

The Shaggy Rag

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California

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President's Message

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After months of trial and error, the BCCSC's new website is up and running! I had no idea how much fun this challenge would be, and hope that the final result reflects the character and nature of our club. In addition to our calendar and event fliers online, our 2010 Membership Renewal forms are also now available. Almost 200 photos from our past events are posted, so be sure to visit the site and check it out. I invite members to submit pictures, brags or articles they would like to share. Brags are free; so do not hesitate to share your news! We also have a spot for Litter Listings, so if you have puppies on the way, please let me know and we will post your contact information for a nominal fee.

Recently we were out parading our Beardies in their Halloween Costumes to the delight of onlookers at Woodley Park. It was quite a show! Not only did we have the legendary costume parade, but also participated in "Tricks for Treats" - our beardies were stars! Puppy Turner made his club debut, and did not need a costume to look absolutely adorable! I want to thank Lonnie Carpenter for organizing this event.

The BCCSC has a lineup of exciting events through the end of the year. We will be out in Moorpark for our Herding Fun Day and BCCA instinct testing on November 7th. This event is open to everyone, so please invite your friends and neighbors who have herding dogs to come out for the day. If you have a Bearded Collie at least 6-months old and wish to get the BCCA herding instinct certification, please remember to bring your AKC registration and an extra \$3.00 for the BCCA registration fee. Please pass the word on to any "puppy people" you know.

The BCCSC's Holiday Celebration will be on December 6th. Last year's party was such a success, we will again have a Champagne Brunch and Celia has generously offered her home. Beardies, of course, are invited. Please RSVP before November 28th. Look for the flier in this issue of the SR, or on the website (of course!). I hope to see you all at the party so we can share that 'ol holiday cheer together.

Also in December, the BCCSC will also be hosting the Meet the Breed Booth at the Eukanuba National Championship on Dec. 12th and 13th. Look for the flier in this issue and watch your e-mails for signups toward the end of the month.

I want to take a moment to send a big thank you to Patty Rusko. For years she has donated the proceeds from her Canine Good Citizen tests to the BCCSC. She conducts CGC tests at our April Mini Camp event and at her Wednesday evening Conformation Classes. Thank you Patty!

You may notice a new look to the *Shaggy Rag*. Jennifer Waldeck has recruited our new member, Wendy Marciante, to do the lay-out and graphics. Thank you Wendy for your contribution. And many, many thanks to you both for keeping the presses going so that we all can enjoy our *Shaggy Rags*!

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Calendar

NOVEMBER 7th: BOARD & GENERAL MEETING, HERDING FUN DAY & BCCA HERDING INSTINCT TESTING. (JACQUES RANCH IN MOORPARK)
Details inside the Newsletter

DECEMBER: 6th; General Meeting & Holiday Brunch, Celia Sawyer's, 26320 Belle Porte Avenue, Harbor City, CA 90710 .
310-326-4410
Details inside the Newsletter

12th-13th BCCSC/BCCA "Meet The Breed" booth at AKC Eukanuba National Championship (Long Beach Convention Center)
Details inside the Newsletter

JANUARY and Beyond: Please visit our web site for current information. www.bccsc.net

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BCCSC Regional Specialty
By Jennifer Waldeck

In September, the Board met to review the successful Specialty which was held in July. Our goal is to continue building on the fun and friendly competition, great entries, and smooth organization that we saw at this year's show. The Rally and Obedience trials went so much better this year than in the past—dogs were judged in a ring adjacent to the conformation ring and grooming areas, and everyone got to complete their turn with plenty of time to prepare for Sweeps and Class judging.

I will be assuming more responsibility for the Specialty in 2010. The club owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Anna Marie Yura for her years of service as Show Chair and Co-Chair. I don't think that most people are aware of the considerable time, energy, and expense that Anna Marie has invested in our club's Specialty. She will still be working with me and helping before and the day of the show, but felt the time had come to step back a bit and let others take over some of the "heavy lifting". I hope that I can live up to the standard of excellence that Anna Marie has set for our Regional and that I can count on club members for their help and support in planning for the Specialty and on the day. This is a fabulous showcase of our breed which attracts fanciers from all over the country, and the event deserves our very best!

