

The Shaggy Rag

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California

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President's Message

Dear BCCSC members,

What a year we've had seeing so many of our members come out to play with their Beardies. It makes my heart sing to see the club flourish! With you and your help we have a club, a place to do things with our beloved Beardies. I sincerely thank each of you!

The Regional Specialty came and went in Ventura. We had such lovely weather. I know I enjoyed the time I spent there with those that came whether to show or just say "hi." The dogs were so beautiful and all showed very nicely. I want to thank Meaghan Edwards for taking the showchair position, and helping out with show stuff, and getting all those pretty ribbons! To Pam Schuman, Carmela Lacayo and Mary Parker, thank you so much for the wine and cheese party. It was truly fabulous, delicious and the wine was flowing! You gals did a great job. A large round of applause to our trophy chair, who took on something she had never done, and did an amazing job, I can't thank Sarah Pollaro enough for all her hard work and creativity. Thank you, Marilynn Severson, for judging Sweeps, and what compliments I heard from everyone what a great job you did. I thank you, the club thanks you! I always say, "It takes a village." Highlights of the Specialty on Pages 6-12.

Our Oak Canyon Park event is back by request. October 10th, 3-5:00. Please get there on time as we will have a brief meeting and start our grooming demonstration at the beginning so that afterwards everyone is free to wander off and do their thing. Watch for the information in your Bearded Blast.

Herding at On The Lamb will be our next herding event. Mark your calendar for November 22 in Camarillo!! We are very excited. We have had many members asking us to look into different places and we are, so far, very pleased with what we have heard. I will be sending out the Bearded Blast soon, so watch for pictures of Sandy and Whiskey herding geese!

Renewal form is inserted, although a bit early, please fill it out and send it in before January 1. You can send it in early!

Please mark your calendar for 2016, April 1st, "Come Fool Around With Us" in Bakersfield for Sweeps and two Independent Specialties in one day, followed by 2 days of supported entries at the Kern County Kennel Club shows! Look for more information on Page 14.

I wish you and your Beardies health and happiness!
Sue Brody, BCCSC President

P.S. Coming soon...all pictures shown in this issue, plus additional pictures can be viewed on my personal website at bodacious-beardies.com, under "BCCSC Specialty."

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GCH Scott's Glamour Girl

Bearded Collie Club of Southern California Best of Breed Winner

Ventura, California - July 3, 2015

Judge - Pat Hastings

Owned and loved by Tom & Carol (Scott) Wathen

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California

2015 Regional Specialty Trophy Sponsors

Donations were made in the following classes, and the following people:

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The BCCSC thanks you for your generous donations.
With your help, the Specialty continues!!!

Livi doing her part for
Felix 'N Fido Bring Me Home Adoption
at
Ventura Harbor's Main Lawn
Sunday, August 16, 2015



Livi

Loved by Pam Schuman

Commotion at the Ocean

Sweepstakes Critique

by Marilyn Severson

I must confess that judging the BCCSC Sweepstakes today was a tremendous amount of fun. I was honored to be selected and I thank those of you who voted for me for the task! Despite the threat of that infamous train, this year the annoying and fearful noise was silent... I must confess, I was well prepared to deal with the tenacity and patience of the exhibitors by holding up the ring until the train was well past, however I am also pleased to say that not one dog had even a moment of fear to deal with this year.

Each Bearded Collie was groomed to perfection and beautifully trained, which came as no surprise to me, however what did surprise me was the consistently high level of "presentation" in which each dog was handled. To have these show dogs presented so lovely is noteworthy of mentioning.

Puppy Sweepstakes - 12 & Under 18 Month Bitches

FIRST PLACE - KELLYN'S BALLERINA BABY

A most beautiful brown and white bitch whelped May 08, 2014. She caught my eye the moment she entered the ring. She is a prime example of a well proportioned young lady with everything in its proper place. It was no surprise to watch her float around the ring with such grace and elegance. This young lady has a lovely head which sits beautifully upon her lovely neck and strong shoulders. Her eyes properly match her current coat color, surely to darken with maturity. Well placed ear set and length of ear leather, gave way to her nicely set elbows and pleasing shoulder lay back. She has a lovely length of back, well set ribs and proper croup. Her wonderful rear angulations with correct tail set and carriage gave pause to her overall amazing profile! Lovely girl with delightful expression and grace, this year's winner of....

