

HERDING NOTES

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HELPERS AND PARTNERS

With neither new titles nor stories from title achievements, for this month I have several stories of Beardie helpers with stock.

I have 6 sheep (wethers) and 9 ducks (2 groups acquired at different times) for herding training; they live in a 2 acre well fenced ground predator safe grassy field. The sheep have a small barn where they get fed daily, have hay in the winter, and protection from rain. The ducks have a fenced in castle/motel 8 for nights and they are free in the field daytime; they know how to use bushes and tree limbs to stay away from dive bombing hawks. Lately I've had no time to work and it shows in duck behavior. One group of ducks goes into the motel when I arrive to feed at night; the other group of 3 sits behind a bush or tree at the farthest end of the field.

Last week I went down and walked them up and learned I'm not too good as a herding "dog". Next day I took Rusty along; as usual the 3 were down at the bottom of the field; 4 brown paws to the ground outside the gate and those boys were flying and hiking at marathon speed to the motel. Next day I went alone, all ducks were already in motel. Next day the 3 ducks were at the bottom again; went and got Rusty; this time the ducks were not so fast and Rusty provided a herding lecture that included a round about into and out of the sheep house with hay bunk. Now I've finally quit hoping for long term memory in ducks and just take Rusty. She expresses her happiness by rolling in the grass after all ducks are housed.

Some years ago, I was working cattle in a corral with a helper. Rusty had gone along to bring in the herd and I had tied her to my farm vehicle close to the corral. We got to a group of cows who decided to be stubborn about going into the narrow working alley which leads into a holding chute. I was fussing at them; the helper was working behind them. In a flash, Rusty was there (having pulled her line loose); she stuck her head between the steel rails, barking, and biting the rear heel of one cow then moving back out, then back in as the next cow moved up. Needless to say, I was startled, the cows moved like they were supposed to, and Rusty smiled. The odd thing about the event was that I never had trained Rusty to bite any livestock – she just knew it was needed and precisely when; she was also never trained to bark at stock though that is her method for moving cattle (with sheep and ducks she's mostly quiet).

Mary Lott shared these photos of several of her herding partners.



Jazz holding a flock of ewes off a gate so Mary could open it



Jazz again holding ewes off a gate behind her



Patsch keeping two groups of sheep apart in a barn (1999).

RUNNING AGILITY WITH AN "OFF BREED"

Lori Weinburg

Yes, that is right, if you run a Bearded Collie then you are running an off breed. In the recently completed 2015 AKC National Agility Championship, there were 273 dogs entered into the 20" class. 129 of those dogs were border collies. Three were bearded collies. In the finals for the 20" class there were two off breed dogs and the remaining 19 were border collies.

Ten years ago I traveled frequently with Rocky, my Bearded Collie, to compete in agility. I was in pursuit of being invited to the Inaugural AKC Agility Invitational. To be invited you had to be in the top five in your breed. In order to do that you had to show a lot and qualify a lot. During this time, a number of strangers approached me and commented on Rocky's speed and drive. Even a few would say they never expected a beardie to be able to move like that. So I was convinced I had the fastest bearded collie ever!

Rocky was a thrill to run. Each time I stepped into the ring I would take a deep breath and RUN as hard as I could. Both Rocky and I gave everything we had on the course win, lose or draw! Blade is my current teammate and he is unique in what he needs and how he runs. At the end of each of our runs, I know we have just layed it down and we "dropped the mic".

I love to challenge myself and set goals that excite me and challenge me.

A great saying by John Madden:

"The only yardstick for success our society has is being a champion. No one remembers anything else."

To be a champion in agility there are two essential components. One is to be consistent in qualifying. The second component is speed on course. In the 2015 AKC Nationals 44 dogs in the 20" class had three clean runs. The top 20 got into the final round and then the winner of the challengers round got into the finals.

The 10,000-dollar question is how do you measure speed? There are many variables such as surface, course design, and how judges wheel the course to name a few. I don't know the answer, but I love the question! I would love to work with others to identify the answer. If you are interested in being involved feel free to contact me by e-mail laweinberg@gmail. com.

