



# BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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## ANOTHER MANEUVER FOR YOUR HANDLING TOOLBAG — THE KETSCHKER

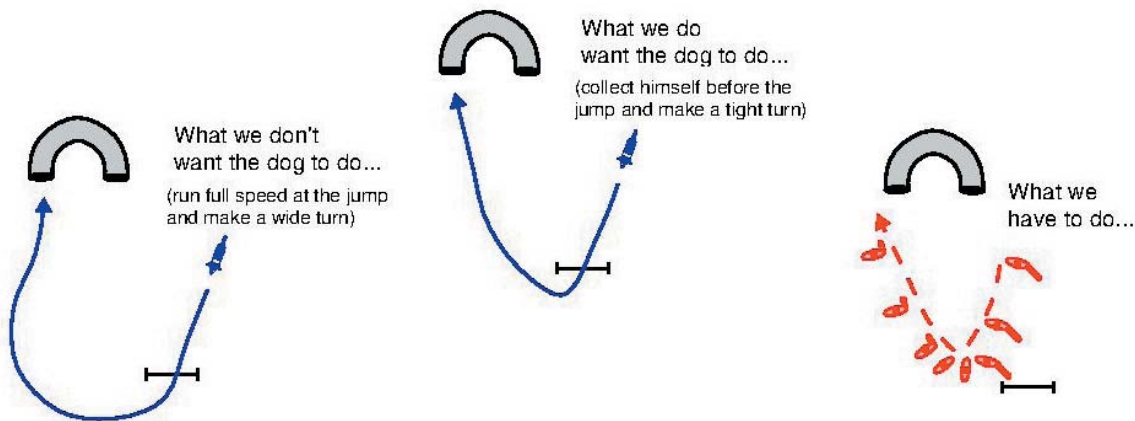
By definition, the Ketschker is a combination maneuver where the handler cues a front cross at an obstacle and then as the dog commits to the obstacle, executes a blind cross. It is primarily used to get a tight wrap around a jump. (BadDogAgility.com)

Remember being introduced to the 'post turn' in your agility class? Its effect was to get your dog to collect his stride before the jump (reducing his speed just a bit) so he could make a tight turn around the jump standard. You had to place yourself very close to the jump standard and then rotate in place as your dog came around it, then move on to the next obstacle.

In performing the Ketschker, your body position and arm cues will produce the same path for your dog as when you perform the post turn. One big bonus is that you can get where you need to be more quickly after the turn because there is no rotating in place with the Ketschker: you will be in motion as you smoothly transition your cues from one side to the other. An even bigger bonus is that you won't have to take the 3-4 steps necessary to perform a front cross.

I think "fake front cross -- turn -- blind cross" as I do the maneuver in practice. I promise that it won't take many repetitions before it's set in your muscle memory. Just be sure to step through it at first without your dog. When you become comfortable with your movement, bring in your dog so that he can become accustomed to the new cues you will be giving him.

The diagrams below read from left to right and illustrate the dog's and the handler's paths:



In the following video clip, many Ketschker turns are shown (none in slow motion, unfortunately), but you will be able to recognize them, especially after watching the first few.

from the Border Collie Classic in Bemmell, The Netherlands, in 2008

video courtesy of Katka Lerlova

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjVO4CJ0nLI>

Practice the maneuver in your backyard, master it in your agility class, and bring it out when called for in competition. The Ketschker turn: just another strategy in your agility tool bag.

## HERDING REPORT

Elsa Sell

Congratulations to those obtaining their, BCCA Instinct Certificate in February at the Florida Club Test.

<b>REGISTERED NAME</b>	<b>CALL NAME</b>	<b>OWNER(S)</b>
Runningmtn Light Fawntastic	Bailie	John & Judi Frazier
Scotdale's Million Dollar Mulligan	Mulligan	Barbara & Ronan Hogan
Chaniam Amabella Bancharaid	Bella	Maureen & Jean Larroux
Bardmoor Beveled Class	Finn	Mary A Maurer
Tara	Tara	Shawn & Sherri Price
Chaniam Beag Gorm Gealach	Blu	Tracy E Roos
XTC's Mind Ferris Bueller Verner 2	Ferris Bueller	Andrew & Anne Verner
MacCorkindale Tybee George	Tybee	Summer Kate Williams
Majela Miadhalachd Bancharaid	Mia	Maureen & Jean Larroux/Don & Kathy Zeppenfeld
Bardmoor Below The Mason Dixen Line	Spike	usan & Ed Zuckerman
Majela Donn Neala Bancharaid	Neela	Laura & Rod Brooker

### **BCCA Register of Merit Awards (ROMH, ROMHX)**

ROMH - 2013

Chaniam-Bedlam Easaid

Ryderwood Denali Rose

AHBA Titles

Bedlam's Joyful Journey, Laurie Lo, HRDI-s, 1/22/13

Papaws Road Warrior, Jerry & Robin Lord, HCT-s, 2/21/13



### **CGC is now an AKC approved title**

#### **Get it quickly and easily at the Flatirons Show**

Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection will be holding CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) Tests at the Pavilion, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, CO on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

The testing will take place ½ hour after the end of the Bearded Collie judging – time to be determined. Sign up at the Flatiron Kennel Club table for your test – be sure it doesn't conflict with your showing times.

