



# BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

JULY 2017

## **HOT DOG! WARM WEATHER'S HERE!**

*David Williamson*

We're all facing much warmer conditions this month, and in this article, Debbie and Glenn Alexander from Lake Charles, Louisiana, show us ways to help our hot dogs cool off in the summer heat and humidity.

Their Beardies, Maggie, McKenzie, Morgan, Alex, and Ross, have earned Versatility Excellent awards with titles in Rally, Agility, Conformation, and Herding; both Glenn and Debbie have put multiple MACHs on their dogs, and Glenn and Morgan became the first Beardie team to receive a Time to Beat title at the Excellent level. Without doubt, herding and outdoor agility in the South from April through October require a watchful handler and some smart ways to beat the heat.

With the increase of indoor shows over the last few years, agility trialing doesn't have to stop when the temperatures climb into the 90s. Having no local agility teachers, the Alexanders are used to taking to the road each week for lessons. It's the same story when traveling to distant shows, but they only enter summer trials when they're held in air-conditioned arenas, coliseums, and soccer centers.

During a four-day agility trial over a Memorial Day weekend, Debbie had to pull out the fans for their last outdoor show of the season, and since she knew the facility had plenty of electrical outlets around the crating area, she was happy to leave home the many heavy battery packs that power their portable fans. Small plug-in fans can be purchased almost anywhere; cordless fans can be found at stores that sell home improvement items as well as at auto parts supply stores. The battery packs are expensive, but the portable fans are certainly necessary when a venue doesn't have electrical hookups.

While lying in the breeze, your Beardie's comfort can be enhanced by providing something to lie on that wicks away body heat. "Cool mats" can be purchased from several online sources, and they're very simple and quick to use, just add water. Once activated with water, a gel-like substance inside the mat absorbs body heat, and because the mat will stay cool for hours, it helps to keep your furry friend from overheating following an afternoon run. The only major drawback is the weight of the watery gel. A new product that works equally well, the "Comfort Cooling Gel Mat," weighs much less and uses no water,

electricity, or refrigeration. It's available from many online pet suppliers -- even Bed, Bath, & Beyond -- and carries a price tag around \$20 (Beardies will need the XL size). If you put that mat in a wire crate instead of a mesh one, the breezes easily can reach your long-haired agility partner, further dissipating body heat and keeping your Beardie from overheating.

A host of products for cooling canines can be found online including bandanas, collars, and cooling vests with a wide variety of price options; just devote a little time to researching the available choices.

Many trials will provide a wading pool filled with water as do most agility training facilities, but if that's not the practice in your area, you can always close-crop your Beardie's tummy and cool him down with a water-filled spray bottle. An aside, since sticker burrs can be found growing almost everywhere now, combing out the pesky things becomes easier when you use that spray bottle to lightly dampen the fur.

When it's just out-and-out sweltering, many folks put their Beardies in the car with the AC running full blast for 10-15 minutes after a run. Be sure you have a spare set of keys and be certain to assign one person who will keep a close eye on the situation. And don't forget to raise your hood as well, car engines overheat too.

To avoid the hot afternoons completely, a few clubs have held their agility trials during the nighttime hours, beginning around 10 p.m. and finishing just at the break of dawn.

Sometimes the weather simply gets to be too much, and some handlers take a seasonal break from showing, choosing only to practice in short stints in their backyard. If this option works for you, make sure to keep training sessions short (4-5 minutes) and get those Beardies back inside for a refreshing cool-down. If you have multiple dogs, rotate them through an exercise and then right inside. Don't forget to keep yourself and your Beardie hydrated by keeping plenty of cool water at hand.

Play it smart, be mindful of the temperature and humidity, and know the signs of early distress and heat stroke in dogs. [Read Cindy Mendonca's BCCA website article.] Cooler weather will be here before you know it!

## **VERSATILITY NEWS**

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MACH4 O'Duinnin Blacker N Coal RA PT MXC MJS2 NF THDA DJ CGCA is the 18th Beardie to qualify for a Master of Versatility award. Colby is owned, trained and handled by Andrea Hobe of Alpharetta, GA and co-owned by Eileen Dinneen. Congratulations to Colby and Andrea on their many performance accomplishments crowned by this award.



The following Beardies have completed versatility awards in the past three months:

### **VERSATILITY AWARD (VA)**

- CH Bardmoor Beveled Class CD PCD BN RN HT CGCA, owned by Mary Maurer
- GCH Bergerie's Deja Vu CD BN CAA, owned by Michelle Molloy
- GCH Bergerie's Double Down On Eleven CD PCD BN CAA CGC, owned by Michelle Molloy & Stephen Finney
- Kincurran's Gem Of My Heart CD PT NA OAJ OF, owned by Robin Fortenberry
- Lil' Clove Twist N Shout HT NA NAJ NF ACT1 DJ, owned by Ruth & Neil Bryden
- GCH Runningmtn Love Story PT CGC, owned by Janet & William DuCharme & Tish Pollock

### **VERSATILITY EXCELLENT (VX)**

- CH Allaround Born To Be Wild At Magnolia CD BN RE NF CAA RATO CGCA, owned by Miranda Young and Andrea Hobe
- GCHG Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue NA NAJ NF THDX RATO CGC, owned by Olivia & Norm Lazarus

Congratulations to all of these fine teams!

## **BEACON NOTES**

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Help solve the genetic mysteries of SLO and Addison's diseases in the Bearded Collie. Without owner cooperation for needed samples, little more can be done. Ask yourself – do you want these problems solved? If yes, provide samples when you have qualifying dogs. If no, well then . .

