

Annual Agility Report - BCCA Agility Committee –September 2018

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Goals for 2018-2019:

We will look at the Masters Bronze, Silver, Gold and Century titles and decide whether they have a place within the BCCA Agility Awards and Register of Merit programs.

Activities and Major Accomplishments:

A: BCCA Awards:

We looked at the Special Awards presented at BCCA Nationals Agility Trials and decided upon uniform criteria. **Joanne Williamson** has done all of the statistics for the BCCA Awards and AKC annual reports since 1996.

B. Trials:

BCCA:

The Bearded Collie Club of America holds an annual National Specialty agility trial.

Joanne Williamson chairs annual BCCA all breed agility trials in the Northeast as BCCA fund-raisers.

Affiliate Clubs:

Jack Buhite chaired the NCBCF's 55th agility trial. 10 were stand alone specialties. 45 were all-breed trials.

The National Capitol Bearded Collie Club, the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound, and the Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers hold all-breed agility trials annually.

C. Publication:

The Agility Committee fosters the sport of dog agility through publication in the **Bagpipes** and the **Beardie Bulletin**. Milestones, explanations of new classes and rule changes, agility events, awards and tributes are published in the Bagpipes. The annual reports appear on both the BCCA and BAD websites. All AKC Titles and BCCA Awards are published in the Bulletin, as well National Events and articles on the sport.

The **Beardie Agility Diehards (BAD)** pay for all agility pages above the yearly allotment and for the publication of USDAA, NADAC, CPE, UKC, and UKI titles as well. Over the last 21 years the Diehards have sponsored articles in 82 issues of the Bulletin and contributed \$22,895 toward the publication of 280 agility pages.

D. Internet:

The **BCCA website's Agility Section** contains agility articles and a link to the Beardie Agility Diehard website (www.beardieagilitydiehards.org).

The **BAD website**, created by **Karen Norteman** and launched on New Year's Day 1998, has a large section devoted to BCCA Agility, listing the current BCCA Agility Committee, the complete list of BCCA Agility Award winners since 1996, the Register of Merit for Agility, the National Specialty results starting with the first trial in 1996, and the annual agility reports. There are pdfs of all AKC Agility legs earned by Beardies from 1 January 2012 through 30 June 2018 so that BAD Members can update their pages. The website features a Rainbow Bridge page for all BAD Agility Beardies. Currently there are 814 Agility Beardies on the Website, including 761 at home and 53 abroad. Of these, 715 have earned legs and titles in the six United States and two Canadian dog agility organizations and 577 are BAD.

The Bearded Agility Line, started in January of 2000, brings together the Agility Community from the USA and around the world to help those new to the sport, to discuss techniques, and to share agility successes and questions. Currently we have 289 members. **Joanne Williamson** publishes the BCCA's year-end AKC Awards to the line so that they can be confirmed before being printed in the Bulletin. **Libby Myers-Buhite** publishes the USDAA, NADAC, CPE, UKC, and UKI titles and the Rainbow Bridge Beardies.

The Bearded Agility Training & Performance Facebook Page was started in in 2017 by **John Youngblood**. Currently, it has 93 Members. This group is designed to be an online resource to help in the training and performance of bearded collies in dog agility. To join, contact John.

Recently updated on the BAD Website:

Links to 22 BCCA Nationals agility trials: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAntls.html>

2017 BCCA Nationals Agility Trial: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAna17.html>

2017 BCCA Awards: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAaw17.html>

2017 Annual Report: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAar17.html>

BCCA Register of Merit for Agility: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BCCAROMA.html>

BAD Membership Page: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/MEMBERS.html>

577 BAD Beardies with their agility titles: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BADstats.html>

237 Non-Member Beardies with agility titles: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/BADstatsN.html>

All Champion and Masters Agility Beardies: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/MACH2Qs.html>

Rainbow Bridge Agility Beardies: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/bridge.html>

BCCA Versatility Masters and Excellent: <http://www.beardieagilitydiehards.org/BADagility/vb.html>

E. AKC Correspondence: None needed this year.

Statistical Information:

American Kennel Club- January 1-December 31, 2017 AKC Report from Joanne Williamson:

141 Beardies earned a total of 2,918 legs in the Regular, Preferred, FAST, T2B and Premier classes in all breed and Specialty competition; 97 competed in the Regular classes with 39 in Preferred and 5 in both. 106 of these teams accounted for 297 total titles (100 standard; 108 JWW; 20 CH; 4 PAX; 41 FAST; 12 T2B; 2 TQX; 4 Premier; 6 ACT). Four teams each completed two MACHs within the competition year: **Lawrence Dalan with both MACH7/8 Pip** (Wigglesworth Great Expectations) and **MACH2/3 Bing** (Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice), **Jeff Ipser with MACH 7/8 Rezoom** (Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator), and **Janice Leverenz with MACH6/7 Smitty** (Wynsum Rhythm And Brews). Six teams competed at the AKC Invitational held in Orlando, FL in December 2017. **Lori Weinberg and Blade** (Cameron's On The Cutting Edge) were the top scoring Bearded team for the second straight year and made the finals in the 20" class. 15 Teams qualified for 2018 AKC National Championships held in Reno, NV in March 2018. 2017 was the third year of competition in the Premier classes and saw the completion of the first Bearded titles. **Lawrence Dalan and Bing** had the honor of earning the first Premier title when they completed their PJD in July. **Jan Leverenz and Smitty** were not far behind, earning the first PAD at the end of August. **Larry and Bing** then became the first to finish both Premier titles in November when they also earned their PAD.

