

BCCA Bagpipes FY 2024 Annual Report

During FY 2024 twelve issues of the Bagpipes and Extra Edition were sent to members using Mail Chimp. Subscriptions stand currently at 490 subscribers to the "BCCA Paid Members - Receive all BCCA Emails" list, with an additional four members requesting "hard copies" of the newsletter, that are mailed by Elizabeth Hayes.

Once the annual membership renewal period is over, a list of current members and their emails is sent to Robin Deily, who manages the MailChimp account, for adding any new members, updating email contacts and deleting those who have chosen not to renew.

I also prepare and send out the membership renewal notices and ballots for National specialty judges.

The main part of the newsletter contains

1. President's report
2. Minutes for the previous month
3. Recording secretary's monthly notices
4. Corresponding secretary's report
 - a. Proposed members to be voted on by the board
 - b. New member applications
 - c. Change of addresses
 - d. Litter listings
 - e. Breeder Listings
5. Treasurer's report

The Extra Edition contains

1. Committee reports
2. Agility articles
3. AKC Delegate's report
4. Health articles
5. Herding report/articles
6. Obedience reports/articles
7. Therapy articles
8. Versatility reports/articles
9. New AKC Titles
10. Quarterly OFA reports
11. Quarterly CHIC reports
12. Affiliate club events
13. Annual Event calendar (January)

In addition, in the body of the Mail Chimp email, upcoming deadlines are noted, with links to pertinent documents such as National Specialty judges' ballots, membership renewals (*many reminders*) and National Specialty forms.

Michele Ritter
Editor, Bagpipes