

Blues News

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

February/March 2018

"Message from the President"

Last Tuesday, Blue Ridge held a meeting at the training room and I wanted to give those of you unable to attend a brief update on happenings and such.

The club had \$199,963.88 in all accounts total- but this included the deposit for the agility trials but not the payouts so that amount will drop after the trial bills are paid. The board has retained the services of Cundiff and Associates again to review the books from 2017 and to prepare our 2017 taxes. The materials have been dropped off at the accountants this week.

The board has created committees to be head of various club jobs. Board members volunteered to chair these committees and I urge club members to speak to them and offer to help in areas that interest you. Ed Strawsnyder and Gary Fisher are in charge of a "new" building committee. Our lease is up in 4 years and as the building is already for sale we have decided to start looking for a place we can buy ourselves. This could be property to build on or a existing structure that would fit our needs. Area we are looking at is the I81 corridor from Woodstock to WV line and east into possibly Clarke or Warren county.

Maintenance of the current building is chaired by Bob Tatara. This includes but is not limited to turf cleaning, disinfecting, mouse control, HVAC maintenance and grounds.

Colleen Nolan and Bobbi Lutz are the meeting chairs. They have already done a great job with the blood bank speaker at our meeting. Please contact them to help plan future meetings.

Debbie Vance volunteered to chair the demo committee. She and Holly Rich are actively looking for participants for the May 6 demo at Jim Barnett Park during Apple Blossom weekend. This is a great way to give your dogs some practice and to get public awareness of our club and it's offerings.

Joy Pitcher is head of the events committee. This consists of coordinating with other groups who are leasing our facility for a dog event and coordinating with those in charge of seminars. **Speaking of seminars we will be having Beth Mathews back on May 19- this is being handled by Anne Laskey. A nosework seminar is being planned for sometime in June and we have Tracy Sklenar coming for a weekend of agility seminars in August.** More info on all of these will be coming shortly. If you have an idea and would like to help arrange a seminar, check with Joy



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JELLY ROLLS!





or any other board member.

We will be sending out a survey to the membership to vote on a preferred logo to use for the club. There have been 2 used in recent years which are similar in some ways but still different. Donna Smith is getting the survey together with surveymonkey and will be sending it out soon.

Finally we will have our next meeting at the Annual Awards dinner which will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center (formerly Best Western) on Sunday April 15. Doors will open at 6:30PM and a buffet dinner of baked chicken, roast pork, steamship round of beef, buttered corn, green beans with ham, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and desserts will be served around 7:00PM. The cost is \$20/person. There will be a cash bar and Amy Grimm has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker- and if you have ever heard one of Amy's speeches, you will want to come and hear this year's rendition of our lives with our dogs. After the speech and a short meeting we will give out the awards honoring the accomplishments we have had with our canine partners this year. If this is your first year, Blue Ridge will supply a plaque. Anyone who has a plaque to be updated can give it to Donna Richardson or leave it in the labeled box at the training center (I will let everyone know where it is once I place it). We have an email form to be sent out later this week that you can fill out online with all of your new titles. Members must pay the engraving fee which is 15 cents a letter. You can drop payment for that in the treasurers box or send it to PO Box 104, Boyce, VA 22620. You do NOT need to be receiving an award to come to the dinner. Everyone is welcome and it is a fantastic opportunity to mingle with fellow club members. Also we will be awarding the Service Award to a club member who we voted on at the last meeting so come on out and enjoy yourself.

Remember the tracking test is this coming weekend on Sunday the 18th. Volunteer to help with Donna Thompson or just come on out to watch.

Donna Richardson



**Donna Richardson presented
With a Good Sportsman
Award at the meeting.**

Picture by Bobbie Lutz



In memory of **Terri Kieffer**

At the Blue Ridge agility trial, member Carol Nansel put out a box for donations in memorial to Terri Keiffer. Terri was the lady who always took outstanding photos of the dogs at our agility trials. She died unexpectedly last fall. Carol also made a request that Blue Ridge make a donation. All of the donations went to Take the Lead...an organization formed to help dog owners in times of personal crisis and natural disasters. The total collected and sent to Take the Lead in memory of Terri Keiffer was \$575 including a donation from Blue Ridge of \$100. Thank you to Carol for thinking of this project and making it happen. Blue Ridge is full of caring members who are always looking for ways to support our dog loving friends and members.

