



# BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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## **I ♥ MY BEARDED COLLIE**

by Maryann Szalka, BCCA Health Chair

The hardest working organ in the beardedie's body is the heart. It consists of four chambers, just like a human heart. The right side of the heart receives the blood depleted of oxygen by way of the veins. This blood is then pumped through the lungs to receive fresh oxygen and to remove carbon dioxide. The blood then returns to the left side of the heart and is pumped out through the arteries to the trillion of cells in your beardedie's body. A normal canine heart beats about 80 to 100 times per minute, but beardedies typically have a slower heart rate which is called bradycardia. This happens in human who are very athletic. Because the heart muscle of conditioned athletes enlarges and strengthens, the hearts of athletes pump more blood per beat, which means it doesn't have to work as hard. An athlete's maximum heart rate, as well as resting heart rate, falls below the pace of the average heartbeat. In humans, bradycardia is also known to be hereditary, so this may be the case in beardedies and/or a very well conditioned dog. During an exam, your vet will listen to your beardedie's heart and in some cases will detect a heart murmur. This means the valves are not closing properly. Murmurs are caused by turbulence in the flow of blood through the heart. Serious murmurs are due to heart valve disorder or birth defects. Not all heart murmurs are serious, but your vet is the best judge. Some murmurs are called functional (just like in humans), that is there is no disease, just a normal degree of turbulence. Sometimes a heart murmur is heard in very young puppies and will disappear once the heart is fully developed. If you have concerns, you can ask your vet to refer you to a vet who specializes in canine cardiology medicine.

How to take your beardedie's heartbeat

- Place your palm over your dog's left chest wall.
- Hold your palm there for fifteen seconds and count the number of beats felt in that time.
- Multiply the number by four. Example: 20 beats in 15 seconds =  $20 \times 4 = 80$  beats per minute

When your dog is excited, anxious, or after exertion, the heart rate will be elevated. A "resting" heart rate is lower and is your base line, in most dogs it is 80 -100 bpm. Remember to keep your dog at an optimal weight and provide exercise daily.

## **2015 AKC AGILITY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS**

by Joanne Williamson

The 2015 AKC National Agility Championships will be held March 27-29, 2015 at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center in Reno, Nevada. To enter a dog must have earned at least 4 QQs (qualify in standard and JWW on the same day 4 times), 20 qualifying legs in standard and JWW (which can include the QQ legs), and 500 MACH points (1 MACH point = 1 full second under standard course time) between December 1, 2013 and November 30, 2014. 19 Beardedie teams met this high standard and are eligible to enter:

Debbie Alexander's McKenzie (Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff)

Karen Barratt's Miller (Colquhoun's No Time To Relax)

Ann Chandoha's Razz (Estrella's Only Razzmatazz)

Tracy Coery's Snow (Ha'Penny Harwood Ode To Choi)

Lawrence Dalan's Pip (Wigglesworth Great Expectations)

Andrea Hobe's Brie (Estrella's There's A Breeze Allaround)

Andrea Hobe's Colby (O'Duinnin Blacker N Coal)

Jeff Ipser's ReZoom (Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator)

Janice Leverenz's Smitty (Wynsum Rhythm And Brews)

Diane Lipman's Kailey (Wigglesworth No Way Out)

Miranda Mulders' Kizzy (Colard Flyme To The Moon)

Cheri Omnus' Marco (Lakewood Born To Be A Star)

Linda Porter's Mika (Fox Lane's Mika At Tweeddale)

Jill Scarborough's Perk (Cameron Mocha Espresso)

Jill Scarborough's Shug (Cameron Sugarland Express)

Shannon Smart's Beckham (Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham)

Kathy Tomlinson's Rhia (Wynsum Rhiannon In Flight)

BJ Walker's Bryn (Brynmar's Simply Irresistible)

Lori Weinberg's Blade (Camerons On The Cutting Edge)

Congratulations to all these talented teams on making the cut and good luck to those who decide to make the trip to Reno.

## **2014 AKC AGILITY STATISTICS**

by Joanne Williamson and Libby Myers-Buhite

2014 was a great year for Beardedies in AKC agility by almost any measure. 157 Beardedies earned a total of 3,092 legs in the Regular, Preferred, FAST and T2B classes in all breed and Specialty competition; 38 Beardedies competed in the Preferred classes. 112 of these teams accounted for 299 total titles (68 Novice, 39 Open, 32 Excellent, 119 Masters, 27 Championships,

13 T2B and 1 TQX). Three teams completed two MACHs within the competition year: Lawrence Dalan and MACH2-3 Pip (Wigglesworth Great Expectations), Jeff Ipser and MACH2-3 ReZoom (Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator) and Janice Leverenz and MACH1-2 Smitty (Wynsum Rhythm And Brews). Karen Barrat and Miller (Colquhoun's No Time To Relax) finished their MACH9 in 2014. The entry of 80 Beardies for 207 runs at the 2014 National Specialty agility trial in Lewisberry, PA was the largest to date. Four teams competed at the 2014 AKC Invitational held in Orlando, FL in December; Lawrence Dalan and Pip made the finals in the 20" class. A record 19 teams (27% of all the Beardies who earned MACH points in 2014!) qualified for 2015 AKC National Championships to be held in Reno, NV in March, 2015.

### **BCCA AWARDS FOR 2014**

The BCCA honors the top agility teams at each competition level (Novice/Open/Excellent/Masters) in both regular Standard and Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) and Veteran Beardies competing in the Preferred classes. The complete scoring systems for these awards can be found on the BAD website - [www.BeardieAgilityDiehards.org](http://www.BeardieAgilityDiehards.org)

**CH MACH3 Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator MXG MJC AXP AJP XF T2B (ReZoom), owned by Jeff and Sharon Ipser** of Auburn, OH, and **handled by Jeff**, is the winner of both the **Diehard and Overall Jumpers Awards**. They also topped the rankings in both Masters Standard and Masters JWW. Jeff and ReZoom earned 1,496 MACH points, 46 QQs, 56 Masters Standard and 58 Masters JWW legs in 2014 along with their MACH2 and MACH3 titles. They qualified for both the 2014 AKC Invitational and the 2015 AKC National Agility Championship. The Diehard Award is supported by BAD. The Overall JWW award is supported by Beth White, in honor of Mirage, the first winner.

**CH Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter AX AXJ XF (Ryan), owned and handled by Jennifer Phillips** of Austin TX, is the winner of the **Denia Award**. The Denia award is given for competition in Standard agility to the Masters level and was initially sponsored by Emily Venator in memory of Denia, the first Beardedie to earn an AKC agility title

**GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX NF (Brodie), owned and handled by Betty Jo Walker** of Boulder, CO, is the winner of the **Preferred Trophy**. This award is given for competition in Preferred Standard and JWW and honors Veteran Beardies (born in 2006 or before). It was initially sponsored by Carl and Kay Widell in honor of Cagney, the first Beardedie to earn the AXP and AJP titles.

**Moonstone Heart Breaker NA, owned by Merilynn Bergstresser** of Fairfax Station, VA, is the winner of the **Sunshine Award** for the top Beardedie earning a title in Novice A Standard.

Recognition is also given to the teams earning titles at each level in Standard and JWW. The JWW awards are named in memory of Ryan, the first Beardedie to earn an agility title, and were initially sponsored by Beth Canner.

### **The Standard Award winners are**

Novice B –

**Lil'Clove A League Of His Own HT NA OAJ**  
owned by Trudy Wisner of Staten Island, NY

Open –

**Nonesuch Sands Of Time AX AXJ NF**  
owned by Sue Jamison of Nevis, MN  
and co-owned by Cheryl Poliak

Excellent –

**Brandmar Jenuwin Unforgettable Fire CD RN AX AXJ OF**  
owned by Karen Reed of Wichita Falls, TX

Masters –

**CH MACH3 Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator MXG MJC AXP AJP XF T2B**  
owned by Jeff & Sharon Ipser of Auburn, OH

### **The Ryan Award winners in JWW are**

Novice A –

**GCH CH Scotdale's Blue Light Special OA AXJ**  
owned by Wendy Kregor of Lake Bluff, IL

Novice B –

**CH Pentangle's Special Agent CD RA OA NAJ OF**  
owned by Elizabeth Scorzelli of Shreveport, LA

Open –

**Wigglesworth Little Miss Sunshine OA OAJ**  
owned by Diane Lipman of East Amherst, NY  
and co-owned by Sharon Ipser

Excellent –

**Alistair's Rae Of Sunshine At Big Lake AX AXJ**  
owned by Ann Chandoha of Marble Falls, TX

Masters –

**CH MACH3 Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator MXG MJC AXP AJP XF T2B**  
owned by Jeff & Sharon Ipser of Auburn, OH

## HERDING REPORT AND NOTICES

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2016 Specialty Herding Trial Judge Nominations. Please send me your nominations, the reason why you suggest the judges, and your highest herding title. Deadline – Mid-March.

Honoring Titles. In keeping with recognition of the team effort in achieving a herding title, here is Cricket's story. (Owners are invited to send me their story and a photo of their dog after a new title for future issues).

