

March 2015 OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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NATIONAL HERDING JUDGE NOMINATIONS

Standing Rule 8.4.1 After a bid to host the national has been accepted by the board, the specialty herding trial chair will request recommendations for judges for each trial, test and herding instinct test in the Bagpipes. Recommendations must be in writing or by email and include why that judge is recommended.

The person making the recommendations must include the highest herding titles he/she has earned; this recommendation must be received by the BCCA Herding Committee Chair within 60 days of publication of the request.

The BCCA Herding Committee will discuss and review each recommendation and the chair will forward a list of recommended judges, including commentary, to the National Specialty Herding Chair within 75 days of the publication of the recommendation request. The judge(s) for each herding event will be taken from this list. Should all recommended judges be unavailable, or in an emergency, the BCCA Herding Committee will assist the local chair in finding appropriate judge(s). Please send your recommendations to the BCCA Herding chair by March 15, 2015.

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2014 MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Standing Rule 4.7.1 MEMBER OF THE YEAR. This award will recognize the BCCA member or group of members who, as a result of their activity, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Bearded Collie Club of America or the bearded collie. The award will be publicly announced and presented at the National Specialty banquet in the year following the calendar year for which the honor is awarded.

An announcement calling for nominations will appear in the January issue of the newsletter. Nominations for the award will be accepted from any BCCA member in good standing. Nominations must be received by the recording secretary on or before March 21st of the year following the calendar year for which the award is made. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a 250 word (maximum) statement justifying the award for the particular nominee. Seated officers and board members are not eligible for the award.

Nominations and accompanying justifications will be considered at the April meeting of the board. The entire board, by majority vote, will select the award recipient. In an effort to preserve the "surprise" aspect of the award, the selection of the recipient will be conducted in Executive Session and will not appear in the published minutes of the board meeting.

If the board determines that no qualified nominations are received, the honor will not be awarded in that particular year.