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES PUPPY - Congratulations to her owner and breeder, Julie Sneed!

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - 7 & Under 10 Years Bitches

FIRST PLACE - GCH BRITANIA KNOCK YOUR SPOTS OFF

In walks a beautiful specimen of our breed. Whelped December 15, 2007, this awesome girl was elegant in style and was put together with perfection. Another one I could not take my eyes off of. From her head to her rear quarters, I could not emphasize her beauty enough to do this girl justice. Proper from head to tail, from reach to drive, she truly is a delight to go over and watch her on the move. Wonderful expression and profile on yet another beautiful lady. Making her this year's winner....

BEST VETERAN BITCH SWEEPSTAKES and BEST VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - Congratulations to her owners and breeders, Kirsten Andreassand, Margie Haarsager & Michele Ritter!

BEARDED COLLIES VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES -10 & Under 12 Years Dogs

FIRST PLACE - CH SEBRING'S FOUR ON THE FLOOR

An oh so lovely veteran male, knowing his place in and around the ring, comes in poised and ready to take the girls on! What a lovely truly long length of body this boy has. His wonderful proportions could not be denied as he strutted around that ring with style. Whelped May 10, 2004, he was certain to make his owners proud. I loved everything about him. This boy is a real show dog. Good size bone with excellent angulations. Beautiful expression and personality, making him a strong contender for anyone's breeding program. With or without class competition, a splendid choice for this year's....

BEST VETERAN DOG SWEEPSTAKES - Congratulation goes out to owners Lonnie Carpenter & Kirsten Andreassand as well as breeders Kirsten Andreassand, Margie Haarsager & Michele Ritter!

Sweepstakes



Carmelita
Best Puppy in Sweeps



Fergie - Coop
Best Veteran in Sweeps
Best Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweeps



Regular Classes



Best of Breed
GCH Scott's Glamour Girl



Best of Opposite Sex
GCH Dreamchaser Follow Your Dreams



Winners Dog, Best of Winners,
Award of Merit
Gemineye's Whole Lotta Love



Winners Bitch, Award of Merit
Best of Owner Handler -Owner Handler Group 2
Sebring's Reflections



Select Dog
GCH Scott's Playboy



Select Bitch
GCH Larkangen's American Trendy Girl



Winners Reserve Bitch
Dreamchaser Sapphire Skye CGC



Winners Reserve Dog
Aellen I Did It My Way



Award of Merit
CH Sebring's Four On The Floor



Award of Merit
Britannia Knock Your Socks Off RA



Award of Merit
GCH Winberlee's Walk On The Wild Side

Thank you, Marilyn and Pat,
for all your time and love of
our Beardies to judge our
specialty for us!





This is just a sample of what Sarah Pollaro was able to do for the club. Sarah made so many of the trophies herself and I know the winners will cherish them for a very long time, even our judges got a personalized candle.

Pictured above are director's chair, booties, coasters, night lights, wine glasses, purse, magnets, chalkboard, battery-operated candles, wind chime, welcome sign, to name a few.

The BCCSC thanks you so much for your patience and hard work to do this for the club!!!

Commotion at the Ocean

Regular classes - Critique
by Pat Hastings

Thanks so much for inviting me to judge your Specialty. I go way back to the early 80s with your breed and it is one of my favorites.

It was very sad to see such a small entry but it is happening more and more in so many breeds. I will look forward to the time when it reverses & we start to see the numbers go back up where they belong.

I only had two class dogs both of which were in the open class.

1st and Winners Dog was Gemineye's Whole Lotta Love who was a very nice, very correct dog of proper size and very well made. I hated the way he carried his tail up but as he has a totally correct slightly rounded croup I did not penalize him heavily on it. I am much more forgiving of a gay tail carriage than I am of an incorrect set and or incorrect croup. Flat croups have become a real concern and it seems like the majority of the Beardies are starting to carry this problem. As it is one of the only five serious faults you have in your standard, maybe the breeders need to be paying more attention to this area.

2nd and Reserve was Aellen I Did It My Way who was also a well made dog but he placed where he did as he was quite a heavy dog, which is wrong for the breed. The late great Annie Clark (Anne Rogers Clark) always referred to Beardies as a wispy breed and I have always loved that word as a Bearded is long & lean and never heavy. He should glide when moving with litheness and flexibility. A Bearded is very light on their feet and the heavier they get, the more you lose this unique feature of the breed. I would also give this dog more length of muzzle as the standard is very specific about equal length of the muzzle & backskull.