### MY JOURNEY TO THE STARTED MASTERS TITLE GCH AELLEN SILK 'N SKY PT HSASM



Judge, Ron Fischer; Owner-handler, Janice Kehoe; Trainer – Jill Reifschneiger & Cricket

My call name is Cricket and I am 4 years old. I am the first Bearded Collie my person has ever known. It was a cold, muddy day the first time either one of us had seen stock and herding. I knew it was a special day though, I could feel the excitement in my bones when I saw those goats. When it was my turn, I went inside the arena with Sandy Moore, HIC judge, and Janice. I bit that goat's nose when it wouldn't listen to me! Everyone seemed so surprised but, deep inside, I knew that it was the "right" thing to do. Janice was very happy to discover that I would indeed receive the HIC.

Next, there were only a few lessons and I was entered in a Pre-Trial Test. I skipped the Herding Test because I didn't want to "come" to my handler, Sandy Moore. She was nice enough but I did not know her very well. I passed with flying colors and everyone talked about my cross drivec, calm and quiet. By then, I was 15 months old.

We started to go for lessons once or twice a month. One day, Sandy, the trainer, asked Janice, my person, if she would like to handle me. She explained that she felt from her experience that I would respond more quickly to her. She was right. Janice was now in the arena with me. I was so excited. I just ran in circles around her and the sheep and everyone seemed so happy, especially me. Then I realized, I knew more about this herding than she did. Several times I even found her on the ground. I would just stop and look, saying to her, "you need to be upright for me to do my job correctly. Why are you sitting in the middle of the sheep?" It was a long ride to arrive at Sheep Camp. My muscles would get a bit stiff but that went away once I went to work. I wasn't really being naughty when I would run into the middle of the sheep. I thought it was a "win-win". The sheep and I would both get to stretch our legs; although, it did seem as though I enjoyed it more than they did.

Then, it was a Started Trial entry. That trial resulted in 2 Q's of the 3 days. I was stretching my legs on the 3rd day and neither

the sheep nor the judge appreciated it. I did another trial several months later, 3rd Q and a HSAs after my name, at age 27 months, and with my mom handling me.

Janice started taking me to a different place with sheep. The trainer is Jill Reifschneider. The best thing about Jill is that she has trained Janice. Sure, together they teach me directions and different techniques. However, we all know, that she REALLY teaches Janice. It has made working with her so much easier. Oh sure, I still have my opinion about what to do sometimes and, of course, still like to stretch my legs and help the sheep get some exercise while I do it. Herding is so much more fun now! Learning new techniques, while participating in trials has been so exciting this summer. Now, that we have achieved the "Started Masters" on September 1, 2014, I am going to start learning more Intermediate techniques. I am a little nervous about "driving" the sheep around the course. Jill says I can do it and we just need more "miles and miles" under our collar. I look forward to our "dog day" once a week, even if the drive is long. Quality time with my person and those sheep, it just doesn't get any better than that for this Bearded Collie. A special WOOF to all of our training pals, Ruth Colavecchio, Carol Colavecchio, and Sharon Prassa. Without their encouragement, Janice may not have even begun or stuck with this grand adventure.

### AHBA TITLE

Chantilly's One Track Mind, HTAD1-s, 12/8/14. Owner Mary Lott

### 2014 BCCA YEARLY HERDING AWARDS

Congratulations to everyone for their successes last year; I know it involved a lot of work and with your Bearded as you both learned. I hope to see more names next year as you continue training, traveling, and trialing. There were some very small point differences for several placements (and these have been triple checked); this could be an incentive in training to clean up some matters. Similar small point differences at a trial can mean a different placement, a tie, or RHIT instead of HIT.

### AKC MASTER'S TITLES

Eight qualifying runs after achievement of the title; title first offered in 2012. There are three new Masters to add to the existing four (1 HSAsM, 2 HXAsM, 1HXAdM)

Aellen's Silk 'N Sky – HSAsM owner, Janice Kehoe  
Britannia Flashback – HXAdM; owner Joanne Williamson  
Pentangle's Captain Jack – HXBdM; owner Joanne Williamson

### HIT AND RHIT

These are considered in calculating the HDOTY award and deserve special notice. Congratulations.

