

Blues News

September 2016

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

BRDTC 2016 Meeting

Pictures by Lisa Marino



Lisa Marino
demonstrating
Treibball skills
with her "big
white dogs. .



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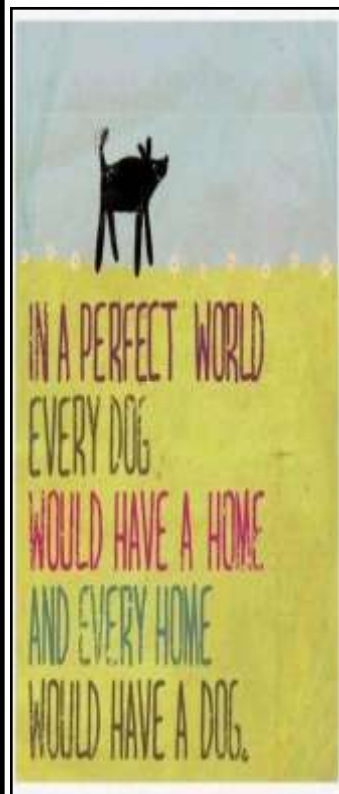
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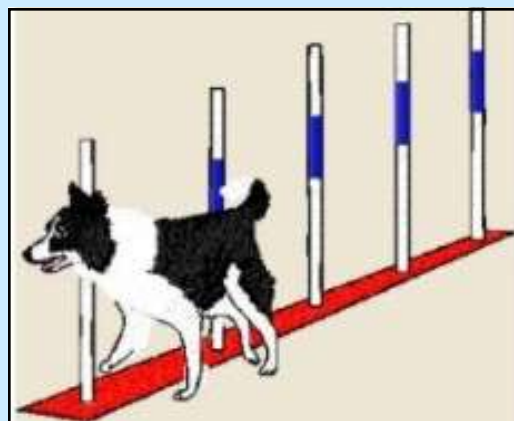
BRDTC at Canine Carnival-Sherando Park
Pictures by Debbie Vance





This event benefits Esther Boyd Shelter and our part has always been a crowd favorite and is an important community outreach activity.







AKC Tracking Invitational

Pictures sent by Mary Ann Dean



The 2016 AKC National Tracking Invitational was held September 17 & 18, 2016 at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, 2499 Clermont Rd, Clermont, KY40110. This was only the seventh time this event has been held which was open to all dogs earning the Champion Tracker (CT) title during the 'Qualifying Period' from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2016. Of the dogs that were invited to enter, there were 51 entries for the event that was limited to 12 dogs. Minsk and I was one of the 12.

Mary Ann Dean and CT MinskBquad of Deanfields Minsk and my journey together began in June 2007 and has span such a sweeping panorama of experiences, people that we have met, and the wonderful clubs that we would have never had the privilege to know it is difficult to impossible to select any given mark as the beginning, turning point, or conclusion of our quest. The very start can be marked with Woody Thurman and his wife Judi breeding my exceptional partner and to a tracking seminar held in the 1990's with Bernie and Donna Thompson which started the dream of achieving those wonderful tracking titles and the rare but elusive Champion Tracker. Let us not forget to participate in an AKC National Tracking Invitational was added to that wish list. Minsk has fulfilled my dreams. She has taught me so much more and I am still learning from her although her greatest gift was the revelation of a universal truth. This insightful knowledge occurred while driving home from Michigan it was, "Pass or fail I love tracking Minsk." To my partner may I always say, "Let's go tracking and have some fun!" What an experience and although the NTI was not a pass/fail trial all the excitement was there.

Our results: Minsk and I were the last track on Sunday in 84+ degree sunny conditions and as the judges said, we were the fastest and most exciting to watch.

Mary Ann

So proud of you two & bragged about you at the tracking seminar we gave in TN last weekend.

Thank you for working with the students that I have sent to you.

