

Newsletter 2013

On behalf of the committee I would like to apologise for the lack of newsletters this year hopefully now we have our new website sorted next year you will get more issues. We would like to thank Ross Green for our wonderful new website he has made a fantastic job. The club has a successful year with our events, the Championship show went well, it was with regret our obedience show had to be cancelled due to the weather the entry was superb so we are hoping it won't put you all off next year and the show can go ahead without any hiccups. We made the decision to move our open show to the same date as the Puppy of the Year & Veteran of the year event it all went well although was a long day for everyone. We are looking forward to the Agility show in December thanks must go to Sue Morley and her team for all their hard work. Thank you to all the hard working officers and committee members who have worked so hard to put on our events.

I would like to congratulate all our members that have been successful this year with making up new Show Champions , full Champion , Junior warrant winners ,group places at the shows and to all those that have done well in their chosen sport.

Wishing all members a Merry Christmas and a happy successful 2014.

Tracey Wilkinson - Chairperson

VISIT THE CLUB'S NEW WEBSITE AT <http://www.bordercolliclub.com/>

YEARBOOK

There are still a number of past year's books available. Please contact the club if you would like to purchase them. The 2014 Book will be available at Crufts as usual. Contact Doug & Louise Collier for more details louise@collier926.orangehome.co.uk

PUPPY LIST

The Club puppy list has been receiving many enquiries recently. If you would like to submit your litter for the puppy list then please contact Jo Ratcliffe on 01283 512193 or joannegrandver@yahoo.com with details of your litter.

Secretary's report.

This year has been eventful for the Club. We have seen changes in our officers and Committee members. More details of this can be seen on the website and in my report for the Yearbook.

Talking of the website, we must say a huge thank you to Ross Green and Jo Ratcliffe for overhauling and redeveloping our new website. We hope our members will use it as a point of reference and information. Show results, critiques, health matters, schedules as well as your newsletter are available in a user friendly format. If anyone has any suggestions of anything that could be added we would be more than happy to consider it.

The Club has run its usual events but the most notable for me was the Obedience show. It was my first time to run the show for this Club, and everything was organised in conjunction with Midland Border Collie Club Open and Championship obedience shows. For obedience people this was a great start to the season, people can camp (most do) and they have 3 days of shows which spanned the Easter weekend.

Unfortunately the weather was against us and it started snowing the weekend before and there were frantic phone calls, emails and face book messages as well as constant weather updates. How deep was the snow on the venue? Were the lanes passable? Would it thaw in time for the hundreds of caravans? Was it going to snow again? The answers were in the negative. It was drifted several feet deep in the lanes, and even if it thawed the temperatures were too low to expect judges to stand for 6 hours or more judging. Also the ground would have been waterlogged if it did thaw.

So the next job that Sheila Hyde (Midland BCC sec) and I had to do was contact everyone. Thank god this is the age of technology it did make it much easier. But there are still some who are not online, so still many phone calls had to be made. It was requested on Face Book that if people knew it was cancelled they should email me and I could tick them off from the catalogue. About 4 days later we worked out everyone knew, but still put a sign on the gate anyway!

Refunds were duly requested and cheques sent out and a line has finally been drawn under the event. Luckily for me most of the Judges have said they would carry their appointments over to 2014. Easter falls a whole month later so, please God, we want sun, sun, sun!

The Championship show was once more very successful, with the ever popular Champions Parade in the lunch break.

This year we saw our Open show combined with the annual Puppy and Veteran of the Year. The event was a huge success; the Open show entry was larger than many general Championship shows. This helped us to run the open show at a much smaller loss than usual. Puppy and veteran of the year were well supported as usual.

This year Sue Morley is running the Agility Show back to back with Wye Agility Club show on 8th December. It will hopefully mean less work for Sue and her small team as the work load is shared.

Our last Committee meeting of the year will be on 21st December, and we will set the date for the AGM which will be added to the website.

Preparations are now underway for the Championship show. Schedules will be hopefully available at LKA and the shows after Christmas, but of course it will be available to download from the website.

Wishing all our Members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year with lots of luck in whichever dog sport you participate in.

Juliette Wettern - Hon Secretary.