Pentangle's Go Ask Alice, 1 HIT (in HSAs); owner, Deb Thomas  
Pentangle's Special Agent, 1 RHIT (in HSAs); owner, Elizabeth Scorzelli  
Cynamen Artisan Rising Star; 2 HIT (HSBS, HIBs) and 1 RHIT (HXAs); owner, Barbara Claxton  
Britannia Flashback; 1 RHIT (HXAd); owners, Joanne Williamson and Michele Ritter  
Pentangle's Captain Jack; 3 HIT (2 in HXBd; 1 in HXAs); owner, Joanne Williamson

**BISHOP AWARD FOR HERDING EXCELLENCE**

Total score determined by adding average highest three scores and average of top three number of dogs defeated; in sheep, any course, any level. SR 9.4.3)

Ramsgrove Ronja	101.67	Chantilly’s One Track Mind	*89.00
Pentangle’s Special Agent	97.50	Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song	88.67
Pentangle’s If You Please	96.33	Fairhill A Knight’s Artisan	85.17
Pentangle’s Go Ask Alice	89.66	Cynamen Artisan Rising Star	82.67
Aellen Silk ‘N Sky	*89.00	*tie unbroken by rules in the SR	

**TOP HERDING DOG (THD) AND HERDING DOG OF THE YEAR (HDOTY)**

THD – av of 3 top scores in attaining the title, regardless of the year qualifying runs are earned except the final one for the title must be in the calendar year. (SR 9.4.1).

HDOTY – av of two values: first, av of top 3 # of dogs defeated; second, av of the scores associated with # dogs defeated. Points/scores apply regardless of the year qualifying runs are earned at each level for up to 60 days after completion of the title; the years after an advanced title is achieved the only points/scores that count toward advanced level HDOTY’s must be earned in award calendar year (SR 9.4.2)

THD		HDOTY	
<b>HSAs</b>			
Pentangle’s Go Ask Alice	85.33	Pentangle’s Special Agent	97.5
Pentangle’s Special Agent	83.83	Pentangle’s Go Ask Alice	89.66
Chantilly’s One Track Mind	83.33	Wynsum Queen of Diamonds N’ The Ruff	88.0
Wynsum Queen of Diamonds N’ The Ruff	77.67	Chantilly’s One Track Mind	86.0
<b>HSAsM</b>			
Aellen’s Silk ‘N Sky	81.88		
<b>HSAd</b>			
Pentangle’s Dance in the Rain	88.33		91.66
Spicewood Cynamen Early Light	79.33 86.66		
<b>HSBs</b>			
Cynamen Artisan Rising Star	67.83		75.83
<b>HIAd</b>			
Bedlam’s Joyful Journey	82.67		85.34
<b>HIBd</b>			
Wigglesworth’s Party Favor	86.67		87.0
<b>HXAs</b>			
Fairhill A Knight’s Artisan			85.17
Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song			84.0
<b>HXAd</b>			
Wigglesworth’s Party Favor			84.83
<b>HXBd</b>			
Pentangle’s Captain Jack			110.84
<b>HXAdM</b>			
Britannia Flashback	86.13		
<b>HXBdM</b>			
Pentangle’s Captain Jack	83.13		

## **THE NEW SPORT OF BARN HUNT**

by Sheree Girty

Barn Hunt is a relatively new sport that was created in the spring of 2013. There are already well over 10,000 dogs registered.

“The purpose of Barn Hunt is to demonstrate a dog’s vermin hunting ability in finding and marking rats in a “barn-like” setting, using straw/hay bales to introduce climbing and tunneling obstacles in the dog’s path. Barn Hunt is based on the skills historically used by itinerant “ratcatchers” in traveling the countryside, ridding farms of vermin, thus helping conserve and preserve food grains and cutting down on disease.

“Barn Hunt is also for any breed or mix of dog who loves to hunt and who can fit through an 18” wide gap between two hay bales. It will test speed, agility, and surefootedness. While not specifically targeted at larger dogs or dogs without a vermin hunting history, Barn Hunt is all inclusive and fun for any dog and human who wishes to play the game.

“Barn Hunt is a sporting event, and as such there will be levels of difficulty, titles, and championships to be attained. While it can be used as an instinct test, there is also a handler component in that the handler must signal when the dog has reached the desired target PVC rat tube; thus, the handler must know and have a partnership with their dog. Teamwork will win the game.

“Barn Hunt can be held indoors or outdoors, in a barn-like setting or on any piece of level ground that can be enclosed securely by gating/fencing.”

One of the nice things about Barn Hunt is that it can include any size or age dog. We have embraced the sport. Stella,



Dunhill Wish Upon a Shooting Star, is the first Beardie to have attained the level of RATS. The “S” means she has completed her senior title. Brenna, Dunhill Emerald Isle of Lochcairn, is not far behind. Brenna is only the second Beardie to have attained the level of RATO (Open).

Courses are set up using bales of straw and ramps. There must be one tunnel which becomes more difficult as the dog completes

titles. Hard PVC tubes are hidden in the straw. The tubes can be empty, contain rat bedding or contain a live rat. The tubes protect the rat from ever being harmed. The dog must climb on a straw bale, go thru the tunnel and identify to the handler which tube has the live rat. This is a timed event. We enjoy volunteering as gate keepers, rat wranglers, scribes and timers. We are traveling with our dogs, meeting people that love to have fun with their dogs and building camaraderie with our dogs.

