

Blues News

December 2018

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

"2018 Auction & Dinner"



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Happy New Year









There was a good attendance at the Christmas dinner and auction. The auction netted \$429 and the board agreed to round it up to an even \$500 donation to the Clarke County Humane Society which was chosen by the attendees as the organization to which the money would be donated.

The slate of officers and board were voted on and approved by the members present for 2019. They are as follows:

President- Donna Richardson
Vice President-Ed Strawsnyder
Secretary- Stacy Defilippi
Treasurer- Donna Smith

New board member- Debbie Vance
Returning board and training director: Donna Thompson, Gary Fisher, Colleen Nolan, Bobbie Lutz, Bob Tatara

Thanks to the nominating committee of Amy Grim, Bob Tatara, and Suzy Dodson.

Donna Richardson





*"Merry Christmas
Happy New Year"*



Rainbow Bridge

If you have a special someone you want to be on the Rainbow Bridge page please e-mail me a picture and a brief write up.

Rainbow Bridge will appear in the January Newsletter.

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Beefy Christmas Trees

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| 1 Cup of Rice Flour | |
| 4 teaspoonfuls of Powdered Wheat Grass | |
| ½ Cup of Coconut Flour | 2 Tblsp of Dried Parsley |
| 1 Egg | 2 Tblsp of Bacon Fat |
| 2 small Jars of Beef & Beef Gravy Baby Food | 2 Tblsp of Water |

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine all ingredients. If dough too sticky add more flour, if too dry add more water. Roll out dough and cut into Christmas trees!!! Bake on parchment paper for about 20-25 minutes until desired crispness. Wheat Grass is believed to have anti-inflammatory properties, anti-cancer properties, be a good detox agent for the body, and is full of lots of nutrients and micronutrients.



Mark Your Calendar



Shawnee Kennel Club

AKC CONFORMATION B MATCH

Frederick County Virginia Fairgrounds
155 Fairgrounds Rd Clearbrook, VA 22624

January 19, 2019

CONFORMATION AKC B MATCH: Cost \$10; \$7 for second entry of same dog. Pre-registration 8AM to 9:30AM at the facility. Judging begins 10AM for Juniors and 11:30AM starting with Working, Sporting, Herding, Hounds, Non-Sporting, Misc., Terrier, and Toy. Puppies for each group will be first in ring then regular classes. Then Best in Puppy followed by Best in Adult Match

Judges: Hounds-John Arvin Non-Sporting-Barbara Parker Sporting- Jill Griffin Misc- Terrier- Toy-Barbara Parker Working- Jill Griffin

Juniors – Mary Lamphier
Adult Handling - Mary Lamphier
Best Puppy – John Arvin
Best Adult – John Arvin

Classes:
Puppies: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12 months
Adults: Novice and Open
Bred By Exhibitor
Juniors: 8-11 yrs, 12-14 yrs, 15 to 17 yrs

Officers:
President-Mary Lamphier
Vice-President-Ruth Surface
Treasurer-Scotti Slonaker
Recording Secretary-Tina Parker-Craig
Corresponding Secretary-Ashley Banks
Board Members-Dean Williams, Jamie Lamphier, Martha Butler and Eddie Surface

For additional information: Scotti Slonaker scotti2467@yahoo.com , Match chairperson

For Exhibition Only (FEO) Class in any age group. Dogs with a major win or that are champions of record MAY ONLY compete in FEO. EXCEPTION-Juniors.

