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HERDING REPORT AND NOTICES

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Everyone, be sure to confirm your Beardie's qualifying run scores, class, judge on AKC's Event web page; periodically there are significant errors, either from incorrect data entry at AKC or incorrect info on paper submitted by a trial secretary.

By January, there will be a guide in the herding section of the BCCA website. It is for those thinking about starting to herd with their Beardie and will contain names of trainers with whom other Beardie herding people have worked, why they are suggested, location, and thoughts about getting into herding. We are trying to have good geographic representation and few more responses are being requested for the final guide is put together.

New AHBA Titles

Aellen Joy To The Future, HTAD II-s, 26-Oct-14,
Carol Colavecchio

Aellen Tru Blue, HTAD I-s, 26-Oct-14
Linda & Martell Weeks

AGILITY - AN INSIDE LOOK AT CPE

David Williamson

Canine Performance Events was founded in 1998 by Linda Eickholdt of South Lyon, Michigan. Her philosophy of the organization is for the dog and handler to have fun while successfully competing for performance titles as a cohesive unit, achieved through positive training and teamwork. Membership is open to all purebred and mixed breed dogs, and they can compete in 6 levels of titles in Standard and games classes that include Colors, Wildcard, Snooker, Jackpot, Fullhouse, and Jumpers.

So that the BCCA readership might know more about CPE, I asked four Beardie Agility Diehards, each of whom have accrued many runs and titles in CPE, for their knowledge and experience. For their time and patience, I thank Steve Lausmann (Beardies Bella and Bailey) from Citrus Heights, California; Jan Leverenz (Beardies, Hops, Guinness, Smitty, and Tapper) of Shelby Township, Michigan; CPE Judge Nancy May (Beardies Farley and Granite) from Deerfield, New Hampshire; and Bobbie Raguse (Beardie Grif and Havanese Owen Meany) of Indianapolis, Indiana.

How did you get started in CPE?

JL: I started Smitty in CPE, and it was a great place to get him used to trialing.

BR: I resisted CPE for the longest time, and then when I got a new Beardie puppy, I decided to try it out with Kira, my older Beardie. I was hooked!

What are the advantages of CPE?

SL: More runs available per day, games-type runs like Snooker, Fullhouse, etc., a little more relaxed atmosphere than other venues, online tracking of your dog's records is impressive, fancy plaques for titles.

JL: We feel the trials are less stressful (no QQ pressure), and the people are friendly and supportive. There are more runs each day, usually 4 or 5 at our Michigan trials. I will start Tapper in CPE before I enter him in AKC because the courses at Level 1 and 2 are easier than Novice in AKC and are more open, even at the advanced levels; however, when you get to Level 5 the courses can be as challenging as AKC depending on the judge.

NM: CPE allows handlers and dogs just starting out in agility to have success early and often because the entry level classes are consistently low on challenges. SCTs in CPE are exceedingly generous -- particularly at the beginner levels. Another advantage of CPE is that a wide range of jump height categories are available. My 12+ year old dog who would still run agility every day if it was possible is 22" tall and started out in CPE jumping 20", his Regular jump height. As he got a bit older, he moved to the Veteran category and jumped 16" for several years. He now runs as a Specialist jumping 12".

BR: CPE is less strict than AKC in many ways. It's great for older dogs and new agility dogs. Times are more forgiving. So more dogs qualify even if they're not lightning fast. Jump heights are adjustable: 20" dogs can also jump 16" if you like, and when they get older, you can drop them to 12". No refusals are called, so if your dog loses focus for a second, you aren't immediately NQ'd. In my opinion, the atmosphere is less pressurized than AKC or USDAA. I've done NADAC in the past and liked it, but we have very few trials in this area. When you finish your C-ATCH or C-ATE, the organization sends you a beautiful wooden plaque with the date and dog's name engraved. I was really impressed with that.

What are some of the things you'd like to see improved?

SL: Nothing.

JL: I can't think of anything that needs improvement.