Judging at Crufts

It all starts with the green envelope landing on your doorstep. But in my case landing on my Mums with her saying to Dad "They can't possibly want me to judge at Crufts again" She opened the envelope on the 19th November 2008 to find my name on the invitation. I was shopping in Meadowhall Sheffield when she rung with the exciting news I don't know what the other shoppers thought of me jumping up and down all excited. I had to keep it quiet till the next letter came on the 27th of November before I could tell anyone. Then began the long wait for March 10th 2013.

Decisions to be made what do you wear? A must is comfy shoes. I got one outfit but then went shopping with Joanne and purchased two more. When at home I tried them on for my husband and we decided which I was going to wear on the day. The shoes I wore around the house everyday to make sure they were comfortable.

Crufts is always a busy time for me as I help run the Border Collie booth on Discover Dogs and that didn't change this year. I was at the NEC Wednesday setting up and then Thursday and Friday on the booth. Saturday morning I went to have my hair done, packed my stuff, picked Mum up and off to the hotel we went. After booking in we went over to Crufts to do some shopping and check on Discover Dogs.

6.15 pm I was off to an informal drinks reception and a talk on judging the next day. After we went for dinner and then chatted to friends before going up to get a good night sleep.

Sunday was up early to have a good breakfast before getting ready for my big day. It's a short walk to the halls and first I collected my judging book etc before going to my ring which was number 1. When my stewards arrived I gave them my instructions and got out my judging book to find they had given me Bearded Collies not Borders, off went one of the stewards to get the correct one.

I had 173 dogs 199 entries so as soon as 9.00 came I began my judging. The first class was Veteran and what a super class it was I soon got into the swing of going over and moving the dogs giving each and everyone the consideration they all deserved. I carried on with each class in the same way working my way through some great dogs. After all the classes were judged all unbeaten dogs came in for me to award the CC & RCC. I was extremely pleased

with my line up and after putting them all through their paces again I awarded the CC to Sh Ch Miraje A Touch of Tartan, the RCC to Locheil Black Tie Affair and best puppy dog to Tonkory Expectation At Freespirit. I presented my winner with a thumb stick as a special prize from me.

The referee was called to judge BOB as I couldn't agree with my co judge but he awarded it to the bitch but wasn't needed for best puppy as I liked the bitch and she was given the award.

I really enjoyed the experience of judging Crufts as far back as I can remember I have attended only missing in 1988, I wasn't allowed to go as expecting my son Thomas the same week, so it was a dream to judge at this show with my Mum sitting at ringside watching me. This she did with my daughter, son, daughter in law to be and very good friends.

Thank you to all the exhibitors for bringing their dogs and to everyone for all the messages I received afterwards on my judging. It was truly a memorable day.

Tracey Wilkinson

PBHF report by Hilary Kerr

The PBHF's involvement in Epilepsy Research and the search for a gene test for INHERITED epilepsy.

The PBHF, as most of you will be aware, raises funds for research into genetic diseases in Border Collies and related breeds – all breeds in the pastoral group are welcome to join the group – currently we have attendance from Shelties and Lancashire Heelers but welcome more!

Apart from our on-going research fund raising we are also involved in the collection of DNA swabs for the Epilepsy research project being carried out jointly by the Animal Health Trust and the University of Finland. Checking out the PBHF website (www.pbhf-dog.com) you will read a more detailed account of the research but I have adjusted it into layman's terms for the purpose of this article.

By combining the expertise of the clinicians to diagnose dogs with idiopathic epilepsy and state of the art genetic research capability it is hoped that it will be possible, in time, to identify the genetic factors that influence a Border Collie's risk of developing epilepsy. If the research is successful the end product will be a DNA test that can identify any Border Collie's risk of developing epilepsy and passing it on to future generations. The project is likely to take several years to complete but the first, and arguably most important, step is DNA sample collection.

Once sufficient samples have been collected the researchers will analyse genetic markers distributed evenly across the canine genome to identify those that are shared by all affected dogs and different from those carried by dogs that don't suffer from epilepsy. These markers will point to the region(s) of the DNA that contains mutation(s) that are responsible for causing epilepsy. Once they have determined the region of DNA that contains the mutations they can undertake additional experiments to identify the mutations themselves.

