

Blues News

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BRDTC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2012

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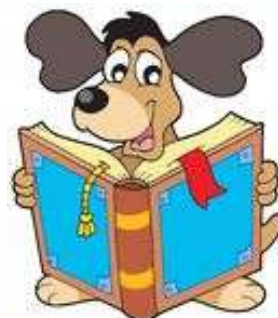
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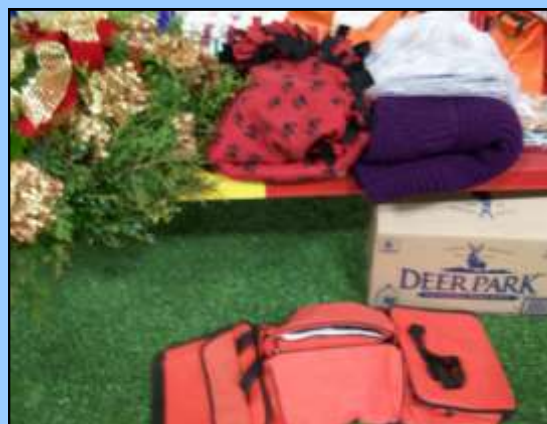
"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

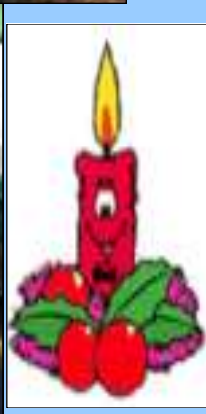
Groucho Marx











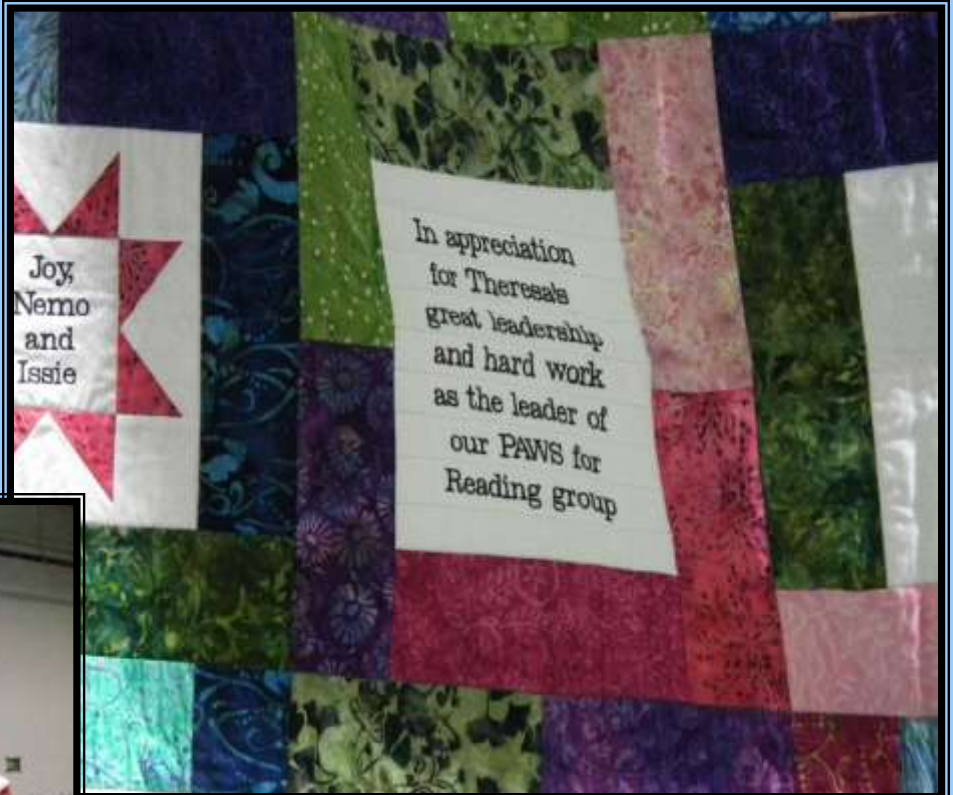




Theresa Manchey who is "retiring" was presented With this beautiful quilt for her dedication to the Paws Reading group.