It is time that we recognize our breed as being fast. Once we believe and appreciate it, then others will acknowledge it as well. And that would be transformational. The Bearded Collie is not just a "marker dog" or a "steady Eddie". Instead our breed can set the time, or set the standard for the course. People will watch our Beardie's run and just say "WOW, that was incredible!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Elizabeth Hayes & Joanne Williamson

From 2000-2009 the BCCA received an average of 77 applications for membership every year. Since 2010, however, that number has dropped to about 29/year. Historically, somewhere between 30-50 members fail to renew every year which means the club can be expected to decrease in size significantly in the next decade. Obviously, there are two ways to reverse this trend. The first is to increase the number of new membership applications. Here the club could use your help. If you are an active breeder, please consider sponsoring your puppy buyers for membership if you think they would be interested in supporting the objectives of the club. Almost every month, there is at least one Beardie listed as earning a title in AKC competition that is not owned by a BCCA member.

These people are clearly active and engaged with their dogs and would likely benefit from being a member of the BCCA community. In agility, we often see Beardies who might have earned BCCA agility awards (especially at the Novice A level) but are not eligible because their owners are not members. The second way to maintain the club's membership base is, of course, to decrease the rate at which members leave. Here, you could also be of help. If there is something you think the club can do to make remaining a member more attractive, please take the time to let your officers, board or committee members know. If you decide not to renew this year, please take a moment, and let us know why.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Carol Bond

As most of you are aware the original nine Memorial Plaques were decommissioned last year. The individual name plates have been removed and are available to be claimed by the owner of the dog named on each plate. All of the dogs who were memorialized on the Memorial Plaques are listed on the BCCA Website. You can find out if your dog is listed on this page: http://beardedcollieclub.us/memorial

Many of you have already claimed the plates for dogs owned or bred by your kennel. However there are still many plates that have not been claimed. Please look through the lists on the website, and let me know if you would like to have your plate mailed to you. These plates would make a beautiful name plate attached to a photo frame of the dog.

The Memorial Committee continues to honor any Bearded Collie who has travelled to the Rainbow Bridge. Your donation is utilized by the BCCA Rescue committee to help beardies in need. Please consider a donation in memory of your beloved dog; the dog's name will appear on the BCCA website for everyone to view.

Thank you, and may all the memories you have of your beloved friend bring you a smile every day.

CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

CHIC NUMBERS	ISSUED (OR LIPDATED.	04 2014
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Animal	Date	New / Update	CHIC #	Reg #	Owner		
Highlander Macbean At Burlesque	11/10/2014	UPDATE	78370	DN25559106	Patricia & Laura Colombo Beth Tilson		
Briarpatch Jocala Southern Star	10/10/2014	UPDATE	94345	DN30130206	Carol & Joseph Lamb Anna Gracie Lucy Campbell-Gracie		
Springhill's Hunk A Burning Love	11/10/2014	UPDATE	96219	DN23129801	Pat Palozzola, Philip Tobin		
Lil'clove True Grit	12/4/2014	NEW	101818	DN29010708	Sonja Blanchard		
Sengalas Amelia Mccrystal	12/16/2014	NEW	101932	DN36369001	Kristen Webb		
Chantilly's Beautiful Mind At Springhill	12/16/2014	NEW	101933	DN35031502	Patricia Palozzola Kathleen Pavlich		
CHIC NUMBERS ISSUED OR UPDATED: Q1 2015							
Britannia Not How You Say Tart	3/13/2015	UPDATE	71701	DN23179902	Michele Ritter Chet Jezierski		
Ragtyme Wish Right Now	2/27/2015	UPDATE	83081	DN28127801	Lynn & Vince Zagarella		
Briarpatch Jocala Southern Star	3/5/2015	UPDATE	94345	DN30130206	Carol & Joseph Lamb Anna Gracie Lucy Campbell-Gracie		
Spindrift Love Come's Softly	1/9/2015	NEW	102417	DN33570302	Pamela & Mark Harris		
Aellen Be Dazzled	1/9/2015	NEW	102418	DN28141802	Suzanne Buck		
Gemineye America's Heartthrob	2/27/2015	NEW	103511	DN33587701	Meg Naylor		
Jewel In Regalia	2/27/2015	NEW	103512	DN28434403	Linda Slaght		
Legacy's Chance Of A Lifetime	3/5/2015	NEW	103777	DN19266301	Sandra Underhill Nancy Otto		
Ragtyme Soul Of Motion	3/13/2015	NEW	103880	1122342	Jan Osterbauer		
Moonstone Get Out Of My Way	3/20/2015	NEW	104037	DN35705404	Linda Porter Casey Minner Sandy Mcdonald		
Drogheda's Casino Royale A Milestone	3/26/2015	NEW	104167	DN25783502	Shelley Milestone Stephen Lande		
Blue Moon Chance Of A Lifetime At Milestone	3/26/2015	NEW	104168	DN30442306	Shelley Milestone Audrey & James Williams Stephen Lande		

