



September 2011 *Bagpipes*

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## President's Message – Susan Lybrand

We lost a true pioneer in our breed on Saturday, August 28th with the passing of Jo Parker, Parcana. After breeding Shelties for at least twenty-five years, Jo turned to Beardies in 1974 where she enjoyed much success as a breeder and an exhibitor. She not only was a mentor to many, she served as President of the BCCA in 1981-82 and judged the BCCA National Specialty in Atlanta, GA in 1994. Although a bit frail, Jo was present to watch her beloved breed show at the National Specialty last year in Loveland, CO, where many of us were given the opportunity to visit with her once again. We are pleased to honor her years of devotion to our breed by having the 2011 National Specialty dedicated to her memory. While we have lost an icon in the world of Bearded Collies, heaven has gained a wonderful woman.

If you have visited the BCCA on the web recently, you might have noticed that you are now being redirected to a new web address, <http://bccca.us/>. Glenn Short has completed the transfer of ownership of the BCCA web site to us after years of hosting the site on his own beardie.net. This is the first step of many to come in the future as Glenn prepares to retire from his many years of hard work and service to the BCCA by having served as our Web Master. I know you all join me in wishing Glenn a well deserved rest and retirement as he concentrates on his many business ventures and enjoys a weekend free from any web site updates needing to be made for the BCCA.

A few weeks ago, a BCCA CHIC Survey was sent out to all members via Constant Contact from our Health Chair, Karen Drummond, in order to get your feedback as to whether we should consider changing our current requirements for CHIC by adding elbows as part of our mandatory health tests. If you have not participated in the survey, please do so at your earliest convenience, as it will be ending shortly. The results of the survey will be forthcoming to the membership once the information has been assimilated.

If you are still looking to get involved with the BCCA at some level, there remain a few Committee Chair spots open or don't hesitate to step forward to volunteer on one of our numerous committees. Please contact me or the Chair of a particular committee that interests you to offer your time and energies. If you have the desire to get involved, we want to help make it happen for you.

For those of us planning to be in Maine for the Specialty, the countdown mode has begun until we arrive. Many of us are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new ones, and participating with or watching our versatile breed in the ring. While the entry deadline has come and gone for all agility and herding events, the conformation and obedience events close on September 7th. The meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Tuesday, October 4th, and the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6th. The exact room and time of these meetings will be posted at the Colony Hotel once they have been set. On behalf of the BCCA Board, we hope you all have safe travels to Maine, enjoy yourself immensely at the Specialty, and have a safe return home again.

### **On The Table**

Discussions are currently underway to create a Regional Club List to encourage more involvement and dialogue between the BCCA Board and our member clubs. The President and one other Officer or Director of each regional club would be invited to join a list hosted by three members of the BCCA Board. As suggestions and ideas are exchanged and formulated, these will be put forward to the entire BCCA Board for further discussion and possible action.

As a long-term cost saving measure, the Board is in the process of discussing the pros and cons of only printing the Membership Roster on an every other year basis with updates being sent via Constant Contact on the alternate years.

No further discussions have taken place in regards to changing our current Trophy Policy until the question of insurance coverage and responsibility for each of them, if they should leave the possession of the club, have been answered. Since the total appraised value of our 20 trophies comes in at just under \$34,000, we want to make sure that each trophy would be covered for full replacement value in the event they were damaged or lost while in the possession of the recipient. Likewise, no further discussions have taken place regarding changing the moratorium on accepting any new awards.

The motion for re-establishing the former Members List will be coming up for a vote by the Board this month and many are hopeful that it will be passed by a majority of the Board to give it official BCCA status under the ownership of the club. Should it indeed pass, a date for opening the list by the Board will then need to be established as soon as possible.

Susan Lybrand

## August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 BCCA Board Meeting Minutes – Cindy Alspaugh

PRESENT: Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Lybrand, McDonald, Mendonca, Minner, Schroeder, Voss  
ABSENT: Williamson

### II. Officers' Reports

President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer

### III. Committee Reports

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### Results August Motions Ballot

**07/11-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

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

**08/11-01** Motion to rescind SR 01/10-02 - \$2,500.00 will be sent each October to the BCCA Charitable Trust. (Voss)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Minner, Schroeder, Voss **No:** McDonald, Mendonca **Abs:** Williamson **Present:** Lybrand

**08/11-02** Motion to amend SR 09/94-02. The SR now reads: "In addition to the BCCA Treasurer, the BCCA President is authorized to sign checks drawn on the Club's bank account. The President is to exercise such authority only if the Treasurer is unable to perform such duty as a result of an emergency situation."