The quilt listed all the people and dogs who participated in Paws along with a dedication.

The quilt was made by Linda Hammond

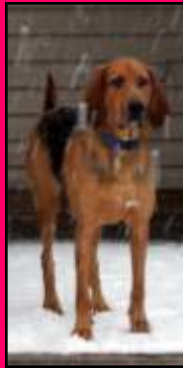




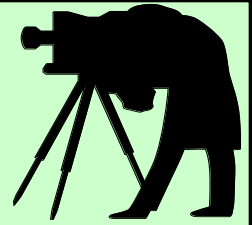
"Let it Snow!!!"



*Rebel,
Johnny,
Peaches
Belt*



Picture Of the Month



"WHAT'S THAT NOISE?"
asks Cowboy Manchee

"SANTA!!" SAID ABBY MANCHEY



Rainbow Bridge

*If you have a special someone you want to be on the Rainbow Bridge page please send me a picture and a brief write up.
All pictures given will be returned.*

"Pet Party Mix"

2 cups Cherrios 2 tsps. Dry gravy mix 2 cups spoon-size shredded wheat 1/2 c. grated cheese powder 2 cups Chex or Crispex 1/2 c. imitation bacon bits 1/2 c. melted butter or margarine 1 c. dog treats (Jerkey, Puppperoni, etc)

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Pour melted butter into a 13x9 baking pan . Stir in cheese, bacon bits, and gravy mix. Add cereal and stir until all pieces are coated. Heat until crisp, about 45 minutes. Let cool and store in tightly sealed container.



Mark Your Calendar



PAWS DATES

Bowman Library

540-869-9000

Saturdays 1:00 - 2:15
pm

January 12 & 26

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6

Handley Library

540-662-6046

Mondays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

January 7 & 21

February 4 & 18

March 4 & 18

April 1

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Alice Seabright.

Shawnee
Obedience & Rally Trial
At the
AUW Building
Winchester, VA
January 6th

Contact scotti2467@yahoo.com.

Frederick Country
Animal Shelter

They are in need of the
Following items:

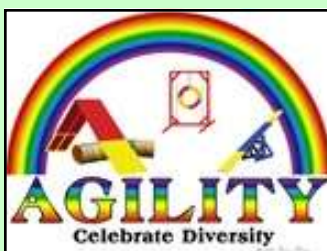
Brooms & Dust Pans
Plain non-clumping cat litter
Window cleaner
Liquid dish soap
Liquid hand soap
Paper towels
Ink Pens
Multipurpose copy paper
Latex gloves
Canned dog & cat food
Dry puppy & kitten food
Cheap disposable cat toys
Kong dog toys
Clorox bleach
Post it notes
General office supplies (staples, paper clips)
Large industrial trash bags





BRDTC 2012 AGILITY TRIAL

Pictures by Alice Seabright





Thank you all ever so much for baking cookies and brownies--we received many compliments! Thanks, too, for the people who helped us prepare lunch!

Donna T.

I wanted to tell everyone that came out to the trial and helped THANK YOU!!!! THIS CLUB PUTS ON THE BEST TRIALS!! it was so much fun spending time with each other. I had so much fun watching every one run! You guys did great! Almost the whole novice class was our members!! I promise we will try to fix our dog walk issue. I will make that my top priority. But everyone did so well!!!!

I can brag even though I didn't run a dog. I think I did a pretty good job filling John's job on Sunday afternoon! The judge only tweaked a few places! I think I made my coach proud! Not bad for second string course builder!! It is even harder filling in for him with taking care of his dog while he is gone!!! Dixie is high maintenance!!!!!! Again congrats to everyone on an awesome weekend and a job well done!