At the September meeting, your Board appointed the 2010-2011 Judges' Selection Committee. This committee is charged with selecting Sweepstakes and Breed judges for the Regional. To be appointed to this committee, members must demonstrate familiarity with current herding group judges and their records. Further, no more than one member of the committee may be showing a dog with the same kennel prefix. These guidelines were set in place to ensure perceptions of fairness by all.

This committee will consist of *Carole Desmond, Patty Rusko, Carol Scott, Anna Marie Yura, and Meredith Bar David* as alternate. Noli Caswell, as Club President, is ex officio and votes only in the case of a tie. I will Chair the Judges' Selection Committee and will not hold a vote. My responsibility is to provide the Committee with a list of available breed judges (from the list provided to us by the Summerfest Cluster), collect and tabulate the votes, and publish an anonymous count. From there, I will communicate with the elected judges and negotiate their contracts and travel arrangements. Thank you to all of those members who volunteered to serve on this important committee.

In their first item of business, the committee voted to invite Amy Steltz, a longtime exhibitor and breeder, to judge Sweepstakes in 2010. She has accepted pending her return of a signed contract. Judith Goodin was already selected by the previous committee to judge Breed in 2010, and the committee mentioned above will select a 2011 Breed judge as soon as we receive the list of available judges, and a 2011 Sweeps judge.

Hope that you have Thursday, July 8 on your calendar and will join us for some "Commotion at the Ocean" in 2010.

In Our News

Jean Richland, Celia Sawyer, and Patricia Rusko proudly announce the arrival of puppies!
Four girls (1 brown/3 black) Three boys (black)

CH Brigadoon Daybar Believe It or Not (Louie) X
BC-3597G24M-PI HIPS/Normal
BC1299 CERF

CH Melita Lone Star (Brandy)
BC-3623E35F-PI HIPS/Excellent
BC-EL341F35-PI ELBOW/Normal
BC1336 CERF



Contact: Celia Sawyer . 26320 Belle Porte Avenue . Harbor City, CA 90710 . 310-326-4410 . CSaw14@aol.com

MBIS MBISS CH Tolkien
Raintree Mister Baggins
(Roy)

Turner
Classical's My Turn

Can CH Classical Alexis on Fire
(Lexi)



Owned by Wendy Marciante & Jennifer Waldeck,
Newport Beach, CA



Co-owned and Bred by Julie Kempster & Bea Sawka,
Ontario, Canada

Beardie Summer '09



Lili, Mister Dickens, Jennifer, and Wendy drove from Newport Beach, CA to Warren, OH to visit Lili's grandma and grandpa -- where Mister Dickens was quickly adopted. Here are Mister Dickens and Lili surveying yet ANOTHER field of corn found along the LONG route through Nebraska.

Belle (pictured), Sheila, and Jaquelin Mangel took an extraordinary trip across the US and the TransCanadian Highway to the east coast this summer. They were gone nearly a month and Belle proved to be an excellent traveler even at her young age! Doesn't she look happy???



Braggs

#1 Bearded Collie 2009*
Multiple Best in Show
Multiple Best in Specialty Show

CH Brigadoon Daybar Believe It Or Not

Louie



OWNED BY ANNA MARIE YURA
Exclusively handled by James Bettis

*Breed points through August 2009 (All Systems)

Braggs

CH Sebring's Four On The Floor was selected to promote the "Sham Wow" and was Best of Breed at the Burbank Kennel Club on September 27 under Judge Michael H. Faulkner, proving he has both the good looks of a model AND the substance of a great Beardie!



Owned by Lonnie & Steve Carpenter



Co-owned, shown, & bred by Kirsten Andreassend

TOPPER



Multiple Group Winning - Top 5 - Ch. Brigadoon Showstopper at Scott

Bred & Owned by Carol Scott - Co-owned by Penny Hanigan - Presented by Jorge & Susie Olivera



Herding Fun Day with the BCCSC!