Donna Richardson

Thank you to the club and to the members who made donations in memory of **Terri Kieffer (Key4Prints)** during our agility trial. If you missed the trial and still want to make a donation in Terri's memory, you can go to the Take The Lead website and donate directly. Be sure you note that the donation is in memory of Terri Kieffer, so they can notify her children. Take the Lead was one of Terri's favorite charities.

<https://takethelead.org/>

Take the Lead was founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit foundation under Section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code dedicated to provide direct services, support and care for all qualified participants in the sport of dogs who suffer from the devastating realities of life-threatening or terminal illnesses. Last year they amended their mission to also provide emergency assistance to those who are affected by natural and civil disasters



Thank you so much to all of our wonderful club members who came out to support our agility trial and make it the success it was!! I received so many thank yous from exhibitors on how much they love to come to our trials. We are like a well-oiled machine from beginning to end, with everything running smoothly. We had one little glitch with an incident between dogs and that was dealt with by the committee members present.

Janice

Thank you all for your help & lots of donations for our agility trials. You really came through for us! Special hugs to Annette & Joyce for shopping with me on Thursday & for 3 days of work. And the 3 of us are still friends & were hugged goodbye ☐ We trained some new Bag People & hopefully they will want to join us again ☐ Now Joyce is coming over this afternoon to help me get ready for our Tracking Test on 3/18. Please let me know if you need directions to come to the test.

Amy & Mighty at the End of the run.





Picture Of the Month



CJ Brunner came out to support Morgan County, WV teachers today.

Magic Meatballs

(Eastern Goldfields Kennel Club)

1 lb. hamburger

2 c. dry kibble

1/4 c. honey

1/4 c. wheat germ oil

1/4 c. linatone or other

Grind kibble in food processor or blender. Mix all ingredients together and freeze. Use as needed for treats, bait or weight gain.



Wanted to thank the Club members for their support for the Setter trial. You were very generous with your donations.

The Bag People were awesome as always. Joyce & Annette have spent the last three weekends helping me; and I cannot thank them enough. Dorothy & Gary we're great helpers & our entertainment.

Many of the collie people showed at the trial because there were here for their national. It felt so good to receive so many compliments from them.

Donna R ran an excellent trial, and it was a happy weekend.

A very tired ☐

Donna t



Mark Your Calendar



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Entries Close at Superintendent's Office at 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules.

Premium List

Back to Back Shows
77th & 78th All-Breed Dog Shows
(Unbenched)



SHAWNEE KENNEL Club, Inc.

(American Kennel Club Licensed)

FREDERICK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
155 FAIRGROUND Rd.
CLEAR BROOK, VA 22624

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
April 7 & 8, 2018

AKC National Owner-Handled Series ~ Each Day
4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition ~ Each Day



The main branch of the Handley Library in Winchester would like to move its Paws for Reading program to Saturday afternoons, on opposite weeks from the Bowman program. Lisa Marino and I have been covering this program while it was on week days, but neither of us can commit to Saturday visits due to our competition and training schedules. The visits are one hour and begin at 1:00 p.m. and will begin in May. If you are interested, please contact me directly tmanchey@shentel.net. Thanks, Theresa Manchey

Donna Thompson and I are looking for an assistant for the CGC and TDI class. I'm teaching the first 3 weeks of CGC focused instruction and Donna the last 4 weeks of TDI prep. If anyone is interested please contact me via email. The class meets Wednesdays at [7:00](#). Thanks, Joy and Donna

Blue Ridge is in need of someone to take registrations, schedule testing slots, and organize volunteers for the upcoming TDI test in May. I can no longer do this but will be organizing and scheduling the CGC test which will be held on a different night. If you're willing to do this contact Donna Thompson. The test cannot be scheduled unless someone steps up. Thank you, joy pitcher
Member of BRDTC board

Mark your calendars. . . BRDTC Awards Dinner is set for Sunday, April 15th at 6:30pm. Dinner served at 7:00pm with short meeting and awards ceremony to follow. Details for ordering plaques will come at a later date.
Debbie Vance,
BRDTC Secretary

COMING EVENTS

**APR
7-8**

Shawnee KC Dog Show
All-breed show

**APR
21**

Old Dominion KC Dog Show
All Breed dog show



"WAGS & BRAGS"