### **BLOOD SAMPLES NEEDED**

Dr. Oberbauer's lab requests these blood samples for whole genome sequencing (US and Canadian dogs because of sample shipping constraints from overseas):

- Controls: Healthy, over age of 10, no diseases – have 6 samples, need more
- SLO: Veterinarian confirmed based on clinical response and/or biopsy; no other health issues – have 0 samples (1 pending), need at least 5
- Addison's disease: 2-7 years old at diagnosis, no other health issues – have 1 sample, 1 pending, need at least 3 more. Breeders – this diagnosis is still being made in 2017! The disease is not gone. For additional details and contact, see [http://www.beaconforhealth.org/current\\_SLO\\_research.html](http://www.beaconforhealth.org/current_SLO_research.html)

### **CEA (COLLIE EYE ANOMALY) GENETIC TEST**

100 tests at Paw Print Genetics will be available for US and Canadian Beardies at a huge savings for only \$20/test (normally \$80). The testing program was developed by the BCCA Health Committee and BeaCon with funding from the BCCA, BeaCon, Beardies of the World Calendar Crew, and a discount from Paw Print. Read about CEA at: [http://www.beaconforhealth.org/171\\_eneews\\_CEA\\_Test\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.beaconforhealth.org/171_eneews_CEA_Test_Announcement.pdf)

- BCCA Specialty (50 tests) – reserve DNA kits by contacting Andrea Hobe ([barkley\\_puppy@hotmail.com](mailto:barkley_puppy@hotmail.com)) 19 have already been reserved
- From home (50 tests) – call Paw Print Genetics M-F 8-5 Pacific Time – 509-483-5950 or toll free (US and Canada) at 1-855-202-4889.
- They will set up your online account, provide log in information, take your payment of \$20 and provide more details. 18 have already been purchased

### **BEACON NEWSLETTER LIGHTING THE WAY**

After fall 2017, the print edition of the newsletter will no longer be published. If you receive "Lighting The Way" by mail and wish to continue, please subscribe to the electronic version – Newsletter Subscription

## **JUNE 2017 AKC DELEGATE REPORT**

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The AKC Delegate Meeting was held at the Hilton Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on June 13, 2017. Committee meetings were held on Monday, June 12, 2017.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dennis Sprung, AKC President, gave his report and announced that two new breed clubs have qualified for membership in the AKC family: American Polish Lowland Sheep Dog Club, and the Hungarian Puli Club. The vote of the delegates was unanimous, and both clubs are now members in good standing and will have delegates seated at the September meeting.

The President also spoke and showed photos from a two-day event held at the Capitol in Washington to celebrate pure-bred dogs. Members of Congress were introduced to one dog from each group and shown how these canines use their natural skills to enhance the life of man. It is the hope of the AKC that these members of Congress will remember AKC and the good canines contribute to owners as well as their communities when bills governing the owning and breeding of pure-bred dogs come before them.

He also announced the deaths of three very special long-time delegates, Peggy Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club since 2004; Blackie Nygood, Delegate for the Mispillion Kennel Club since 1994; and the untimely death of Steven D. Gladstone, Delegate for several clubs, and former and current member of the AKC Board of Directors. Steve and his wife, Jan Ritchie Gladstone, were on judging assignments in Australia when Steven passed away. He will be greatly missed by all the members. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jan.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Through May 31st, the AKC has recognized \$29.2 million worth of revenue while recording \$25.7 in operating expenses, providing \$3.5 million in operating income. Number of litters registered: 98,000 or a 6.6% increase. Number of dogs registered: 243,000 or a 6.5% increase. Number of Pedigrees: 113,500 or a 7.5% increase. Each of these increases in volume have combined to account for approximately \$600,000 in revenue.

Investment portfolio earned 5.2% over the first five months of the year. The balance sheet shows \$152 million in total assets, \$69 million in total liabilities, and \$82 million in Net Assets.

### **VOTE ON CHAPTER 16, SECTION 6,**

of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows-Championships

This amendment would include the eligible single class entrants in the calculation of Grand Champion Points. Currently, dogs

that win Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Select from a non-regular class, such as veterans, can earn Grand Championship points, but they are not included in the count for Grand Championship. This amendment was proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ronald Menaker, Chairman of the Board, gave his report on the tick-borne illness initiative. The threat of tick-borne diseases is escalating, particularly in the Northeast. In 2016 AKC agreed to match up to \$250,000 in contributions to CHF for this program. In just six months, the CHF team met its goal in an unprecedented fund raising effort, thanks in large part to the many AKC parent clubs that participated so generously. The second year of the initiative is underway.

Canine Epilepsy is the most prevalent neurological disorder in dogs. In 2017, AKC initiated another match opportunity, again offering \$250,000 in contribution matching.

### **PARENT CLUB COMMITTEE**

The Committee is still concerned with mistakes made in pictures of breeds used by AKC in advertising and on the web site. In one case, AKC created a calendar using pictures of French Bulldogs with disqualifying colors.

1. The new website will be launched in October.
2. AKC Marketplace was created to list puppies from AKC breeders, list rescue organizations, and groomers.
3. Vet students are encouraged to attend the AKC CHF Conference to be held in St. Louis. 32 students will attend this year. OFA pays for travel and AKC will pay for housing.
4. 149 clubs have submitted health statements.
5. All Gazettes will be digitized soon.
6. 60 trailers are out, 364 clubs have participated, and 5 more are in the pipeline.

### **ALL-BREED COMMITTEE**

The All-Breed Committee has a financial presentation which should be of interest to all clubs regarding financial practices. Many clubs do not bond their treasurer, and many never audit their books. It was pointed out how dangerous this could be to a club's financial health.

*The mission of the Bearded Collie Club of America is to protect the long-term welfare of the breed by providing a variety of opportunities for Beardie owners, breeders, and the general public to learn, connect, and compete, while supporting research into breed-specific health issues and rescuing Beardies in need.*

## BEARDED COLLIE HERDING INSTINCT CHARACTERISTICS (BCCA HIC)

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The BCCA Herding Committee began using a revised HIC test form in 2009 and asked judges to mark the form on 9 different characteristics whether the dog passed or not. The characteristics are confidence in stock, confidence in people, biddability, barking, interest, power, perception, balance, and eye.

The basis for the changes was that several HIC testers had thought there was a declining rate of dog's passing from the 90-95% range to around 75%. Yet, previously the test forms for non-passing dogs were not completed so there were no data to support the idea. The pass rate for 2009 – mid-2015 was 75%. Judges marked at least 83% of items for passing dogs but only

19-54% for the non-passing dogs. Most of those who didn't pass showed insufficient interest.