Stacy

Thanks to everyone to made desserts for the bag lunches--everyone was very happy about this! For those of you who don't know this, Ginger's son not only made the delicious salads but did not charge us! And Annette made her delicious ham salad and did not charge us! For your information, we took in 100+ coupons--you do the math! If we had not done the lunches, we would have had to pay the Sportsplex \$500! Have not figured out expenses yet, but we have cash in the amount of \$250. We even had a gentleman give us \$10 for cup of coffee! Thanks again to everyone and especially to the bag ladies who worked so hard!

Donna T.

I am just now catching up with my computer!! We did it again!! We have some of the best agility trials around!! I heard many compliments over the weekend from competitors and from the judges. I really enjoyed watching our Novice/Open club members. Everyone looked so good out there! And even if you didn't get a green ribbon, there were many what I call 'personal Qs' where you can find at least one thing that worked really well during a run.

Thank you so much to EVERYONE who came out and worked so hard for the club to make it a great trial!!! I hesitate to single anyone out since I'm afraid I will forget someone. Everything went so smoothly from set up to tear down - it's like a well oiled machine. I am always amazed at how well things go compared to other trials I go to. We will have a financial report soon but I'm sure we came out ahead. GREAT JOB!!!

Janice

What a great trial! Congratulations to everyone on the runs they Q'd in and the runs they didn't. Q's or not it is fun to be there with your dog and good friends. Hope I get to run my dog at our next trial.

Jan

Congratulations to everyone for their successes over the weekend. I enjoyed watching everyone's runs and was proud of how well Blue Ridge did. Also, thank you to everyone who helped out to make the trial run so smoothly.

Danielle





"WAGS & BRAGS"



My kids did well at the Blue Ridge trials this weekend. Timer (Winmar Jolly Timer Dan RE, CD, NJP) earned a second leg in Novice standard with a first place and Chia (Pinnacle My Poppet Chia RN) earned her first agility leg ever in Novice JWW with a clean run and second place.

Kathy

We really enjoyed the trial this past weekend, and from talking to lots of exhibitors...lots of other people had a great time too! Thanks to Janice for her leadership and to everyone who worked to make it possible! Special thanks to the bag ladies for the great lunches too.

Kenzie made me wait until our last run of the year, but she did finally finish her MXJ on Sunday.

I saw lots of members with really nice runs, but I want to particularly congratulate Theresa and Cowboy and Lynn and Korra (first time in competition) for some great handling and spectacular runs! Wowza!

Where are the other brags?

Carol Nansel

Abby, Cowboy, and I send a big thank you to all the great Blue Ridge members who worked so hard to make our new December trial a success. From the lunch ladies to the ring crew to the poop patrol, you proved again what an awesome club we have. It was wonderful to see all our club members competing in the open and novice events still cheering each other on at the end of two long days of competition. We look forward to the brags from you first time competitors. We are definitely counting all of you in our blessings this holiday season.

Theresa

Korra Q'd twice her first day. Not at all her 2nd (handler error!).

Lynn

I don't usually post things but I'm excited to learn that my Ranger is ranked #1 Labrador in UKC rally standing in both RO2 and RO3 levels. That means we have a spot at the invitational in June which happens to fall on my birthday!

Debby

Breeze had 4 clean runs this weekend in open. She was still too slow on 2 of them to Q, but I will take that for her. She ended up with one 1st and one 2nd place!. As for Cooper, I think he was nervous when he was running the standard runs.....probably from me and did not Q them. However, he made up for it with jumpers and got 2 Q's, both with clean runs. He ended up getting a 1st and 2nd. I was proud of them both!

Holly

I am bragging for my mom Annette Talbot. She ran two dogs in the agility trial over the weekend and was successful.

