WERE TO GO INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 2012 WILL NOW GO INTO EFFECT ON **APRIL 4, 2012**

### **NEW STATIONS IN NOVICE RALLY** (May also be used in Advanced and Excellent Courses)

32. Figure 8 - No Distractions - Two pylons or posts spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. The team enters the sequence with the posts on either left or right and will perform a complete figure 8 around the posts or pylons, crossing the center point three times.

35. Call Front - Return to Heel - While heeling the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position. The handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front position. Dog sits in front and faces the handler. The handler will then walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position and pause. Dog must remain sitting as handler walks around dog. (This is a 180° change of direction, about turn.) (Stationary exercise)

36. Halt-Slow Forward From Sit- The handler halts, and the dog sits in heel position. The handler then commands and/or signals the dog to heel and moves forward at a slow pace. The dog must maintain heel position as handler slowly moves forward. This must be followed by a normal pace, unless it is the last station on the course.(Stationary exercise)

### **NEW STATION IN ADVANCED RALLY** (May also be used in Excellent Courses)

118. Halt-Leave Dog-2 Steps-Call to Heel- Forward - The handler halts, and the dog sits in heel position. While the dog remains sitting the handler takes two steps forward and pauses. The handler moves forward and commands the dog to resume heel position. The dog must move briskly. (Stationary exercise)

### **NEW STATION IN EXCELLENT RALLY**

206. Down While Heeling - While moving forward, without pause or hesitation, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to down and stay as the handler continues forward about 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker. The handler will turn and face the dog, pause and then command and/or signal the dog to heel. This is a 180° change of direction, about turn. (This sign will be followed within 6 feet by the Call to Heel marker.) Dog must return to heel position and sit, the handler must pause before moving forward. (Stationary exercise)

207. Stand While Heeling - While moving forward, without pause or hesitation, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and stay as the handler continues forward about 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker. The handler will turn and face the dog, pause and then command and/or signal the dog to heel. This is a 180° change of direction, about turn. (This sign will be followed within 6 feet by the Call to Heel marker.) Dog must return to heel position and sit, the handler must pause before moving forward. (Stationary exercise)

208. Stand - Leave Dog - Sit Dog - Call Front - Finish - While heeling, the handler will stop and command and/or signal the dog to stand. The dog must stand and stay without sitting first. Then the handler will walk forward approximately 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker. The handler will turn to face the dog and command and/or signal the dog to sit. When the dog sits, the handler will command

and/or signal the dog to front. The dog sits in the front position facing the handler. On command and/or signal, the dog will move to heel position. Dog must sit in heel position before moving forward with the handler. (Stationary Exercise) (This exercise reverses the direction of the team.)

209. Stand - Leave Dog - Down Dog - Call Front - Finish - While heeling, the handler will stop and stand the dog using a command and/or signal, then walk forward approximately 6 feet. The dog must stand and stay without sitting first. The handler will turn to face the dog and command and/or signal the dog to down. When the dog downs, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to front. The dog must sit in the front position facing the handler. On command and/or signal, the dog will move to heel position. The dog must sit in heel position before moving forward with the handler. (Stationary Exercise) (This exercise reverses the direction of the team.)

210. Send to Jump - At the sign for this station, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to leave heel position to execute the jump. The dog must leave the handler immediately and execute the jump. The handler must maintain a straight path of at least a 3 foot distance away from the jump and may not pass the jump until the dog has returned to heel position. The dog must jump the jump in the proper direction and return to heel position without pause, hesitation, or stopping. The team then continues to the next station.

211. Double Left About Turn- While moving with the dog in heel position, the handler makes an about turn to the left while at the same time, the dog must move around the handler to the right and into heel position. The handler must take one or two steps forward before performing the exercise a second time. The handler will end up turning 360° to the left as the dog turns 360° to the right around the handler. The dog does not sit at any time during this exercise.

Sit Stay - This sign will be used as a marker for the sit stay exercise. The dog must remain in the sit position while the handler retrieves the leash and returns to heel position and the judge says "exercise finished."