This motion would add the following language: "If the bank requires that the President appear in person when the account is opened and the President is unable to sign in person due to geographical distance or other limitations, the President may ask a BCCA Officer in closer proximity to the bank to be the second signatory on the club's account." (Schroeder)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Mendonca, Minner, Schroeder, Voss **No:** Atkins, McDonald **Abs:** Williamson **Present:** Lybrand

**08/11-03** Motion to approve the REVISED PowerPoint presentation from the Judges Education Committee as submitted by the JEC. (Voss)

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

**08/11-04** Motion to approve the Executive Committee's decision to establish the following official guidelines for the Bearded Collie Club of America ("BCCA") Board of Directors Yahoo E-Mail List ("E-Mail List"), founded on April 7, 2004:

1. The E-Mail List is a private e-mail list owned by, and operated under the auspices of, the BCCA for members of the Board of Directors of the BCCA to discuss official BCCA matters.
2. The archives of the E-Mail List are considered official records of the BCCA and, as such, shall be maintained by the Recording Secretary of the BCCA who shall be, in name only, the "owner" and "moderator" of said E-Mail List during their term of office.
3. "Ownership" and "moderator" status of the E-Mail List shall be relinquished to a newly-elected BCCA Recording Secretary by the current BCCA Recording Secretary by midnight on the last day of their term of office (i.e., June 30).

4. No member(s) of the BCCA Board of Directors may invoke ownership of the E-Mail List by virtue of their temporary "ownership" or "moderator" status of said E-Mail List.
5. It is expressly understood that topics discussed on the E-Mail List are confidential in nature and members of the Board of Directors agree not to forward the contents of such messages, either in writing or verbally, to any person or organization not on the E-Mail List without permission.
6. No cross-posting to other e-mail groups is allowed nor is addressing this group when sending to other e-mail lists. This E-Mail List is for BCCA Board Members only.
7. Newly-elected BCCA Board Members shall be added to the E-Mail List one (1) month prior to taking office; out-going BCCA Board Members shall be removed from the E-Mail List immediately upon the expiration of their term of office.

(Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Blau, Hayes, Lott, Mendonca, Minner, Schroeder, Voss **No:** Atkins, McDonald **Abs:** Williamson  
**Present:** Lybrand

The above motions will be ratified at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting.

## V. Election of New Members

### New Members

The following new members were voted into the club:

August, 2011: Tracy Hill, Nan Matthews, Joan Novack and Peggy Reed.

July, 2011: Barbara and William Charlton, Virginia Garcia.

June, 2011: Heather Gahres and Kathryn Haas.

May, 2011: Carol Marie Kiernan, Gayle Weber and Sharon Stratmoen, Patricia Halverson, J. Elizabeth Cooledge-Stoltz, Tara Boshnack, Sonja Blanchard, Jaimie Short.

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 Sponsor: Suzanne Easley Buck    Sponsor: Ken Sax

## VI. New Business

### Motions to be Considered in September

**08/11-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**09/11-01** Motion to confirm the selection of the following committee chairs for the term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012:

**Agility:** Libby Myers-Buhite and David Williamson

**AKC Delegate:** Kathy Coxwell

**AKC Columnist:** Alice Bixler

**Awards:** Pat Colombo

**Bagpipes Editor:** Wendy Marciante

**Banner Custodian:** Joanne Williamson  
**Beardie Bulletin:** Lillian Esposito  
**Companion Dogs:** Linda Taylor  
**Conformation:** Cindy Alspaugh  
**Eukanuba Coordinator:** Chantal Andrew and Linda Porter  
**Executive:** Cindy Alspaugh, Susan Lybrand and Rosemary Schroeder  
**Finance:** Lucy Campbell-Gracie  
**Fundraising:**  
**Futurity:** Kim Semyan  
**Health:** Karen Drummond  
**Herding:** Elsa Sell  
**Historian:** Gail Miller Bisher  
**Junior Showmanship:** Anna Gracie  
**Judges Education:** Chantal Andrew  
**Legal Liaison:** Kathy Coxwell  
**Legislative Liaison:** Maria Jozwiak  
**Memorial:** Carol Bond  
**National Specialty Advisor:** Lisa Voss  
**Obedience, Rally & Tracking:** Kathy Thomas  
**OFA:** Irene Carson  
**Publications:** Joyce Ann Burgett  
**Rescue:** Paul Glatzer  
**Sunshine Fund:** Charlene Boyd  
**Standing Rules:** Carol Freeman, Elsa Sell, Joanne Williamson, Susan Lybrand and Cindy Alspaugh  
**Therapy:** Sandy Dubin  
**Trophies:** Mary Lott  
**Versatility:** Michele Ritter  
**Web Editor:** Shane Peters  
**Web Master:** Glenn Short

(Alspaugh)

***Please note the changes to the Memorial and Web Editor positions. We are still seeking an individual to fill the Fundraising position. Please contact Susan Lybrand if you are interested.***

**09/11-02** Motion to appoint Gail Romine and Karen Drummond to act as proctors to assist the Recording Secretary in counting ballots for elections for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. (Alspaugh)

**09/11-03** Motion to accept bid from Lillian Esposito as Editor of the Beardie Bulletin. (Alspaugh)

**09/11-04** Motion to amend SR 01/90-10 to read as follows: All local clubs shall pay \$25 to become affiliate clubs of the parent club (BCCA) and thereafter pay annual dues of \$25. (Voss)

**09/11-05** Motion to amend the June 21, 2011 board minutes to reflect that Rosemary Schroeder was present and voting and that Carol Serrine was absent. (Alspaugh)

**09/11-06** Motion to open the BCCA Members List with the following rules:

1. No brags or disparaging comments about any dogs allowed.
2. No ads allowed.
3. No attachments will be permitted.
4. No complaints about other members/persons tolerated.
5. No discussions of other dog clubs or registries except as they may relate to any relationship existing or proposed with the BCCA.
6. No personal attacks or discussions allowed on other members or their views. If you have a problem with a fellow BCCA member, please discuss it with them PRIVATELY.
7. Members are NOT allowed to forward posts from other members or non-members on any subject. Only original posts from the sender are acceptable. List members who break this rule will immediately be placed on moderated status.