First- Torrem Q'd in his Open Standard Preferred run on both Saturday and Sunday, which gives him two legs. He didn't Q in his Open Jumpers Preferred he was to slow, but he tried.

Second-Travis- Travis is great, he has been training with my mom for under a year and this was his first trial ever. He Q'd in his Novice Standard Run and Novice Jumpers run on Saturday. He followed that performance up by Q'ng in both of his Novice Standard and Jumpers run's on Sunday. Again, this was his first trial ever and he acted like a pro... I am not going to talk about my runs with Lumina, but I know a lot of people were entertained. UGH!!!

Cindy Gaines

Another Great BRDTC Agility Trial!! Congrats to everyone that Q'd and those that didn't, it's a great learning experience.

Molly had a great weekend going until I messed her up on the last run on Sunday. She DBL Q on Saturday with Two 1st places in EX A and EX A JJW. I moved her up on Sunday to EX B JJW and she had another clean run. We now need to work on speed to get the ribbons (only 7 Seconds). Thanks again to all the workers that made this TRIAL THE BEST.

Bob Pat and Molly

Thanks to the expert handling of Megan, Gem earned 16 MACH pts. over the weekend. On the other hand, Thriller needs to go back to reform school to learn not to visit with the ring crew!

Donna T.



First to everyone congrats to all the Q's over the weekend. It was my first trial and my head is still spinning from all the info I was given by everybody. I did have a good weekend also considering it was our first trial. Sat Maya got 1st place with a clean run in JWW and on Sun got 1st and clean runs in Novice Standard and JWW so I am so proud of her. Her sister Kona NQ in all of her attempts but only knocked down 1 bar each day in JWW which is a huge improvement for her since she used to knock all the bars down. She is getting there too. Congrats to all again for all your great runs and Qs.

Ann Gugel

Smokey and I haven't trialed much in the past year and I am rusty at best, but he carried me all weekend. He Q'd 3 out of 4 runs with probably (but hopefully not) his last First place ribbon in Ex. A Std. moving him on to Ex. B. We both made a mistake in the 4th run. Lots of fun courses! Thanks and congratulations to all for a great weekend.

Vicki Crites

Satchmo had a great Sunday in his first AKC agility trial. He got a 2nd place with a 90 in Novice Standard and then though his run was clean in Novice Jumpers his slow mom (who also handled him wrong on the weaves) cost him a Q by going way over time. He also wore his big boy pants and handled the other dogs around him without any kind of protest!

Issie got very scared by sudden banging on the PA as she was on deck to run and just fell apart. I was proud because up to that point she was calm and happy. Once I convince her that the field isn't scary (again) she will get to try again in March).

Thank you to everyone! What a great trial Blue Ridge puts on.

Joy, Satchmo and traumatized Issie

Thanks to all our great workers - trial, lunch, set up, tear down, and all the jobs that I don't see. This a great club and I don't mind being repetitious. This was Banjo's 2nd trial and he especially loved running with all his friends from classes in Novice. The dog walk was our downfall for standard both Saturday and Sunday. We will be anxious to get on a new dog walk with rubber footing (thank you Stacey). I had a long talk with Banjo about scaring his mom by jumping off the high section of the dog walk!!! For JWW, he had a great run on Saturday but his handler couldn't get him in the correct end of the tunnel for the last jump. But I made it up to him on Sunday; he did a great run with only a slight smelling meander giving him 3 time faults on an otherwise perfect run for his first Q and his first blue ribbon!! I went on line today and put all the BR trials on my calendar for next year!

Marty Matheson

Chia (Pinnacle My Poppet Chia RN) earned her second leg in Novice JWW agility Saturday at the Oriole trial, with a clean run and a first place. Timer ran well in JWW, but was less than a second too slow to qualify. In standard, Timer ran clean again, but was very worried about something, so again, he was too slow. Chia did the teeter for the first time in competition, (woo hoo!!!) but didn't care for the green fabric on the chute, so NQ'd in standard.

