

Obedience in 1982

Let me begin this summary of obedience statistics by apologizing to anyone for whom I may have missed a score. Unlike the breed and group standings which are more organized in the manner in which the A.K.C. reports them, the obedience results are simply a list of all qualifying dogs with their scores that go well beyond first through fourth. Except for specialty shows I must read each list hoping to spot the abbreviation "Beardcoll" in reduced size and printed on cheap paper. Then I copy the name of the dog, name of the owner, and the score and class placement, if any, onto a 3x5 card.

I am only concerned with shows held during the calendar year of 1982 and the A.K.C. has approximately a 3 month lag between the show and the published report. The A.K.C., not wanting to waste space among other things, only publishes those dogs who qualified; so there is no way of knowing how many times a dog was actually shown, only how many times that dog qualified.

In trying to devise a way to rank the dogs I felt it wasn't really fair to compare a Novice level dog with the more advanced as each is required to do different things; although the perfect score that everyone begins with is the same, i.e. 200. Then I got to thinking about the novice people who had never shown a dog in obedience before (those are the only ones eligible for Novice A) compared to those who've been around (Novice B) and I decided to separate the Novice class into those shown in A and those shown in B. It is this division that shows the biggest difference as the highest scoring of the Novice A dogs would only be in the middle of the Novice B rankings. I wonder if that's the norm for other breeds or not. I tend to think perhaps it is.

As you can see by examining the charts, I have compared dogs both on the basis of their single highest score as well as on their average. In parentheses I have listed the number of scores that I have recorded for that dog. Please let me know if I have missed any. I admit to a bias concerning a herding or working breed being consistent; and you can see by comparing the lists that there is not a whole lot of difference between the single high score and the averages. I think this is very much a positive reflection on Beardies.

There were a total of 43 different dogs shown in obedience in 1982 and 13 of these were shown in the advanced classes. The only High In Trial recorded was at the BOCA National Specialty, but there

were several times that dogs were tied for HIT. The highest score posted for all obedience Beardies was by WINDCACHE A BLUSTERY DAY in the hardest class (Utility, also known as futility by many) and that was a remarkable 199 out of 200.

It is very very encouraging to see that the advanced dogs are scoring on the whole better than the novice dogs. Many of the real die-hard obedience competitors have been favorably impressed with the Beardie's potential, but they don't want to deal with all the coat care. It is not every breed that can boast that our first U.D. is also our first OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion). Congratulations to all who competed in 1982 and here's hoping to see many more in 1983!

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Novice A rankings by averages:

1. CHARISMA KARA BRACKEN (2)	191.50
2. CAMPBELLS CHANDELLE BIRKIE (2)	190.25
3. STARDUSTS TWINKLE (3)	188.80
4. SASQUASH (2)	186.50
5. BON DI ALDEBARAN OF ALAMOS (2)	186.25
6. CAULDBRAES CLOWN (3)	183.16
7. HA'PENNY CONNECTICUT YANKEE (4)	183.12
8. JANDES LUCKY TRI (2)	179.75
9. LOVENMIST BLUE BUNTING (2)	178.50
10. PARCHMENT FARMS SGT. PEPPER (3)	178.30
11. GLEN EIRE SHATZIE O'HARE (2)	175.50

Novice A rankings by highest score:

1. CHARISMA KARA BRACKEN	192.0
2. STARDUSTS TWINKLE	191.5
3. CAMPBELLS CHANDELLE BIRKIE	190.5
4. BON DI ALDEBARAN OF ALAMOS	189.0
5. SASQUASH	188.5
6. HA'PENNY CONNECTICUT YANKEE	187.5
7. CAULDBRAES CLOWN	183.5
7. DELLROYS MISTY MEGHAN	183.5
8. PARCHMENT FARMS SGT. PEPPER	183.0
9. JANDES LUCKY TRI	180.0
9. MISTIBURN MOLLIE MAGUIRE	180.0
10. LOVENMIST BLUE BUNTING	179.0
11. GLEN EIRE SHATZIE O'HARE	177.0
12. GLEN EIRE'S MISS AGNES	172.5