Donna T





Pet Night on the Hill

Pictures by Lisa Marino

Pet Night on the Hill is an annual event - this was its 20th year. Spumoni and Zamboni were invited to Pet Night on the Hill, on Tuesday the 20th a reception to showcase the importance of the human animal bond. They met with Congressional staffers, Congress people and other aides as well as representatives from PetPartners, HABRI, (Human Animal Bond Research Initiative)

The Marinos were invited because they are affiliated with Pet Partners, the therapy animal group their dogs have tested with, and that Lisa evaluates for. Pet Partners joined up with HABRI this year. They needed about 6 dogs and did a zip code search for those Pet Partner registered teams near DC.

HABRI maintains the largest library of human - animal bond research and also funds research projects to document the health benefits to owning companion animals

www.habri.org

www.petnightoncapitolhill.com

The goal is to remind lawmakers how important pets are to human health and wellness.



Steven Feldman, the executive director of HABRI (Human Animal Bond Research Initiative) Foundation



Todd Marino



"Thank You"

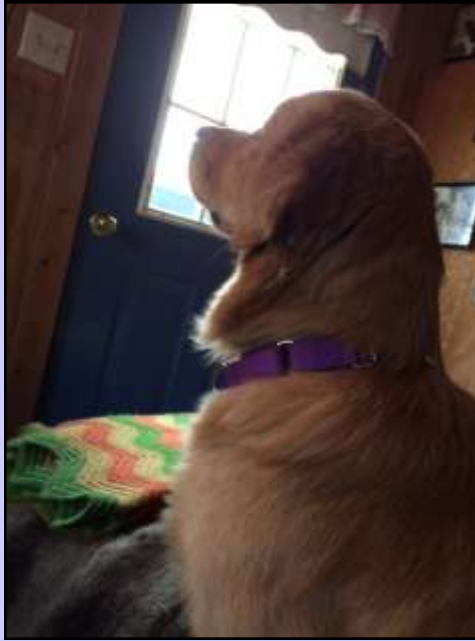
Thanks to all who helped with today's run thru, especially John for his always excellent courses, Joy, Ed and Barbara who came early to help set the course and Janet who kept track of the money. We had a great time and earned \$300 for the Louisiana shelters.

Theresa

Lacey, Willie, Gibbs and I had a fun afternoon at the agility run thrus to benefit the dogs in Louisiana. It was laid back, relaxed and the dogs loved it. Thanks to Theresa Manchey, Donna Smith and everyone else that organized this.

Sandy Golden

Picture Of the Month



**"I LOVE TO WATCH
THE "DOG
WHISPER".
IT'S SO FUNNY".**

Gal a
Thompson

Deb Hutchinson Seminar Financials

Income: \$ 1000

Expense: \$ 600

Profit: \$ 400

Submitted by Donna Richardson, treasurer

Seconding that big thanks and congrats to Rory & Carol for the successful seminar weekend.

Have spoken to several club members who participated and the consensus is that it was a very valuable experience.

Great job all! Donna Smith

The 2 day Ron Heller distance seminar was a big success. A huge thank you goes out to Carol and Rory Nansel who submitted a well thought out proposal to the board and then followed it through with publicizing, taking registrations, setting up and managing the event as well as taking care of the presenter's needs and cleaning up after it was all over. The club appreciates your time and effort with this seminar.

Here is the financial breakdown for the seminar:

Ron Heller Seminar Financials

Income: \$ 1760 (1835-75 refund)

Expense: \$ 1042 (Heller fee-700, lodging-173, meals-45, snacks for attendees-124)

Profit: \$ 718

Submitted by Donna Richardson, treasurer



BRDTC at Apple Harvest Festival



DAILY SNAPSHOT



GINGER PERRY/The Winchester Star

Dogs show their stuff at apple festival

Morgan Vance, 16, leads her Sheltie through an agility jump course during a demonstration by members of the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club at the Shenandoah Valley Apple Harvest Festival on Saturday at the Frederick County Fairgrounds. This was a new event at the festival. Proceeds from the event are returned to the community through donations to organizations such as the Youth Development Center and the Winchester Rescue Mission.



GINGER PERRY/The Winchester Star

Morgan Vance, 16, of Stephens City, has her sheltie Shadow jump on her back, demonstrating some of the 130 plus tricks Shadow can do. Members of the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club held agility demonstrations at the Winchester Rotary Club's Shenandoah Valley Apple Harvest Festival on Saturday at the Frederick County Fairgrounds.