NATCH 9 for Kismet at Periland.
Love this sweet girl. **Kitty**



Satchmo and I had a good weekend up at Periland Agility. We Qd in 8 out of 9 events with some very nice runs. He was a good boy and had to crate out in the middle section (we usually have a partitioned side area with friends). I love playing with this boy! True to contact loving Satchmo during the Colors run Sunday I chose the course without the dog walk (he strolls over it) and on a tight after a jump next to it he looked at the dog walk and looked at me sadly but then came and did the tunnel anyway. He is a hoot. **Joy**



Finn here. My mommy said I did a really good job in my jumpers class this morning. All I know is that I did my "sit backs" on the start line, paid good attention to her, and had fun running and jumping. Then I got LOTS of treats! I love treats!! This agility stuff is FUN! **Carol Nansel**

The Princess wants everyone to know that she guided her daddy into a clean run in her Masters Standard class today. She says he's coming around and showing some promise. Go Princess Kenzie!





“More Brags!”

Magic was brilliant earning her MXP2 and MJP2, Double Qs #13 and #14 with 2 2nds and a 3rd place, she took 1st place on Sunday in the difficult jumpers run. She earned 38 points toward her PACH. She is a great partner and I am blessed.

Mace had a great time and reminded me to keep it FUN. He had some great moments, and his 'find the last jump' was perfect.

Thank you all for your help at the trial, especially cleaning up.

Suzi Dodson

My Whippet Roxie earned her AGI title and two legs on her AGII at the O.T.C.H. UKC agility trial the beginning of March & all with 1st place.

Sat. at the Catoctin KC rally trial, Roxie's Mom Ashley earned legs 4 & 5 on RAE9.

Bobbie Lutz

The Keepsake Kees have some brags too! Lincoln Q'd in Open Standard on Friday to earn his OA! Then he Q'd in Excellent JWW for his first leg there. On Sunday, he Q'd in Excellent Standard for his first leg in that class.

Russell had his agility debut! I had really forgotten how stressful it is to take a baby dog in the ring for the very first time. But after the first run, I was able to breathe for the other runs. Russell did a great job and earned two Q's each in both Novice Standard and Novice JWW!!

I am so proud of both my boys! We still have things to learn, and I have to remember how to handle them better, but they had a blast and did a great job!

Some of you may have noticed other Kees at the trials too. Those belong to Kimberly Smith. Her younger dog is one that I bred and is Lincoln's younger sister, Shyenne. Shyenne Q'd in Excellent Standard and in Excellent JWW. Big THANKS to BRDTC for a great weekend of trials! And BIG THANKS to the Bag Ladies for the most delicious lunches! The BBQ was awesome!!!

Margaret Bissell

Yesterday Kai (GCHB CH Angel Kiss the S'Kai de Ariosa CD BN RE CAA CGCA), my 3 1/2 year old Spanish Water Dog bitch, won Best of Breed at Westminster under the capable hands of my fabulous co-owner Lisa Harper. While she didn't get a pull or group placement were over the moon.

Colleen Nolan

"New Kid on the Block"



Our new dog, Jasper. My Valentine gift. Ignore me I am having a bad hair day.

Joyce Riggs

Lacey was so happy to be running again. Q'd in Master Standard Preferred on Friday and JWW on Saturday. Both NQs were my fault of course, low information handler on Friday and she was moving too fast for the blind I tried on Saturday. I was very happy with the results since we had not run at a trial since the middle of October. It felt so good to be back. I loved watching the young dogs get legs and titles in Novice and open! **Janice**

Kindle needed 2 QQs going into the weekend for MACH4 and I really wanted one of our purple and black ribbons but alas, it wasn't meant to be. She QQd on Friday and Qd in JWW the other 2 days. Maybe another time. Capers was the real star of the car! She started her agility career last Sunday at the CAKC trial where she got her first two Qs in Nov Std and JWW. She ran Friday and Sunday at our trial and Qd all 4 runs to earn her NA and NAJ! So proud of the baby dog! Let's hear from the rest of you!!

Janice



“More Brags!”