Novice B rankings by averages:

1. CH. WINDY HILL RERUN (6)	196.4
2. ROCKS ANNA OF WILLOWISP (3)	193.0
3. PARCHMENT FARMS PENNYROYAL (4)	192.5
4. AELLENS QUEEN OF WILLISTER (2)	190.0
4. O'KELIDONS MY WYSTERIA (2)	190.0
5. GLEN EIRE DENDERRA PATIENCE (4)	189.0
6. GLENHYS MARSHALL SILVERLEAF (3)	187.0
7. BERNBRAES BAIRN MAGDALEN (5)	186.5
8. HEMLOCHS AMOS MCDUFF (3)	184.5
8. RICH LINS COLOR ME BLUE (5)	184.5
9. CH BRANIEN O'BRAEMOOR (2)	172.5

Novice B rankings by highest score:

1. CH. WINDY HILL RERUN	197.0
2. ROCKS ANNA OF WILLOWISP	196.0
3. O'KELIDONS MY WYSTERIA	195.0
4. PARCHMENT FARMS PENNYROYAL	194.5
5. AELLENS QUEEN OF WILLISTER	193.0
5. GLENHYS MARSHALL SILVERLEAF	193.0
6. GLEN EIRE DENDERRA PATIENCE	192.0
6. MOSS	192.0
7. RICH LINS COLOR ME BLUE	190.5
8. HEMLOCHS AMOS MCDUFF	190.0
9. BERNBRAES BAIRN MAGDALEN	189.5
10. UNICORNS ARIES BRIARY BRUCE	187.0
11. WOOD GLENS ERIN V FORTORA	186.0
12. SHILOHS ANGEL OF BLACKFRIAR	181.0
13. CH CRICKETS ELEGANT ELOISE	179.0
14. CH BRANIEN O'BRAEMOOR	174.0
15. HIGHLANDER ACE OF DIAMONDS	173.0

Open rankings by averages:

1. WINDCACHE A BLUSTERY DAY (6)	195.90
2. CH OTCH WINDCACHE A BRIERY BESS (8)	195.30
3. ROCKS ANNA OF WILLOWISP (2)	191.75
4. WINDY HILL MARIAH (3)	191.60
5. CH BRISLES GLEN NADIA (6)	191.00
6. BRAW BANNER OF THREE OAKS (3)	190.00
7. TUDOR LODGES ANNE BOLEYN (2)	189.25
8. BRYAN O'BRAEMOOR (2)	187.25

Open rankings by highest score:

1. WINDCACHE A BLUSTERY DAY	198.5
2. CH OTCH WINDCACHE A BRIERY BESS	197.5
3. CH BRISLES GLEN NADIA	196.5
4. BRAW BANNER OF THREE OAKS	195.0
5. WINDY HILL MARIAH	194.5
6. CULZEAN BLUE DANUBE	194.0
6. SNO BERRYS BLACK BLAZER	194.0
7. ROCKS ANNA OF WILLOWISP	192.0
8. CH SILVERLEAF TRUE HARMONY	191.5
9. CH TUDOR LODGES ANNA BOLEYN	191.0
10. BRYAN O'BRAEMOOR	187.5
11. CH GLEN EIRES BEDAZLIN BEETHOVEN	185.0

Utility rankings by averages:

1. WINDCACHE A BLUSTERY DAY (7)	196.30
2. CH OTCH WINDCACHE A BRIERY BESS (9)	193.16

Utility rankings by highest score:

1. WINDCACHE A BLUSTERY DAY	199.0
2. CH OTCH WINDCACHE A BRIERY BESS	198.5
3. GAYMARDONS BRONZE BRIGADIER	191.0