There were a few more bitches but still a sad number.

Kellyn's Ballerina Baby from the 12-18 class was a fawn or brown (I did not write it down) who was okay everywhere. She could have been longer in body and she did need more rear.

Sebring's Reflections was my Winners Bitch from the Bred By Exhibitor class and is an absolutely lovely bitch with a great temperament. Proper Bearded temperament is something the breed is losing everywhere in the world. They should be stable and self confident and the Bearded Bounce is part of who they are. This is not a guard dog that will stand still for hours nor should it ever become a "Generic Show Dog."

Dreamchaser Sapphire Skye was the winner of the open class plus Reserve Winners Bitch. She was a very decent bitch but slightly too heavy and she never put her tail up which destroys the image of a correct temperament. She also had way too much hair which according to your standard, should never be so profuse as to obscure the natural lines of the body.

Sebring's Come See About Me was second in the open class and a littermate to the winners bitch. She really did not want to be there so I never had the opportunity to really see what she might have been. She had her neck and head tucked in so she looked like she was very lacking in neck length but she moved beautifully from the side which she should not have been able to do if she actually had a short neck.

I had two Veterans. An eleven year old dog, Ch Sebring's Four On The Floor and a seven and a half year old bitch, GCH Britannia Knock Your Spots Off RA. I am always so impressed at how well this breed ages. Both of these were as sound at their ages as a normal breed is while in their prime. You guys must be doing something right as it sure shows in your veterans. Both of these were totally deserving of the JAMs (Judges Award of Merit) they both won, with the bitch going on to win Best Veteran.

Eight Specials plus VD, VB, WD, WB was wonderful to see in the ring. There was an abundance of quality not just amongst the Specials but also from the winners, which I awarded all for JAMs.

My Best of Breed was a beautiful typy black bitch, CH Scott's Glamour Girl. She is a great size, wonderful hair, light on her feet with great movement and a great temperament. She oozes Bearded.

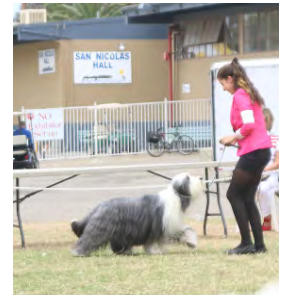
My Best Opposite Sex GCH Dreamchaser Follow Your Dreams is another great example of a Bearded. All male without being heavy. Great coat, excellent mover with the correct temperament.

The winner could have gone either way and I would be thrilled to have either of these in my breeding program.

And I have to add: THANK YOU for my wonderful gift. I cannot begin to tell you how much it means to me. (For those of you who were not there, the club gave me a huge battery-operated candle with a picture of me and my all time favorite Doberman on it.)

Thanks again, Pat Hastings

Candid Photos



Zeppelin

*is a special boy, full of fun and gives
enough love to go around the world*



Shown to perfection
by Dave Clendenon

We are thrilled to announce our new Champion
Gemineye's Whole Lotta Love

Thank you to breeders Meg Naylor and Susan McKean
GCH Talamore Last Comic Standing x CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye
Owned by Deborah Rosenwald Gentile and Meg Naylor

design by S Brody

The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California Invites You To



14th & 15th Annual Independent Specialties

Sweepstakes and 2 Independent Specialties (a.m. & p.m.)
Friday, April 1, 2016 - Bakersfield, CA

Sweepstakes - Nicole Conner
Regular and Non Regular classes - Colleen & Richard Stoate

Premiums available on our website at bccsc.net or bandoian-butler.com
BCCSC Regional Specialty Show Secretary is Doris Bandoian - entries accepted on line
Entries close March 16th - www.bandoian-butler.com
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Followed by two days of supported entries at the same location
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A Week at Summer Camp

By Cathy McLaren

I love herding! You know that smell of fresh manure and cut grass in the morning? That should be bottled as perfume as far as I am concerned. I first heard about "Sheep Camp" about ten years ago. I was hooked! Five days at a working sheep farm with talented instructors working with you to help make you and your dog a better working team, what more could a girl want? This year I took Kobe, my 7 year old and a new puppy, Farley. At 4 months Farley was too young to work but it was good for teaching travel manners and socializing in different situations. Camp is held at a beautiful working sheep farm called Fido's Farm. They offer not only herding lessons but day care, agility, nose work and whatever else you want to teach your dog. It is also the site for our 2015 Bearded Collie National herding trial. Check out their website at www.FidosFarm.com for more information.