CONGRATULATIONS!
Drydock's Scarab Of Silverhill
 has been named one of the Top Rottweilers in Obedience Open & Utility of AKC competition in the United States for 2017

and all Top Junior Handlers will be honored at the 16th Annual Top Dog Evening. The of the ARC Triathlon Rottweiler of the Year Award and Top 20 Competition. It Specialty on Friday night, May 18, 2018 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. For al Specialty, visit the website at www.arcnationals.com.

allion and Certificate will be awarded to the #1 dog in each area; all other rankings and Certificates will only be awarded to those dogs whose owner is a current ARC member as earned (2017). All Top Dog recipients will be listed in the Top Dog Evening Catalog whether the owner is an ARC member or not.

competition of Top Performance Dogs and there is no entry fee. We ask if you are



Tubbs got mail! Even though he was severely handicapped by his crippled handler, Tubbs managed to make it in the Top 10 Rotts for Open and Utility obedience. How did I get so lucky to have this dog??

Patrice

Data got to take his favorite teenager for a run at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Agility Trial. Danielle Rinker (Toms Brook 4-H member) has been volunteering to help at our agility trials since she was 8 years old. She doesn't have a dog and has never run a dog before, but she can do most of the jobs around the ring. On Sunday she ran a master level jumpers course with Data - and did a GREAT job! Morgan Vance also invited her to run Shadow and they Q'd in jumpers! Thanks to everyone who was so supportive of Danielle at our trial!

Carol and Rory Nansel



Finn was a VERY good boy today. First places for his first legs in open standard and open jumpers at the Blue Ridge Trial. What a wild ride this is turning out to be. He is so much fun to run! And of course there were LOTS of treats afterwards.

Carol Nansel



Kenzie and Gabe

Kenzie got to see her littermate Gabe. They are both going strong in agility at age 10
 Carol Nansel



“More Brags!”



Chilbrook Texas Rose, aka Rosie earned her TDX trained and handled by her breeder Debby Kay, not too long after weaning her recent litter. Rosie will continue to use her tracking skills as she sets off with her new family in New England where she will help hunt down Dementia patients that have strayed away from home as well as continuing her therapy work with a private clinical practice. Her pups are following in her paw prints and already are doing great things in the tracking arena.

On cloud nine, ten and eleven today. Soul got his first two Master Hunter passes!!!!!! Thanks to my friend Mike Bou-lais for doing a great job handling him while I was in NC doing two workshops. Time to celebrate. **Debby Kay**



Lincoln was also a good boy. He earned his OA and a leg each in Excellent Standard and Excellent JWW.
Margaret Bissell

Lincoln



Russell

Russell had his agility debut at the BEST trials. He earned two legs each in both Novice Standard and Novice JWW!

Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Keeshonden



2018 General Assembly – Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens

The recent election created quite a shake up. The Republican majority in the House went down significantly and has ended up being 51 Republicans to 49 Democrats.

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One good change is that the GA has greatly expanded the live streaming and archiving of Committee meetings. You can follow them live and then access them later on the archives. For subcommittee meetings the GA is electronically recording votes but is not videoing them.

However, a private organization called Eyes on Richmond is recording all the subcommittee meetings – both live and then archives. So citizens can really see what happens without having to actually go to Richmond. But remember - there is still no substitute for showing up.

There are a number of bills but here are the ones that will affect us most.

There are two bills to restrict boarding kennels being able to put dogs together in “play groups.”

They are HB 79, carried by Delegate Yancey and HB 94, carried by Delegate Miyares.

HB 79 is in response to the death of FENWAY, a 10-month-old Aussi who died after injuries suffered at Coastal Dog Services in Newport News in August 2017. There was another incident of a Lab, BRUCE, dying from injuries suffered at Coastal in June. The Kennel Manager, Jennifer Lewis, was charged and convicted in November for failing to provide emergency vet care for Bruce. Both events seemed to result from inadequate supervision of the dogs. So now we have HB 79.

Many VFDCB members either have a full-up business as boarding kennels or doggie-day care facilities or do boarding for clients who have bought dogs from them. These situations are more informal as the “boarded” dogs may be in the house and regular yard with the breeder’s own dogs. They are not separated unless there is a reason requiring it, for example, a bitch in season.