8. In order to subscribe to the list, each person must be a current member of the BCCA and the e-mail address used to subscribed to the list must match the one currently on file with the club. E-mail addresses that cannot be confirmed will result in a subscription to the list being denied.

The Members List is a fully moderated list and owned by the Bearded Collie Club of America. Its existence is for the sole purpose of discussing current club business, the exchange of ideas and offering positive suggestions by the BCCA membership. Those who choose to ignore the rules above will be given a ONE TIME warning. Should the undesirable posting behavior be repeated, the offender will be placed on a NO POST status for a minimum of one week. During this time, he/she can read mail, but cannot send to the list. A third offense will result in the permanent removal from the list by the moderator or List Owner. (Alspaugh)

**09/11-07** Motion to combine and amend SRs 02/83-11 and SR 03/86-03 as follows:

Membership application procedures:

1. Membership in the BCCA is open to individuals 18 years of age or older.
2. Copies of the Constitution and By-laws, Code of Ethics, Guidelines for the Care, Breeding, Selling and Exhibiting of Bearded Collies and Breed Brochure shall be sent to all applicants for membership.
3. Applicants must apply on the approved BCCA membership application (currently marked "Revised 06/2011").
4. To ensure the application is processed without delay, the applicant should (i) complete the form in full (do not leave questions blank); (ii) have a BCCA member in good standing complete the sponsorship section; (iii) sign and date the application; (iv) read and sign the Code of Ethics (signature of all applicants is required); (v) enclose the appropriate dues; and (vi) forward the application to the Corresponding Secretary for processing.
5. The Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chairperson should be contacted to help in locating BCCA members to act as your sponsors. A list of BCCA members will be sent to any person wishing to apply for membership who has no sponsor. The members listed will reside within the same state as the potential applicant or in a nearby locality if no member lives within the state.
6. Such members, when contacted for a sponsorship, must find out enough about the person to be able to answer the questions on the membership application and to ascertain their suitability for membership.
7. The Corresponding Secretary will submit the application to the BCCA Board for review and to *The Bagpipes*, the official newsletter of the BCCA, for publication and membership review. If no objections to the pending applicant(s) are received, a motion to accept the membership application will be voted on at the next Board meeting. Upon approval, the candidate will be contacted by the Corresponding Secretary and welcomed as an official member of the BCCA.
8. The application process takes approximately three (3) months from the time the completed application is received until the time an applicant is accepted into membership.

(Hayes)

### **Proposed Motions for October**

**09/11-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**10/11-01** Motion to Amend SR10/84-03 to read the "Records Inspection Committee" rather than "Review Committee." As amended, the SR shall read: Annually the BCCA Board shall appoint a "Records Inspection Committee" to examine the Treasurer's books and make a formal report to the membership. The committee shall consist of one board member other than the treasurer and two members from the general membership. The "Records Inspection Committee" shall present its report at the Annual Board Meeting that year. (Blau)

*Rationale: The "Review" Committee was renamed from the Audit Committee to comply with New York State Law. The BCCA is incorporated in the state of New York and as such must comply with its laws. According to New York State no "audit" committee can be assembled without a licensed CPA (New York license) on its committee. We changed the name from "Audit" to "Review" to comply, but it seems the word "Review" cannot be used either so we must now change the name to the "Records Inspection Committee." This name will be sufficient to keep us legal.*

BCCA Recording Secretary

**Discussion Sheets**

Janet Atkins Susan Lybrand

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh

# Treasurer's Report – Casey Minner

Bearded Collie Club Of America		Income Statement	
		August, 2011	
<b>Income</b>			
Member Dues			
	Renewal Dues	\$ 1,065.00	
	New Members		
	Affiliate Clubs	\$ 25.00	
		\$ -	
Donations from Members			
	For Rescue	\$ 1,071.00	
	Undesignated		
		\$ -	
Beardie Bulletin			
	Subscriptions	\$ 1,074.00	
	Postage Charges		
	Advertising	\$ 185.00	pd by CC in Aug
		\$ -	
Bagpipes			
	Litter Listings & Ads	\$ 80.00	
Futurity		\$ 275.00	
Credit Card Fees		\$ 30.35	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$ 3,805</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	2011 Nat'l Parliamentarian Deposit	\$ 500.00	
	Rescue Expense	\$ 1,153.19	
	Bank Charges (NSF Checks & Fees)	\$ 16.00	
	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 85.29	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 1,754</b>	
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>			<b>\$ 2,051</b>