AKC NEW TITLES FEBRUARY 2014

Champion, CH Chantilly Movin' To The Music, B, DN28101209, 14-Feb-15, Br, GCH CH Xtc's What Can Brown Do For You? ex CH Chantilly's Frozen In Tyme HT, Nancy Winter & Gordon Winter

Champion, CH Highlander Carry On Bravely, D, DN36213304, 1-Feb-15, Br, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 ex GCH CH Highlander Shall We Dance HT, Joseph E Root & Beth Tilson

Champion, CH Shanaspree Midsummer Night's Dream RN, B, DN26207501, 14-Feb-15, Blk, GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX NF ex CH Shanaspree Tried N True RN, Laura Tappero

Champion, CH MACH3 Wigglesworth Great Expectations MXC MJC MXF T2B3, D, DN27792303, 28-Feb-15, Blk, 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

Grand Champion, GCH CH Runningmtn Kryptonite PT, D, DN22927601, 13-Feb-15, Bl, CH Bendale Singing The Blues UD GO RE HSAdsc HIAs HXAs AX AXJ NF ex CH Chaniam Liath Keelin RA HSAds HSBds HIAs HXAs, Tish Pollock

Grand Champion, GCH CH Sebring's High Roller, D, DN30730505, 20-Feb-15, Blk, GCH CH Farmarens Highland Piper RN ex GCH CH Britannia Knock Your Spots Off RA, Marc Williams & Kirsten Andreassend & Traciann Zeravica

Companion Dog, GCH CH Britannia Piece Of My Heart CD BN RA AX AXJ, D, DN18227202, 22-Feb-15, Bl, GCH CH Cameron's Blue Berber ex CH Britannia Never Look Back RA NA NAJ NF, Christiana Taylor & Michele Ritter & William Carter & Amy Steltz

Companion Dog, Chantilly Dusta Ol Fashion Love Song CD RN HSAds HIAds HXAds, B, DN19973408, 20-Feb-15, Blk, CH Firstprizebears Haagen Dazs ex Chantilly's Dustin Tyme PT, Ms. Mary A Lott

Beginner Novice, CH Briarpatch Jocala Southern Star BN, B, DN30130206, 13-Feb-15, Blk, GCH CH Briarpatch Look At That CD RE HT AX AXJ MXP MJP ex CH Briarpatch Jocala Inspiration RN HT OAP OJP, Carol M Lamb & Joseph Lamb & Lucy Campbell-Gracie & Anna K Gracie

Beginner Novice, GCH CH Highlander He Shoots He Scores BN RA HT OA AXJ NF, D, DN17428302, 15-Feb-15, Blk, CH Firstprizebears Haagen Dazs ex CH Burlesque Debut At Highlander OA OAJ, Molly McNamara

Beginner Novice, CH Wynsum Sudden Impact BN RA CGC, D, DN25662002, 22-Feb-15, Blk, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ ex CH Wynsum Keepsake Treasure OA NAJ, Mary Bansen & Carol J Carlsen & Dr. Arnold Bansen

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Ad reservations for the next issue of the BEARDIE BULLETIN are due MAY 1ST, 2015. Contact the editor to reserve ad space, lillianespo@verizon.net

BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is May 1ST, 2015 Email reports and articles to Michele Ritter, topdogs@ptd.net Rally Novice, CH Bardic's Harvest Ready To Launch RN, B, DN30295501, 21-Feb-15, Blk, GCH CH Meadows' Imagine That CD RA ex CH Harvest Midnight Melody, Kathryn L Haas