NM: As a CPE judge, I would like to see more consistency from one judge to the next and more enforcement of consistent behavior from the higher ups at CPE. Some people who compete in CPE as their only venue or their preferred venue have an expectation that every trip to the start line will result in a qualifying ribbon and probably a placement if the trial is not very large. There is a tendency among some judges to pander very excessively to the "everyone Qs every run" crowd. While I have no issue at all with the courses at the entry levels (Level 1 and Level 2) being basically devoid of challenges, I hate going to an agility trial and finding that the only difference between a Level 2 Standard course and the Level C course my dog will run is that there are 12 weave poles instead of 6. There are course design guidelines, they do differ from level to level and they should be taken more seriously by ALL judges when designing the courses and by the course reviewers who approve the courses. The pandering from some judges spills over into rule enforcement as well. I have not seen any persistent pattern of "bad calls" in the ring, but some judges seem to think they can pick and choose when it comes to adherence to some of the other basic rules of CPE. I had a woman complain to me recently that she would not want to run under a particular judge again because the judge enforced all the "picky little rules". When I asked the woman to define "picky little rules" her response was inclusive of all the general agility rules of the venue (go on line and look at page 6 of the current rule book to see the "picky little rules".) She feels it is "unfair to competitors" to suddenly have to deal with a judge that adheres to the "picky little rules" since "most CPE judges don't follow most of the rules most of the time". She insists that one particular CPE judge told her that most of the "picky little rules" are optional and it is up to the judge to decide when and if to follow those rules. (This is absolutely not the case!) I deal with all of this by designing challenge free Level 1 and Level 2 courses and by designing courses with level appropriate challenges for the upper levels. The Q rate on my Level 45C courses is generally around 40-50%. I have heard (but I have never read it anywhere or been told by CPE that it is officially so) that CPE "likes to see" a Q rate in the upper levels of about 70%. I also adhere to every single one of those "picky little rules". So I don't always get a lot of work. The clubs that hire me know what they will be getting and hire me anyway since that is what they want. Other clubs won't have anything to do with me. Oh well!

BR: There really isn't anything I can think of that I would change about it. The courses have become much more challenging than when I started 6 years ago.

How long have you been participating in CPE?

SL: 7 years.

JL: 9 years.

NM: I have been competing with Farley since November, 2003 -- so about 11 years. Granite is a couple years younger so he has been competing for roughly 9 years.

BR: About 6 years.

How far up the title ladder are your dogs?

SL: My Izzy, who was 7 years old when she passed last December, had a C-ATE. Bailey, who is 4, has a C-ATCH.

JL: Our dogs all have multiple C-ATCH's and a C-ATE.

NM: Farley has a C-ATCH, a C-ATE 5, and most recently, a CS-ATCH (Specialist C-ATCH) after he moved to that height category. He is now working toward his CS-ATE. Granite has a CT-ATCH (he runs in the Enthusiast height category which allows me to drop a class). He is entirely opposed to touching the contact zone in competition on anything except the teeter, so he does not compete in Standard.

BR: I have earned 6 C-ATCH titles on 3 different dogs.

Do you have a favorite CPE experience?

SL: Putting together a high point snooker strategy and pulling it off.

JL: I have enjoyed the CPE Nationals—especially 2013 in Ohio.

NM: Like many Beardies, Farley is a bit of a comic and really gets into the reaction of the crowd at a trial. A couple years ago he shot out of a tunnel, somehow missed the fact that I was half way across the ring directing him to another obstacle and went off course onto the dog walk. He stopped partway across the ramp and found that I was elsewhere. He knows when he has "messed up" so he proceeded to hang his head in shame and slink to the bottom of the dog walk (much to the amusement of the onlookers) where he did a lovely contact performance and waited for me to collect him. We went on to take the few last obstacles on the way to the finish, but when he got to the weave poles, he put his head down again and crawled through them at a snail's pace -- again getting the crowd behind the "poor sad Beardie." I was laughing so hard by the time we left the ring that I had tears running down my face. (I have a video of this run; it is hilarious.)

How often do you enter CPE shows?

SL: I enter about 15 shows a year.

JL: We do CPE about once every 2 months.

NM: I would say roughly once or twice a month on average -- about once a month during the warmer months when more options are available (NADAC trials) and maybe twice a month during the "indoor" season. A lot of CPE trials are indoors, and I have a strong preference for trialing outdoors during the portion of the year when that can happen in the Northeast.

BR: I enter CPE trials whenever they are offered locally although if I were willing to travel, I could probably attend a CPE trial every week-end.

Where does CPE fit in in relation to the other agility organizations in which you compete?

SL: There are a lot of AKC and USDAA shows in this region. CPE attracts a small portion of competitors that do all venues, but for the most part, most entrants concentrate only on CPE.

JL: We do a lot of AKC with Smitty and Guinness, and I do USDAA with Smitty. We enter CPE trials less frequently than AKC and USDAA, but we always enjoy doing CPE.

