

Blues News

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"Merry Christmas BRDTC 2015"



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**We hope you have a
Corgilicious Holiday Season**



Ceri



Rascal



Baron



Twist





“BRDTC 2015 Christmas Party & Auction”

Pictures by Marzeena Gilbert









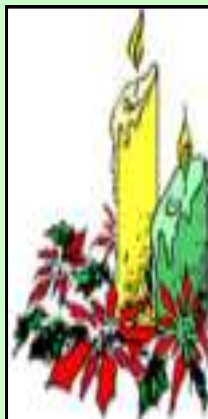
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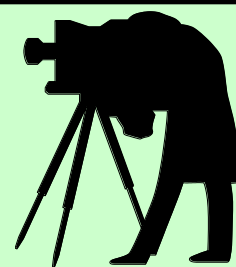




"Dues are Due"

Just a reminder that annual dues are supposed to be in by the end of December. I received quite a few already- in the mail, in the treasurer's box and at the auction but we still have a few to go. Please don't forget to include the renewal form with your current information. You can find them at the training center near the desk or online on the website. After Jan 1st I will send out individual emails to those who have not yet paid. Thanks.
Donna Richardson
Treasurer

Picture Of the Month



**"BA-
HUMBUG'
MOM!"**

Raine
Richardson

Candy Cane Dog Treats

1 Cup of Rice flour
1 Cup of Tapioca Flour
1 Egg

2 small Jars of Chicken & Chicken Gravy
Only Baby Food
4 Tblsp of Tomato Paste

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine all ingredients except the tomato paste. Separate the dough into a $\frac{2}{3}$ rd and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd piece. Set aside the $\frac{2}{3}$ rd piece and cover to keep from drying out. Add the tomato paste to the $\frac{1}{3}$ rd piece. Add additional rice flour 1 tablespoonful at a time until the dough is workable. Starting with a small piece of each colored dough, roll between both hands and transfer to a hard surface. Continue rolling on hard surface until you form equal widths of dough ropes. Set the two color ropes side by side and cut to length. Transfer to cookie sheet lined with parchment paper and twist dough to form candy canes or sticks. If dough dries out while working just add a small amount of water. Bake for 20-30 minutes until desired crunchiness.



Rainbow Bridge

If you have a special someone you want to be on the Rainbow Bridge page in the January newsletter please send me a picture and a brief write up.

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Mark Your Calendar



Activities 2016

(held at the training center)

March 11-13 AKC Agility Trial

March 26-27 English Setter Trial

April 15-17 UKC Paws Trial

July 8-10 AKC Agility Trial

Aug 5-7 AKC Obedience & Rally

Nov. 18-20 Obedience & Rally

Dec. 2-4 AKC Agility Trial

Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-sized bed is soft and deep,
I sleep right in the center groove,
My human beings can hardly move.
I've trapped their legs, they're
tucked in tight,
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,
Til morning comes and "I want food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin,
And nibble on my human's chin.
For morning's here, it's time to play,
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,
And shares their bed with me at night.



EXERCISE

I thought you said "extra fries"



Fetch

by [Tony Hoagland](#)

Who knew that the sweetest pleasure of my fifty-eighth year
would turn out to be my friendship with the dog?

That his trembling, bowlegged bliss at seeing me stand there with the leash
would give me a feeling I had sought throughout my life?

Now I understand those old ladies walking their Chihuahuas in the dusk,
plastic bag wrapped around one hand, content with a companionship that,
whatever else you think of it, is totally reliable.

And in the evening, at cocktail hour,
I think tenderly of them in all of those apartments on the fourteenth floor
holding out a little hotdog on a toothpick to bestow a luxury on a friend
who knows more about uncomplicated pleasure than any famous lobbyist for the mortal condition.

These barricades and bulwarks against human loneliness, they used to fill me with disdain, but that
was before I found out my metaphysical needs could be so easily met by the wet gaze of a brown-and
-white retriever with a slight infection of the outer ear and a tail like a windshield wiper.