Join us for another fun day at Jacques Ranch. Club members and friends are welcome. Experienced and inexperienced herding dogs welcome! All dogs will have the opportunity to go into the ring with sheep and see that herding instinct awoken! Bring your lunch, chairs, and plan to have a good time at the ranch. Do not forget to RSVP to Sandy! There will be a short club General Meeting at noon.

DATE: Saturday, November 7th, 2009

PLACE: Jacques Ranch in Moorpark, 5959 Grimes Canyon Rd, Moorpark, CA 93021

COST: Beginner or Advanced: First Run: \$25.00 or 2-runs-for \$45.00

TIME: Begins at 8:00AM. Please RSVP so Sandy can put you into a time slot.

Instinct Testing: If you have a 6month or older Bearded Collie who is not yet received the BCCA's Instinct Test Certification; this will be your opportunity to earn your title. You will need to bring with you a copy of your AKC registration and an additional \$3.00 (BCCA filing fee). We will mail it for you!

RSVP: Sandy Dubin at hairypdog@sbcglobal.net

Please be sure to RSVP so we have your contact information and you will have a time slot!

In case of any unforeseen emergency/cancellation, please check your e-mail the morning of the event or call Sandy 661-312-0173

See other BCCSC events on our web site: www.bccsc.net.

Directions to Jacques Ranch, Moorpark

From 101 - Oxnard, Ventura, Santa Barbara:

Exit 101 at Rice Ave. Head east toward Moorpark. Go through the rural sections of Somis and Moorpark. Look for Grimes Canyon Road on left. Make left on Grimes Cyn, and go over train tracks. *See Entrance Directions below

From 405 and 118, East SF Valley

405 either direction to 118 West. Pass thru all Simi Valley exits toward Moorpark. Exit Los Angeles Ave (target Shopping Center) and head west (right). You will pass through the Moorpark and into the rural sections (3-5 miles). AT Grimes Canyon Road and turn right. *See Entrance Directions below

From the West Valley, Thousand Oaks

101 toward Ventura. Take 23 North toward Moorpark/Fillmore. Go 7-8 miles until the 23 turns into the 118. 23 becomes 118 past the Los Angeles Ave. exit. Exit Los Angeles (Target Shopping Center exit) and head left (west). Turn right at Grimes Canyon Road.

*On Grimes Canyon Road, cross over RR tracks and head straight for ½ - ¾ mile. Turn Left at the Meadowglade sign (and row of mailboxes) on the driveway just before the road takes a sharp right bend. Continue over the bridge and drive up and over the hill. Jacques Ranch will be the first driveway on the right (5959). Follow signs to the barn area. Drive slowly and look for a parking spot near the arena.

Here are few things to remember: Bring your chairs and picnic lunch, and water. Drive slowly once you go through the gate at Jacques Ranch. Dog crates, water, bug spray, sunscreen and hats are not bad ideas. Keep your dog on a lead, in a crate or in the back of your vehicle.

WE will be arriving around 7:30-8:00 a.m. If you need to call us for any reason, Sandy 661 312-0173 (cell) or Noli 818 601-6575 (cell) Be sure to check your e-mail the morning of the event BEFORE you leave (in case of unforeseen cancellation)



MEET THE BREED

In Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Bearded Collie Club of America, and the 125th Anniversary of the AKC, the BCCSC will be hosting the Meet the Breeds Booth at the 2009 Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show in Long Beach on December 12 and 13th.

Patty Rusko and Celia Sawyer will be the creative minds behind the booth's décor, but all club members are invited to sign up for a chance to "share" their Beardies with the world!

One-hour shifts will be organized for Saturday and Sunday. While working in the booth, you will introduce your dog to people who come by, and answer their questions about Beardies.

Watch for upcoming e-mails in Late November for more information and sign-ups. If you are not on the club's e-mail list, be sure to call Patty and Celia and let them know you and your Beardedie want to participate.

Patty Rusko: 714.891.2446
Celia Sawyer: 310.326.4410

Therapy at Work



My dogs have been involved in the "Paws For Reading" program at Ventura County's Wright Library for over 4 years, since its inception. This program has benefited over 750 children with reading difficulties. Magic started with Nina and Chad is carrying on the tradition where Magic left off.