NM: My venue of choice is NADAC, but there is not a great deal of NADAC available in the Northeast anyway – typically, I can get in a couple of NADAC trials a month during the outdoor season, and with the exception of one indoor trial in Rhode Island, there are virtually none all winter. During the winter, I do a smattering of USDAA and very occasionally AKC because Farley can't jump any lower than 16" in either venue, and while he can still do it, I really limit it to just an occasional class or two.

BR: I am trialing almost exclusively in CPE these days, as I no longer have the "fire in the belly" that I once had. I enjoy running my dog in a less pressurized atmosphere. You get 4-5 runs a day and still have Standard and Jumpers, but there are also games that are lots of fun too.

How often are CPE shows held in your vicinity?

SL: I can find a CPE trial in this area at least once or twice a month year round.

JL: We have CPE trials in southeast Michigan at least once a month.

NM: There are typically 1 or 2 a month locally that are within a 30-40 minute drive, and probably 2 to 4 a month if one is up for a bit more travel.

BR: There are about 10 shows a year in the Indianapolis area.

Interested in finding out more about CPE? You can access information about Canine Performance Events at <http://www.k9cpe.com> According to the website, you can also join the CPE Yahoo Group, CaninePerformanceEvents.

HEY, DID YOU KNOW?

Maryann Szalka, BCCA Health Chair

Just some random dog facts you can quote if your next holiday party gets a bit boring

It is a myth that dogs are color blind. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.

Dogs' only sweat glands are between their paw pads

Typically a dog's mouth exerts 150-200 pounds of pressure per square inch

A one year old dog is as mature, physically, as a 15 year old human

The average city dog lives 3 years longer than a country dog

Dogs can be trained to detect epileptic seizures

Obesity is the #1 health problem among dogs

Dog's nose prints are as unique as a human's finger prints and can be used to accurately identify them

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", a high-pitched dog whistle was recorded by Paul McCartney for his sheepdog (you know you want to test this one out)

A dog's sense of smell is more than 100,000 times stronger than that of a human's

Dogs judge objects first by their movement, then by their brightness, and lastly by their shape

All dogs are identical in anatomy - 321 bones and 42 permanent teeth

Dogs have two times as many muscles to move their ears as people

Dogs' sense of hearing is more than ten times more acute than a human's

Bearded Collies are the best (wait, you already knew that)

Happy Holidays!

AKC NEW TITLES OCTOBER 2014

Champion, CH Alistair's Oh Swede Lord, D, DN37357501, 18-Oct-14, Alistair's Peace And Love ex Alistair's Magnificent, Ginny Aulik & Lynn Meyer-Allway

Champion, CH Britannia Next Generation CGC, D, DN34434902, 11-Oct-14, CH Britannia Beam Me Up Spotty RN ex CH Britannia Nip 'N The Air RA, Michele Ritter & Edie Circelli

Champion, CH Highlander Bending The Rules At Risa, D, DN36213307, 26-Oct-14, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 ex GCH CH Highlander Shall We Dance HT, Karen Gutheil & Beth Tilson & Jana Dozet & Pamela Harris

Champion, CH Potterdale Jubilee Diamond RA HT NAJ, B, DN36688001, 1-Oct-14, Sengalas Indiana Jones ex Potterdale Pure Platinum, Casey Minner & Sandy McDonald

Champion, CH Rivercity's Prairie Home Companion, B, DN33197405, 18-Oct-14, GCH CH Lakewood Forever Cool RN CGC ex CH Rivercity's Scarlet Begonias, Janet Fiske

Champion, CH Rivercity's Talk Of The Nation, D, DN33197402, 19-Oct-14, GCH CH Lakewood Forever Cool RN CGC ex CH Rivercity's Scarlet Begonias, Janet Fiske

Champion, CH Ruby Red Slippers For Dorothy, B, DN37832308, 11-Oct-14, CH Raintree Whistle A New Song ex GCH CH Dunhill Inspired Roxanne For Stuart, Stuart Kline & Dana Kline

Grand Champion, GCH CH Aberlour's Sea Biscuit, D, DN31501302, 19-Oct-14, GCH CH Wigglesworth Thriller ex CH Wigglesworth Dynamite, Donna Maynard & Sharon Ipser & Dawn Mieras

Grand Champion, GCH CH Get A Standing Ovation In Vogue Island, B, DN32460801, 1-Oct-14, Ubac Des Monts De Gatine ex Come To See Me In Vogue Island, Tina Miller