Go to [www.barnhunt.com/about/barn-hunt-faqs/](http://www.barnhunt.com/about/barn-hunt-faqs/) for more information.

## **DOG SHOW BULLIES**

by Laurie Lo, BCCA Obedience Committee Chair

Most of us look forward to taking our dog to his first show or trial with some trepidation. Even if we have been taking our best friend to conformation, obedience or agility classes, the “real deal” is just not the same. Why? Because we are tense, the other handlers are tense and so our dogs become tense. I have always thought if I lit a match during the first hour of the first day of an obedience trial, the building would explode. What to do?

Take care of your dog and yourself. Be aware of your dog’s emotional state and the emotional state of the dogs near yours. Be aware of your own emotional state and do what you can to keep an even keel. Think smart and act proactively and be on the lookout for dog show bullies.

### **THE STARING DOG**

Since so many dogs are geared up at shows and trials, keep an eye out for the staring dog. Note the dog and move your dog out of the staring dog’s line of sight. Staring can be a sign of aggression even with tail wagging. Similarly, if your dog is staring at another dog, stop his gazing. You don’t have to be heavy handed about it, but make sure that he does not stare at other dogs. Some dogs may not mind, but others may take offense. It’s best to avoid the problem altogether.

### **THE CRATE GUARDER**

Set up your dog’s crate in a calm location. Sometimes that is difficult. But no matter what, do NOT set up near a crate guarder or walk your dog past him. What is a crate guarder? It is the dog that quietly lays in his crate and then springs into action, screaming and growling and thrashing, as you and your dog walk past him. The crate guarder will put you and your dog into an emotionally unstable place when it attacks your dog from behind bars.

At one obedience trial, I set up my bearded in an out-of-the-way location. I went to pick up my armbands. When I returned to my dog, a local competitor had set up her gaggle of crate guarding Golden retrievers next to my dog. Even though she had thrown sheets over her dogs’ crates, the dogs still barked and growled at passing dogs. I gathered up our belongings and moved ourselves to another spot. Why should my dog have to put up with that? Why should I?

### **THE POOR SPORT**

In a similar vein, avoid the Poor Sport. A year ago, I sat next to a competitor who thought he knew everything. I didn’t know the guy when I set up next to him. Was I in for an education! At one point, he remarked that the competitor in the ring would be a lot more stable on her feet “if she would only get a breast reduction.” What???

As I was driving home from the trial, I thought, “Maybe I should get to the trial early tomorrow and move my chair.” So, that’s what I did. I had a much better time and my dog performed better too!

## **DECEMBER 2015 AKC DELEGATE REPORT**

by Kathy Coxwell

The Delegate Standing Committees of the American Kennel Club met at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida on December 11, 2014. Because of the conflicts of having so many committees meet simultaneously, I try to pick those which I feel have the most benefit for the BCCA. I try to alternate between Herding, Health and Companion Dogs (formerly Performance.... Obedience, Rally, Agility). This quarter I attended Parent Club, which I always do, and Health. Unfortunately, as of January 12, all committee reports have not been published on the AKC website.

### **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

The following were the primary matters discussed in the Health Committee:

**AKC Website Updating.** All Breeders of Merit need to go to the AKC website and review their information. Bring current any information that no longer applies and make any changes that are necessary.

Every Breeder of Merit should include the following information on the AKC website: Shows entered; Club memberships (Breed, All-Breed and Training, etc.); Health Testing done and required by you and your breed club; CHIC Testing.

If you find that a Breeder of Merit has listed a club to which he/she does not belong, this should be reported to the AKC and that breeder's information can be changed by AKC.

Keep a notebook of all Breeder of Merit information in case you are visited by animal control in your area. If you happen to be over the limit on dogs, you can present your documentation to them and possibly get a pass.

There was a discussion of rescue among Breeders of Merit. All Breeders of Merit should include the statement that they will take a dog they bred, regardless of the circumstances.

The Chair introduced a new member of the committee, Jim Ephron.

### **PARENT CLUB COMMITTEE**

**Parent Clubs of Excellence:** Parent Club which fulfill the requirements for being awarded the PCE are not ranked or compared with other clubs. This is strictly an award given to parent clubs which follow certain guidelines established by the AKC.

The self study conducted for Parent Clubs was sent out and to date, 27 clubs have responded. The form is easy to fill out and the committee hopes there will be more responses.

The New CGC Urban title will be available in January, 2015. This award is designed especially for dogs who live in urban areas.

There were 163 breeds participating in the Eukanuba Meet the Breeds. The BCCA took a Group 2 this year for their booth.