Source: CM, as of 9/2/2011 pending full clearing of transactions

## Treasurer's Report

- Membership Dues renewals slowed significantly. Only 41 renewals were processed during August. If you've not renewed your dues, please remember the grace period ends 9/30
  - 531 Total Membership renewals have been processed thus far
  - 9 Total Affiliate Club renewals
  
- Rescue Expenses and donations directly made to rescue are reported for July, in the August Reporting due to banking information availability. This reporting will continue to run a month in arrears
  
- Carried over funds of \$35,135.67 was deposited during the month of August. This was not counted as Income, as it had been counted in FY2010-11
  
- Parliamentarian Services have been secured for the 2011 Annual Meeting in Maine. The \$500 deposit for her services is captured in August. Her remaining fees and expenses will be reflected in October

**AKC Canine Health Foundation - Karen Drummond, Ph. D**  
**NATIONAL PARENT CLUB HEALTH CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

The arch in St. Louis is known as the "Gateway to the West". On August 12, 2011, when I attended the AKC Canine Health Foundation Parent Club meeting, it should have been renamed the "Gateway to the Future". I had the privilege of representing the BCCA at this meeting where researchers from across the nation presented the results of their investigations designed to advance the health of our canine companions. There are absolutely amazing things occurring in animal health, but the word that kept cropping up throughout the weekend was "translational relevance". This refers to the proliferation of discoveries that are occurring in canines that can be translated into advances in human medicine. We learned that dogs are one of the best genetic matches for human comparison, much better than the typical lab rat, and that the canine world needs to capitalize on this to be able to tap financial resources from human medicine which are more abundant.

The conference began with a presentation of the history of veterinary medicine and canine research by Dr. Donald Smith of Cornell. He made the point that veterinary medicine had its roots in equine care as horses and mules were the primary form of transportation, and were the mainstay of the farm and the agrarian economy. Most of the research that was performed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century concerned diseases of livestock poultry and horses. The companion animals at that stage were essentially considered expendable. Physicians on the other hand used dogs to study comparative physiology and pathology, and to develop surgical techniques for humans. It wasn't until after WWII that the domestic canine began to receive better veterinary attention, and it wasn't until the 1960's that clinical specialties and board certifications began. The irony is that although 80% of veterinarians are involved in the treatment of companion animals, 80% of the government-sponsored research goes to diseases of production and farm animals, and to public health. It has only been in the last two decades that major corporations, foundations, and individual donors have begun to devote resources for companion animal health. Recent advances in molecular biology, genetics, and the mapping of the canine and human genome have spurred a quantum leap in both prevention of disease, and therapy for it. The recognition of the similarity between canine and human conditions has been an outgrowth of this progress, and what has emerged is a better understanding of why canine research is so critical. In fact, Dr. Smith employed the term "Zooeyia" to describe the benefits that canines bestow on humans.

Dr. Mark Neff was the next presenter, and he had a unique outlook on the interaction of human vs. canine as he discussed the links in the neuronal networks that create mental illness and how there are parallels in the canine world. His theme was understanding the inherited predispositions for various behaviors in the canine world, such as herding, will at some point be useful in finding the genetic connections for maladaptive behaviors in humans.

Nestle Purina was the sponsor of this event, and their researchers presented information with regard to nutritional ways of enhancing the immune system. They have developed a probiotic formula called "FortiFlora" which their research suggests will enhance the immune system in a significant manner.

Dr. Albert Jergens of Iowa State presented on Canine IBD (inflammatory bowel disease). He noted that the research results suggest there is interplay between genetic factors and the bacteria that are present in the gut which results in the disease. He and his colleagues have

developed a biomarker that permits them to assess whether or not various therapies are likely to be effective.

One of the more fascinating presentations of the day was given by Dr. Joan Coates from the University of Missouri regarding degenerative myelopathy, a disease caused by a gene mutation in certain breeds of canines that is akin to Lou Gehrig's disease in humans. She has located the mutation in the canine, and was able to translate that into the genetic location in humans. Although at this point there is no "cure" for the disease, there is hope that canine patients will assist researchers in finding medicines that will also work on humans.

Saturday was devoted to the ongoing research in cancer. The initial speaker of the day was one of the premier researchers in oncology, Dr. Jaime Modiano. He spoke about the molecular genetics of cancer, and the ways in which his lab is beginning to identify some of the genetic components of the different types of cancers, breed associated vulnerabilities, and the differences that the breed may have on tumor behavior. He also spoke about two new drug treatments, one targeting mast cell tumors, and the other for immune-based cancers. His home base is the University of Minnesota, which produces an excellent newsletter that details the progress being made at that institution. It can be found at [www.cvm.umn.edu/accr](http://www.cvm.umn.edu/accr).

Dr. Matthew Breen, a professor of genomics, and a biochemist at UNC, reported on the progress that his group has made putting together what he called a "genomics toolbox". He and his team have been collecting tissue and blood samples from animals affected with cancer, as well as those related to them who have been cancer free. They have looked at these samples as a way to define changes to the genome that occur in order to determine how each type of cancer changes the structure differently in hopes of then finding a way to influence these changes in a more positive way. He believes that if we can understand the effect of cancer on the canine genome we will be much closer to understanding human cancers.

Nicola Mason from the University of Pennsylvania presented information on using antibody fragments to target cancers. Although this treatment has been used in human medicine, this is one case where it is not trans-species, and thus far the therapy has not been effective in canines. That said, she did relate that they have managed to put together a "library" of canine derived antibody fragments. These fragments have been utilized in dogs with hemangiosarcoma to bind and neutralize a substance in the body that stimulates the growth of blood vessels in and around tumors, which is what the tumor feeds on. This is the first targeted biological antibody therapy to be employed in dogs to retard the growth of tumors. She also supplied the following web address which details the clinical trials are being done [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

Dr. Thamm of Colorado State spoke about the way in which clinical trials are conducted and why it is so economically advantageous to use canines for these trials. He estimated that the cost to test a therapy on canines is only a fourth or less of what it would cost to do the same test on humans.

Dr. Middleton of Nestle Purina talked about the role of Vitamin D in the formation of cancers. His research has shown that higher levels of vitamin D in the blood is associated with reduced incidence, recurrence, and greater survival in various types of cancers. He also speculated that vitamin D may be involved in the occurrence of autoimmune disorders.

The segment of the conference on cancer concluded with some information about how drugs come to the point of being trialed and the challenges in this type of research.

Dr. Kathryn Meurs of NC State spoke on her work at identifying the genes responsible for Dilated Cardiomyopathy and the subsequent genetic tests that have been developed. Although the disease process is the same, it appears that in different breeds the causative genes are different. In Dobermans it appears to be an autosomal dominant gene, however in Great Danes it is sex linked on the X chromosome. She also discussed the fact that in other breeds although they also have the same mutation they do not show the disease, and apparently have some type of moderating gene, which speaks to the complexity of the genetic research that is being done.

The most poignant and moving presentation was at the end of the day when Dr. Cynthia Otto presented her longitudinal study of the search and rescue dogs who were present at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9/11, as well as the Staten Island Landfill in the months following the attack. There was total silence in the room while her slide show flashed pictures from the scenes. It was made more poignant by the fact that Dr. Otto herself was there at the time with her own search and rescue canines. For the past ten years she has been following the health of the dogs who worked those locations. The results of her study were unexpected and heartening. She found that the dogs coped with adverse conditions with minimal morbidity. The most common problems reported at the time were cuts and scrapes most of which were minor. The handlers did at that time employ preventative care such as eye washes and hydration, but surprisingly, respiratory problems were rare or minimal. These dogs have been followed regularly for the past ten years, and there has been no evidence of pulmonary problems that were significantly different from the control dogs who were not present at the scene. At this 10 year anniversary 73% of the dogs who were in attendance are now deceased but the median age at death was 12.2 years old and in the control group the median age was only 11.7. In both groups cancer was common, but the working dogs showed no evidence of lead, mercury, PCB's or other organic toxins in their tissues upon necropsy. It is remarkable that under such adverse conditions our canine heroes fared so well.

The closing sessions were "breakout" sessions for small group interaction with various experts. Fund raising techniques, the CHF grant process, how to incorporate genetic tests into a breeding program, and using health surveys were some of the topics discussed.

I came away from this conference with an incredible feeling of awe and respect at the depth of the knowledge and dedication those engaging in the research have. I also took away from it a profound joy that I own and love Bearded Collies, as our breed appears to have less of the devastating diseases present in other breeds. Although we are not free from cancers and AI issues, Beardies seem to be, relatively speaking, a healthy breed.

Submitted by  
Karen Drummond, Ph.D.  
BCCA Health Committee Chair

## Have Ewe Heard - New Titles! – Ann Witte

### New HT:

- \*Nonesuch Gets Risa Outta Ewe - Jana Dozet, Cheryl Poliak & Pam Harris
- \*Risa To The Spindrift Spirit - Jana & Gayle Dozet & Pam Harris
- \*Spindrift Its All About Me - Pam Harris & Patricia Coreris
- \*Spindrift Something About Mary - Pam & Mark Harris
- \*Vintage Seyval Blanc At Gillebhrighde - Marilyn Snook

### New PT:

- \*Beau Chien Ja May Can Pirate - Carol Freeman & Donna Johnson
- \*Ramsgrove Ronja - Kitty Hale & Beryl DeBorba
- \*Risa Spindrift Over And Out - Pat Coreris & Jana Dozet
- \*Runningmt Justine Morgan - Lynne Corn
- \*Spindrift Something About Mary - Pam & Mark Harris

### New HSA Sheep:

- \*Beardon's Singin' In The Rain - Michelle Wiley
- \*Pentangle's Pedal To The Metal - Sharon Baker

### New HIA Sheep:

- \*Pentangle's Rock'N Ryland P - Sharon Prassa
- \*Woodsong Summer Wind - Kitty Hale, Candace Hepner & Beryl DeBorba

### **Congrats to All!**

## Highland Herding - "Driving Miss Daisy" – Ann Witte

As hard as it may be for us humans, we need to change perspective when training our dogs to the refinements of herding. We always seem to see the whole world as humans and expect everything else to go along with our view. In herding, this has to change or the Beardies can get very confused. Try to, or better yet, do perceive the herding from the dog's perspective and not your own. It's far too easy, since all we do this in the beginning of our dog's herding career, to constantly "fetch" the stock; and that is always from our view. Think again. You have to look at "driving" differently. (1) you should get "out of the picture" and (2) to the DOG, driving and fetching should be the same thing - pushing sheep on a line of travel; YOU may see it as different but the DOG is always basically seeing sheep butts! If you are taking the dog's view from the beginning, then the dog is always pushing stock on that line of travel that you have set. If Beardedie is pushing the sheep towards you, WE may call it "fetching"; if he is pushing sheep away from you, WE call it "driving". BUT, the dog is always doing exactly the same thing from either direction!