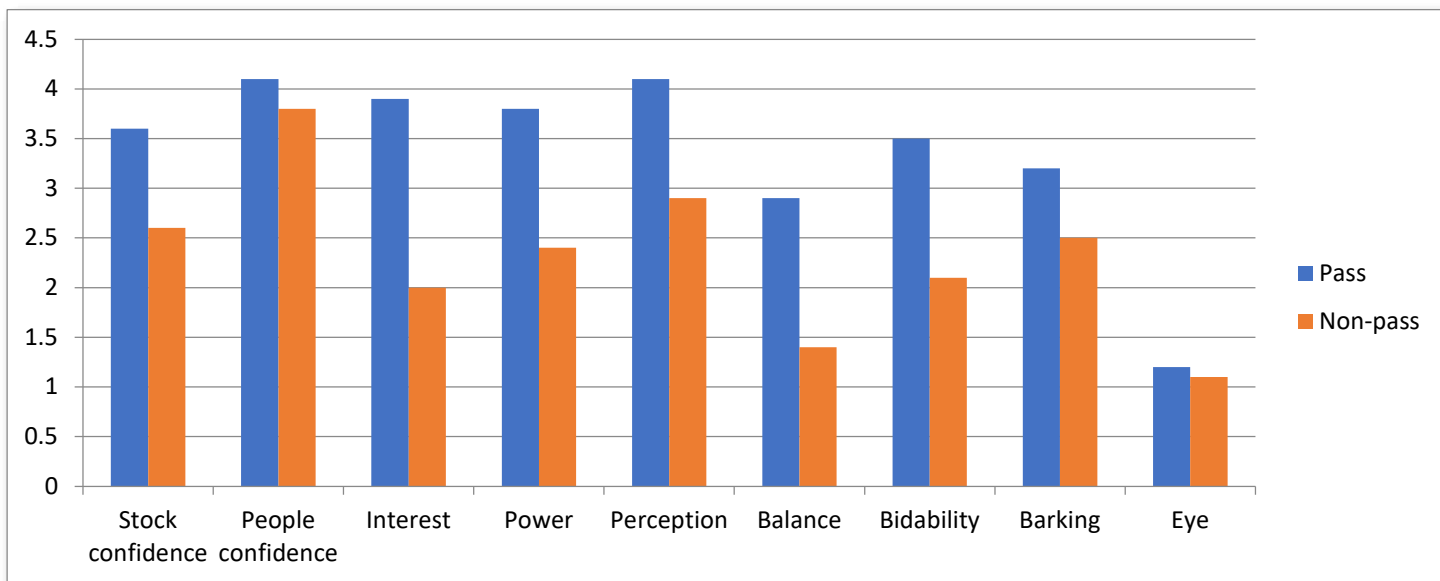
It is unknown whether breeders obtain instinct test results from their puppy owners. No doubt, they are aware that a certain number have passed the HIC when a dam or sire receive a BCCA ROMI or ROMIX award. But that doesn't tell the whole story which is quite important for the breed as a whole. Breeders can benefit from knowing how many have not passed if they are striving to maintain and strengthen herding instinct. Breeder's may request information from the herding committee on their dams' progeny HIC test results since 2009.

Years	# Herding Instinct Certificates*	# Herding Instinct Tests
2009 – 2016	403	542 (09 - mid 15)
2001 – 2008	467	
1994 – 2000	469	
1983 – 1993	797	

\*There were around 200 other tests prior to 2009 but no date/year given on the forms

The HIC test doesn't require prior exposure to stock or any training. The dog's ability to function in a new setting will depend on prior experiences both at home and in other public settings. Even so, it captures the dog's capability to overcome distractions and its herding instinct.

The range of "scores" for eight characteristics is 1-5 and 1-3 for eye. Stock may be heavy sheep, goats, or ducks. The graphs show the difference between passing and non-passing dogs. The definition of each characteristic is at the end.



## HERDING NEWS

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The AKC Welcome Email Project. This was just announced in an AKC newsletter. It is a program to engage owners of new dogs and puppies by welcoming and thanking new exhibitors for introducing their dogs to AKC sports. The email will be sent to owners the first time their dog participates in Agility, Agility Coursing Test (ACT), Conformation, Rally, Obedience, and 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy. Dogs will receive one email for each competition. A dog that has not participated in a competition for over three years and never earned a title in the competition will also be considered a "first time" competitor. The emails will be

generated once per week to all current owners of the dog with an email address.

I was curious about why herding wasn't included in the events list so called AKC. It turns out that the events have an AKC secretary who keeps track of both passing and non-passing dogs and they comprise 92% of performance participants. All first-time participants (passing and non-passing) will receive the email. Other venues like herding only record passing runs and the data are submitted by different secretaries. I think the effort



## DEFINITION OF CHARACTERISTICS

JUDGE: Check and assessment number for each category and whether that category is pass or not pass. The dog should pass in each category to pass for the overall test. **NOT PASSABLE BEHAVIORS are in *bold italics*.**

### Confidence with Stock

- 1 **Complete fear of stock**
- 2 **Hesitant of stock or tries but runs from stock**
- 3 Confident – some hesitation
- 4 Very confident
- 5 Supremely and calmly confident

PASS     NOT PASS

### Power (intrinsic)

- 1 **No or very little power**
- 2 **Excessive power**
- 3 Some power
- 4 Sufficient power for stock
- 5 Appropriate power for stock

PASS     NOT PASS

### Bidability

- 1 **Only circles at high speed or cannot be turned w/pressure**
- 2 Requires strong pressure to turn
- 3 Will change direction but overflanks/circles constantly
- 4 Changes direction with light pressure
- 5 Stays in push position behind the stock naturally

PASS     NOT PASS

### Perception of Group

- 1 **Isolates and/or attacks one head**
- 2 **Chases stock**
- 3 **Constantly splits stock to isolate one head**
- 4 Regroups stock as needed
- 5 Keep stock grouped

PASS     NOT PASS

### Barking

- 1 **Constant "sass" barking at handler**
- 2 Strictly silent at all times when circumstances would call for a force bark
- 3 Uses a "work bark" aimed at the stock, or silent if warranted
- 4 Uses an occasional bark while working
- 5 Uses a force bark in place of a bite

PASS     NOT PASS

### Balance

- 1 Rarely or never balances to handler
- 2 Occasionally on balance
- 3 Often on balance
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### Interest

- 1 **No interest**
- 2 **Slight interest**
- 3 Intermittent interest
- 4 Fairly steady interest
- 5 Consistent interest

PASS     NOT PASS

Overall:  PASS     NOT PASS

Retest Recommended:  Yes

Assess these informational categories:

Eye:  Loose     Medium     Strong

### Confidence with People

- 1 Shy and unsure – cannot be touched
- 2 Overly social and bouncy on strangers
- 3 Hesitant with strangers
- 4 Outgoing and friendly
- 5 Calmly self-assured

is well worth the time it has taken to put the program together at the database end.