If this research is to be successful we need DNA samples from dogs affected with idiopathic epilepsy and their close relatives, and also from unaffected dogs. The DNA can be provided as a blood sample (if blood is being drawn from your dog for another purpose) or as a simple cheek swab. We would also appreciate a pedigree of all dogs that donate a sample so we can understand how the samples we collect are related to one another. This will help us to understand the mode of inheritance of the condition and how many genes are involved.

All research is undertaken in complete confidence. The identity of all samples submitted to the research effort will be kept confidential and the results from individual dogs will only be shared with the dog's owner(s), once the research has been completed. If you have a Border Collie that is either: a) Affected with idiopathic epilepsy b) Closely related to a dog that is affected with idiopathic epilepsy c)

Unaffected with epilepsy and over 7 years of age please seriously consider donating a DNA sample to this research project. No records are kept by the PBHF – everything goes straight to the University in Helsinki.

At this point I would like to thank all of those who have allowed us to take cheek cell swabs from their dogs and who have in this way helped us with this vital research.

I am happy to take swabs from your dog at any show I am attending. My next scheduled sampling will be at the Optigen Clinic run by Val Tiller in Epsom, February 11th 2014. Please contact me for further details and to let me know if you would like me to take swabs at a show.

Further details can be found on the PBHF website or you can e-mail me through the site.

Hilary Kerr

PBHF Secretary, November 2013

Visit www.pbhf-dog.com for more information.

*****There is still time to enter the PBHF calendar competition – submit your photograph at the cost of £5 for a chance to feature in the 2015 calendar. 13 winners will be chosen by an independent judge. See the facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/163910800469403/> or alternatively you may email your photographs to joannegrandver@yahoo.com.***

All proceeds to the PBHF. Closing date 31st December 2013. **

Results of our Open show - Held on November 9th

Dog judge Mrs Val Tiller Bitch judge Miss Louise Amos Referee Mrs Pat Ward.

BIS Wiltshire's Sh Ch Caleykiz Rhythm In Black JW

RBIS & BVIS Hartfield's Sh Ch Moshanta Movin On Up JW ShCM

BPIS Edmond's Simmovon Heaven Scent

RBPIS Simmon's&Strachan Simmovon Heaven On Earth

BD Tunnicliff's Littlethorn Maclaren

RBD Lamberton's Locheil Return To Oz JW ShCM

Puppy Of The Year results

Minor PD & Winner POTY Tunnicliff's Littlethorn Triton

Minor PB Thompson's Anscot Forever Faithful

Puppy D & runner up POTY Portman's Caleykiz Smoke On The Water

Puppy B Kinton's Kinaway Memories

*****Congratulations to all of the winners, and a massive thank you to all exhibitor's for your wonderful support of the event. We hope you enjoyed your day and look forward to seeing you all next year. *****

Puppy of the Year report from Judge 1: Val Davis

I Would like to thank the BCCof GB for inviting me to be one of the judges for puppy of the year - I felt very Honoured to be asked and it is a day I will never forget. We were very well looked after with a lovely lunch, - also such nice presents as well.

In My opinion I felt the standard was very high, as it should be at this prestigious occasion.

Temperaments I found were outstanding and had several kisses from both boys and girls. On the down side there were a few short tails and a couple that could do with going to slimming world for a session or two , only saw one incorrect mouth. Most of the pups moved well but there were some that did not reach out on the day.

The Puppy of the year was No 4 Littlehorn Triton (Minor Puppy Dog Winner). I feel that this young Man is an outstanding example of the Breed with a bright future ahead of him.

He is very Mature for his age and did all that was asked of him. He was shown in immaculate condition and handled to perfection Runner up was no 36 Caleykiz Smoke on The Water (Puppy Dog Winner). Another outstanding Young Man who I feel also has a bright future ahead of him. This boy was also shown in immaculate condition and handled well to bring the best out of him.

Both of these young men and also one of the bitch winners (Kinaway Memories) were all sired by Sh Ch Sashdan Smokin Joe – who produced 3 out of 4 kids in the final line up. Well Done to Smokey. Val Davis

BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GB OPEN SHOW ~ SUN 9th NOVEMBER 2013

Judge: Val Tiller (Foxbarton) – Dogs

Many thanks to the BCCGB for inviting me to judge. A lovely entry, and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I was looking for athletic dogs with typical free-flowing movement and was very pleased with my winners. Temperaments were excellent, with 2 exceptions, and most dogs were beautifully presented. However, I still found too many with dirty teeth, which costs higher places. Shame, when teeth should be kept clean.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4,1)

1. Karingal Mi Amigo, 8 Mths Bl Merle. Lovely puppy, good head, with correct bite, good outline, gorgeous jacket, excellent feet, tailset and croup, but so exuberant, in the class and also in the challenge. Sure to do well when he settles.
2. Tonkory I'm Alright Jack, 6 Mths B&W, with tipped ears. Nice expression and outline. A tad short of muzzle, but that should improve. Good topline, hind angulation and feet. Settled nicely on the move.
3. Troumerle Chewbacca

PUPPY DOG (6,2)

Quality class, headed by 2 excellent puppies that I found hard to split.

1. Simmovon Heaven On Earth, 9 Mths B&W. Beautiful boy, very well grown, with a lovely expression, tipped ears, oval eye and scissor bite. Like his outline, excellent angles, topline and feet. He moved well and is sure to do well. RBPIS to his litter sister, who was BPIS.

2. Littlethorn Triton, 11 Mths B&W. Just a fraction in it today, as he's another beautiful boy, with a lovely head and well developed, balanced outline and excellent angles. Beautifully presented, he too moved out well.

3. Locheil Rio Grande

JUNIOR DOG (8,1)

1. Anadune Dare To Dream, 12 Mths, Golden R&W. Well grown youngster of good construction. Liked his front and length of neck. Good angulation, correct tail and good feet. Very attentive to handler and won this class on movement.

2. Goytre Saucie Moment, 16 Mths, B&W with tipped ears and a masculine head. Beautifully presented. A lovely youngster who just lost out on movement, as he wasn't quite straight today.

3. Florauna Line N Twine

YEARLING DOG (5)

1. Janbell Rudeboy Ir Jun Ch, 20 Mths B&W with tipped ears, Lovely head and expression, good topline and angulation, he showed nice, free movement.

2. Anadune Dare To Dream

3. Tonkory Expectation At Freespirit

GRADUATE DOG (8,2)

1. Beesting Mesemba, 2 Yrs, B&W. Dark faced, handsome boy, beautifully presented. He was a little unsettled on the stand, but moved out well, nicely balanced. Be careful not to trim his feet so that they look round.

2. Anadune Dare To Dream

3. Goytre Saucie Moment

POST GRADUATE DOG (7)

1. Goytre Smokin Gun, 2 Yrs B&W with well set tipped ears and a lovely eye. Lovely to go over, good front, very good angles and beautifully presented, in gleaming jacket. Moved out well.

2. Florauna Fisherman's Friend. 2 Yrs B&W, tipped ears and a nice eye. Nice length of neck, good bone and well grown. Nicely presented, well handled and he moved well.

3. Karingal Wicked Whispers

LIMIT DOG (9,2)

My best Class of the day. 1. Littlethorn Maclaren, 2.5 Yrs Tri dog that just stole my heart. A gorgeous, masculine head, with kindest expression. Good reach of neck and well placed shoulders. Strong, athletic body, with everything in the right place, a joy to go over. Very attentive to his handler, and he moved with purpose, so well balanced, he had to be my BD.

2. Locheil Return To Oz JW ShCM, 2 Yrs B&W. Another gorgeous boy, with an expressive face and beautiful head. Lovely outline and excellent angles, moved with such drive and minimum lift of feet. Beautifully presented, just unlucky to come up against 1. Well deserved RBD.

3. Kinaway Mind Body And Soul

OPEN DOG (6)

1. Caleykiz Smoke On The Water, 2 Yrs, Bl & Wh. Lovely young dog, with correct angles, slope of croup and tail set. Showed lovely, well-balanced, free-flowing movement.

2. Ir Sh Ch Locheil Great Expectations, 3 Yrs, B&W. Beautiful, masculine head and expression, so attentive to handler. Mature dog, lovely to go over, and he held his level topline on the move.