Happy Herding!

## Litter Listing

*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@bcca.com)

6/27/11

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Ch. Wigglesworth Stay Out Of My Way X Ch. Dunnachie Don't Get Me Started

Sire: BC-3945F27M-VPI, CERF: BC-1413, Thyroid: BC-TH336/27M-VPI; Elbow: BC-EL488M27-VPI, CHIC 68386

Dam: BC-3668G34F-VPI; CERF: BC-1409; Thyroid: BC-TH315/37F-VPI, CHIC 65061

1 Black M, 1 Brown F are available

7/10/11

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Sire: BC-3902G28M-VPI, CERF: BC-1428; Thyroid: BC-TH298/38M-VPI; Elbow: BC-EL469M28-VPI

Dam: BC-3612F40F-PI; CERF: BC-1339; Thyroid: BC-TH353/82F-VPI

5 Black M, 5 Black F

7/22/11

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Ch. Blessings Bacalls One Truluv X Ch. Briarpatch Calendar Girl, RN

Sire: BC-3510G25M-PI, CERF: BC-1237/2010-67, Thyroid: BC-TH17076M-VPI, Elbow: BC-EL290M25-PI, Cardiac: BC-CA 23/58M/C-VPI

Dam: BC-3932G53F-PI, CERF: BC-1361, Thyroid: normal, Elbow: BC-EL48F53-PI

2 Black M, 2 Black F, 3 Brown F

# Where can you get a **FREE ENTRY** for the National Specialty?

In April of 2005, the BCCA Board approved a motion to establish an award to honor the most versatile Bearded at our annual National Specialty. This award is named in memory of the first Masters In Versatility winner, DC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX MX MXJ. To be eligible, dogs must enter and compete in at least three of the performance venues offered at the Specialty, which particular three would be of the owner's choosing. These areas can include conformation, herding, obedience, agility, and tracking (not currently offered.) Points can be earned by dogs *participating* in these performance areas even if they do not *qualify*, however points cannot be earned by dogs that are excused for lameness or unacceptable behavior as defined by the rules of the particular event.

All scoring for the award will be done from the official Judge's book(s) for each venue. Scoring will be done by a member of the BCCA versatility committee or, in the event that a member of the versatility committee is not in attendance at the Specialty, by a member of the host club show committee chosen by mutual consent prior to the event between the Specialty show chair and the chairperson of the BCCA Versatility committee.

**\* This year, we've established a new procedure, in order to place some of the record keeping responsibility with each competitor. Each person who plans on competing with their bearded for the Chip Versatility award is responsible for "entering" by emailing the scorekeeper (me) with their name, dog's registered name as well as venue, specific class name and armband numbers (when you get them) no later than September 26, 2011, before the National. It will also be helpful if you update your dog's results after, or during, each venue. My email is topdogs@ptd.net**

I realize this is a different way of doing this than in the past, but as for all other events, you must "enter" in order to win and entering is **FREE!** This form will also be available at the specialty, to help with your record keeping.

Michele Ritter, Versatility Chair

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

**HERDING / AM**

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

**RALLY**

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

**HERDING / PM**

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

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Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

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**OBEDIENCE**

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

**AGILITY**

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Jumps \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Jumps \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Jumps \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFORMATION**

Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

For Herding, Agility, Obedience & Rally mark participated, Q, placement, score, HIT.

For Conformation mark participated or placement, i.e. 1st, WD, BOB, Select Dog, AOM, etc.

## Rally & Obedience – Marylou McLeod

### Braggs

#### Obedience

Can Am Int Ch Surfsong's Celebration CGN, HS "Guinness", owned by Ray Salmon and Ann Rambaud earned his CD with a High in Trial at the Nanaimo Kennel Club Show, held in Nanaimo, BC, Canada on June 18th, 2011.

"Windy" MHIT Can Ch Nonesuch D'arque Black Sensation CDX RE AGN AGNJ HIC VA went High in Trial at the Bearded Collie Club of Canada Specialty after winning the run-off. She came out of the Open B class with a score of 198.5. "Windy" is owned and trained by Jaimie St-Maurice and co-owned by Cheryl Poliak.