Mark Your Calendar



Greater Hickory Kennel Club

Presents

A WEEKEND WITH JANE KILLION
AND



JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING WEEKEND OF
DISCUSSION OF JANE'S INNOVATIVE, RESEARCH BASED PROTOCOL FOR
RAISING MENTALLY SOUND, HAPPY AND OUTGOING PUPPIES

WHEN: OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2016

WHERE: HICKORY METRO CONVENTION CENTER
1960 13TH AVE DR SE – HICKORY NC 28602

HOW MUCH: \$200 FOR RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BY 10/1
\$250 AFTER 10/1 BASED ON AVAILABILITY*

REGISTRATION: ON LINE AT WWW.GHKC.COM
OR REQUEST A REGISTRATION FORM BY EMAIL TO
stellarvizslas@bellsouth.net

* Cost includes Lunch each day. Space is limited to 100 people, early registration encouraged.



Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club

hosts ...

Avidog's Transformational Puppy Rearing and Transformational Puppy Evaluation and Matching

DATE: February 25-26, 2017 (Saturday - Sunday)

TIME: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm both days

LOCATION: Blue Ridge Community College, Plecker Hall,
1 College Lane, Weyers Cave, VA 24486

SEMINAR DETAILS: What we do in the first months of a dog's life set the stage for its future! Through simple methods, we can change our dog's health and temperament, setting it up for lifetime success. During this fast-paced, fun two-day seminar we will explore canine development from conception on and the specific techniques we can use to bring out the best in every puppy.

DAY 1: *Transformational Puppy Rearing* will focus on puppy rearing from before conception to 16 weeks. We will investigate what goes on with pups each step of their early lives and how we can influence them so they become healthy, stable dogs, well prepared for their future lives. This seminar presents easy-to-understand research and easy-to-use techniques for raising brave and healthy puppies.

"I have never been more impressed or more satisfied
with any other seminar ever!"

— Sandra Esford, GoldenCo! Golden Retrievers

DAY 2: *Transformational Puppy Evaluation and Matching* introduces the when, what, why and how of puppy and owner evaluations so we can match puppies to homes where they will thrive. How can you determine which pup you should keep? If you are a breeder, how do you pick the right pup for each home? And once you've made your choice, how do you use what you know about each pup to create a tailored socialization plan for it? If you are new to puppy evaluation, you'll find out that it's not as hard as you think. If you've been doing it for years, you'll learn some new tips about this important skill!

Who Should Attend: The seminar has something to offer any serious dog person, including dog breeders and owners seeking stable, confident canine competitors and companions. Dog trainers who test and evaluate individual puppies or entire litters will also benefit.

Additional Benefits: All seminar participants will receive ongoing support and updates on the latest research from the Avidog team through a secure portion of the Avidog.com website and a private Facebook Forum.

A Two-Day Avidog Seminar
presented by
Dr. Gayle L. Watkins, Ph.D.



About the Speaker:

A weekend with Dr. Gayle Watkins will be filled with stories, ideas and easy-to-use techniques to bring out the best in every puppy. Gayle has actively shown and bred multi-purpose Golden Retrievers under the Gaylan's kennel prefix since 1979. Over the past 35 years, she has produced, owned and/or shown over 60 American and Canadian conformation, obedience, agility and tracking champions, as well as Master Hunters, Qualified All-Age, and mission-ready Search and Rescue dogs. Her breeding program has also produced over a dozen GRCA Outstanding Dams and Sires.

The key to Gaylan's consistent success is the science that underlies the techniques we use to rear litters, evaluate puppies, and match them to homes based on measurable traits. For 15 years, Gayle has been teaching this science and techniques to breeders of all types from around the world. Her fun, fast-paced, easy-to-understand presentation style will introduce you to puppy-raising science and methods so you can use them, too.

"Gayle's intelligence, passion, and commitment, along with her dynamic delivery and wonderful sense of humor, made the days fly by and left me wanting more."

— Kelly St Jacques, Kaidan Shelties

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Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club

Hosts A Two-Day Avidog Seminar

presented by

Dr. Gayle L. Watkins, Ph.D.