The cost is \$25.00 – make your check out to RMBCC (Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection) or bring cash at the time of the testing.

Bring yourself, your dog, a 6-foot lead, and regular collar (no pinch or electronic collars allowed), we will supply the rest of the equipment and personnel. If you have your AKC, ILP or PAL number, bring that with you too, but it is not required. The test takes about 10 minutes and if your dog passes, you can send in one copy of the test form to AKC with \$ 8.00 for the certificate only or \$20.00 for the certificate and title. The title will then go at the end of your dog's registered name, after the other AKC titles.

For information about the ten tests for the CGC, go to [http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm) on the AKC webpage.

For those who already have passed a CGC test dating back to 2001, you can [click here to download a form from AKC](#), send it with \$20.00 with proof of passing, and you will get your dog's title. If you cannot locate your dog's CGC certificate, you are welcome to redo the test with us.

This is a fund-raiser for the local Beardie Collie club. The evaluator is C. Renee Jarrett who has done this test for over six years for both the local Beardie and Elkhound clubs, a fly ball club, and Buckhorn Kennel Club, as well as teaching Puppy STAR and CGC classes in Loveland, CO.

If you have any questions, please email [Renee](#) or call 970-667-8293.

## CLUB HISTORIAN UPDATE

Gail Miller Bisher

Working with the clubs' archives has been like taking a trip back in time, seeing dog and people friends as far back as the miscellaneous class days. Refreshing my memory of long ago shows, breeders and impactful dogs has not only been a nostalgic journey but it has also given me a renewed perspective on the growth and changes of the BCCA and thereby the breed in the U.S.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Rosie for asking me to take on this position. As a member who grew up alongside the club and the breed in the U.S., I hold a unique perspective and understanding of our past. Making this position a great fit for me.

I find it important to respect, cherish and understand the sacrifice and hard work of the friends and family members whose shoulders we stand on today and to learn about their experiences. The work to get a club formed, a breed recognized and surviving the miscellaneous class. How it felt living the excitement of the early imports and the disappointments. Being proud to have an American-bred dog. Watching the very different lines first entering the country clashing under judges who didn't know the breed yet and the owners all hanging out together after showing. Then as the club grew and the breed gained popularity, seeing members go to war over the standard. Not only have I witnessed the evolution of the breed but also the club itself.

This past, my past, makes it a pleasure for me to work on the club's historical archives today. Those before us deserve to have their work preserved and so do all the wonderful dogs. I'm doing it for all of them, for all of you and for the Beardie lovers in the future.

### ON TO BUSINESS

It has taken several months to gather all the BCCA archives kept in various locations across the country by former historians and board members but I'm happy to report that they are now all at the AKC office in NYC. The cataloging will continue throughout the spring/summer and we should have our full archive collection available before year end. At that time we will post a PDF of the collection's Finding Aid on the BCCA website.

The collection dates from 1969 to 2013 and encompasses materials such as, the pre-AKC recognition stud book registry kept by Ian Morrison, a catalog from the first National Specialty in 1979, club logo design submissions from the 1980s, issues of The Beardie Bulletin, DVDs of National Specialties, club records and much more.

### PRESERVATION

In addition to gathering and cataloging our collection, digitizing the BCCA's primary assets, The Beardie Bulletin and videos of our annual National Specialty have been at the top of my list for 2013. We now have digital copies of our National Specialties dating back to 1983. A huge thank you goes to Joanne Williamson who volunteered to transfer the old videotapes into DVDs and to Michele Ritter for helping to locate past video vendors. I'm still searching for some of the more recent years not submitted to the archives but we are close to having a complete set from 1983-2012.

*If you have any video footage of our national specialties prior to*

*1983 please send them to joanne williamson for transfer. You will get your tapes back. (I'm also missing 1984.)*

Our annual National Specialty is a visual representation of our breed's history in the U.S. Not only can you see dogs from your pedigrees but you can also see dogs that have made huge contributions to the evolution of the breed since the clubs' inception. Digitizing the Specialties before they were lost to tape deterioration is preserving all our dogs. This show is as much a reflection of our club as our publication.