American Kennel Club- AKC:

685 Beardies have earned legs since 1994. 20 Beardies are new since last year.

71 Beardies have earned 219 Championships: 68 AKC MACHs, 15 PACHs, 3 PACH2s, and 1 PACH3.

41 MACH2s, 25 MACH3s, 17 MACH4s, 12 MACH5s, 9 MACH6s, 8 MACH7s, 7 MACH8s, 5 MACH9s,

3 MACH10s, 2 MACH11s, 1 MACH12, 1 MACH13, and 1 MACH14

United States Dog Agility Association- USDAA:

167 Beardies have earned legs since 1992. 1 Bearded is new since last year.

13 Beardies have earned 14 USDAA Championships: 1 triple champion (ADCH-Bronze), 9 champions (ADCH), and

4 Performance Champions (PDCH).

North American Dog Agility Council- NADAC:

189 Beardies have earned legs since 1996. 3 Beardies are new since last year.

6 Beardies have earned 12 NADAC Championships: 6 NADAC Champions (NATCH), 3 NATCH2s, and 2 NATCH3s, of whom 2 also earned the NADAC Versatility Championship (VersNATCH),

Canine Performance Events- CPE:

86 Beardies have earned legs since 2003. No Beardies are new since last year.

16 Beardies have earned 54 Championships: 14 C-ATCHs, 2 CT-ATCHs, 1 CT-ATCH2s, 2 CS-ATCHs,

6 C-ATCH2s, 5 C-ATCH3s, 4 C-ATCH4s, 2 C-ATCH5s, 2 C-ATCH6s, 1 C-ATCH7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12

3 C-ATEs, 1 C-ATE2, 3, 4, and 5, 1 CT-ATE, 1 CS-ATE, and 1 CS-ATE2

United Kingdom International- UKI:

At least 16 Beardies have competed in UKI since this organization came to the USA in 2010.

Commendations:

Beardies have been competing in agility since 1992. To date, 95 Beardies and 62 handlers have earned 305 Agility Championships in 6 venues. The BCCA Agility Committee congratulates the 21 Beardies and 18 handlers who earned 26 Agility Championships since August 2017. Larry Dalan earned 4 Championships with Bing- 3 and Pip-1, Lorie Weinberg earned 3 with Blade-2 and Bolt-1, Carol Hegg earned 2 with Maya-1 and Zoey-1, Ruth Bryden earned 2 with Caol Ila, and Kathy Defino earned 2 with Nikki.

American Kennel Club:

MACH	Caol Ila	Lil'Clove Caol Ila	Ruth and Neil Bryden	7.22.17
MACH	Szaffi	Wookiee Gang Ambermoon	Richard Masley	9.10.17
MACH2	Bolt	Cameron Lightnin Strikes Twice	Lori Weinberg	1.05.18
MACH3	Bing	Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	8.20.17
MACH3	B-Buster	Lil'Clove Poppet's First Moppet	Claire Cifarelli	11.05.17
MACH4	Bing	Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	2.15.18
MACH4	Ryan	Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter	Jennifer Phillips	3.31.18
MACH4	Brie	Estrella Theres A Breeze Allaround	Andrea Hobe	4.06.18
MACH5	Kailey	Wigglesworth No Way Out	Diane Lipman	10.01.17
MACH5	Bing	Wigglesworth Pride And Prejudice	Lawrence Dalan	7.12.18
MACH7	Smitty	Wynsum Rhythm And Brews	Jan Leverenz	12.31.17
MACH8	Rezoom	Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator	Jeff Ipser	8.13.17
MACH8	Pip	Wigglesworth Great Expectations	Larry Dalan	8.26.17
MACH8	Blade	Camerons On The Cutting Edge	Lori Weinberg	9.30.17
MACH9	Blade	Camerons On The Cutting Edge	Lori Weinberg	5.08.18
PACH	Emma	Headline's Upcoming News	Suzi Beddoe	1.05.18
PACH	Poppet	Lil'Clove Hello Poppet	Trudy Wisner	1.27.18
PACH	Maya	O'Duinnin Heart In Motion	Carol Hegg	2.18.18
PACH	Mckenzie	Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff	Debbie Alexander	2.23.18
PACH	Zoey	O'Duinnin Born To Run	Carol Hegg	5.12.18
PACH	Emie	Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye	Meg Naylor	7.06.18
PACH2	Snow	Ha'Penny Harwood Ode To Choi	Tracy Corey	12.16.17
PACH3	Sterling	Brandmar Come Fly With Me	Karen Reed	9.01.17

Canine Performance Events:

C-ATCH	Caol Ila	Lil'Clove Caol Ila	Ruth Bryden and Neil Bryden	12.10.17
C-ATCH2	Nikki	Artisan Crystal Starlight	Kathy Defino	12.09.17
C-ATCH3	Nikki	Artisan Crystal Starlight	Kathy Defino	6.03.18

Thank you:

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Many thanks to those who made our 22nd National Specialty Agility Day an event to remember, especially **Cheri Omnus**, who was the 2017 National Specialty Agility Chair, **David Williamson**, who was Agility Trial Secretary, and **Debbie Alexander**, who organized the Relay Teams. **Cheri Omnus** was also the 2017 BAD Member of the Year.

Thanks in advance to **Pam Harris** and **Jack Buhite**, the 2018 National Specialty Agility Co-Chairs and to the Agility Trial Committee: **Lorie Abbott** (Trial Secretary), **Suzi and Matt Beddoe** (Course Builders), **Iris Berry** (Hospitality), **Lisa Depies** (Awards), **Jana Dozet** (Chief Ring Steward), **Tammy Domico** (Equipment and Chief Course Builder), and **Libby Myers-Buhite** (Awards, Relay Teams, and Agility Dinner).