Rally Novice, Chantilly's One Track Mind RN HSAs, B, DN35031509, 22-Feb-15, Blk, GCH CH Farmarens Highland Piper RN ex CH Chantilly's Bogle The Mind Of Xtc, Mary Alexandra Lott

Rally Novice, Tseyi's Dark Chocolate Delight Of Meadows RN, D, DN36986001, 20-Feb-15, Br, GCH CH Aberlour's Sea Biscuit ex GCH CH Tseyi Absolutely Delightful Of Meadows RN, Carolyn C Hoffmann

Rally Advanced Excellent 2, CH Wigglesworth Zippitty Doo Dah RAE2, D, DN32017901, 1-Feb-15, Blk, CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX ex CH Wigglesworth Sobe Wonder Girl NAJ XF, Mrs. Barbara A Erway

Novice Agility, CH Wynsum Quick Step In Style Forever NA NAJ, B, DN21785702, 22-Feb-15, Blk, CH Balidorn Continue In Style ex CH Wynsum Diamonds Are Forever RN AX AXJ, Carol J Carlsen

Agility Excellent, Aberdeen's Dancing Queen AX AXJ OF, B, DN31088502, 14-Feb-15, Blk, CH Aberdeen Always A Cool Cruiser ex Aberdeen Chas'N A Crazy Dream, Patsy Sullivan



BCCA/BCCME SUPPORTED ENTRIES AT SOUTHERN MAINE COASTAL CLASSIC SHOWS

Wassamki Springs Campground, Scarborough, ME entries close April 29, 2015 • www.infodog.com

MAY 16 • VACATIONLAND KC

Breed & Group Judge Mrs. Joan Luna Liebes Best Puppy in Show competition

MAY 17• YORK COUNTY KC

Supported Entry & Best Veteran Competition Breed & Group Judge Mrs. Alane L. Gomez National Owner-Handler Series and 4-6 Month Puppy Competitions

NOTE: This show uses its own secretaries and snail mail entry. Save \$\$\$ and Enter Early!

FMI: contactVal, mebeardies@maine.rr.com

Bearded Collie Club of Maine

SPONSORED BCCA SPECIALTY & SUPPORTED ENTRY

Specialty, Saturday May 30 • Ladies Dog Club

Regular Class Judge • Gloria Kerr

Group Judge Darle Heck

Sweepstakes Judge • Maryann Szalka • Afterdark

Beginner Puppy competition

Supported entry, Sunday May 31 • Ladies Dog Club

Breed & Group Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, MA entries close May 13, 2015 • www.infodog.com

FMI: contact Karen, seadog@gwi.net



ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEARDED COLLIE CONNECTION

Supported Entry and Sweepstakes (Puppy and Veteran)

Saturday, May 30, 2015 Longmont, CO

Sweeps Judge: Jill Floberg Regular Class Judge: Sharon Newcomb, Santa Fe, NM

The Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection, under the auspices of the Bearded Collie Club of America, will hold a Supported Entry and Puppy/Veterans Sweepstakes at the Flatirons Kennel Club shows on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Show Superintendent: Jack Onofrio (www.onofrio.com). Entries close May 13, 2015.



Great Plains Bearded Collie Club Presents

Six Days of Herding in the Heartland!

Begin your experience with a 3-Day

Herding Clinic With Lynn Leach

Monday, June 8-Wednesday, June 10

All levels of experience welcome!

Clinic Cost: \$100/day* Auditing Cost: \$35/day
*10 slots available each day/preference given to 3-day registrations.

Registration Deadline: 5/1/15

Location: Gaelyn Glen Farm, Springfield, Nebraska

BACK-TO-BACK SPECIALTIES



Lake County Fairgrounds

1060 E. Peterson Road

Grayslake, IL

Superintendent • Roy Jones 260-925-0525

www.royjonesdogshows.com Show secretary • Deb Figura kylloran@gmail.com



WOOFSTOCK 2015

June 4, 5, 6 47th WELCOMES

NCBCF HERDING TRIAL

JR Ranch, Patterson, CA June 2 & 3

Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers

Specialty and Supported Entries

OBEDIENCE and RALLY before sweeps

Judge Alvin Eng

Join us Friday night for the Eukanuba Puppy Extravaganza!
Enter your star or future stars the day of show (\$15) at the Eukanuba booth.
Held in Expo Hall after BIS. Four month to 18 month classes.
Free pizza during judging.