I did not guess that love would be returned to me as simply as a stick returned when it was thrown
again and again and again—in fact, I still don't exactly comprehend.
What could that possibly have to teach me about being human?

Fun Facts

**The most intelligent dogs are reportedly the Border collie and the Poodle,
while the least intelligent dogs are the Afghan Hound and the Basenji.**

**One kind of Pekingese is referred to as a “sleeve” because it was bred to
fit into a Chinese empress’ sleeves, which was how it was often carried around.**

**One survey reports that 33% of dog owners admit they talk to their dogs on the phone
or leave messages on answering machines while they are away.**

**Alexander the Great is said to have founded and named a city Peritas, in memory of his
dog**





2015 BRDTC Agility Trial



Cherish Hills Willie Blue Golden

Mighty Sunday Grimm





"Thank You!"

Thank you so much to all of the club members who came out to support our agility trials this weekend!! Whether you worked one class or stayed all day, everyone's contributions are appreciated. What did everyone think of the new running order? I personally loved it. The whole trial seemed less hectic, especially in the morning first thing and you all know how much I love mornings (not!). The only down side I saw was it seemed like less people left at the end of the day to work. Not sure why that was.

Special thanks to course builders the Defilippis and Gretchen Mason, I think they built every course.

Also to Ed, and his crew, who manage organizing the crating areas, setting up rings and hauling in equipment Friday morning and out Sunday afternoon plus managing the extra poop stations.

The bag ladies and dude did a great job of feeding the masses as usual!

Holly Rich, who got the ribbons out into the drawers and Donna R. and Suzi for putting them away.

Gretchen, who did a great job doing the volunteers,!

Special, special thanks to Jan Burgan, who went out with a spade to pick up a bunch of horse sized poop piles left by one of the Sportsplex worker's Great Dane. He apparently exercises his dog out front and NEVER picks up...for weeks!! When we arrived Friday morning the field looked like it had land mines. Yuk!!

Exhibitors love our trials and it's because we have so many members willing to donate their time to help make them a fun place to be. THANKS to all!

Janice

This was my first gig as a bag lady, and it was fun. (I used to "do" ring crew, and I missed all the action, but ... time to expand my volunteer horizons.) BTW, there were TWO bag dudes - Gary and Michael. The lunches were well organized, delicious, and delivered with smiles!

It was great to hear from so many handlers that this is one of their favorite trials - that our club makes it fun and easy. The crating room was a nice quiet place, except for a couple of Jack Russell spats and the occasional Sheltie barkfest. It was a good relaxing place for dogs and people, too.

Congratulations to everyone for their accomplishments in the ring, and thanks to all our volunteers who made this trial another really good one.

Martha Heisel

Thank you to all our organizers, workers, secretaries, course builders, bag ladies (and dude), and fellow competitors and all of the folks I have missed or don't know about their contributions. It was a great trial weekend and I really enjoy the lower pressure of 3 days and fewer runs.

Congratulations for all those Qs, titles, and personal bests and for all those less than perfect runs that are just part of training and competing.

See you all in March!

Marty and Banjo



"Thank You!"

Thank you ever so much for hard work & good times. The exhibitors love coming back to see us because we are so entertaining!

You all are great!

Thank the Club members for their donations of fruit & sodas.

We only received baked goods from one person, and she is not a Club member. You had best start looking up recopies because we are going after you in March!

Donna T

This note is not so much "brag" as it is a heart-felt "thank you" from Piper and me. We had a really great time!

Barbara Guidry

Thanks to all for a wonderful show. Trudy now has her JJW Novice title. Thanks to all for wonderful instruction. As usual Blue Ridge has the best. Most of all to the support I have received from all Blue Ridge friends. Many of you remember when we first got Trudy and how far she has come. Its so much fun. She loves agility. Happy Holidays to all.