#### New Obedience Titles July 2011

##### Utility Dog

Ch Bendale Singing The Blues UD RE HSA dsc HIAs HXAs AXJ NF  
Owned by Sandy Weiss and Robert Stuart

##### Obedience Master 3

Ch MACH Sheiling Awesome Angel UDX2 OM3 RE PT AXP AJP  
Owned by Elaine O'Carroll

##### Graduate Novice

Ch Bedlam-Rolins In A Heartbeat CD GN RAE  
Owned by Aline Brisendine and Alice Bixler

#### Tracking

Although this is not an AKC tracking title, Barbara Stone has informed us that her dog "Brinian" (MBISS Am/Can Ch Fivefields Reckless Abandon AX AXJ PT RA ROM ROMA ROMI VX CGC TDI therapy dog, etc.) just became the first Beardie to title in the National Association of Canine Scentwork. He earned his Nosework 1 title (NW1) on August 14th in Shoreline, WA. Nosework emulates the work that narcotics, explosives, and arson dogs among others do to detect the source of a particular odor in a variety of environments. More information on the organization and the sport can be found at <http://www.funnosework.com/>

**[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 Beardie? Join in the discussion: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beardieobed/>

## 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://bccca.us/organization/Memorial\\_Fund.htm](http://bccca.us/organization/Memorial_Fund.htm)

## OFA Reports

Due to the volume of the report, it is not included here. If you cannot access it via our e-newsletter, please contact Irene Carson to request a copy.

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## From The Editor – Wendy Marciante

Greetings Everyone,

Based upon statistical information produced by the program that generates our newsletter, a number of our e-mail subscribers are not clicking through the embedded links to access the entire BP content, which means they are getting only a part of the picture. We want all Members to be informed of Club business; the [Board Minutes](#) and [Treasurer's Report](#) is our window into the management of the BCCA.

The [President's Message](#) provides a status update on old business and insight into new matters on the Board's agenda. Other content is intended to educate, entertain or both.

In many instances, the material is lengthy and in an attempt to create an electronic newsletter easily/quickly navigated, 'hyperlinks' are inserted at the end of what you can see on your computer screen. These links take you away from the newsletter where you can read and print the subject material. Frequently the links are necessary because the information can only be viewed on an outside website such as the 2011 Nat'l, BCCA or AKC.

We want to do everything we can to maximize the benefits you reap from this newsletter. Anywhere you see **blue** text that says '[click here](#)' or '[read more](#)', etc., is a hyperlink that will take you to the complete text of what you've started reading. If you are still in your e-mail program and click on a link, a new window or tab will open in your Internet browser. You can easily return to the newsletter by going back to your e-mail program.

At the beginning and end of the *Bagpipes*, is a link "[Click here to view or print this issue of the Bagpipes](#)".

This opens a window in your Internet browser that includes content of the current newsletter in a printable format. The newly-opened file begins with a Table of Contents where you can locate the information you want to read or print. All computers and printers work slightly differently, but in most cases, you should be able to click the printer icon of your web browser (or **File>Print**), and either print the entire document or just those pages of particular interest (you will need to specify what pages you want to print). You may find saving this '**All**' document as a pdf an attractive option because you have more printing flexibility; to do so, click '**File>print**' then click the lower-left button '**pdf**' and finally '**save as pdf**' to anywhere on your computer. You now have your own permanent file copy of the *Bagpipes*. Viewing/printing a pdf requires you have Adobe Reader loaded on your computer. This software is free and can be downloaded [here](#). (Be sure and download the correct version for your type of computer -- PC or MAC.)

Your suggestions and opinions are very important to all of us who work to create and distribute the *Bagpipes*. Check your e-mail box for a short survey we will send after the Specialty in which we will ask for your feedback and recommendations for future issues. Please take a few minutes to complete it -- this is YOUR newsletter and we will do everything possible to make it one you enjoy and look forward to reading.

Best to you all,

Wendy Marciante, Editor

\*\*\* Another tip ... some Members have written me that their email program cuts off a part of the newsletter on the screen. Try this -- at the very beginning of the email/Bagpipes, there is a sentence that reads, "Having trouble viewing this email? Click here". That useful link will open a browser window where you can read the newsletter outside of your email program and will most likely solve viewing issues.

## Membership Information – Elizabeth Hayes

**If you have NOT yet renewed your Membership - payment must be received by October 1st or you will be required to reapply.**

### Welcome New Members!

Joan Novack, Peggy Reed, Tracy Hill and Nan Matthews

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Send your updates to **Elizabeth Hayes**.

## 2011 – 2012 BCCA Committee Chairs

Pending Board approval, following is a list of the BCCA 2011 – 2012 Committee Chairs.

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Rescue: Paul Glatzer

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Standing Rules: Carol Freeman, Elsa Sell, Joanne Williamson, Susan Lybrand & Cindy Alspaugh

Therapy: Sandy Dubin

Trophies: Mary Lott

Versatility: Michele Ritter

Web Editor: Shane Peters

Web Master: Glenn Short

If you wish to contact any of the Chairs, please refer to your BCCA Membership Roster for details or contact a Board member using the information provided at the end of this Newsletter.

## Everyday Beardies – Barbara Stone

### ***Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing- Test 4, Out For A Walk (Walking on a Loose Lead)***

OK, so this is where the rubber meets the road! Loose lead walking is a fairly complex behavior that I have not written about in detail before. The test element requires that the dog move with you on a loose lead, turning left, right, doing an about turn and stopping as directed by the Tester. However, the dog may be on either your left or right side and in any position relative to the handler so long as there is no pulling on the lead. You may talk to your dog as much as you like, praise him, encourage him to return to position should he start to move away from you, ask for attention, use a hand target, or any other positive method to maintain the loose lead! You may ask the dog to sit at a pause or the end of the exercise.