## **OBEDIENCE and RALLY BRAGS and TITLES**

"Quincy" Lil'Clove True Grit, earned her first two legs in Novice B obedience at the Thanksgiving Cluster held in West Springfield, MA in November. I was very proud as it is a super busy distracting environment and she is just a pup. On the 8th of January in Franklin, MA at the Framingham Kennel Club trial held at Masterpeace Training Center "Quincy" earned her last leg in Novice B and finished 1st for her CD. "Quincy" is owned and trained by Sonja Blanchard.

"Peggysue" Ch Winberlee's Picture Perfect CGC PT earned her RA and then her first 2 legs in Rally Excellent at the all obedience shows held at the Longs Peak Dog Training Club in Greeley, CO on January 14th, 15th, and 16th. "Peggysue" is owned by Joyce Ann Burgett.

"Atom" Odyssey Running Full Bohr, 13months old earned his final leg for his RN title on January 14th, 2012 at the Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club show held in Fredericksburg, VA. "Atom" is owned and trained by Tracy Hill.

[Please send your Rally and Obedience brags for completed titles to Marylou!](#)

Are you interested in talking about participating in Obedience or Rally with your Beardedie? Join in the discussion: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beardieobed/>

## BCCA Charitable Trust



The Bearded Collie Club of America CHARITABLE TRUST, is a 501(c) 3 organization that provides a means of collecting tax-deductible donations in support of the educational, health and rescue needs of Bearded Collies. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of members of the Bearded Collie Club of America or one of its affiliates or regional clubs. Membership is not required to participate in the Trust's activities.

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## BCCA Memorial Fund

Do you have a special friend you would like to be remembered for years to come? The Memorial Fund was established to provide a very special way for you to express your condolences to someone on the loss of their Beardie or one of your own by making a donation of \$30.00 or more. Best of all -- the proceeds benefit BCCA Rescue! A satin brass plate with the Beardie's name, year of birth and year of death will be permanently affixed to a walnut plaque. For more information on this wonderful program, please visit the BCCA web site.

[http://bcca.us/organization/Memorial\\_Fund.htm](http://bcca.us/organization/Memorial_Fund.htm)

## Membership Information – Elizabeth Hayes

**If you have NOT yet renewed your Membership - you will be required to reapply.**

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### Deceased Member

Arthur Brundage on 12/30/11

### Change of Kennel Name

Tom & Abby Kane  
Talisker

## Internet Lists of Potential Interest to Members

*(Not necessarily endorsed by the BCCA and for your information only)*

BDL (beardielist) <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BeardieList/>

BAD (Beardie Agility Die Hards) <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BeardieAgility/>

HerdingBeardies <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/herdingbeardies/?yguid=63381905>