We have put together a 2010 calendar of all the therapy dogs who work in this program to raise money to keep the library open. Here are some of the "volunteers" waiting in front of the library the day of the big photo shoot.

Nina, Chad and Pam Schuman

For more information on opportunities to do therapy work with your Beardie, go to:

THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL (an international registry of dogs trained and certified in therapy work): <http://www.tdi-dog.org/>

THE DELTA SOCIETY (a global non-profit organization designed to train, certify, and promote service and therapy animals to visit schools, care facilities, prisons, etc.): <http://www.deltasociety.org/Page>.

LOVE ON A LEASH (certification to visit assisted living facilities, memory-care facilities, schools and hospitals): <http://www.loveonaleash.org/>

LOVE ON 4 PAWS (trained pet partner teams visit children's hospitals and rehabilitation facilities): <http://www.loveon4paws.org/>

THE R.E.A.D. PROGRAM (trained pet partner teams work as literacy coaches and mentors): <http://www.therapyanimals.org/read/>

Or contact club members:

Sandy Dubin (hairdog@sbcglobal.net; 661-312-0173)

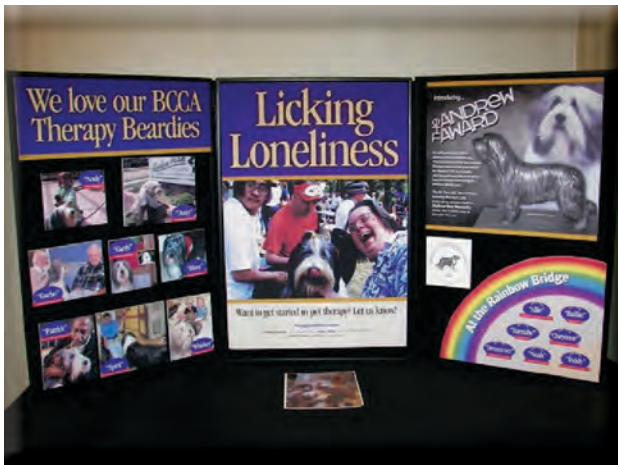
Pam Schuman (pss50@sbcglobal.net; 805-650-6032)

Therapy Honored

THERAPY BEARDIES HONORED AT BCCA NATIONAL SPECIALITY

Two years ago a BCCA Therapy Committee was formed consisting of Sandy Dubin, Anne Weiss and Debby Furlow. Our mission was to have therapy Beardies recognized by the BCCA with certificates. We have 3 levels (more in the future) for 25, 50 and 100 hours of therapy dog service. The certificates are to be handed out at National Specialties.

This year, the Andrew (Diotoma Bear Necessity) Award was instituted for the therapy team with the most hours in the previous calendar year. The owners of Andrew (Pat McDonald, Susan Lybrand, Karen Kaye, Linda Swain and Pat Hyde) were honored to give it to the first recipient, Gretchen Blackburn. Sandy Dubin made the following special remarks prior to presenting awards at the recent National in Minnesota.



Before I pass out Therapy certificates, I'd like to share a couple of stories that express why we do pet therapy. First memory that will be with me forever was a woman who requested pet therapy. When I walked into the room, I saw she had stubs for arms and no recognizable face. She must have been victim of a fire years ago. She had a piece of plastic for a nose and I couldn't tell how old she was. She was one of the most personable, upbeat people I've ever met. Of course Teddy kissed her and, despite her outward appearance, she wanted me to take two Polaroid pictures of her and Teddy. What a life lesson for me.

Our next room was a prison inmate handcuffed to the bed. Again, Teddy didn't care. Everyone got his love.

And there was the young girl dying of cancer who wanted desperately to see Teddy, but she couldn't move. Sensing this, Teddy craned his neck to get close to her face so she could see him. In ten years, that was the only occasion I cried on my way home.

Last month Whiskey and I visited a stroke victim in his 40's and his family. He struggled to tell me he had a Beardie named Nicky before he was married. Those were some of his first words after his stroke. After visiting a couple times, I told them anytime they can order pet therapy on the hospital's computer. The family informed me that their father didn't want any of the other 10 hospital dogs. He only wanted Whiskey.