Directions Take Exit 321 off 81 N or S go towards Clearbrook and turn right on route 11 South. Fairgrounds on the right right next to a school; go down drive and turn left; match is located in Whitacre building



"WAGS & BRAGS"



While you folks were enjoying running your dogs INDOORS on NICE TURF, I was OUTSIDE releasing (& chasing in Kinsey's case) in the awful COLD, MUD, & RAIN soaked grounds doing lure coursing with Whippet Roxie & Doberman Kinsey. **Roxie** earned her **CAA** (Coursing Ability Advanced) and **Kinsey** earned her **CAX** (Coursing Ability Excellent). Kinsey spent that 25th run running amuck looking for more "bunnies" and not wanting to come back when the course was all done. This was her worst one yet. I think we had 8 people on the field trying to catch her. So much for the obedience recall. You'd think she would've been tired as that was the 6th trial by that time (3 days of 2 trials each day). She must've *known* that was the last coursing trial for the year for her. And I had to wash two coats after this wkend from my falling down in that muck & water two of the days. And then as we went to pull away Sun. nite, we discovered our RV's rear tires were stuck in the soft, wet grass that we quickly turned into mud. We'd had our front wheels on gravel but the rear was on the grass that after some rain had gotten too soft. You'd think sitting there since Thrs. afternoon, that the grass under the RV would've stayed dry. We called Roadside Assistance & I tell you that was the fastest response we ever got. Turns out the tow truck driver they contacted had his flat bed with the wench right there in Littlestown, PA & knew exactly where the soccer field was that we'd been coursing in because that was his hometown! And he'd just had a lesson that day on how to "recover" HD-large equipment like ours. What luck. He was there in 5 minutes & had us out & on the road within 15!

What we do to give our dogs a good time!!!!

Bobbie Lutz

While Russell, Deva and I were playing agility this weekend, another Keepsake Keeshond, Kimba, was in West Friendship MD being shown by her owner, Leslie Meyn, at the breed shows. Kimba went Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners on Friday for two points, leaving her only needing one more point to finish. It seems to be a Keepsake family tradition to be able to count points and taunt their owners for that one last point. Its happened for OTCH, MACH, and CH titles! On Saturday, Kimba was a STAR! She went Winner's Bitch for a four point major, then Best Opposite Sex over a special for a Five Point Major, finishing her Champion title in style! She is now:

CH Keepsake Set The World On Fire RN

Here is my other VERY EXCITING news. Kimba is one of Deva's daughters. She is the seventh of Deva's offspring to become a breed Champion. For the Keeshond Club of America, this meets the requirements for a bitch to earn the status of Register of Merit, also known as an ROM. This recognizes the top 5% of Keeshonden that have produced champions in the history of the breed. Pending KCA confirmation, (which I confirmed via email but will be official after they present the certificate at our National in May)

Deva is now:

Keepsake Burning Desire CDX OA OAJ ROM

Deva is a great little partner in obedience and agility as many have seen, but behind the scenes, she has been a fantastic mother as well. She has produced some really nice puppies who are becoming stars themselves in breed, obedience, rally, and agility, and also one who is a certified service dog for his owner who is in a wheelchair.

This the first ROM that one of my dogs has earned. I'm so proud of my dinky Deva dawg!

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees



“More Brags!”

Most of you know that Gibbs, my bi black sheltie was diagnosed with an iliopoas strain after the first of the year, up until then he had only trialed about 3 1/2 months total. This weekend he returned to agility. Friday, he ran both courses and was very happy, no Qs because of doing baby dog antics, which I expected. He ran again on Sunday and made his mama proud. We have put him in Preferred to build confidence. He Q'd in both Excellent Preferred Standard and Excellent Preferred JWW, two first places. He outshined his sister, Lacey, but shhh, don't tell her. Really enjoyed the entire weekend and really liked the judge. Thank you BRDTC.

Sandy Golden

I was doing UKC agility over the weekend and of the 6 times Roxie was in the ring, she Q'd 4 of the times with perfect scores & 10 pts each toward her UACH. She also surprised me by being High Combined the 2nd trial of both Sat. & Sunday.