3. Janbell Valentine Avec Coussiere JW

SPECIAL OPEN AOC B&W/TRI DOG (3)

1. Karingal Wicked Whispers, 2 Yrs Bl Merle. Beautiful boy who had spoiled his chances in PGD, fooling around, but was much more settled here and showed his nice movement to take this class. Lovely head and outline, good angulation, and beautifully presented, in gorgeous jacket.

2. Starside Xander, 8 Yrs Bl&Wh, with prick ears and lovely expression, showed he was enjoying himself, but moved out well, holding his topline.

3. Beesting Dales Man

SP. OPEN WORKING DOG (3,1)

1. Ch Littlethorn Colt At Tobermoray, JW, 6 Yrs B&W. Beautiful expression, masculine head, and very good front. Correct tail and set, and very good hind angulation, he was most attentive, and clearly enjoying the day. With his ground covering stride, he just flowed around the ring.
2. Kinaway Mind Body And Soul, also 6 Yrs B&W. Different type from 1, although both excellent dogs. Loved his head and expression. Well balanced outline and excellent feet on which he moved so well.

VETERAN DOG (5)

1. Sh Ch Ir Ch Beesting Orlando, B&W, 10 Yrs young. Have long admired this boy. Lovely to go over, everything in the right place, looking great today, with coat in good order, he can still show the youngsters how a BC should move.
2. Sh Ch Goytre Repeat Performance, 14 Yrs, B&W with pricked ears and a lovely, oval eye. Excellent topline and angles, which still let him move so well, at his age.
3. Beesting Indiana JW ShCM

GOOD CITZ DOG SCHEME DOG (7,3w)

1. Ir Ch Sh Ch Locheil Great Expectations, 3 Yrs, B&W. Another lovely boy from this kennel, with a lovely head and kind expression. Good front, good bone, good shoulder placement and angulation. Well balanced on the move. Well presented and a well deserved win.
2. Goytre Saucie Moment
3. Beesting Indiana JW ShCM

Veteran of the Year 2013

What a pleasure to judge this event .I had a very pleasing group of dogs and bitches .The condition of all was a credit to their owners.

The first class veteran dog, the winner Starside Paddy won on his free movement.

Veteran bitch Caleykiz Rhythm Is A Dancer - lovely conformation, she has a beautiful eye and expression. She was awarded Grand Veteran of the Year.

Vintage veteran dog Sh Ch Goytre Repeat Performance - super condition, showed all the time for his expert handler he moved so well for his age was awarded Runner up grand veteran of the year.

Vintage veteran bitch Tamarsh Miss You Nights At Moshanta JW ShCM, lovely bitch in the best of condition, moved well.

Having seen them all move several times I didn't need to move them again I had no hesitation in giving the awards to the winner and runner up .

Mrs Patricia Wilkinson (Altricia)

Discover Dogs at Crufts – one of the highlights of my year – Jo Ratcliffe

I am one of those crazy people who loves Crufts, full stop. I look forward to it long before & find it hard to sleep. I guess it is something that started as a child, from my very first visit to Earls Court – a journey which seemed like the end of the world to a child on a coach ☺

I have had the pleasure of attending Discover Dogs with some of my dogs for several years now. I remember one time causing a massive stir with several of my dogs when a photographer insisted on taking a picture with them all & some of the visitors.

Discover Dogs is a great place to meet the public, many of whom have genuine questions about the breed. It is heartening that many have decided to visit & find out more about the dogs & their suitability before just deciding to have one.

Sometimes there are people with “issues” with their dogs who would like help, and we do our best to point them in the right direction.

Other times there are those who had BCs when they were younger & do not feel capable any longer – these people often just want to “cuddle a collie”.

Dare loves the day out as she is able to be amused for the whole day by scores of children who are prepared to play ball with her. Last year she threw her ball the whole way down the aisle & a little girl came running back with it – she had that child well trained!!

It is important to show the public that the BC has a great temperament, but also has a very active brain & we do our very best to have dogs that portray this clearly on the stand.

Tracey has done a great job of collating a mass of pictures for the stand, and there are often comments about them. We have information regarding health & also the contacts for the breed clubs & rescues. It would be lovely if we had some more things to put on the stand, and we are constantly thinking of ideas – suggestions & help with this are very welcome.

I hope that, as usual, we will see many familiar faces around the stand next year.

Best wishes Jo.

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