Kathy

Frosty earned the opportunity to participate this year, so I opted to enter them both. The current format for the NOI is 8 rings with 8 judges. All dogs compete in all the rings on both Saturday and Sunday. They do 2 to 3 exercises from Open and Utility in each ring. All exercises are done twice at We have returned from Florida and our adventure to the National Obedience Invitational. Both Icey and some time during the day. Thank goodness, for my stress level, we only had to do Out of Sight Stays ONE time, on Saturday only. It was somewhat like doing two trials per day, with two dogs, for two days. Add in the fact that there was a LONG walk from the parking area, a LONG walk to take the dogs outside to exercise them, and LOTS of walking to see what was going on in which ring for which dog. I knew it would be a LOT of running aroundand I was right! But both dogs did a great job, working for me all day long for both days.

This year we had a real warm up ring, which was very nice. Last year, we had a tiny space that was maybe two mats wide and maybe 25 feet long, not really big enough to do much warming up. This year, the ring was four baby gates long and almost four baby gates wide, so at least big enough to set up to practice go-outs, do a broad jump, practice drops, do retrieves, do some heeling, etc. This was the only space we were allowed to have the dogs off leash, other than in the rings. All the exhibitors were actually quite polite about sharing the space, letting people share the ring with them, and not staying in for too long. Sometimes the line to get in it was pretty long, but it usually moved pretty fast. Sometimes there was no one in line at all. On Saturday, the junior handlers also had their two rings where they were doing Novice and Beginner Novice. It was GREAT to see so many AWE-SOME junior handler teams in there competing! It sure would be nice to encourage more juniors to participate from our area in these classes. Icey had two pretty good days. She only had a



couple of mistakes over the two days and was happy to work each time I got her out. The promise of jackpots kept her going! This was Icey's second time to compete at the NOI, so all the distractions were not totally new to her. During her set of stays, the dog beside her lay down, but she held her sit nicely.

Frosty was a very good boy too! This was his first time competing at the NOI, but he worked his little heart out for me. Every time I opened his crate, he bounded out ready to work. He blew a go-out in his very first ring, and then I got NQ'd in another ring for holding a signal too long for a jump. Then for one of his Drop on Recalls, as I was walking away from him, I heard him start a fit of reverse sneezing. When I turned around at the other end of the ring, he was standing up. That in itself wouldn't have NQ'd him, so the judge had me call him. I did, and he came, still sucking for air. When I asked him to drop, he stopped, but just stood there choking. So I just went to him and covered his nose to get him to stop. The judge gave us a minute, Frosty recovered, then we went on to complete a Directed Retrieve and Signals successfully. What a good boy! During Frosty's stays, the dogs on both sides of him laid down and he sat there like a trooper! On Sunday, Frosty did a GREAT job and qualified in every exercise. Good boy!

Icey ended up as the Top Keeshond for the weekend and Frosty was second. They were also ranked 5th and 6th in the Non-Sporting Group. I'm really proud of them! They held up well!

This is truly an obedience endurance test. Doing this with one dog is challenging enough, but doing it with two dogs is pretty much bordering on insanity! Ha! I had to keep track of about three rings at one time, be ready with different dogs in different rings, know heel patterns, potty dogs (and me!), check what was happening in the next ring, etc. A couple of times I took the same dog right from one ring to the next, then switched dogs and armband numbers and did the same with the other dog. I had one total conflict in the very last two rings, where the dogs were supposed to go in two different rings at the same time. The judges and ring stewards were extremely accommodating and just told me to come back with the second dog when I was ready. So it all worked out! If I ever do this again with two dogs, I think I need to take a Bucket B..... er... Person with me to help out with some of the running back and forth.

Although I do most of my training at home in the yard, it was WONDERFUL to be able to rent the BRDTC room several times to do some indoor training to get ready for this event!

Margaret Bissell

Since John is in Florida I will brag for him. John and Oreo got 4 1st places!!!! 2 more DQ's!!! And 77 PACH points!! Oreo earned her MJP and her MXP. It is fun watching your own dog run!! I love that little black dog!!!

Stacy

My Ashley showed in the conformation ring very well as did Tyler for Fred handling him. Ashley "made the cut" on Thrs. & got a 2nd look the next day. Fred jokes that he got 2 firsts --- first in the ring & first to leave it!

Bobbie Lutz



WHAT TO DO WITH AWARDS FORMS

Note: The form for the titles earned is the last page of the December newsletter thanks to Martha.

Dear Donna Smith has agreed to tabulate the awards again this year, so you will be giving them to her. We will have some boxes at the training center for you to put your plaques in. With all of the brags, I would imagine that we have many titles to report!

Donna T.

Some folks chose to submit their info via email last year and that is fine too. Just remember to:

- A) send it to my email address, not the list!
- B) Include all the same info as the form lists.
- C) Remember that exceptionally long titles/awards may of necessity and economy is abbreviated. It costs by the letter and some of you are awfully busy bees.
- D) To provide the appropriate abbreviations -- UKC AGII, e.g. -- for the various venues, since I am not familiar with all the acronyms.
- E) If you have a plaque already, I urge you to bring it in the protective wrapper you got it in or at least a mailer or manila envelope so it doesn't get scratched up in the box or in transit.

And I know some folks trial the last weekend of the month, so there may be some latecomers.

D smith



"A Note From Sue Rich"

Normally I wouldn't say anything about my private life but if this helps ease just one person's mind, it's worth it.

Here I am, one week after open heart valve replacement surgery.

Scary facing that kind of surgery for my first ever surgical experience. I knew for over 40 years that eventually this would be necessary. BUT, when your doctor finally says "It's time"

you're not ready.

In my mind I knew this needed to be done, but I was fairly asymptomatic. Never had any type of surgery before. No pain...so, voluntarily signing up for this was scary. I put it off another 6 months but I could see things would only get worse. It wasn't going to fix itself and that magical Star Trek Tricorder was a long way off.

My brother is a neurosurgeon...so, he considered this (in his words) "No big deal...a plumbing problem". Thanks bro! But he stepped in and offered his doctor contacts and his home for my recovery. My sister and almost sister Gail are "watching the shop" and Mom got saddled with my two somewhat spoiled older dogs....What's family for???

I want to tell any of you facing open heart surgery that the surgery and recuperation isn't that bad....they got good drugs. I was expecting pain and severe limits on recuperation. Who would have guessed that what I needed the pain meds for was a sore throat because of the tubes inserted for surgery and my neck and shoulder muscles were tight and knotted. The actual incision and breast bone cutting did not hurt and still doesn't. Oh, there are aches and minor pains....but did I mention they got good drugs for that.

All the nurses, doctors and aides at Wake-Med were great...and yes, they had me up walking the halls the next day.

I'm at my brother's home in Raleigh, NC now and not only is he a great doctor and brother...he 's a fantastic cook....I was planning on losing maybe 10 lbs as benefit....doesn't look like that's going to happen. Chinese tonight!

I hope this helps take away some anxiety for those facing open heart surgery.

Note: *I had no complicating factors like smoking (never), not overweight, not diabetic, moderate drinker, no high blood pressure, no cholesterol problems. So, my doctors were thrilled they only had to worry over my heart valve.*

Sue



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Jan - NO MEETING
Feb - Awards Banquet
March 7-9—AKC agility trial
15-17 - ukc trial
23-24 - akc agility trial
April 12-14 - ukc agility trial

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 1st & 3rd Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



The Rich Kids
Morgan, Buddy, Breeze, Cooper



The DeMott Kids
Chelsea & Ryder

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TITLES EARNED—2012

Club Member's Name _____

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Dog's Name _____

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