

August 2023

BARKS FROM



From the President:

Happy Summer! I hope we can all continue to enjoy the summertime while it lasts! Summer shows can be quite challenging in the weather, but I hope you've all gotten to spend some time running around in the grass sweating like me...lol.

With ½ of the year gone by, I want to reflect on why being a part of this club matters to me. When I started out in dogs, I seriously had no clue. I purchased my first Bichon and started learning about dog showing because the breeder said I could do it. The puppy I bought ended up not being show quality and the replacement (a bitch) after 1 litter, I also learned was not show quality. By this time I was indoctrinated into the dog show world: handling classes, match shows, stewarding, obedience, traveling all over the area and learning the ropes. Watching what was out there in Bichons, I finally bought a show quality male which became a champion...WOOHOO! So why is this time important? It was during this time, ever so long ago, that I first joined the Berks County Kennel Club. Back then I was just out of high school and jumped in with both feet. In those early days, I remember the meetings were at the fire company in Sinking Spring, in the basement, I believe? Wasn't long before I was on the board and club secretary – a job I was ill suited for so I bought a small recorder to capture the meeting notes so I could write the minutes! In those days, the club was a vibrant group of very active dog enthusiasts and I was just a pup, learning, soaking up knowledge, every new activity was an exciting learning experience. Participating in the club and all its activities (TV shows, matches, classes, point shows) taught me more than just having dogs, breeding, showing, but the sense of belonging and belonging to a great group with mutual goals and aspirations.

Fast forward and here we are today.....not a growing organization like it was back then, but one hanging on to its traditions and shared interests to continue the path, supporting our beloved purebred dogs, fighting to continue to educate the public as best we can. We now have new avenues for communication, no longer the paper Barks of days of old, but on the internet, websites, facebook, cell phones...so many changes yet so much remains the same. The same resistance to learning, the same enemies at the gate trying to keep us from doing what we love.

Let's thwart them! Let's regroup, let's refocus our energy, let's support and respect each other and bring that energy back to our plans, our meetings and our activities and stand strong together in support of our dog future. Try to take the time to fight anti-breeder dog legislation, attend educational events and repeat for the 100th time why it's important to buy from a good breeder and not a puppy mill, join hands in getting our events: match shows, point shows on your calendar to help and support. These are the reasons for a dog club and our sport. We walk together in lockstep. We don't have to all agree or be best friends, we just need to respect and support our joint mission. We can do it to strengthen the club and sport we believe in.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting in September (the board supplies the snacks!) and excited for our next adventure together, our yearly point show! Please enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll see you in the fall!

Cheryl

The next meeting of the Berks County Kennel Club will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:30pm at the Muhlenberg Recreation Center. Please plan to attend.

From the Editor

Please submit items for Barks, including brags, to ClancyPBGV@gmail.com by October 10. I'm happy to include photos as space permits if they are submitted in JPG format. All submissions must be electronic and formatted to allow for copying and pasting.

-Submitted by Megan Esherick

Calendar of Events:

8/16 7 pm therapy dogs at Berks Heim
9/6 General Meeting
9/17 Show
10/4 General Meeting
10/10 Barks Deadline

SCHOLARSHIP

As the new school year starts, information will be sent to all Berks County High School guidance departments. Please be aware and pass the word to any high school seniors you might know that are interested in a future in Animal Sciences.

Barbara McLaughlin, Chair

AWARDS BANQUET

We had a delicious banquet this year at Blue Marsh and are always searching for different venues. We are going back to check with Mimmo's as they were going to waive the room fee. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Barbara McLaughlin, Chair

OPEN BOARD POSITION.....AKC DELEGATE

First, I want to thank the outgoing delegate, Eileen Narieka, for her years of service to the club as AKC Delegate, keeping us informed about AKC news and needs...Thanks, Eileen

Eileen's resignation leaves an open spot on the board as the AKC Delegate. If you are interested in this position, please let me know so we can decide how best to the fill position.

Thanks,
Cheryl

Membership

If anyone knows anyone who would be interested in joining BCKC invite them to a meeting to learn more about what we do. Hopefully we have a person who will be bringing their application to the September meeting for the first time reading

PA Federation

Annual Meeting is September 6 at the farm show area. Several people will be speaking on legislation. Please read the article from the AKC Paula forwarded this week. Contact your legislators

Sunshine -- nothing

TV programs --- July - Australian Shepherds

August - Berks Co Dog Training Club's program

Breeder Referral -- Many phone calls re AADD

Call from owner of field behind Carsonia Ave ice cream shop asking if we'd be interested in his using his field for our AADD or other events.

All About Dogs Day -- cancelled due to bad weather.

- Submitted by Pat Mock

Blue Mt Cluster Dog Show Transportation Hospitality Chair Report

By: Madalin O'Brien

A total of 21 judges are on the roster this year for our Blue Mountain Cluster Show held on Sept 14 to 17, at Macungie Park.

As Transportation Chair for all the cluster events, the first thing was to obtain a list of all judges and their contact information. This information was found on the AKC Events Page.

The next step was to ensure our judges were informed of our obligations to them and what actions they were responsible for. To address this, four documents were prepared and emailed and included a welcome page, directions to the venue with maps, an expense form, and a travel and accommodate form with a request to complete and return.