A Beardie's Very First AKC Success (Title in HT/PT or qualifying run in trial level)

Since AKC isn't recognizing the very first herding participation, we will do so in this column as reports become available from AKC (monthly for titles; quarterly for trial runs).

### HT

Estrella's Off the Wall, Heather Gahres, 5/6/2017  
Spicewood Mysterious Shaded Light, Barbara Claxton, 5/28/2017

### NEW AHBA TITLES

Pentangle's If You Please, HTD II-d, Deb Thomas, 3/7/2017  
Aellen One In A Million, HDAD I-s, Ruth Colavecchio, 4/29/2017  
Aellen Joy to the Future, HTAD III-s, Carol Colavecchio, 4/29/2017

### NEW BCCA HIC TITLES

Briarpatch Give Your Heart Away, Lucy Campbell-Gracie & Anna Gracie, 6/10/2017  
Briarpatch Holiday Look, Felecia Bettini, 6/10/2017

**CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER • CHIC NUMBERS ISSUED OR UPDATED: Q2 2017**  
**PARENT CLUB REPORT: BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA**

Name	Date	New/Update	CHIC #	Reg #	Owner
Alistair's Xtremely Cute	5/25/2017	New	121199	1126538	Rhonda Mousseau
Balderdash Taylored In Vermont	6/8/2017	New	121547	DN41331407	Sonja Blanchard
Boton De Un Rebano Escolos	5/25/2017	New	121200	DN49321001	Patricia Colombo/Laura Colombo
Briarpatch Give Your Heart Away	6/22/2017	New	121823	DN40944005	Lucy Campbell-Gracie
Briarpatch Kit 'N Kaboodle	6/2/2017	Update	92533	DN28524501	Lucy C Campbell-Gracie/Anna K Gracie
Briarpatch Looking Back	6/29/2017	New	122058	DN39217705	Lucy C Campbell-Gracie/Anna K Gracie
Britannia Peach Parfait	4/27/2017	New	120467	DN30802004	Brenda M Cox/Michele Ritter
Britannia Show Me The Way	6/2/2017	Update	62819	1098119	Rhonda Mousseau
Chaniam Runningmtn Crannachan	6/8/2017	New	121548	DN43455101	Chantal Andrew/Bob Stillwagon/Tish Pollock
Chantilly Ransom Miles	6/22/2017	New	121824	DN37969002	Elena Lennon
Dunnachie Treasure Like Fyvie	5/11/2017	New	120895	DN36670305	Dawn Kinney/Jackye Dunn/Kathleen Harold
Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter	4/27/2017	Update	98512	DN32083002	Jennifer W. Phillips
Harvest Wicked Black Pearl	4/27/2017	New	120468	DN41737305	Brenda M. Cox
Highlanderbustinthebustieratsebring	6/22/2017	Update	109345	DN36213306	Margie Haarsager
Just Miracle Peony Z Domu Etny	6/22/2017	New	121822	DN43624701	Linda Porter
Kington Time After Time	4/27/2017	Update	113327	DN37389005	Carla & Kurt Cloninger
Lil' Clove True Grit	4/13/2017	Update	101818	DN29010708	Sonja Blanchard
Runningmtn Choklit Bunny Abbit	6/2/2017	New	121373	DN43455201	Tammy Begler/Tish Pollock
Sheiling Spirit Raised At Isle	4/18/2017	New	120376	DN40219901	Jane Tadsen/Sandra OelfkeXtc's Fabulous
Casanova Of Travistar	4/18/2017	New	120375	DN29590509	Claudia D. & Jose A. Diaz

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*Robin Deily, Elizabeth Hayes and Joanne Williamson*

Sadly, the BCCA lost four members in the last quarter, Doris Banfield, Robert Gracie, Patrick Maloney and Maggie Riechman. Our sincerest condolences are offered to their families and friends. The Beardie community is the poorer for their passing.

**REMEMBERING DORIS BANFIELD, DON MEANS**

I wanted to let all of you know that Doris Banfield passed away last week. She was a 30+ year member of the BCCA and both Doris and her husband Charles were very involved in Rescuing and adopting Beardies. They also attended many of the Specialties. I really don't know how many of you knew them, but they certainly had a place in Elodji's and my hearts as we were invited to their home many times.

**REMEMBRANCE OF PAT, VAL MALONEY**

BCCA Member Patrick Maloney, 64, died unexpectedly March 23, 2017 at Maine Medical Center of a sudden heart attack. He was a founding member of the Bearded Collie Club of Maine, and loved helping to put on the shows and events that went along with that. Pat was the 'go to' guy, always willing to help and do whatever you needed. He and his wife, Valarie, have bred and shown dogs for over 30 years, he was very proud of their most recent litter of Beardie puppies. Pat was an avid baseball fan, coaching his kids throughout their childhood. He loved to joke and would always try to get a laugh out of anyone and everyone. He survived by his wife of 43 years, three children, Frankie, his much loved grandson, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and a large

and loving family. A memorial fund has been set up to help with medical bills and other expenses. Donations should be made out to 'Pat Maloney Memorial Fund' and sent to 12 Honan Rd, Scarborough, ME 04074. Also a Paypal account has been set up - [donate@patsmemfund.com](mailto:donate@patsmemfund.com)

**MISSING MAGGIE, SUE JAMISON**

On May 10, 2017, the Beardie World lost a shining star when Maggie Riechman lost her courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. For those of us who knew Maggie, we will never forget her bright red hair, contagious smile and everlasting energy. Maggie and her husband, Joe were active in the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound and spent endless hours making the 2006 National Specialty in Welshes a huge success. Maggie was very active with all 3 of her beardies - Bridie, Quinn & Hogan - getting Rally, Agility and Therapy titles along the way. Just before she became ill, she started showing her newest beardie, Hogan, in the conformation ring earning 6 points with 1 major. Maggie might be most well known for her Quinn – a petite beardie girl who was a lightning fast crowd pleaser on the agility course. Bridie and Quinn are now romping joyfully with Maggie, and I am lucky enough to have adopted Hogan and hope to fulfill Maggie's dream for her. On a personal note, I feel my friendship with Maggie was an example of "Beardie Magic". We met because we both bought our first beardies about the same time – and the rest is history – a friendship and bond with countless memories. I miss my best friend, the world will never be the same without her.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Ad reservations for the next BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **August 1, 2017.**  
 Contact the editor to reserve ad space Lillian Esposito,  
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The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **AUGUST 1ST, 2017**  
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## SUPPORT THE 2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY AGILITY TRIALS

### AKC NEW TITLES

#### MAY 2017

**Champion**, CH Balderdash Bedazzled At Balgrae CD PCD BN RE PT AXP OJP NFP, B, DN41331401, 20-Nov-14, 20-May-17, Blk, DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RAE HSAdS HSBd HIAdS HIBd HXAdM HXBdM MX MXJ MXF T2B, x, DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RE HSAdS HIAdS HXAdM MX MXJ XF CGC, Joanne Marie Williamson

**Champion**, CH Dunhill Thunderbolt, D, DN40860101, 26-Aug-14, 26-May-17, Blk, GCHP CH Dunhill Steeler Nation, x, GCHG CH Ha'Penny Deja Aphrodite, Scott Shafer & Ray Harrington & Valerie Shafer

**Champion**, CH Highland's Puttin' On The Ritz, D, DN43948907, 6-Sep-15, 26-May-17, Bl, CH Britannia Top Spot RN, x, GCH CH Highland's Pillow Talk, Nanci Silverman & Lillian Esposito & Joe DuPont & Fred Slobodin

**Champion**, CH Jocala Galaxy Blue, B, DN43385805, 17-Jun-15, 28-May-17, Bl, GCHP CH Dunhill Steeler Nation, x, CH Briarpatch Jocala Southern Star PCD BN RN AXP AJP CGCA, Martha Furman & Lucy Campbell-Gracie

**Champion**, CH Ragtime The Stars Will Remember, B, DN39620402, 8-May-14, 28-May-17, Blk, CH Windfiddler's Still Cruisin, x, CH Kharisma Kiaora, Lynn A Zagarella & Vince Zagarella & Nona Albarano

**Champion**, CH Scott's Lady Liberty, B, DN46698802, 6-Jun-16, 13-May-17, Br, GCHP CH Dunhill Steeler Nation, x, GCH CH Scott's Glamor Girl, Carol Wathen & Jorge Olivera & SUSAN OLIVERA & Thomas Wathen

**Champion**, CH Skyedance Happy As A Lark RA PT NAJ OF, D, DN33905402, 17-Apr-12, 13-May-17, Blk, CH Risa To The Spindrift Spirit PT, x, Skyedance A Lark Ascending BN RE HT MX MXJ MJB NAP NJP OF NFP T2B, Libby Myers-Buhite & Jack Buhite

**Champion**, CH Spindrift Love Come's Softly RN PT OA AXJ NF, B, DN33570302, 22-Apr-12, 13-May-17, Br, GCH CH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN, x, CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RE PT MX MXB MXJ MJS XF T2B2 CGC, Pamela Harris & Mark Harris

**Grand Champion**, GCH CH Risa's Braveheart Of The Bonny Loch RN PT, D, DN32616101, 14-Oct-11, 13-May-17, Blk, CH Risa To The Spindrift Spirit PT, x, CH Nonesuch Geta Risa Outa Ewe PT, Karen Louise Gutheil & Jana Dozet

**Grand Champion**, GCH CH Runningmtn Puttin On The Ritz CGC, D, DN43455104, 9-Apr-15, 21-May-17, Blk, CH Moonfellow Elixir O'Dreams PT, x, CH Runningmtn Native Dancer, Cindra Malone

**Grand Champion Silver**, GCHS CH Fantasia's Joanna's Gift, D, DN30016502, 23-Oct-10, 27-May-17, Bl, GCHG CH Tolkien Raintree Mister Baggins, x, Sagena Just Joanna, Deborah Frame & Charles Kollar & Suan Kollar & Dorothy Bedford

**Companion Dog**, Bedlam's Locked And Loaded CD BN CGCA, D, DN40153803, 9-Jun-14, 6-May-17, Bl, CH Bedlam-Rolins In A Heartbeat CD GN RAE, x, Kirriemuir's Legend At Bedlam CD BN RE, Alice Bixler

**Beginner Novice**, CH Classical's Quite Frankly BN NAP NJP, B, DN35300103, 28-Jun-12, 28-May-17, Blk, CH Sengalas Frankly Classical RA, x, CH Classical Alexis On Fire CD RA, William Carter & Christiana Taylor & Bea Sawka & Amy Stelz

**Rally Novice**, GCH CH Brandmar's Something Special This Way Comes RN CGC, D, DN24561402, 16-Apr-09, 10-May-17, Blk, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT, x, CH Tailwind Papaw Shock'N Brandmar, Linda Lawson

**Rally Novice**, Britannia Rose Marie RN, B, DN36858303, 31-May-13, 7-May-17, Blk, GCH CH Britannia Sebring All Time High CDX PCDX BN GN RAE HT, x, CH Britannia Not How You Say Tart BN RN TD, Mary Sewell Homan

**Rally Novice**, CH Mik-Ren's Always And Forever RN HT, D, DN20683601, 1-Feb-08, 28-May-17, Br, CH Fivefields Reckless Abandon RA PT AX AXJ NAP NJP NF NFP, x, CH Summit's Luck Of The Draw RN PT, C. Renee Jarrett