Joyce & Sonny Riggs

I would like to congrats everyone who Q'd this weekend ,CONGRATS TO ALL.

Annette

Members, thanks for the great evening Sat. nite. Thank you to the folks who set up & took down. You're SPECIAL. We had some cool things for the auction---and I don't think I was the highest spender this time for a change. Maybe I spent too much at Eukanuba --although I MIGHT'VE bought more if Fred wasn't sitting next to me saying "do we need it?"--what a damper! (smile) And then when the white tiger sold, he said "you could've gone up higher for it". See you at the agility run thru. on the 1st.

Bobbie Lutz





"WAGS & BRAGS"



John and I are on our way back from Ohio and PA. John just completed his training for being a VMO for agility!!! He can now officially measure dogs for agility starting now.

Too bad I need Zin measured for our trial next weekend and he can measure any dog except mine. Rats!!!

John is also not allowed to ever practice measuring a dog just to get an idea in class, but I can still do that.

Stacy

This past Friday at RACE's trial in Reva, VA, Kindle got double Q number 40 with two 1st places to earn her MACH 2!! So proud of my baby girl! We'll be having cake at Blue Ridge!

Janice



I had so much fun running Tartan this Friday and Saturday. He qualified in both his jumpers runs with a 1st and 2nd place. In standard with had a few baby dog issues but that is ok it gives me something specific to work on. That works good for me. He is just so much fun to run with.

Jan Bergan

Well had a good time at the trail. Travis had a good run Sat. in ex. standard and Q with a clean run and came in second. that is all he got this weekend, he had fun.

I also want to thank everyone who work very hard at the trail all did a remarkable job, I can not name all of you so you all know who I mean. Great job al

Annette

Chia did me proud at the Blue Ridge agility trials this weekend. She qualified in Open standard on Friday, earning a first place. In fact, she was the only qualifier in Open standard that day in all height divisions. She didn't qualify in her other three runs, but she handled some very difficult course challenges and listened very well, which has been an issue for her. I couldn't ask for anymore from her.

Kathy

Molly and I had another great weekend with six great runs, except for that one hesitation at the tunnel on Friday. She came back and Dbl.-Q both Sat. and Sunday earning 76 Mach pts. Her New Sister "Sadie" Barked the whole time she was running cheering her on and enjoyed the camaraderie of all the canines and people giving her attention.

Thank you to all our members who organized and worked to make this another GREAT BRDTC AGILITY TRIAL, and we must not forget the Bag Ladies & Dudes and Congratulation to all that Q'd and those that achieved MACH Status.

Bob T



“More Brags!”

Piper and I entered our first ever agility trial at BRDTC this past Saturday and Sunday. We "Double-Q'd" both days.

But, no agility team has ever been successful without help and encouragement from a lot of really nice folks. Instructors and competitors - far too many to mention by name - offered training tips and course running advice. Many others of you gave hugs, "high-5's" and other expressions of good will after we completed our courses.

This note is not so much "brag" as it is a heart-felt "thank you" from Piper and me. We had a really great time!

Barbara Guidry

Banjo earned his Open Agility Preferred title this weekend!!! I am so please with my wonderful boy. I would also like to thank Donna Richardson and Ed Strosnyder for all the great classes that Banjo and I have done in the last couple of years. And we will be back in class on Tuesdays after the first of the year now that we have to play in the big leagues at Excellent.

Marty and Banjo

Magic and I had a blast this weekend at the BRDTC agility trial. She earned her first double Q on Friday and missed a 2nd double Q by a tunnel. She earned a total of 15 Mach points this weekend. So very proud of my babygirl.

Mace has a good time meeting new friends 2 and 4 legged. Thank you all who contributed to make this a spectacular event.

Suzi Dodson

Fri. I was at Catoctin KC for their two rally trials in one day. Ashley earned legs 6 & 7 there. So hopefully she'll finish her RAE3 down at Eukanuba.

