



#### **Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers**

February 2019

#### **Recent Club Events**

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Nancy Bylin Deb Duryea The Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers Hosted a Successful Bearded Collie Club of America Annual National Specialty September/October 2018. Pictures and Recap on Page 3—6

NCBCF Members and their Beardies got together for the Holiday Walk and Lunch Dec 9, 2018 at the Marina in Vallejo. See Page 7

NCBCF sponsored a well-received Agility Seminar February 7-10 with Loretta Mueller.

#### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Deadline to order NCBCF T-shirts—March 6—Details on Page 17

Nominations for Club Officers and Board members—May 1—Details on Page 17

Agility Trial—April 19-21, Leone Equestrian Center, Sacramento, Details on Page 2

Bounce Picnic—Livermore, Date TBD

Woofstock—Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4 and 5, Beardie only Herding, Patterson CA Thursday June 6, Conformance with Woofstock, Vallejo, CA Friday, June 7, Designated Specialty and Sweepstakes, Vallejo, CA Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9, Supported Entries, Vallejo, CA

All Breed Herding Trial—Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, Patterson, CA

# Agility Trial April 19—21, 2019 Leone Equestrian Center, Sacramento

Every year the NCBCF puts on two agility events as fund raisers for our club. This is a major source of revenue, which along with club dues, funds our club activities.

You don't need an agility dog to participate in this fun event. There are varied opportunities to help.

Friday AM: unload equipment and help set up courses. Sunday PM: help to the set up courses.

pack up the equipment. Friday PM-

NCBCF Club members who participate will be given a club logo T-shirt, lunch, parking and certificates for use at club activities or on-site vendors

There are several other fun activities for dogs and their families that will be going on at the same time: The Sacramento Dog Club is

sponsoring FCAT where your dog can chase a lure to clock his speed, AKC Trick Testing, and a Barn Hunt.

If you are interested in participating at the trial, please contact Libby Buhite-Myers skyecaper@aol.net who works so hard organizing these

Agility Trails for NCBCF club.

Also, please email your T-shirt color and size preference to Sharon Prassa at by March 6 sprassa@earthlink.net so you can wear it while at the trial.



Dawn Kinney's Buffy taking a jump

Sunday: we need helpers to work in the ring. And don't worry, there will be people to train you.

Or consider bringing a pot luck dish to share with others working the trial.

# National Specialty Bearded Collie Club of America Sept 29—Oct 5, 2018 Sacramento, CA

This year the NCBCF hosted the BCCA's National Specialty. Dozens of Beardies and their families from all over the country and as far away as Sweden and Argentina converged in Sacramento last fall. Congratulations to co-chairs **Sharon Prassa** and **Lisa Voss** and the other club members for a wonderfully organized, fun and eventful week. As usual, there was plenty of opportunity for folks to greet old friends and to make new ones.



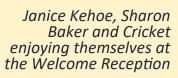
Specialty Co-Chairs Lisa Voss and Sharon Prassa at the Welcome Reception



Kathleen Harold and Jackye Dunn at the Awards Banquet

Joe Prassa with his band were the hit at the Welcome Reception







### **National Specialty—Agility Trial**



Jack and Libby Buhite's Lark Was the Oldest Qualifying Veteran



Suzi Beddoe with Emma who won High in Trial for Standard and Time2Beat, and was High Combined Champion of Record



Charlie Banfield's and Sue Banfield Kirk's Echo won High in Trial for Jumpers with Weaves, and was High Combined Novice



Dawn Kinney's Fyvie won High in Trial for FAST

### **National Specialty—Herding Trial**



Nancy Bylin's Vinny, who won High in Trial Advanced Sheep, guides the sheep through the course





Lynn Corn accepting Oboe's award for Started Sheep

Janice Kehoe discussing strategy with Cricket who earned her championship at Nationals

### **National Specialty— Obedience and Rally**



Lynn Phillips, Lynn Corn, Suzi Beddoe and Sharon Prassa compete in Team Obedience



Pam Harris competes with Kona in Advanced Rally

### **National Specialty—Confirmation**



Curt Berrin's Ryley wins Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes, handled by Jean Gauchat Hargis



Kathy Harrington and Valerie & Scott Shaffer



BOW/WB Ginevra de Al Ver Veras owned by Christian Guio Śilva



Many of the pictures on pages 4-6 of the Nationals were graciously provided by Dogma Photography www.dogmaphotography.com where many more pictures from the Nationals are available for viewing or purchase.

## Holiday Walk December 9, 2018, Vallejo

A number of hearty souls with their faithful Beardies met at the Marina in Vallejo for the Annual NCBCF Holiday Walk. While it was a bit cool and breezy, club members and their pups enjoyed the chance to meet old friends and to make new ones. Afterwards, the humans enjoyed a cozy lunch at Zio Fraedos.



From Left to Right: Barbara Burton, Dan Burton, Jeff Weinman, Tim Wilson, Joann Wilson, Dawn Kinney, Lisa Voss, Curt Berrien, Tom Duryea, Sharon Prassa, Diana Thoits and Fred Thoits

#### **Bailey Lausmann Star Therapy Dog**

#### By Steve Lausmann



My journey with Bailey as a therapy dog started when I used to visit my mother at her assisted living home. