



# TERV TRAILS

A Publication of the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club  
May-June 2016



*Another Nikki Picture!*

*(Who can resist puppy pictures!)*

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**Membership Information**

Individual Membership ..... \$10.00  
Family Membership..... \$15.00

***Write to LSBTC Secretary for membership  
applications or newsletter subscriptions***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: July 25, 2016  
Articles, Pictures, Brags Welcome!

***The next meeting of the LSBTC  
will be SUNDAY, July 10, 2016  
at the Trinity Valley Kennel Club  
show,  
in Dallas, Texas***

***The meeting will be after  
conformation judging***

# 2016 BRAGS 'N BITCHES DINNER

by Susan Hervey

The annual Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club Brags N Bitches dinner was held on April 30, 2016 after an initial rescheduling.

Cynthia and Jeff welcomed us to their home, and Jeff cooked his famous lasagna! Everyone else brought a side dish or desert.



As always, brags were \$5 for a Terv brag and \$10 for a brag about anything or anyone else. All bitches were \$10 and are not normally published.

**Attendees included Cynthia Parker, Jeff Curran, Dennis and Deb Lyons, Pat Thomas and Gerard Bermel, Devota Swenson, Susan Hervey, Sarah Helber, and Joella Flory.**

The money goes to Belgian Tervuren Rescue, Inc. Donations in excess of brags and bitches were also freely given. \$1,075 was raised for rescue!

*Photos by Sarah Helber*

## 2016 BRAGS 'N BITCHES DINNER, Continued

### **BITCH WARNING!**

***While bitches are not normally published, this bitch was so egregious and so open to analysis in future years that I thought it warranted an exception to the rule!***

***JEFF: I'll open this up with a major bitch. The Dallas Cowboys picked the right player this year-- Ezekiel Elliott--a future Hall of Fame running back and the best player of the past year. Now they'll win and that will really piss me off. . . .***

### NOW SERIOUSLY

Dennis bragged that Karen Newman took Abby to Florida where they won a variety of points and a 4-point major! Abby now has 15 points, one major.

Gerard bragged, "I got a puppy." (Yea, Nikki!) →

Jeff bragged that Cherish got her Novice Preferred Jumpers and her Novice Preferred Standard.

Joella bragged that her sister is a fine painter. When her sister was in college, her paintings were stolen, and she was discouraged from painting. Joella hired a different artist to paint a lab, but the artist could never get the color right. She had her sister look at it, and her sister practiced painting a few other dogs--Cavaliers, Shorthairs, and a Boxer. Now her sister is painting again and already has 3 commissions. Joella passed around photos of her sister's paintings.

Cynthia bragged that Casanova earned his Novice Jumpers and Novice Standard and one Nose Work title.

Cynthia bragged that Cameo is in Excellent now.

Cynthia bragged that she's not training any more (although she did run the weaves the other day.)



## *2016 BRAGS 'N BITCHES DINNER, Continued*

Cynthia bragged that her mother is still alive at 87 years.

Dennis bragged that it's only 3 years till he retires!

Jeff said it's only 7 years till he retires--and said that was both a brag and a bitch.

Pat bragged that Becka hasn't killed the puppy yet!

Pat bragged that Becka got her Nose Work 2 title and several other titles.

Sarah bragged that Miles got his TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) title last year and his TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) title this year.

Glenda bragged that she is actually training one of her dogs--Streak--in Nose Work.



*Devota, Nikki, Deb and Dennis  
Photo by Sarah Helber*

Devota bragged that she took Alo to a Nose Work test and even though he hadn't worked in 8 months he passed his ORT (Odor Recognition Test) for anise.

Dennis bragged that the weather only hit them once! Hail damage on a vehicle and the roof lost shingles. (Wait--it that really a brag?)

Susan bragged on Devota for taking in Cupcake the Rescue Terv!

Cynthia bragged on Devota--she called her one of her Rescue Angels for fostering Cupcake, who will be in the Rescue Parade at the National!

Dennis bragged on Jeff and Cynthia for hosting another Brags N Bitches dinner--their 11th!

Pat said Gerard got a new truck--and bragged that he was smiling!

## *2016 BRAGS 'N BITCHES DINNER, Continued*

Deb said she was one of the few employees at her company named "top performer." She got a 1.079% raise. (OK--might not be a 100% brag!)

Jeff bragged that his company doesn't suck that bad.

Cynthia bragged that their terrible neighbors left.

Cynthia bragged that they got a hot tub, and Jeff built her a Hot Tub House!



Cynthia and Jeff

## 2016 BRAGS 'N BITCHES DINNER, Continued

Just a Few More Pictures!



Sarah was the principal photographer at the event, and I never got a picture of her face, but she gave Nikki a good "skritch" when she first arrived!

(Photo by Susan Hervey)

Clipper joined us after dessert!



Photo by Sarah Helber

And, one more Nikki picture!  
(They grow up so fast.)

Nikki says, "I'll have one of those, please!"



Photo by Sarah Helber

# DUES ARE DUE

"Membership dues shall be \$10.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for family membership per year, payable on or before the first day of June each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current club year."

*Per the LSBTC Constitution:*

A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first of June of each year.

Remit dues to:                      LSBTC Treasurer  
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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following people have accepted the nomination as officers and directors of the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club:

- Devota Swenson - President (2016-2018, two years)
- Pat Thomas - Vice President (2016-2017)
- Sarah Helber - Secretary (2016-2017)
- Shirley Stowe - Treasurer (2016-2018, two years)
- Gerard Bermel - Director (2016-2017)
- Glenda Fick - Director (2016-2017)

Sincerely,  
Pat Thomas, Nominating Committee Chair

## **ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS**

*by Susan Hervey*

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to ensure there will be at least one candidate for each office. Additional nominations can be submitted as delineated in the By-Laws:

"Additional nominations of eligible members may be submitted to the Secretary in writing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee stating their willingness to be a candidate and endorsed by three members in good standing. Such nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.