**Rally Excellent**, Lil' Clove Midnight Lace RE PT AX AXJ OF, B, DN29010702, 23-Oct-10, 14-May-17, Blk, CH Bendale Singing The Blues UD GO RE HSAdsc HIAs HXAs AX AXJ NF, x, CH MACH Lil' Clove Hello Poppet CD RE HSAs MXS MJS MXP2 MJP2 NF CGCA, Jeremy Haag & Heather Gahres

**Herding Tested**, Estrella's Off The Wall RN HT NF, D, DN39989203, 27-Jun-14, 6-May-17, Blk, Chantillys Tyme Moves On Of Xtc, x, CH MACH Estrella's Solamente Mia BN RN MXB MJS OF CA, Heather M Gahres

**Herding Tested**, Spicewood Mysterious Shaded Light HT, B, DN46704804, 19-Jul-16, 28-May-17, Br, Porgy Black Shadow Of The Unique Shaded Dreams, x, Spicewood Cynamen Early Light RE HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd OA OAJ NF, Barbara Claxton

**Herding Started Course A Sheep**, Bowgalen's Copper Charmer HSAs, D, DN42904401, 2-Apr-09, 27-May-17, Br, Cameron's Crown Prince, x, Kaboodle Supergirl Lola, Loraine Wong & Wallace Wong

**Herding Started Course A Sheep**, GCHB CH Briarpatch Kit 'N Kaboodle HSAs, B, DN28524501, 25-May-10, 5-May-17, Blk, GCH CH Briarpatch Top That CD RE PT OA OAJ OF CGC, x, CH Kaboodle Kate, Lucy C Campbell-Gracie & Kit Hill & Paula L Reid & Anna K Gracie

**Herding Intermediate Course B Ducks**, Spicewood Cynamen Early Light RE HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd OA OAJ NF, B, DN25368601, 22-Jul-09, 13-May-17, Fn, CH Artisan Steppenwolf RN HT, x, Cynamen Artisan Winter Light RE HT AX AXJ OF, Nancy Reich

**Herding Intermediate Course B Ducks**, Spicewood Cynamen Night Pic RE HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd NA NF, D, DN25368602, 22-Jul-09, 14-May-17, Blk, CH Artisan Steppenwolf RN HT, x, Cynamen Artisan Winter Light RE HT AX AXJ OF, Nancy Reich

**Herding Excellent Course A Ducks**, Spicewood Cynamen Night Pic RE HSAds HSBd HIAd HXAd NA NF, D, DN25368602, 22-Jul-09, 13-May-17, Blk, CH Artisan Steppenwolf RN HT, x, Cynamen Artisan Winter Light RE HT AX AXJ OF, Nancy Reich

**Novice Agility**, Lil'Clove Nymphadora Tonks HT NA NAJ NF, B, PAL264528, 30-Sep-14, 28-May-17, Blk, Claire Cifarelli

**Novice Agility Preferred**, CH Dunhill Shamrock Lad By Lochcairn RN NAP CGCA, D, DN39846003, 17-Mar-14, 5-May-17, Blk, CH Strathearn's Hart And Soul, x, CH Dunhill Satisfaction, Charle L Carentz

**Open Agility**, Highland's He's So Fine CDX RE OA, D, DN15539201, 10-Aug-06, 5-May-17, Blk, CH Ha'Penny Delinquent, x, CH Highland's Katie Scarlett, Beatrice Bockowski

**Open Agility Preferred**, CH Odyssey One Step Beyond RE AX OAJ OAP OJP NF, D, DN23179906, 22-Nov-08, 29-May-17, Br, CH Diotima Sea Eagle, x, CH Britannia Never Look Back RA NA NAJ NF, Elizabeth G Kortze & Richard A Kortze

**Agility Excellent**, CH Alistair Wynsum Buster Brown The Man About Town PT AX AXJ MXF CGC, D, DN34624002, 5-Aug-12, 13-May-17, Br, CH MACH10 PACH Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX MFB TQX T2B, x, CH MACH3 Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXS2 MJB2 MXP MFB TQX T2B3, Glenn W Alexander

**Agility Excellent Preferred**, Balderdash Bedazzled At Balgrae CD PCD BN RE PT AXP OJP NFP, B, DN41331401, 20-Nov-14, 13-May-17, Blk, DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RAE HSAds HSBd HIAds HIBd HXAdM HXBdM MX MXJ MXF T2B, x, DC Lil'Clove True Grit VCD1 BN RE HSAds HIAds HXAdM MX MXJ XF CGC, Joanne Marie Williamson

**Master Agility Excellent**, Shadowfax's Lone Star Belle MX MXJ NF, B, DN33556002, 15-Apr-12, 27-May-17, Blk, CH Brynmar's Take My Breath Away RN HT OA AXJ OF, x, CH Brandmar Happy Singing Dancing RN, John Youngblood

**Master Bronze Agility**, Alistair's Rae Of Sunshine At Big Lake MX MXB MXJ MJB, B, DN34624003, 5-Aug-12, 13-May-17, Wh, CH MACH10 PACH Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXG3 MJB4 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX MFB TQX T2B, x, CH MACH3 Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXS2 MJB2 MXP MFB TQX T2B3, Ann Chandoha

**Master Silver Agility**, MACH Cameron Lightnin Strikes Twice MXS MJS, D, DN31938504, 26-Mar-11, 2-May-17, Br, GCH CH Romar's Undeniable, x, Cameron's Full Throttle, Lori Weinberg

**Master Agility Excellent Preferred 2**, CH MACH Lil' Clove Hello Poppet CD RE HSAs MXS MJS MXP2 MJP2 NF CGCA, B, DN15881104, 21-Oct-06, 27-May-17, Blk, CH MACH Merewoods Ny State Of Mind CDX RE HSAs MXB MJB MJP NF CGCA, x, CH Malakar Oreo Speedwagon RE, Trudy Wisner & Chelsea Wisner

**Novice Agility Jumper**, Dunnachie Eyes Like Maybeline NAJ, B, DN36670304, 29-Apr-13, 14-May-17, Fn, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2, x, CH Dunnachie Don'T Get Me Started NA OAJ, Deborah Pisarski & Kathleen Harold & Jackye Dunn

**Novice Agility Jumper**, Lil'Clove Loyal & Devoted Dobby PT NA NAJ NF, D, PAL264529, 30-Sep-14, 6-May-17, Blk, Claire Cifarelli



**Novice Agility Jumper Preferred**, Shanaspree As You Like It RN HT NJP CGC, B, DN26207502, 20-Aug-09, 28-May-17, Blk, GCH CH PACH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP7 MXP7 MJP7 MJP7 PAX2 NF, x, CH Shanaspree Tried N True RN HT, Marta Witt & Laura Tappero

**Open Agility Jumper Preferred**, CH Odyssey One Step Beyond RE AX OAJ OAP OJP NF, D, DN23179906, 22-Nov-08, 29-May-17, Br, CH Diotima Sea Eagle, x, CH Britannia Never Look Back RA NA NAJ NF, Elizabeth G Kortze & Richard A Kortze

**Excellent Agility Jumper**, CH Moonstone Get Out Of My Way RN HT FDC OA AXJ NF, D, DN35705404, 30-Jan-13, 13-May-17, Blk, GCH CH Brenriga Wrapped In Dreamz RN PT FDC MX AXJ OF, x, GCH CH Moonstone One Way Or Another RN, Linda J Porter & Sandy McDonald & Casey Minner

**Master Bronze Jumper**, Aberdeen's Dancing Queen MX MXJ MJB OF, B, DN31088502, 20-May-11, 20-May-17, Blk, CH Aberdeen Always A Cool Cruiser, x, Aberdeen Chas'N A Crazy Dream, Patsy Sullivan

**Master Bronze Jumper**, Wigglesworth Little Miss Sunshine MX MXJ MJB NF, B, DN35756101, 9-Jul-12, 20-May-17, Blk, CH Daybar's All Schook Up, x, CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Walk This Way CD RA MXC MJB2 MXF MFB T2B, Diane Lipman & Sharon Ipsier

**Master Gold Jumper**, CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice MXS MJG NAP NJP MXF NFP T2B2, D, DN39736101, 24-Jan-14, 13-May-17, Blk, CH Windfiddler's Best Of Times, x, CH Wigglesworth Full Throttle MX MXB MXJ MJB, Lawrence Dalan & Sharon Ipsier

**Master Bronze Jumper 3**, CH MACH5 Wynsum Rhythm And Brews BN RAE MXB3 MJB3 MFB TQX T2B5, D, DN24561001, 27-Mar-09, 28-May-17, Blk, CH Wynsum Make My Day AX AXJ, x, CH Wynsum Keep On Dreaming AX AXJ, Janice Leverenz & Carol J Carlsen

**Master Gold Jumper 3**, MACH7 Camerons On The Cutting Edge MXG2 MJG3 OF T2B2, D, DN22736301, 11-Jan-08, 5-May-17, Bl, GCH CH Romar's Undeniable, x, CH Cameron's Diamonds R Forever, Lori Weinberg

**Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 2**, CH MACH Lil' Clove Hello Poppet CD RE HSAs MXS MJS MXP MJP2 NF CGCA, B, DN15881104, 21-Oct-06, 21-May-17, Blk, CH MACH Merewoods Ny State Of Mind CDX RE HSAs MXB MJB MJP NF CGCA, x, CH Malakar Oreo Speedwagon RE, Trudy Wisner & Chelsea Wisner

**Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 11**, CH PACH2 Brandmar Come Fly With Me RA MX MXJ MXP10 MXPC MJP11 MJPC PAX4 OF OFP, D, DN21525902, 26-Mar-08, 12-May-17, Blk, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT, x, CH Ramsgrove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

**Agility FAST Novice Preferred**, CH Dunhill Shamrock Lad By Lochcairn RN NAP NFP CGCA, D, DN39846003, 17-Mar-14, 6-May-17, Blk, CH Strathearn's Hart And Soul, x, CH Dunhill Satisfaction, Charle L Carentz

**Agility FAST Excellent**, Lil' Cloves Ruff n' Tumble CD BN RA PT OA OAJ XF CGCA, D, PAL264418, 30-Sep-14, 21-May-17, Blk, Trudy Wisner & Chelsea Wisner

**Herding Advanced Course A Sheep Master**, CH Aellen Tru Blue BN RN HSAs HIAs HXAsM CGC, D, DN11925704, 19-Aug-05, 14-May-17, Bl, CH Aellen Tried And True PT AX AXJ, x, CH Ryderwood Denali Rose, Linda Weeks & Martell Weeks

**Time 2 Beat**, CH Highlander Carry On Bravely AX AXJ XF T2B, D, DN36213304, 8-Apr-13, 27-May-17, Br, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2, x, GCH CH Highlander Shall We Dance HT, Joseph E Root & Beth Tilson

**Time 2 Beat 7**, CH MACH7 Wigglesworth Great Expectations MXB3 MJB3 MFS TQX T2B7, D, DN27792303, 23-Feb-10, 26-May-17, Blk, CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX, x, CH Wigglesworth Make No Mistake AX AXJ NAP, Lawrence Dalan

**Canine Good Citizen**, GCH CH Burlesque Mistletoe Bliss CGC, B, DN38353205, 26-Dec-13, 5-May-17, Br, GCHS CH Highlander Macbean At Burlesque RN HT, x, Burlesque Special Mystique RE NAP NJP THDN RATO CGC, Patricia Bleil & Laura Colombo & Patricia Colombo & Gordon Bleil

**Canine Good Citizen**, Spindrift Loves Ranger CGC, D, DN46303103, 9-Jun-16, 24-May-17, Fn, CH Britannia Beam Me Up Spotty RN, x, CH Spindrift Love Come's Softly RN PT OA AXJ NF, Meta Wasson

**Canine Good Citizen**, CH Tweeddale's Black As The Ace Of Spades HT CGC, D, DN43063802, 4-Jul-15, 26-Apr-17, Blk, CH Moonstone Get Out Of My Way RN HT FDC OA AXJ NF, x, Tweeddale's Black Magic Woman MX MXJ XF, Deborah Alexander