The Westminster Kennel Club's annual show will be held in February. Another Meet the Breeds will be sponsored. As of the Meeting in December, 90 clubs have signed up to participate.

There is a new e-list for Legislative Liasons. 735 invitations were sent in August. As of December 4, 69 clubs had added their legislative liason to the list. &2 have requested

membership. All alerts regarding dog legislation will appear on the list, making it easier for LL's to have access to current information. They may also contact [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

It is incumbent upon the parent clubs to police the Breeder of Merit list. If a person listed is not a member of the parent club, notify AKC immediately.

The Chair introduced Susan Lilly, the new Canine Health Foundation Chairman.

April 15, 2015, AKC will launch a program to promote breeders who promote healthy puppies by testing for specific conditions recommended by the parent club and tests recommended by AKC.

### **DELEGATE MEETING**

The meeting of the Delegate Body of the AKC was held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida on December 12, 2014. President Dennis Sprung opened the meeting.

### **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee, Wayne Boyd, Chair, Bayou Kennel Club; Connie Clark, American Fox Terrier Club; Linda Ayres Turner Knorr, Greenville Kennel Club; Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; and Steve Schmidt, Texas Kennel Club, appointed by the Board of Directors at its July, 2014 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next meeting of the club on March 10, 2015:

Class of 2019:

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America  
Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club  
Steven D. Gladstone, Waterloo Kennel Club

The following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates for the Class of 2019, to be filled at the next meeting of the Club on March 10, 2015:

Robert A. Amen, Port Chester Obedience Training Club  
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club

Each of the candidates spoke to the delegates and if anyone is interested in their comments, I will be happy to copy and send them to you. Because they are rather lengthy I have not included their remarks in this report.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

For over 130 years, AKC, its parent clubs and responsible breeders have been dedicated to canine health. AKC is intensely committed to publicly and strongly stand up for purebred dogs, their breeders and their owners.

AKC's three-pronged commitment to helping breeders reach the highest standards includes supporting AKC Parent Clubs, creating and supporting the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and dedicating AKC staff and resources to breeder education.

AKC Staff and Board has been working on a program which will be launched in 2015. The essence of the program is built on principles embraced by our most experienced breeders today—health, education, accountability, responsibility and tradition. The program will allow us to engage and educate a wide scope of breeders on best breeding practices, while also creating an identifiable resource for the public to find puppies

from responsible breeders who are demonstrating a validated commitment to health testing.

Breeders in this program must agree to the following:

Must certify that applicable health screens as recommended by the Parent Club are performed on their breeding stock and they must be prepared to supply proof of such compliance upon request.

They must comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, including inspections by the American Kennel Club.

They must comply with all applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

They must complete continuing breeder education courses provided or approved by the AKC on an annual basis.

Additionally, under this program, AKC is creating the best free of charge online resource for breeder education in the world. This resource will continue to grow in depth and breadth, serving the needs of all breeders and potential breeders, from 4-H and FFA youth to the most experienced AKC Breeder of Merit.

There will be a two-hour show the Saturday before the Super Bowl (January 31st) and that show will air twice on that day, showing what happens at the Eukanuba Show....Best in Show, Best Bred By, Best Veteran, ACE Awards, Agility, Obedience, Junior Showmanship, Breeder of the Year, and Meet the Breeds.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

North Carolina Space: Our neighbor in the North Carolina Office was approached about needing additional space. In November, 2014, the staff was notified that we plan to reduce our footprint in that space by 75,000 square feet and modernize the infrastructure at the same time. This has enabled AKC to move forward with having more people, about 40 employees, to work from home. Most of the registrations and customer service departments will begin working from home in 2015. This will not affect the events department or others in the New York or Raleigh office.

The 25-Year Medallion Program, which recognizes Delegates for 25 years of service, has to date given 100 such medallions to Delegates. This program has been in existence for 16 years.

Other awards established during Mr. Sprung's tenure are the Community Achievement Awards; Outstanding Sportsmanship Award; Breeder of the Year by sport; and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer, gave the Financial Report.

Year-to-date results through October: Operating revenue of \$48 million vs. \$49.6 million.

Operating Expenses have held and been reduced, so the comparison of these two figures is a modified decrease in net operating profit of a million dollars.

Contributing negative factors: Royalties, sponsorship and advertising are substantially weaker. These three are about a \$3 million drop by themselves.

Operating revenue is down from 1.6 in aggregate.

Positive factors: Stronger registration revenues than expected.

New revenues from brand new initiatives.

Payroll has been tightly controlled

Balance sheet remains strong

\$110 million of unencumbered financial assets

This is outside of \$70 million in pension assets

Of that \$110 million, AKC has about \$39 million earmarked as reserves for long-term future obligations...unfunded pension liability, future medical claims, etc.