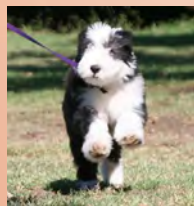
Lastly, we visited a dying woman over a week's time. Our first visit, she told me about her dog. In less than a week she was not conscious, but her heart would speed up when I put her hand on top of Whiskey. Her daughter and I talked and hugged. After 45 minutes, I got Whiskey off the bed to leave and I hugged the daughter. Whiskey jumped right back into bed with the woman. He DID NOT want to leave her. Right then I decided we needed to do hospice work.

If you've ever contemplated doing therapy work with your Beardie, **DO IT**. You won't look back.



BEASTLY BEARDIES

HOWLOWEEN 10.17.09



Oh, The Weather Outside is Frightful,
But The Beardies Are Delightful!



BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Champagne Brunch and Meeting
At: Celia Sawyer's Home WITH OUR BEARDIES!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th, 2009 AT 11:30 AM

Join us for some holiday cheer!
We will enjoy a festive brunch while our Beardies play in Celia's lovely backyard.

Location: 26320 Belle Port Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710

Cost: Adults \$18.00 – Children under 12 \$12.00

R.S.V.P. no later than November 28 with your check made out to BCCSC.
Mail to: Anna Marie Yura, 746 18th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90402

Name(s) _____ # People _____ # Dogs _____

E-mail/or phone# _____

Welcome !!!



**AUTUMNLANE'S CHRISTMAS IN
AUGUST
"BENTLEY" WAS BORN AT
CHRISTMAS TIME AND WAS OUR
BEST PRESENT IN
AUGUST!**

BETH AND JOE BORSTNER

**Welcome our New Member, Peter Sanchez,
and his Beardie Maggie!**

Peter's sister Mimi found Maggie at the Bakersfield Shelter. Peter had just recently lost Maude, his first Beardie. Peter thought he'd never have another dog after Maude—and along came Maggie. Peter and Maggie are pictures above at the herding instinct test and fun day that the BCCSC held last summer.



We have many new members! Watch for all of their profiles in upcoming issues of the *Shaggy Rag*!!



BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2010-2011

SELECT MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

The Board would like to clarify the categories of membership so you may choose the one that best fits your level of involvement in the Club.

___ SINGLE (\$25) - for an applicant who wants to be actively involved by attending meetings and includes voting privileges

___ JOINT (\$35) - for two applicants living together who want to be actively involved and includes voting privileges for each member

___ ASSOCIATE (\$25) - for either one or two applicants (living together) who are not able to be actively involved but would like to receive the Club newsletter and to be informed of club activities and events. It does not include voting privileges.

CLUB ACTIVITY SURVEY

The BCCSC wants to know what events you would like to see on our calendar. We welcome your suggestions for activities, educational topics and workshops. Please indicate your interests/suggestions

Conformation.....Herding.....Agility.....Rally/Obedience.....Picnics/Fun.....Other.....

Suggest an activity for the coming year: _____

What is an area of interest (committee) you could help with? _____

FILL IN THE INFORMATION AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK (PAYABLE TO BCCSC) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST TO:

ANNA MARIE YURA
746 18TH STREET
SANTA MONICA, CA 90402

Print Names(s).....

Address..... City..... State..... Zip.....

Tel..... Email.....



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Doghouse

In the last issue of the Shaggy Rag, CH Scott Sheer Class (Chiffon) was incorrectly identified as having won an Award of Merit at the BCCSC Regional Specialty in July. In fact, Chiffon was Best Veteran Bitch.

CH Britannia Card Trick (Kiera) received the first Award of Merit at our Specialty. Kiera is owned by Carole and Jim Desmond of Mission Viejo, and co-owned and bred by Michele Ritter.

The editors extend their apologies to Carol and Paul, Carole and Jim, and Michele.

Congratulations to Kiera and Chiffon and their owners for a great day! Kiera is pictured here.