**Trick Dog Novice**, Ragtyme Catching Fire CGC TKN, B, DN33710002, 23-Mar-12, 31-May-17, Blk, GCH CH Ragtyme What Goes Around, x, Ragtyme Unbreak My Heart, Helen O'Connor & Lynn A Zagarella & Vince Zagarella & Gail Wall

**Therapy Dog Novice**, Burlesque Ice Ice Baby RE HT MX MXB MXJ MJB OF THDN RATO CGC, B, DN32183805, 16-Oct-11, 19-May-17, Blk, GCH CH Highlander He Shoots He Scores BN RE PT OA AXJ NF CGC, x, CH Burlesque Abbracadabra, Martha Fruehwald & Michael Johnson

**Novice Barn Hunt**, CH Papaw's Road Warrior HT RATN, D, DN30678108, 30-Mar-11, 3-Dec-16, Blk, Highflying No Doubt, x, CH Papaw Tailwind Hat Trick, Jerry Lord & Robin Lord

**Open Barn Hunt**, GCH CH Papaw's Call To Duty RN PT RATO CGC, D, DN33950003, 27-Apr-12, 3-Dec-16, Br, CH Wigglesworth Jokers Wild, x, CH Papaw Tailwind Hat Trick, Robin Lord & Leslie Papa

**Master Barn Hunt**, Rivercity Georgia Magnolia May RA NA NAJ NJP RATM CGCA, B, DN35239809, 4-Dec-12, 8-Apr-17, Blk, CH Daybar Fizzical Attraction At Lakewood, x, CH Rivercity's Sugar Magnolia, Kevin & Suzanne O'Malley



## 2017 BCCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY UPDATE

**There's a bright golden haze on the meadow,  
There's a bright golden haze on the meadow,  
The corn is as high as an elephant's eye,  
An' it looks like it's climbing clear up in the sky.**

**Oh, what a beautiful mornin',  
Oh, what a beautiful day.  
I got a beautiful feelin'  
The BCCA Specialty's only 3 months away!**

**~Curly's song from Oklahoma!**

**And, what better place to spend early Fall than "At the Farm." Here are a few things you will want to do to get ready for your visit.**

- **Register for events - the [Master Registration Form](#) is live on the website as well as the [Grooming Space Reservation](#)**
- **Send in your Herding Entry on July 10th, the day the trials open**
- **Order your [Logo Wear](#) items now, limited quantities and items will be available at the show**
- **Order our newest fund raising item - a [Cotton Throw With Full Logo](#) - great for a chilly Fall evening**
- **Save your pennies for the [Top 20 Auction](#) items • a vacation at a villa in Italy that sleeps eight, a Beardie toy box, and lots more**
- **Try your luck, enter one of our fabulous [Raffles](#), and win**
  - **A \$250 VISA Card**
  - **A Beardie Keepsake Quilt**
  - **Two Director's Chairs with Specialty logo and your kennel or other name embroidered on them; sit ringside for the entire Specialty**
- **Become a [Show Sponsor](#) and get a free ad in the show catalog designed by a professional designer for a contribution of \$100 or more**
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- **Visit the [2017 BCCA National Specialty website](#) and see what else is blooming "At the Farm!"**



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## Snippet #162 The Unsimple Majority

Of all the terms used in parliamentary procedure, the one that should be the simplest ends up being the most complicated. It's a word we just can't seem to leave alone. We have to keep *doing* things to it: the simple majority, the vast majority, the two-thirds majority, the supermajority – even the silent majority. Enough! Why can't we let the word speak for itself?

First, let's clear up the actual definition of a majority: it means more than half. The problem comes when we ask the obvious question – half of what? Now things get dicey. It turns out there are a lot of "whats" to consider. The normal and usual definition under Robert's Rules is that a majority is more than half of the votes cast, and abstentions don't count. Sometimes we refer to this as "present and voting."

Then one day someone decided that it sounded better to say 51%. Unfortunately, that only works for the number 100. If the number is 1000, 51% is 510, not 501. And 50% plus 1 isn't much better. If the number voting is 25, 50% plus 1 is 13.5. Complicating the definition only complicates the calculation. And, instead of saying "majority rules" do we want to say "51% rules?" What whole number is more than half of 25? Thirteen. Simple. Another way to let percentages wreak havoc is to decide (usually in the case of a condominium) that every owner is entitled to a percentage share of the total, usually resulting in individual voting percentages into four or five decimals, and where votes can only be calculated using a complicated spreadsheet and layers of ballots. Who cares if the total adds up to 100%? Why can't it all be calculated by whole numbers? Maybe there should be 1486 shares, proportionally divided.

Sometimes the requirement is a two-thirds vote, which is a 2:1 ratio. In that case, there must be twice as many in favor as opposed, and the easy way to calculate this is to double the number voting against and compare it to the number voting in favor. For example, if there were 12 in favor and 6 opposed, there is exactly a 2:1 ratio and there is a two-thirds vote. This is NOT a majority in any sense of the word – a majority when 18 are voting is 10. There's simply no such thing as a "two-thirds majority." They are mutually exclusive terms. Sometimes people like to call a two-thirds vote (or any vote that is more than a majority) a "super majority." This is meant to convey that the vote requirement was more than a majority, not that this is a really "super" vote. Swell, even.

Then there are the people who can't leave well enough alone and have to fill out the description. When that happens, the situation becomes, well – more complicated. The word "of" is the game changer, when we have to say "a majority of the directors present" or "a majority of the delegates" it applies to *everyone* in that category. Now the majority is not so simple! If there are twelve directors present, and the vote is 6 in favor and 5 opposed and 1 person abstaining, the motion fails because 6 is not a majority of 12. In a worst case scenario, the bylaws require a majority of the delegates so the only way to get the result on a close vote is to close the doors, count all the delegates in the room, then take the vote. So much trouble for a few extra words.

This is a call to go back to basics, remove the unnecessary adornments, and celebrate the concept of the majority – the number of votes that represents more than half of the total votes cast. The vast majority would agree.