Jan Simmons

1117 Brookwood Lane

Waynesboro, VA 22980

Questions? seminar@commonwealthdogtraining.com

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

STREET

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

EMAIL

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

PRIMARY BREED

I will not hold Gayle Watkins, Avidog International, Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club, Blue Ridge Community College or their workers liable for any loss, damage or injury to myself or my property while attending this event."

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____ Date: _____



Myra Savant Harris

CANINE REPRODUCTION, WHELPING & PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Skyline Kennel Club of Virginia

November 5th & 6th, 2016 Saturday 9 – 4, Sunday 9-2

Hampton Inn 400 Payne Lane, Staunton, VA 24401 (540) 886-7000

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate until October 14th (Double \$129.99 plus tax)

Registration Fees (Light breakfast & lunch included each day):

Reservations made by October 28th - \$125.00

Reservations made after October 28th - \$150.00

Space is limited – register early!

Make checks payable to **Skyline Kennel Club** Complete the form below & send to:

Kipp Whelan 808 Emmanuel Church Road, Mount Solon, VA 22843

For questions, contact Kipp at 540 487 1623 or tulipridgefarm@gmail.com

Name: _____ Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____



"WAGS & BRAGS"



So proud of my boy. Despite his obsession with swimming in the pond, he was able to focus and grab the toy in speed retrieve before his victory swim. It only took us a little over 2 years to get his speed retrieve express club title! In our defense we have only done speed retrieve in 3 previous club events just really spread out. Thanks Chesapeake Dockdogs for a long, but great day and for letting me and Satchmo play.

Joy

Satchmo definitely got the better day to play this weekend. What a perfect day at Westwind Kennels for the benefit event for Chessie Rescue. Satchmo and I tried the chase method in our distance jump and though his practice jump was big his competition jump came after air retrieve and he didn't have as much left.

He was the last dog standing (OK really swimming) and got the furthest AR grab by 2 feet, matching his personal best of 18 feet. Thank you Chuck Diehl for a great summer of NADD events and for putting up with "team just keep swimming's", swimming.

Joy

Atticus, Larry's dog, just started agility trials in May and has earned his ACK Open STD title and Novice AKC JWW.

Shadow, qualified this summer to run in the ACK Nationals in Perry, GA next March.

Morgan will run her Shadow and Duke, Debbie's dog, at the AKC Junior Agility Trial in Orlando, FL in December.

Debbie Vance

Today in barn hunt, Satchmo Q'd both Novice runs though he only needed one for his RATN title. Hopefully we can do some run thrus before trying Open since he had a hard time with not obsessing on the rat once it left the ring (luckily he did not use his jumper legs to follow the rat over the ring gating). He was more in control overall though he concerned me on the first run when he wouldn't stop obsessing on the rat to do his tunnel. Most importantly we had much fun and I got to see many friends. Thank you Happy Ratters of Harrisonburg for another wonderful trial.

Joy





“More Brags!”



Spumoni earned his Working Samoyed Title from Samoyed Club of America 1000 points - combination of therapy work (100+ hours) and herding instinct testing
Zamboni earned her Rally Advanced at the last trial at BRDTC.

Biscotti earned her Novice Parkour title from International Dog Parkour Association. **Lisa Marino**

"New Kid on the Block"



Meet "Scrat", the smallest Border Collie in the nation. What started out as a Petsitting in July, ended up in co-ownership for Morgan Vance. She looks forward to going far in the agility world with him, perhaps some international travel, too.



Meet Russell Bissell. As a stress reliever, I snacked on A Russell Stover white chocolate bunny! When a tiny white puppy popped out, I decided it was providential and dubbed the boy puppy "Russell". By the time Russell had his eyes open and started to toddle around, he already knew his name. And so it has stuck.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Oct 19 - CGC/Tdi test
Oct 30 Hal l oween Par ty
Nov 11 - meeting
Nov 18-20 obedience trial
Dec. 2-4 akc agility trial
Dec 10 - Auction/party

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



**October 19
CGC/TDI Test**

**October 30
Halloween Party
Costumes welcomed.**