Nineteen new or re-seated Delegates were introduced, and the names of four recently deceased Delegates were read.

The following club was approved for membership: The Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America.

#### **VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 11, Rules for Retriever Trials of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: Passed

The next meeting will be held at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel at the Newark Airport on March 10, 2015.

#### **AKC NEW TITLES**

##### **DECEMBER 2014**

**Champion**, CH Aberlour's For The Love Of The Game, B, DN36625002, 6-Dec-14, GCH CH Wigglesworth Thriller x CH Wigglesworth Dynamite, NOLI CASWELL & Dawn Mieras

**Champion**, CH Ringo De Un Reban Escoces, D, DN40940101, 13-Dec-14, Joel De Un Reban Escoces x Fulana De Un Reban Escoces, Katerine Godoy & Andres Barrera

**Champion**, CH Wigglesworth Aberlour's Pyt, B, DN34998701, 9-Dec-14, GCH CH Wigglesworth Thriller x CH Aberlour's Lovely To Look At, Sharon Ipsser

**Pre-Companion Dog**, Bergerie's Double Down On Eleven BN PCD CAA CGC, D, DN36375007, 4-Dec-14, Aramis De Chester x CH Aphrodite De Chester, Michelle Molloy & Stephen Finney

**Rally Novice**, Moonstone Blue Kisses My Way RN, B, DN35705402, 6-Dec-14, CH Brenriga Wrapped In Dreamz OA AXJ x GCH CH Moonstone One Way Or Another, Kim Rickards & Mark Rickards

**Rally Novice**, CH Moonstone I Wanna Talk About Me RN, B, DN27667607, 5-Dec-14, CH Hillside Golden Dreams x CH Moonstone Kick Start My Heart RN PT AX AXJ NF, Kim Rickards & Mark Rickards

**Herding Tested**, CH Alistair Wynsum Buster Brown The Man About Town HT NAI, D, DN34624002, 14-Dec-14, CH MACH9 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXF MFB TQX T2B x CH MACH2 Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXG MJC MXF MFB TQX T2B3, Glenn W Alexander

**Pre-Trial Tested**, CH Briarpatch Charmed One PT, B, DN13992408, 27-Dec-14, CH Briarpatch Portraitist CD HT OA OAJ x CH Briarpatch Pretty Woman, Paula Reid & Lucy C Campbell-Gracie

**Pre-Trial Tested**, CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob PT CGC, D, DN33587701, 7-Dec-14, GCH CH Talamore Last Comic Standing x CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye RN OA OAJ, Meg Naylor

**Pre-Trial Tested**, CH Papaw's Call To Duty PT, D, DN33950003, 27-Dec-14, CH Wigglesworth Jokers Wild x CH Papaw Tailwind Hat Trick, Robin Lord & Leslie Papa

**Herdng Started Course A Sheep**, CH Pentangle's Special Agent CD RA HSAs OA NAJ OF CGC, B, DN33524904, 13-Dec-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ x CH Pentangle's If You Please HSAds HSBd HIAds HXAds, Elizabeth Scorzelli

**Herdng Started Course A Sheep**, CH MACH2 Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff BN RE HSAs MXG MJC MXF MFB T2B2, B, DN21785705, 13-Dec-14, CH Balidorn Continue In Style x CH Wynsum Diamonds Are Forever RN AX AXJ, Deborah Alexander & Carol J Carlsen

**Novice Agility Preferred**, CH Fivefields Miss Bliss BN RE HT NAP THD CGC, B, DN06313807, 28-Dec-14, CH Fivefields Reckless Abandon RA PT AX AXJ NAP NJP NF NFP x CH Tamevalley Navajo West Wind, Sharon Domier & Shane Peters

**Novice Agility Preferred**, Xtc's The Victor By Rembrandt NAP NJP, D, DN10222805, 27-Dec-14, CH Xtc's Stars And Stripes x CH Sheiling Seraphim Of D'Arque, Jeanfrances Fogel-Dean & Richard Dean

**Open Agility**, Wigglesworth Little Miss Sunshine OA OAJ, B, DN35756101, 6-Dec-14, CH Daybar's All Schook Up x CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Walk This Way CD RA MXC MJB2 MXF MFB T2B, Diane Lipman & Sharon Ipsier

**Agility Excellent**, CH Moonstone Kick Start My Heart RN PT AX AXJ NF, B, DN14058805, 13-Dec-14, CH Oakengates Sky Blue TD x CH Moonstone Back In My Heart RA HT NA OAJ OJP NF OFP, Sandy McDonald & Casey Minner