Beardieobed (obedience, rally, tracking, nosework, CGC)  
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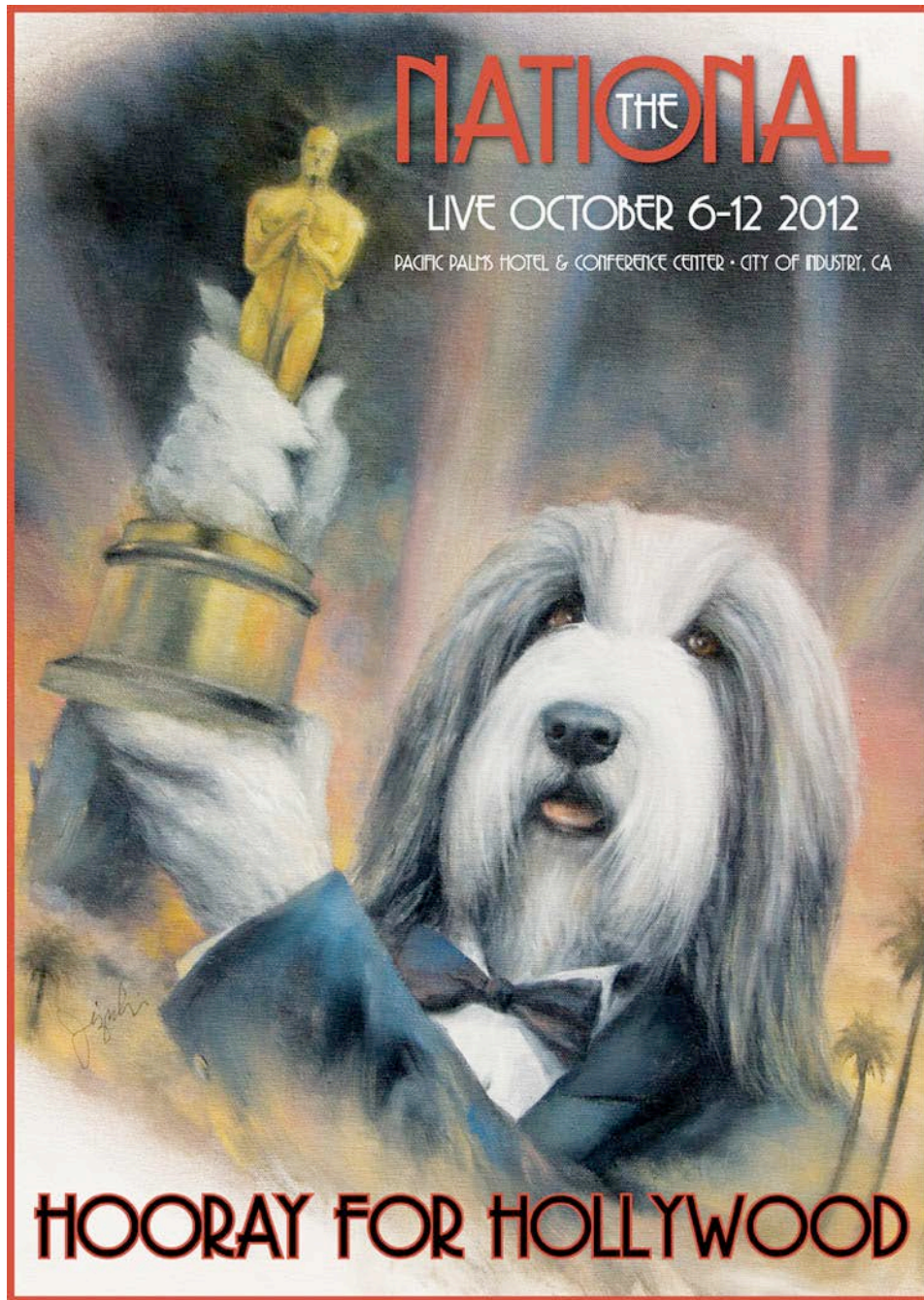
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## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEARDED COLLIE FANCIERS**

**2 DAY NCBCF REGIONAL AGILITY TRIAL-APRIL 21,22 2012**

OUR NCBCF REGIONAL AGILITY TRIAL IS SWIFTLY APPROACHING SO PLEASE SAVE THE WEEKEND! WE ARE VERY HAPPY THAT TAMMY DOMICO AND KERA HOLM WILL RETURN AS OUR JUDGES.

WE WILL AGAIN BE USING THE BEAUTIFUL WAG FACILITY IN ELK GROVE, WHERE THE BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED BACK LAWN RECEIVES RAVE REVIEWS FOR ITS SMOOTHNESS AND GREAT FOOTING. BECAUSE OF ITS INTIMATE CHARACTER, MANY DECLARE THIS THEIR FAVORITE TRIAL OF THE YEAR.

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR REGIONAL TRIAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR ALL-BREED TRIAL AND WILL BE OFFERING BEARDIE SPECIALTY HIGHS IN TRIAL ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WITH PIONEER TROPHIES ON SATURDAY AND BALANCE BALLS ON SUNDAY. EACH BEARDIE PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT. THANKS TO SHARON PRASSA AND SHANNON SMART FOR HANDLING OUR TROPHIES AND GIFTS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A HIT TROPHY WRITE TO LIBBY MYERS-BUHITE AT [SKYECAPER@AOL.COM](mailto:SKYECAPER@AOL.COM).

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**Presents:**  
**Chris Zink DVM, PhD, DACVP**  
*Coaching the Canine Athlete*  
**July 21 and July 22, 2012**  
**at the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in Walnut Creek**

Chris Zink, D.V.M., Ph.D., is a consultant on canine sports medicine, evaluating canine structure and locomotion, and designing individualized retraining and conditioning programs for canine athletes. She is the award-winning author of Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete, Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies, and The Agility Advantage, and co-author of Jumping from A to Z: Teach Your Dog to Soar and Building the Canine Athlete: Strength, Stretching, Endurance and Body Awareness Exercises. She has obtained more than 70 obedience, agility, retrieving, tracking, and conformation titles on dogs from the sporting, herding, working, terrier, and hound groups.