Bobbie Lutz

This brag is for a dog that I bred. Many of you know my tiny keeshond, Deva. Her littermate brother, Nitro, competed at the Agility Invitational last weekend in Florida with his owner, Beth Godwin. Nitro ran GREAT with Beth, earning 4 clean runs which put him into the Finals. He had a fast, clean run in the Finals and ended up in 9th place in the 16" division. Nitro also recieved the Top Scoring Keeshond Medalion. Nitro is:

MACH3 Keepsake He'll Blow You Away MXB2 MJB2
MFS TQX T2B

I am just the very proud breeder!

Margaret Bissell

Last week I had the pleasure of showing & trialing with my three girls in Orlando. We competed in Cobformation, Obedience, & Dock Diving. Z & I competed in Utility and Rain and I competed in Rally Excellent & Beginner Novice. On Wednesday I handled Kai and for the rest of the week she was handled by my friend & her co-owner Lisa Harper.

I'm over the moon with how well these three girls did in loud, crowded & stressful conditions. They showed lots of heart and trusted their training & human teammates. An extra special brag on Rain since she earned a 199.5 in Beginner Novice on her first time in Obedience.

BLING HAUL

SWDCA National Specialty, AKC Championships,
Orlando Cluster, AKC Obedience Classic
Z - High SWD In Trial AKC Obedience Classic
(Parent Club Medallion)

Z - SWDCA-sponsored High in Trial Dock Diving
(personal bestof 20')

Kai - Select Bitch and BOBNOHS (Wednesday)

Kai - Best of Opposite Sex and BOBNOHS

SWDCA 2018 SWDCA National Specialty
(Thursday)

Kai - Best Opposite Sex (Friday)

Kai - BOBNOHS, AKC National Owner-Handled
Series Championships

Kai - Best Opposite Sex, AKC National Championships
(Sunday)

Rain - High in Trial Obedience at SWDCA-
supported entry

Rain - First Place Rally Excellent A (Friday)

Rain - First Place Beginner Novice B (Friday)

Colleen

Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife UD BN RAE2
CAX FCAT2 DJ DS CGCA TKI (Z)

GCHS CH Angel Kiss the S'Kai de Ariosa CD BN RE
CAA DCAT CGCA (Kai)

GCH CH Ariosa Concurrido Chasin Fiesta's Midnight
Rain RE BDCAT CGC TKN (Rain)

I was doing UKC agility over the weekend and

Bobbie Lutz



Morgan just returned from an awesome agility trip. She competed with both of her dogs in the AKC Junior Agility Competition last Friday in Orlando, FL. Even though Scrat, the Border Collie, made some mistakes in STD and JWW, he was able to manage a TBT Q and we were proud of his handling of the big event. Shadow, her Sheltie, had a fantastic day and won the 12" class for the second consecutive year. This significant win afforded Morgan and Shadow an invite to compete in the AKC Breed Invitational over the weekend.

On Saturday in Invites, Morgan and Shadow ran STD and JWW and were sitting 13th out of 127 at the end of the day. After a super early morning Hybrid run, Morgan miscued and Shadow refused a jump, essentially knocking them out of finals contention. After a blazing fast 4th run, they ended up 45th out of 127. If they would have had a typical run in the 3rd round, Morgan would have been sitting in 7th or 8th and could have run in the Finals. Oh, well! Win some-lose some. She handled the disappointment well and had a great time running with her dogs and being in Florida. It's amazing to me that she was as connected as she needed to be with both her dogs without living with them and training with them consistently since going to JMU last fall. Scrat and Shadow both are truly loving having Morgan home for Winter break.

That was Morgan's last JUNIOR event. She will turn 19 in early January - time flies. She started at BRDTC just a little over 4 years ago and has been afforded so many wonderful opportunities through the agility world. It's a shame we cannot support or interest more Juniors to participate in our club and the sport. I will continue to try and I encourage each of you to do what you can to encourage and spread the word.

Our next adventure? Morgan will run Shadow and I will be running Duke in the 6th Annual Westminster Masters Agility Competition in February.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Debbie Vance





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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



No Meeting in
January