Camp started this year on Sunday at 4pm for an orientation to meet the various instructors and hear what they were about. This year I was assigned to a group called Trial Advanced. This was in response to a questionnaire Chris Soderham sent out with various questions pertaining to our current level in herding and where we wanted to be. Each group is assigned morning and evening chores and two instructors. Our day started at 6am and ended around 6pm depending on how efficient we were on doing our "chores." Don't get me wrong, chores are not a bad thing! I am a city girl and bringing in a flock of 50 sheep from one field to the barn or sorting the sheep in the morning to various fields is an experience that I never get.

On our first day after chores, I was to meet my group which consisted of another Bearded Collie person, Barbara Claxton, Michelle (cattle dog), Laurene (border collie), Cindy (border collie), and Anne (Cardington corgi). Our team teachers were both border collie trainers, Vicki Close and Trudy Vicklund. Our first class was to meet in Clover Field with Vicki, which is where "open field trials" are held, the field is maybe 2.5 acres. Vickie started each person with a show me where you are... Um... this field is too big...? I have to confess that Barbara was a very hard show to follow. Barbara and Allie moved those sheep around in such a quiet and slow manner that I knew we were in the wrong group. When it was our turn Kobe went into his overdrive, chase mode with me yelling at him and well, you get the picture. Vicki talked about what we were doing and what we should do and I have to admit I didn't understand one word. I have to confess that I was not the only one but still it felt like we were a long way from where I thought we were.

The second day was kind of a kindergarten for Kobe and I. Our instructor that day was Trudy and she seemed to be more understanding. At least she spoke a language I could understand. We were to be in the Cattle Pasture

which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. All of us agreed to stay in the Cattle Test arena which was $\frac{1}{3}$ the size. I had an epiphany that day, Trudy kept talking about "balance" and I realized that Kobe and I did not have that. Kobe always kept the same side I was on with the sheep. In reality it should be the dog and you in line with the stock in between. I also had Trudy at my side reminding me to keep my voice soft. It seems I yell, well maybe shriek is a better word, whenever I think Kobe is being bad and that just makes Kobe more excited. Oh boy, more stuff to work on.

Our third day we were with Vicki again. The group decided that a smaller field was better suited for us except for a couple like Barbara, we worked with our dogs in that field. At this point the weather was starting to heat up and some of us did other stuff. I took Farley out of daycare and put him on sheep (on leash) to see what he did. He had been on sheep before but a surly ewe butted him enough that she knocked him down, made him cry and he was a little fearful after that. Well, Farley didn't seem to remember that event and really turned on to the sheep. I put him on ducks that same day and he really likes ducks!! Still on leash, but you could see the focus and light in him. None of my previous dogs really seemed to take to birds but Farley may be the one. Time will tell.

Our fourth day started at 6am because of the heat wave. Again I was with Trudy and finally was seeing some good connection with Kobe and I. It has been hard as Kobe was trained by another person and not me. I finally was seeing a shining light.

All through the week, you have to understand, we would get feedback during lunch or dinners by other people that would be watching and critiquing your process. I was a little depressed so wasn't really hearing some of the good comments made by others. On Friday I heard some comments that really made me feel good but it was regarding Farley! I guess all through the week while he was at daycare he was stealing the affections of the Fido's staff!! I would hear stuff like "have you seen the little beardie puppy we have in daycare yet?" "You need to see the ball of fluff we have at daycare!" Whenever I took him around to socialize, people would stop and comment, "Is that the little pup we heard about? Isn't he cute!!" It was priceless!!

The final day of camp is an open day. All that means is that instructors are open and available to any student to work on whatever they want. I hung around Trudy and left with a feeling of accomplishing something. Kobe is more attentive to me and Farley learned how to play in a hotel room quietly. All is good.

If you ever want a good summer camp for your dog and learn to handle sheep, whether you are a beginner or advanced, look into a week at Fido's Farm. (see pictures on the next page)



That was Fun Mom!



Finally some space!



Farley watching the action



Trudy Vicklund giving me tips



supported Entry Day