Passing this element isn't as hard as it may seem. In this test, the dog is walking with you by himself so your hand target and eye contact behaviors are excellent tools to keep his attention on you. A good guideline for leash management is to think of having a J at the bottom of the leash. If there is always a J between you and the dog then you will definitely pass!

### ***Training loose lead walking***

There are a wide variety of methods for teaching a dog loose leash walking (LLW). My favorite is one called "Connect the Dots". You will need something like soccer cones or dots, a quiet, distraction-free location and a lot of treats to start.

In your training location set out a LOT of markers about three feet apart all throughout the area you will be using to teach LLW. Bring out your dog on leash, and set up with a nice J in the leash between the dog's collar and your hand. Have a pre-determined number of treats counted out (start with no more than 15). Move forward with your dog, marking and rewarding at each marker you pass. Stop after you've used all the treats. Take a break and do the exercise again several times before the end of your session.

Since the markers are only about 3' apart, your dog will be getting rewarded VERY frequently for staying close and maintaining the loose lead. Once you can move throughout the area without the leash tightening, start removing markers a few at a time until you only have a few markers in the training area and are doing more walking than stopping and rewarding.

When you can do this reliably in your training area, move to a slightly more distracting environment and bring out the markers again. Repeat the process in the presence of distractions of growing value (up to and including running dogs, bikes, children, cats!)

The markers are there for YOU! They are to remind you to keep the rate of reinforcement high at the beginning until you have built up significant duration of the behavior. I have used the leaves on the pavement in our cul-de-sac for this exercise rather than putting out cones and they worked just fine. Be creative. If you are in a new location and don't have cones, use sidewalk cracks or fence posts. The dog doesn't know what the marker is - just keep the rate of reward high and very quickly you will have lovely loose leash walking.

For more information on the **AKC's Canine Good Citizen Test** including test scheduled for your area, go to:

<http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/program.cfm>

For more information on the **AKC's S.T.A.R. Puppy Program** go to:

[http://www.akc.org/starpuppy/test\\_items\\_pledge.cfm](http://www.akc.org/starpuppy/test_items_pledge.cfm)

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, and K9 Nosework. Join the list at

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

**Conformation/Obedience Entries close  
September 7, Noon (EST)  
Don't miss this deadline!**

Visit [www.bcca2011.com](http://www.bcca2011.com) for more details.

**Where will you be  
October 1-7?**



**Ocean breezes!**

**Kennebunkport  
is beautiful!**

**Many activities!**

## Beardie Magic Chess Set

Only three of these very special Beardie chess sets were ever produced. Unique opportunity to own one.



Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact [Mary Watson](mailto:Mary.Watson@bccca2011.com).

<http://www.bcca2011.com/raffles.html>

**MANY** wonderful fundraising items remain available for purchase ... don't miss these '*must-have*' Beardie collectibles!

<http://bccca2011.com/fundraising.html>

## BCCA Calendar of Events

Please visit our website for details

[http://bccca.us/organization/Calendar/BCCA\\_Calendar\\_Deadlines\\_Events.pdf](http://bccca.us/organization/Calendar/BCCA_Calendar_Deadlines_Events.pdf)

### Bagpipes Ad Rates

This new price reflects the format of the e-newsletter.

# **Bagpipes Ad Rates**

**one month, full page ad - \$50**

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**payment made out to BCCA must accompany all ads**

**Please forward your ad's content and payment to the Editor:**

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## Be Informed

### Next *Bagpipes* Deadline

**\*November 1, 2011 - 6pm Left-Coast (PST)**

Send all submissions to [wendy.marciante@mac.com](mailto:wendy.marciante@mac.com)

Submission Guidelines are noted on the next page.

### BCCA NEW Website

<http://bccca.us/>

### Join the BCCA!

Download the [Application Form](#) , [Constitution/By-Laws](#), and [Code of Ethics](#). After completing the application form (including sponsor section), send form and fee to Elizabeth Hayes, 450 Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

### Standing Rules

The Standing Rules may be [downloaded here](#). Printed copies of the Standing Rules may be obtained by mailing a self-addressed, stamped 9x12 envelope to the Recording Secretary, Cindy Alspaugh, 5552 Polson Lane, Iron Station, NC 28080. Please provide return postage for a 1 oz. package (currently 74-cents).

### Breed Brochure

"*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.

### Address Corrections

Please send all address changes, corrections, and updates to the Corresponding Secretary, [Elizabeth Hayes](#).

**\*Because of our October 1 -7 Nat'l Specialty, we will NOT publish an October issue of the Bagpipes.**

## *Bagpipes* Content Submission Guidelines

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.

### If your submission is primarily **Numbers**:

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.

### If your submission is a **Photo** or **Flyer**:

Please send in a jpeg or pdf format. Please keep in mind that only minor corrections for typos, etc., can be made to these files, so please review your content very carefully before submitting for publication.

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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