Issues of The Beardie Bulletin are literally pages of club and breed history. To date I've scanned each Bulletin from 1969-1990. Once scanning is completed, archival issues will be posted on the BCCA website in the History section (1969-1995). I encourage you to look back at the articles, letters to the editor and ads to see where we come from and how our experiences have made us who we are today. (It's also fun to watch the hairstyle changes of those few still in the breed today!)

### Website Enhancements:

There will be upcoming changes to the History pages to accommodate the new materials. I think everyone will enjoy and benefit from a more cohesive section. Once we have developed the pages I will be re-visiting existing pages that need attention.

- Fill holes in the Specialty winners section and add missing events such as obedience, agility, herding and junior showmanship.
- Create a photo gallery of founding U.S. dogs and re-organize the existing gallery of British dogs to make it more user friendly.
- Work closely with Karen to enhance and simplify the History section so as we move ahead it becomes simple maintenance.

As you can see, I've been busy making other members busy (A skill from my days as a Broadcast Producer!). Thank you again to Rosie, Joanne, Michele and Karen for their contributions to kick starting this history preservation project. I will be calling on all members in the near future to help supply any missing photos, videos and other assorted materials to enhance our archive collection.

## **AKC DELEGATES REPORT**

*Kathy Coxwell*

The meeting of the AKC Delegates was held on March 11-12, 2013 at the Newark Airport Dounbletree Hotel. Because of the schedule of committee meetings, it is impossible for your delegate to attend all the committee meetings I would like to attend. The delegates are presently involved in trying to solve this problem with schedule changes, changes in meeting lengths, etc., but so far there has been no consensus and nothing brought before the Board of the AKC.

Because Beardies and a large number of other breeds are so versatile, it would be of great benefit if the committee meetings were scheduled so that delegates could attend more than the one or two they attend now. It is highly important that the BCCA delegate attend the Parent Club Committee, which I always do. I then have to juggle which committees I can attend. Herding, Health, Obedience, Tracking and Agility as well as Health are all committees whose business affects our breed. I hope there will be some schedule adjustments made which will make it possible to attend more meetings.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PARENT CLUBS**

Parent Club of Excellence designation and requirements; the Complete Dog Book project; the CGC title; voted to oppose three versus four delegate meetings; addressed the issue of parent clubs and superintendents publishing addresses; learned that Limited Registration remains intact; clarified the wording for reserve major points in the premium lists; heard from the Basenji Club delegate regarding using an electronic balloting service.

#### **HERDING, EARTHDOG AND COURSING**

Analyzed the results of all performance entries and finances involved, projecting that these events would break even by 2014; discussed the use of social media for the promotion of venues; reported on the new Barn Hunt event; voted to support the admission of agility clubs.

#### **OBEDIENCE, TRACKING AND AGILITY**

Announced the growth in agility, obedience, rally and tracking, reporting a 9.5% increase overall; sent letters inviting everyone to join the companion events chat list; discussed what needs to be done to increase participation in events; voted unanimously to support the admission of agility clubs; discussed the possibility of a wait list in instances where there are limits on entries; discussed the new judging schedule; discussed how to improve rally, possibly revamping the rally application form, making it more financially feasible, based on entry numbers; got agility and tracking updates; discussed the fact that there are no reports disseminated by the AKC on disqualified dogs; addressed the issues of allowing bitches in season and the refunding of entry fees.

#### **CANINE HEALTH**

Discussed the veterinary outreach program; how much is given to veterinary medicine, police, etc. by clubs and possible guidelines for those contributions; the mechanism for verifying health testing for Breeders of Merit and how to help parent clubs monitor this; meeting conflicts, especially with the Parent Club

Committee. In addition the committee approved an amendment coming to a vote that would place "health and welfare" first in the by-laws; went over plans for the National Parent Club Canine Health Conference to be held in St. Louis in August.

### **DELEGATES MEETING**

#### **PRESIDENTS' REPORT**

These are the latest entry statistics from the President's Report for calendar year 2012

Performance 252,587; Conformation 1,575,717; Companion 1,368,164.

Starting off with performance, field trials increased by almost 1,000 entries, while coonhounds declined by 3,300 and earth dogs by 170, respectively. Herding had an increase of over 1500 entries, followed by more than 3000 in hunting tests and almost 5200, or 31%, in lure coursing.

In the conformation arena, All-Breed Shows declined 1½%, or 22,300 entries. Group shows were up 4%, 1650 dogs, and Specialties declined by 3600. The Open Show and Beginner Puppy contributed by 300 and 2,220 entries respectively.