The Federation opposes both bills concerning “Boarding Establishments.” They are:

HB79 - sponsor Delegate Yancey –R – Newport News;

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+HB79+hil>

HB 94 - sponsor Delegate Miyares – R – Virginia Beach;

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+HB94+hil>

HB 79 calls for dogs in play groups to be separated into 5 weight classes, each class/group to be monitored by an employee and limited to a specific number of dogs in each group. There can only be one group per employee. Here is what those requirements look like:

Weight groups/Number of dogs as proposed by HB 79

Weights of Dogs

Under 15 pds

15 pds but less than 30

30 pds but less than 50

50 pds but less than 70

75 pounds or more

Maximum number of dogs in a group

No more than 10 dogs

No more than 5 dogs

No more than 3 dogs

No more than 3 dogs

No more than 2 dogs

Number of employees

1 employee 1 employee 1 employee 1 employee 1 employee



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The establishment is also required to post a notice stating the weight class requirements and the warning that "ALL GROUP PLAY CARRIES THE INHERENT RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH." The Orthodox Christian sisters who run a boarding kennel, Paws Awhile, near Warrenton, have contacted us. <http://www.pawsawhilepetmotel.com/> The kennel business supports their order and they have many clients. If this law passed it would put them out of business.

UPDATE: Both Boarding Kennel bills died. There was strong opposition to both bills and even three sisters from Paws Awhile (who always wear full habits) came to the sub-committee meeting and spoke. Sharyn and Alice coached them on how to present their case. Marcie Smith, President of Shenandoah Kennel Club and owner of Happy Hounds Doggie Day Care in Harrisonburg, also did a good job opposing these bills.

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Another bill HB 713 - <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+sum+HB713>

Would have prohibited commercial breeders from having any wire floors in any cage.

While this bill at this point in time was only for commercial breeders it is only a small step to eventually make it apply to ALL breeders. We pointed out that current law already covers wire floors under the "Adequate shelter" definition. It states:

"Under this chapter, shelters whose wire, grid, or slat floors: (i) permit the animals' feet to pass through the openings; (ii) sag under the animals' weight; or (iii) otherwise do not protect the animals' feet or toes from injury are not adequate shelter.

Commercial breeders are required to meet this law as are any other animal owners. Banning all wire floors overreaches and excludes legitimate uses – such as keeping an animal above his waste. In the hearing I pointed out that many people use wire grates in crates and pens to keep animals clean (I talked about puppies who love to throw up when they are being transported in a crate in a car) and how breeders use pens with wire floors to keep puppies above their waste and to help them learn house training.

UPDATE: HB 713 was not approved by the House Ag Subcommittee.

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There are several tethering bills and they are the main focus of HSUS and PETA this year. They have a HUGE following and they are very shrill and loud in their demands. The problem is that they really want ALL tethering banned so these bills attempt to get as much banned as possible without actually proposing an all out ban. They absolutely do not believe there are any legitimate uses for tethering.

One is HB 646 carried by Delegate John Bell of Fairfax.

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<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+sum+HB646>

The other bill (identical to HB 646) is SB 872 carried by Senator Lionell Spruill, Sr.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+sum+SB872>

UPDATE: HB 646 was killed in House Ag Subcommittee. SB 872 was significantly changed and passed the Senate with the agreement that dogs tethered during farming and hunting activities were exempt. When SB 872 came to the House side, HSUS, PETA, and the sponsor reneged on the agreement about hunting dogs so the House Subcommittee made many significant changes to the bill to the point that proponents are no longer supporting it. There was a big discussion if FULL Committee so it got sent back to the Subcommittee. That is where things are as of 2-24. It will be heard again in House Ag Subcommittee #1 on Monday Feb. 26.

The VFDCB has been very much in the fray of this fight as we believe it is not good to try to impose one-size-fits-all laws for dogs. You can see what we have said on our Facebook page.



We have also been quoted in the press. Stay tuned!

UPDATE: SB 872 was heard again in House AG Subcommittee on 2-26-18. It was continued to 2019. So it is dead for this session.

We will give a full report on all the bills after the General Assembly adjourns on March 10, 2018.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
2018

- April 11-13 SVKC ukc agility trial
- April 15 - Awards Banquet
- May 19 - Beth Matthews
- June - seminar
- July 6-9 -Akc agility trial
- July 13 - Pizza Party
- August - Agility seminar
- August - 3-5 Rally & Obedience trial

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



Annual Awards Dinner
at the Clarion Hotel and Confer-
ence Center (formerly Best West-
ern)
on Sunday April 15.
Doors will open at 6:30PM