Sat. I was at our agility trial with Travis & Ashley. How could both dogs mess up exactly the same thing? Too high off the A frame & totally ran by the next to last jump that I coulda sworn would've been ok when I walked it.

Then today I had Ashley's daughter Roxie in the conformation show at Howard County. She earned a Reserve Winner's Bitch. I also had the opportunity to handle Roxie's sister Pippa in Specials for her owners. We were awarded Select Bitch for 2 pts. Overall it was a good weekend. Need more days in a wkend to do all the stuff available. We had to give up the 3-day lure coursing trial in PA.

Bobbie Lutz

Cherish Hills Willie Blue: I had one goal for the BRDTC Agility Trial this weekend and it was to finish Willie's Open JWW Title. We accomplished this on Friday morning with a lot of help from Anne Laskey. Very proud of my sweet Willie Blue.

Sandy Golden



“More Brags!”

It's been a busy fall for us and very rewarding with the versatility our dogs have exhibited.

Fall 2015 Beldachs' Wins & Titles:

“Vinnie” (Beldachs' Vermilion Villon) was Winners Dog at the first Connecticut Yankee Dachshund Club specialty show for a 4 point major and WD / BOW for another 4 point major at their afternoon show, which completed his championship. “Vinnie” was shown a total of 5 times and had 4 Dachshund Specialty major winsALL from the Bred By Class under breeder judges!

“Joey”, (CH. Beldachs' Unjoli Utrillo) Completed his Field Title to become and new DCH by getting a 2nd place win at the DCA Annual Field Trial on October 24th.

“Ruby” (INT. CH. Beldachs' Ruby Rousseau) earned a 4th place at the MWDC Field Trial on October 31st
“Zod”, (DCH Scoshire Scherizade O Siddachs, CD, RN, NAJ, NAP, NJP, OAJ, ME, EE, CGC, VC, TDI), had a 2nd place win at the same MWDC Field Trial against nationally ranked competition. “Zod” also added another leg towards her EE2 (Earth dog) at the Rivanna River Earth Dog Club test on November 8th.

“Copland” (Beldachs' Appalachian Spring O' Siddachs – one of the infamous “Zodlets”) at his very first show, was BOV Sweeps, RWD and Best Puppy at the DFABC Specialty on November 15th. We are especially proud of this win and know his Grandma Sid is smiling. His sister **“Ella”** (Beldachs' A Song In My Heart O' Siddachs) also won her 6-9 month Sweeps Class and her 6-9 Month Regular Class.

“Skye” (CH. Beldachs' Starlight Sisley) earned CA title at the Langley Kennel Club CAT on November 20th and now has additional legs towards her CAA. It was great fun watching her “turn on” and complete 5 of 6 courses (she lost the lure over a knoll one time)

“Zod”, also qualified on 2 different courses at the LKC tests 11/21 & 11/22 and needs just one more leg for her CA (It was a bit of a challenge for the lure operator to adjust the speed of the lure for my little girl and we needed to NOT call it a “bunny” so that when she lost sight of it she would not go and “hunt”!!)

“Zod” closed out the fall doggie activities by earning her Open Standard Agility Title on November 29th with a clean run, 5 sec UNDER time, and a First Place. If my count is right, that makes 14 AKC Titles for this special little girl!!

Thanks to everyone who has supported us and helped with the training of our “kids”.....sometimes it does “take a village”!

joyce sonny riggs

Our third and final class was by far the best. The judge had been excusing a lot of folks. I just thought, “I've been kicked out of better places than this”. I walked into the ring and already had that B-52 in my hand. Tubbs did what he does best and did what I least expected.....nailed it. Score of 195 which was incredible for this ring and the end of three classes. B-52, here I come!!!

Patrice Leipham

Finn Nansal Star Puppy Graduate





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month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



***Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year***