Companion Dog, GCH CH Briarpatch Just One Look CD BN RA PT OA OAJ NAP NJP, D, DN22675101, 12-Oct-14, GCH CH Briarpatch Look At That CD RE HT AX AXJ MXP MJP ex CH Briarpatch Jocala Inspiration RN HT OAP OJP, Anna K Gracie & Lucy C Campbell-Gracie & Carol M Lamb

Beginner Novice, CH Briarpatch So Good Looking BN HT, B, DN30130202, 4-Oct-14, GCH CH Briarpatch Look At That CD RE HT AX AXJ MXP MJP ex CH Briarpatch Jocala Inspiration RN HT OAP OJP, Lucy C Campbell-Gracie & Anna K Gracie

Rally Novice, Ragtyme Scott Fabulous RN CGC, B, DN22661602, 18-Oct-14, CH Ragtyme Ever And Always RN NA NAJ ex CH Scott Sheer Bliss, Cindra L Malone & Lynn A Zagarella & Vince Zagarella

Rally Novice, GCH CH Tseyi Absolutely Delightful Of Meadows RN, B, DN19710901, 31-Oct-14, CH Autumnlane's Li'l Deuce Coupe ex CH Meadows' Nothing So Delightful CD RE NA NAJ, Carolyn C Hoffmann & Claudia McNulty & Kasey W Pierson

Rally Advanced, CH Wynsum Sudden Impact RA CGC, D, DN25662002, 24-Oct-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ ex CH Wynsum Keepsake Treasure OA NAJ, Mary Bansen & Carol J Carlsen & Dr. Arnold Bansen

Pre-Trial Tested, Pentangle's Liz She Is PT, B, DN36878201, 26-Oct-14, CH Pentangle's Sam-I-Am ex CH Pentangle's Synchronicity RA HSAs HSBd HIAds HXAd, Mrs. Terry R Manganiello & Mr. Charles A Manganiello

Herding Started Course A Ducks, Spicewood Cynamen Early Light RE HSAd OA OAJ NF, B, DN25368601, 31-Aug-14, CH Artisan Steppenwolf RN HT ex Cynamen Artisan Winter Light RE HT AX AXJ OF, Nancy Reich

Novice Agility, GCH CH Colquhoun's Xmas Zinger HSAs HIAs NA OAJ, B, DN19777504, 26-Oct-14, CH Britannia Blockbuster ex CH Colquhoun's Haughty Hermione RN, Elaine Robinson & Robin Lee Hood & Robert Robinson

Novice Agility, Rivercity Georgia Magnolia May NA NAJ CGC, B, DN35239809, 24-Oct-14, CH Daybar Fizzical Attraction At Lakewood ex CH Rivercity's Sugar Magnolia, KEVIN & SUZANNE O'MALLEY

Open Agility, Alistair's Eye Of A Hawk At Big Lake OA OAJ, D, DN34624001, 25-Oct-14, CH MACH9 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B ex CH MACH2 Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B3, Karen Barratt

Agility Excellent, Chantilly's Royal Motions To Pagoda BN RN PT AX AXJ NF CGC, D, DN28101208, 19-Oct-14, GCH CH Xtc's What Can Brown Do For You? ex CH Chantilly's Frozen In Tyme HT, DIANNE MOREY

Agility Excellent, Wookiee Gang Ambermoon AX AXJ, B, DN33619501, 11-Oct-14, Basie Of Slavic Charm ex Wookiee Gang Amberwitch, Richard Masley & Rosanna Masley

Master Agility Excellent, Lanark's B Is For Bounce MX MXJ MJB OAP AJP CGC, B, DN21678202, 26-Oct-14, CH Thymewinds Hocus Pocus RN PT ex CH Lanark's Whyme Nightfire, Tracy Corey & Don Corey

Master Silver Agility, CH MACH Colard Flyme Tothe Moon RN MXS MJS MXF TQX T2B2, B, DN20871601, 17-Oct-14, CH Ragtyme Blackfriar I Can Fly ex Colard Gotta Go, Miranda Mulders & John Mulders

Master Agility Excellent Preferred 4, CH Brandmar Come Fly With Me RA MX MXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX OF OFP, D, DN21525902, 4-Oct-14, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT ex CH Rams Grove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