This seminar is ideal for anyone thinking of doing performance events with their young dog or puppy, anyone currently participating in performance events, and also those planning to breed dogs for conformation and performance events. Chris will cover topics ranging from canine structure and understanding your individual dogs physical strengths and weaknesses, how to maximize your dog's performance and avoid injuries, to teaching correct obstacle and jumping performance and body awareness training.

Spaces are limited so register early! For more information and to register, please go to:

<http://ncbcf.net/chriszink.html>

\*Additionally, Dr. Zink will be offering private consultations following the seminar on Saturday evening.\*



# ***National Capital Bearded Collie Club Regional Specialty***

**Friday, April 20, 2012  
Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD  
Superintendent, MBF, Inc.**

**Breed Judge:** Ms. Linda Peirson, Kiltondale  
**Puppy and Veteran Sweeps Judge:** Ms. Dawn Symes, Aberlour



**Sunday, April 22, 2012  
NCBCC Supported Entry, Baltimore County KC Show  
Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD**

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**February 1, 2012- 6pm Left-Coast (PST)**

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"***A Lifetime of Friendship...The Bearded Collie***" is an informational brochure and is available for sale at \$3.00 for 10 copies. Make checks payable to BCCA and send to Mrs. Arlene Rubenstein, PO Box 2877, Flagstaff, AZ 86003-2877.

## **NEW** Bagpipes Content Submission Guidelines

The Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA) is comprised of Members whose interest in and involvement with their Beardies encompass the many abilities attributable to this versatile Breed. The BCCA encourages its Members to submit content for publication in the Bagpipes and offers the following guidelines:

### **CONTENT:**

#### **May** Include:

1. *Therapy articles/stories*
  - a. Beardies recently certified
  - b. Therapy stories/photos
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3. *Regional Club activity announcements*
  - a. Bounces and local get-togethers
4. *Companion articles*
  - a. How I spend the day with my Bearded
  - b. How my Bearded has changed my/our life
  - c. Special events like birthday celebrations
5. *Everyday events shared with Beardies*
  - a. Herding
  - b. Agility
  - c. Rally
  - d. Scent
6. *Educational*
  - a. Health Information
  - b. Foods/Treats (recipes appreciated)
  - c. Grooming Tips
  - d. Travel Tips
  - e. Training Tips
  - f. Breeders' Advice
7. *A SIMPLE ONE-LINE BRAG*
  - a. Billy Bob earned his XYZ this weekend

#### May **NOT** Include:

1. Brags or announcements that would ordinarily appear in either a paid ad for the Bagpipes or Bearded Bulletin.
2. Any other submission which may be deemed by the Board as one that conflicts with the Standing Rules as published and pertaining to rules governing both the Club's newsletter and Bearded Bulletin.

The following guidelines are based upon the expectation that all submissions are via email to the editor at [\*\*wendy.marciante@mac.com\*\*](mailto:wendy.marciante@mac.com)

If your submission is **Text**:

Please send your content in a **WORD** document – please do **NOT** use a lot of tabs or other formatting tools – they do not transfer into our Newsletter’s software and require a great deal of editing to produce an end product that looks like your submission.

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Please submit this type of content in an Excel spreadsheet or pdf – please do **NOT** use a Word document. It is better to send two separate files than use Word as a means to express a lot of numbers.

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The Editor will take every precaution possible to ensure that your submission looks fantastic and exactly how you wish to present your message. Common spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors will be corrected, but the Editor will not make changes to titles or Owner/dog names unless directed to do so **IN WRITING** by the submitter.

Please do be mindful of the deadlines and advise the Editor as quickly as is possible of any revisions you intend to make to something already submitted. In most cases, it is best to send **ONLY** the change(s) to an already submitted item, rather than the entire file. Please feel free to ask before you go to a lot of work revising your submission. We will do everything imaginable to work with you post-deadline, but cannot guarantee substantial last-minute changes.

Thank you so very much for contributing to the Bagpipes.

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