**Master Century Agility**, MACH Ha'Penny Harwood Ode To Choi MXC MJG OAP OJP CGC, B, DN19444804, 27-Dec-14, CH Ha'Penny Hixpac In Focus x CH Ha'Penny Touge Moi Bay B, Tracy Corey

**Master Century Agility**, CH MACH2 Wynsum Rhythm And Brews RE MXC MJC MXF T2B2, D, DN24561001, 5-Dec-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming AX OAJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

**Master Gold Agility 3**, CH MACH9 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXF MFB TQX T2B, D, DN07142402, 14-Dec-14, CH MACH2 O'Duinnin HMT A Bud For Boo MXC MJS2 x CH Pentangle's Magnolia Blossom RN NJP, Karen Barratt

**Master Bronze Agility Preferred**, CH MACH2 Wynsum Hard Habit To Break RE MXB2 MJS2 MXP2 MXPB MJP2 XF THD, D, DN05611102, 27-Dec-14, CH Briarpatch Portraitist CD HT OA OAJ x CH Wynsum Alluring Dreamweaver RN AX AXJ NAP NJP, Robert Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen & Janice Leverenz

**Novice Agility Jumper**, Burlesque Ice Ice Baby NA NAJ, B, DN32183805, 13-Dec-14, GCH CH Highlander He Shoots He Scores RA HT OA AXJ NF x CH Burlesque Abbracadabra, Martha Fruehwald & Michael Johnson

**Novice Agility Jumper Preferred**, Wyndmist Sasha Of Mystic Loch NJP, B, DN14067902, 27-Dec-14, CH Osmart He's Pen's Dark Adonis x Wyndmist Glory Girl, Jean Frances Dean & Richard Dean

**Novice Agility Jumper Preferred**, Xtc's The Victor By Rembrandt NJP, D, DN10222805, 6-Dec-14, CH Xtc's Stars And Stripes x CH Sheiling Seraphim Of D'Arque, Jeanfrances Fogel-Dean & Richard Dean

**Master Bronze Jumper**, CH Wiggleworth Which Way Now PT MX MXJ MJB OF T2B, B, DN22274203, 13-Dec-14, CH Windfiddler's Best Of Times x CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Walk This Way CD RA MXC MJB2 MXF MFB T2B, Miriam Harthill

**Master Silver Jumper**, After Dark Estrella Six Pack AX MXJ MJS OF CGC, D, DN26177207, 14-Dec-14, CH MACH9 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXF MFB TQX T2B x CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Karen Barratt

**Master Gold Jumper**, CH MACH Colard Flyme Tothe Moon RN MXS MJG MXF TQX T2B2, B, DN20871601, 12-Dec-14, CH Ragtyme Blackfriar I Can Fly x Colard Gotta Go, Miranda Mulders & John Mulders

**Master Century Jumper**, CH MACH2 Wynsum Rhythm And Brews RE MXC MJC MXF T2B2, D, DN24561001, 5-Dec-14, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ x CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming AX OAJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

**Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 2**, CH MACH2 Wynsum Hard Habit To Break RE MXB2 MJS2 MXP2 MJP2 XF THD, D, DN05611102, 26-Dec-14, CH Briarpatch Portraitist CD HT OA OAJ x CH Wynsum Alluring Dreamweaver RN AX AXJ NAP NJP, Robert Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen & Janice Leverenz

**Agility FAST Open**, Runningmtn Fawndango OA OAJ OF, D, DN22927608, 6-Dec-14, CH Bendale Singing The Blues UD GO RE HSAdsc HIAs HXAs AX AXJ NF x CH Chanium Liath Keelin RA HSAds HSBds HIAs HXAs, Pamela Hill



**Time 2 Beat**, CH MACH3 Wigglesworth Super Smooth  
Operator MXG MJC AXP AJP XF T2B, D, DN32017902,  
5-Dec-14, CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN  
MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX x CH Wigglesworth  
Sobe Wonder Girl NAJ XF, sharon and Jeff Ipser

**Canine Good Citizen**, Vintage Changes In Attitude CGC, D,  
DN37405708, 26-Aug-14, CH Artisan Eagle Feather HSAs x  
CH Chetcote Vintage Ebony HSAs, TOM PASCHKA & Roberta  
Paschka

**Canine Good Citizen**, Vintage Changes In Latitude CGC, D,  
DN37405702, 25-Aug-14, CH Artisan Eagle Feather HSAs, CH  
Chetcote Vintage Ebony HSAs x TOM PASCHKA & Roberta  
Paschka

**Therapy Dog Advanced**, Llanfair's A Face In The Crowd  
THDA CGC, D, DN31883504, 11-Dec-14, CH Llanfair's Don  
Santino Di Avellino x CH Llanfair My Lady Piper, Susan and  
Bill Gold & Patricia M Hoesten