Novice Agility Jumper, Artisan Crystal Starlight NA NAJ NF CGC, B, DN31646606, 26-Oct-14, Chetcote The Stargazer ex CH Artisan Frost Flower VCD1 HSAs AX OAJ FDCH, Thomas M Defino & Kathleen C Defino

Novice Agility Jumper Preferred, GCH CH Pentangle Rock'N Ryland P RN TDX HSAs HIAs HXAs OA OAJ NJP OF, D, DN05049503, 18-Oct-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ ex DC Pentangle's Forever Young RA HSAs HSBd HIAds HXAds NA NAJ, Sharon Prassa

Excellent Agility Jumper, Alistair's Rae Of Sunshine At Big Lake AX AXJ, B, DN34624003, 18-Oct-14, CH MACH9 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B ex CH MACH2 Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B3, Ann Chandoha

Master Gold Jumper, MACH Casanova's For American Beauty MXS MJG NF, B, DN11275501, 10-Oct-14, Scottsdale Governor ex Casanova's Beautiful Noise, Richard Masley & Rosanna Masley

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred, CH MACH Colquhoun's Hurricane Brewin' CDX RAE2 HSAs HSBs HIAs MXB MJC MJP MXF T2B, D, DN07142404, 31-Oct-14, CH MACH2 O'Duinnin HMT A Bud For Boo MXC MJS2 ex CH Pentangle's Magnolia Blossom RN NJP, Elizabeth Scorzelli

Agility FAST Novice, Artisan Crystal Starlight NA NF CGC, B, DN31646606, 25-Oct-14, Chetcote The Stargazer ex CH Artisan Frost Flower VCD1 HSAs AX OAJ FDCH, Thomas M Defino & Kathleen C Defino

Agility FAST Novice, Tailwind Papaw Not A Pansy OA OAJ NF, B, DN03890301, 26-Oct-14, CH Wigglesworth Jokers Wild ex Tailwind Hell Cat, Anita I Weiss & Keitha Bayliss & Leslie Papa

Agility FAST Excellent, CH Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter AX AXJ XF CGC, D, DN32083002, 17-Oct-14, GCH CH Highlander He Shoots He Scores RA HT OA AXJ NF ex CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Jennifer W Phillips

Agility FAST Excellent, CH Springhill's Against All Odds PT AX OAJ XF, D, DN28921801, 16-Oct-14, GCH CH Pentangle Rock'N Ryland P RN TDX HSAs HIAs HXAs OA OAJ NJP OF ex CH Cameron Springhills Im Hillary PT, Steve Lausmann

Master Agility Champion 3, CH MACH3 Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator MXG MJG AXP AJP XF, D, DN32017902, 5-Oct-14, CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX ex CH Wigglesworth Sobe Wonder Girl NAJ XF, Sharon and Jeff Ipser

Master Agility Champion 9, CH MACH9 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFB TQX T2B, D, DN07142402, 16-Oct-14, CH MACH2 O'Duinnin HMT A Bud For Boo MXC MJS2 ex CH Pentangle's Magnolia Blossom RN NJP, Karen Barratt

Time 2 Beat 3, MACH2 Wigglesworth Great Expectations
MXG MJG MXF T2B3, D, DN27792303, 4-Oct-14, CH
MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP
NJP MXF MFS TQX ex CH Wigglesworth Make No Mistake
AX AXJ NAP, Lawrence Dalan

Canine Good Citizen, Sweetwater's Blue Ribbon CGC, D,
DN37692801, 30-Sep-14, GCH CH Dreamchaser Strathearn
Soulmate ex GCH CH Sweetwater's Pink Ribbon RN CGC,
Deborah Furlow & Larry Furlow & Braeden Michael Furlow

Canine Good Citizen, CH Wynsum Sudden Impact RN CGC,
D, DN25662002, 15-Sep-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX
AXJ ex CH Wynsum Keepsake Treasure OA NAJ, Mary Bansen
& Carol J Carlsen & Dr. Arnold Bansen

Advanced Canine Good Citizen, Nonesuch Batteries Not
Included CGCA, D, DN35240001, 13-Sep-14, CH Nonesuch
H' Air Jordan RN ex CH Nonesuch Born To Lovett, Tish E
Deppe & Cheryl Poliak

Therapy Dog, CH Fivefields Miss Bliss BN RE HT THD CGC,
B, DN06313807, 13-Oct-14, CH Fivefields Reckless Abandon
RA PT AX AXJ NAP NJP NF NFP ex CH Tamevalley Navajo
West Wind, Sharon Domier & Shane Peters