

*Congratulations to all you wonderful herding Beardies!!*

Again, the information in this column is only as good as the information I get. When you and your dog accomplish something at a trial, please let me know so that I can publish it. If I missed anyone, I apologize. Let me know and I'll get it into the next column. You may reach me at 818/708-8818 or write me at 17420 Hemmingway Street, Northridge, CA 91325.

## How they stack up: RATINGS

### Compiled by Roger Finks and Gail Miller

#### *Award Winners:*

*Junior Showmanship—*  
Alexandra Feldman

#### *Obedience*

Novice—Macgill's Maggie  
Mcgregor, CD—owner,  
Joan Morse

Open—Ch. Walkoway's  
Frosted Flakes, UD—  
owner, Linda Leek

Utility—Ch. Greystone's  
Jessica James, UD—owner,  
Carolyn House

#### *Junior Showmanship stats for 1993*

Rank		Points
1	Alexandra Feldman	744
2	Amy Alspaugh	48
3	Elizabeth Feldman	30
4	Tony Hoeninger	27
5	Emily Forth	14
6	Alicia Swails	12
7	Christine Nardone	11
	Tiffany O'Dell	11
9	Sara Russert	9
10	Logan Feldman	7
	Sara Trehearne	7
12	Kathleen Ferguson	6
	Samantha Sussman	6
14	Sara Jean Bernes	5
15	Brooke Folley	4
	Emily Forth	4
17	Peggy Bias	3
	Mary Fisher	3
19	Justine Oliver	2
20	Theresa Bell	1

Apologies to two dams left off the new ROM list last issue:

Ch. Ha'Penny Chantilly O'Maywood  
Ch. Ha'Penny Such Sweet Thunder

### Debby Ritchie

#### *Obedience Titles*

January 1-April 30, 1994

#### *Companion Dogs*

Moonsong Klassical Legacy  
(B)—Joseph and Sharon  
Prassa

Glenmead Sterling Cassandra  
(B)—Riitta Frantila and  
Lois G. Williams

Ch. Ranmar Chumly Choclat  
Chuckl (D)—Alice M. and  
Donna Marie Cox and  
Arlene Rubenstein

#### *Companion Dogs Excellent*

Ch. Arcadia-Calibum Smoky  
Topaz, CD (B)—Penny  
Leigh and Dale McElrath

#### *Tracking Titles*

January 1-April 30, 1994

#### *Tracking Dogs*

Banners Hematite O'Bart (D)—Connie  
Alber

Pentangle Skyes Harvest Moon (D)—  
Brenda M. Reigles

## FYI

### Seeking This Year's Versatile Beardies

Has your fabulous Beardie captured titles in three out the following four categories: conformation, obedience, herding, and tracking? Then s/he is eligible to receive a VERSATILITY AWARD at this year's National Specialty in Atlanta! Please sent me a copy of the certificate earned from each category by September 1, 1994. Don't delay—the time until the Specialty will pass quickly! I look forward to hearing from you soon: Mary B. Leventon, Versatility Chair, 6027 Bridget Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144; 215/849-3727.

## PERSPECTIVE

### A Win at Any Cost

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Once upon a kinder, gentler time, the average guy saw violence only on the battlefield. Tensions were released in lively debates, a boxing ring, or an occasional barroom brawl. Even duels had rules. Today, however, death and assault are everyday news. Headlines shriek teen violence and drive-by shootings.

In the sports world, tennis pro Monica Seles is stabbed as fans watch in horror. Nancy Kerrigan is assaulted just before Olympic finals. Her fellow skaters tell of aggressive competitors who dull opponents' blades and interrupt practices as psychological warfare.

Pitchers buzz a ball a hair's breadth from the batter's nose. The batter charges out to the pitcher, followed by a the rest of the team eager to beat the guy to a pulp. A Little League umpire is shot by an irate parent.

What has happened to the sportsmanship in sport?

Thankfully, the dog world hasn't resorted to murder and mayhem, but dirty pool happens at every show as well as between buyers and breeders—or in the back-and-forth volleys between breeders. Reading the Secretary's pages of the *American Kennel Gazette* is an eye-opener. Verbal abuse of judges and other exhibitors, fistfights, substituting dogs, false registrations, showing surgically altered dogs. These aren't only puppy millers who (seemingly more genteelly) draw their suspensions from "failure to comply with the recordkeeping and identification requirements" and refusal "to permit inspection of records and practices." A number of these offenders are exhibitors.

I'm sure the owners of every breed have their own sad tales to tell.