In companion, obedience is at plus 7,300, up almost 5½%, as well as tracking being up 5½%, while rally dropped by 8½%, or 6400. Our fastest growing sport, Agility, surged by over 11%, with an increase of more than 117,000, and ended the year with over 1,150,000, the second sport to exceed more than one million in a calendar year. The year ended with an overall growth of 103,538, up more than 3.35%. Our aggregate entries for 2012 were 3,196,468, the most ever in the history of the American Kennel Club. A ten-year comparison shows an overall increase by 489,000 entries.

#### **CLASS OF 2017 BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION**

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee, Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, Chair; Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; Patricia A. Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club; Patti L. Strand, Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Meg Weitz, Devon Dog Show Association, appointed by the Board of Directors at its July 2012 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2017.

Class of 2017: Carl C. Ashby, III, Unites States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Alan Kalter, American Bullmastiff Association; Gail A. LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Harvey M. Wooding, Westminster Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2017, to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013. Class of 2017: Lee Arnold, Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Judith V. Daniels, Mt. Baker Kennel Club; Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club.

The following delegates were elected to serve as Board members in the Class of 2017: Alan Kalter, Harvey Wooding, Lee Arnold

and Carl Ashby.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Cash flow rebounded and AKC delivered \$15,000,000 that's available for continued investments in our people, our projects and to shore up our ability to make good on the promises we've made to its terrific employees over many years.
- Secondly, achievements were made despite unexpected turnover.
- The AKC charities remain strong and able to produce and do their good works.
- February results year-to-date are promising.

Revenues were boosted when AKC gradually increased prices of dog registrations in 2012. It was announced at the beginning of 2012, but it went into effect somewhat slowly as we honored subscriptions and offers that were already out there during 2011. But offsetting this, there was a continued drop in litter and dog registrations, and a related drop in other revenues that were related to those registrations. How big was that drop? Well, there was a 7.7 percent decrease in litter registrations and a drop of 10.6 percent in dog registrations when comparing 2012 to 2011.

Third, the unexpected management turnover in the spring of 2012 in the Marketing area contributed to a fall in new expected revenues there; and unexpected management turnover, such as Jim Stevens' departure and in a number of other areas also created challenges to achieving target results in revenue. But the Board of the AKC and the management took prompt action as soon as it was apparent that revenues would not keep pace with expectations. They slashed plans for future controllable expenses as much as possible. But some were already spent, accounting for most of the \$800,000, represented there by point-eight, an \$800,000 increase in expenses. In all other areas, expenses were able to be held in check during the second half of the year just ended.

While the increase in revenues was there, largely from that increase in dog registration prices, expenses were held back and the net operating income jumped from nearly a breakeven \$800,000 up a healthy \$2.5 million, or about four percent on revenues.

In the area of investments, investment gains, the results are dramatic. We can see there was a \$9,000,000 turnaround from minus a million to plus seven million on returns on investments held by AKC. The other figures just above that, what we say here is dollars to CHF and the Museum of the Dog, are largely the amount AKC donates to the Canine Health Foundation, with the smaller amount to the Museum of the Dog. Today, all other nonprofit affiliates of the AKC have evolved to a point where they fully support themselves and do not take funds from the AKC.

## **2013 National Specialty Proposed Schedule (still subject to change) Purina Farms Indoor Event Center**

Friday & Saturday,  
September 27-28 RVs may park in the Overflow Lot only

Saturday,  
September 28

Herding Tests and Trial #1  
HIC Testing

Sunday, September 29

Herding Tests and Trial #2  
HIC Testing  
Event Center available for set-up AFTER 3 PM  
Main RV Lot available for set-up AFTER 3 PM  
Annual Board Meeting in the evening

Monday, September 30

National Specialty Agility Trial  
Agility Relay  
BAD Dinner (after the agility trial and relay events)

Tuesday, October 1

Obedience & Rally (Morning)  
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes (Afternoon)  
Welcome Party, followed by the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

Dog Judging (Regular Classes)  
Dog Judging: Veteran Dog, Performance Dog, Sexually Altered Dog, Stud Dog  
Parades of Titleholders, Therapy Dogs, & Rescue Dogs  
Awards Banquet and Auction

Thursday, October 3

Bitch Judging (Regular Classes)  
Bitch Judging: Veteran Bitch, Performance Bitch, Sexually Altered Bitch, Brood Bitch  
Top Twenty Tournament

Friday, October 4

Junior Showmanship  
Beginner Puppy 4-6 Months Competition  
Best Puppy  
Best of Breed Competition  
Informal Celebration Party; Specialty awards presented

Saturday, October 5      RVs must vacate the Lot