Entries close May 20th

Superintendant • MBF www.infodog.com

JUDGES

Thursday - Michael Faulkner

Specialty, Friday - Charlotte Laning Vrethammar

Saturday - Chris Walkowicz Sunday - Houston Clark Sweepstakes - Graeme Burdon

Supported entry
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HEALTH CLINICS AVAILABLE SAT & SUN: BAER Hearing, Cardio, Eyes

Tie dyed logo items available for sale. Our logo changes each year. Collect them all.

Saturday is Tie-Dye Day!

Best Costume Contest on Saturday!

Judging held prior to the groups on Saturday. Prizes awarded for best costumes:

\$100 for Best Male & Female • \$25 Best Youth • \$25 Best Dog!

Compliments of Woofstock - Doughnuts each morning - Popcorn during groups - All rings tented,

Music throughout the day, Mardi Gras "peace beads" for BOB!



Remember when dog shows were FUN??

Come and have some FUN at WOOFSTOCK!

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2015 BCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- BCCA Member of the Year Nominations Open
- 9-11 NCBCF Agility seminar with Loretta Mueller, Granite Bay, CA
- 15 BCCA Deadline for return of Specialty judges preliminary ballots to the treasurer

FEBRUARY

- 15 BCCA Deadline for final ballots for Specialty conformation judges due to membership for voting
- 15 BCCA Deadline for nominations for Board positions to Nominating Committee

MARCH

- 15 BCCA Deadline for recommendations to the Herding Chair for 2016 National herding trial judges
- 21 BCCA Deadline for submissions for Member of the Year Award to Recording Secretary
- 30 BCCA Deadline for final ballots for Specialty conformation judges returned to Treasurer

APRIL

- BCCA Nominations for BCCA Officers and Directors announced to membership
- 8-10 BCCA Agility Trials, North Olmsted, OH. Closing Date: 4/22
- 17 National Capital BCC Specialty, Timonium, MD, superintendent MB-F
- 18-19 National Capital BCC supported entries, Timonium, MD, Superintendent, MB-F
- 18-19 Northern California BCF all-breed agility trial, Elk Grove, CA

MAY

- 16-17 BCCA supported entry, hosted by BCCME at Vacationland KC/York County KC of Maine, Scarborough, ME
- 30 BCCA supported entry and sweepstakes, hosted by RMBCC at Flatirons KC, Longmont, CO
- 30-31 BCCA Specialty and supported entry, hosted by the BCCME at Ladies Dog Club, Wrentham, MA

JUNE

- 1 BCCA Membership Renewal Notices sent
- 2-7 Northern California BCF Woofstock/Specialty obedience/rally and conformation
- 8-10 GPBCC herding clinic with Lynn Leach, Springfield, NE
- 12-14 Beardie Clan Ceilidh, Springfield, NE
- 13 Chicagoland Bearded Collie Club, back to back specialties

JULY

- BCCA Membership Renewal Deadline/Affiliate Club Membership Renewal Deadline
- 1 New BCCA Board Seated
- TBD BCCME 10th Annual Beardie Bounce & BBQ, Scarborough, ME

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 1 BCCA Deadline for all nominations of 2016 specialty judges due to the Recording Secretary
- 5 Garden State BCC Specialty, held with Somerset Hills KC, Bridgewater, NJ, superintendent MB-F
- 5-6 NCBCC all breed agility trials
- 18 NWBCCPS specialty, Olympia, WA
- 19-25 BCCA 2015 National Specialty herding, agility, obedience, rally & conformation, Olympia, WA

OCTOBER

- 16-18 GPBCC Herding tests and trials, Springfield, NE
- 31 NCBCC Herding tests and trials, Birdsboro, PA

NOVEMBER

30 BCCA – Deadline for Distribution of preliminary Ballots to Membership for Specialty Judges

DECEMBER

- **27** BCCA sponsored Agility trials, Amherst, NH. Closing Date: 12/13
 - A safe and joyous holiday season to all!

AFFILIATE CLUBS: PLEASE SEND YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO THE BAGPIPES EDITOR