Third, a spread sheet was developed that compiled our judges' contact information and travel and accommodate details. This spread sheet was emailed to show chairs and contains information that may also be useful to ring stewards, show day hospitality chair, hotel staff, etc.

Spread sheet includes:

- Judge contact information & event type
- Email address
- Judging dates
- Emergency contact info
- Ringside refreshments
- Arrival date
- Departure date
- Hotel needs
- Shuttle needs
- Arrival airline
- Arrival flight number
- Arrival time
- Departure airline
- Departure flight number
- Departure time
- and the need for a shuttle between airport, hotel and show site (five variations)

Judges requiring accommodations will be staying at the Hyatt House Hotel in Allentown. Coordination with the hotel is ongoing.

Any questions on the above can be directed to Madalin O'Brien,

email: obgarth@aol.com

phone: 651-319-3310

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Important Message From September Point Show Chairman Denise Hileman.....

As Autumn draws closer, so does our annual September Point Show. Many of you already know that this event is held every year as part of the Blue Mountain Cluster of dog shows (September 14-17) and has been the primary fund raising event for our club with part of the proceeds going toward the Scholarship Fund, ARL, and other charitable organizations all of which are so worthy of our support.

This endeavor cannot succeed without support from all of the Berks County Kennel Club members who come to help proudly wearing their club shirts. This year is no different as we will need all hands on deck - actually at the pavilion in the Macungie Memorial Park on September 17th. While help will be appreciated any time of the day, half day or whole day please include in your plans the afternoon at the end of the show to help clean up/break down the show set-up (not including the tents). All club volunteers are rewarded with free continental breakfast, free lunch, and a shady spot with a cool bottle of water under the pavilion as September afternoon sun can be pretty intense. I will pass a sign-up sheet at the September general meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, just send me a text or email of your intention and availability for helping at the show.

Please feel free to post the cluster graphic found on the BCKC Facebook page to your homepage, dog groups, and/or breed clubs. Let's all spread the word with the advertising and announcing of the cluster on social media. Thanks!

I'd like to give a special shoutout and lots of love to the 2023 show committee for all the work and dedication to make this show happen. They are as follows, in no particular order:

Anne Marie Monastero - Assistant Show Chair
Michele Gardner - Assistant Show Chair
Cheryl Burns - Club President, Breakfast Committee Chair
Donna Burns - Assistant Breakfast Committee Chair
Michele Oswald - Trophy Chair
Madalin O'Brien - Cluster Judge Hospitality Chair
Linda Madiera - Obedience and Rally Chair
Barbara McLaughlin/Pat Redding - Judges' Ringside Hospitality

As my first year as Show Chairman these ladies have been my rock without whom I would have imploded numerous times and have been left as a pile of doggy doo 🐾 on my office chair. Thanks to you all, we did it!

In closing, may the gods of dog shows bless us with a large entry, good weather, and no bees 🐝 under the pavilion!

See you in September!

Denise Hileman, 2023 Show Chairman

BCKC Members:

Thank you for your generosity for the September Point Show with your donations for trophies!! We appreciate your dedication to the club and your support is invaluable!

We need your help again for the December Point show and commitment/money by August 23rd.

The following trophies are still available for sponsorship: Owner Handled Reserve BIS, Group 1 & OH Group 1 are available for the following: Hound, Terrier, Working, Herding, Sporting.

Thank you for your consideration!

BCKC – DECEMBER POINT SHOW **2023 DECEMBER TROPHY PLEDGE FORM**

This is for our Point Show in December with limited pledge form.

The club will cover BIS but we need your support to cover RBIS, OH BIS, OH RBIS and group 1st trophies.

The following are available for pledge:

- **Reserve Best In Show - \$40**
- **Owner Handled Best In Show - \$40**
- **Owner Handled Reserve Best In Show - \$40**
- **Regular Group 1st - \$15 ea.**
- **Owner Handled Group 1st - \$15 ea.**

DEADLINE – August 23, 2023

INDICATE BELOW WHICH GROUP YOU'D LIKE TO SPONSOR:

GROUP NAME – (hound, toys, etc.) _____

GROUP 1 _____

OWNER HANDLED GROUP 1 _____

BREED TROPHIES (We are not doing the rosettes as prizes for this show)

If you'd like to donate your own Breed trophy, Jr. Showmanship, 4-6 Puppy BIS or Groups, please provide info:

How would you like your name listed in the catalog _____

Your name _____ Phone _____

Please mail form & payment to Michelle Oswald, 6 Foxwood Dr, Mohrsville, PA 19541

Payment must be received with pledge form to be included in the catalog.

Questions?? Contact Michelle Oswald – phone/text 484-955-5559 - Email: moswalt328@gmail.com

Member Brags and Bitches

From Megan Esherick:

CH MACH7 Clancy's Pumpkin Spice Ale VCD1 BN RAE MXS2 PDS MJC2 PJS MFS TQX T2B5 BCAT ACT2 SWA SCE SBE SHDE PCMH THDN RATN CGCA TKP earned her MACH7 title in July. Spice and her daughter Ginny have both been invited to represent PBGVs at the AKC Agility Invitational in December.

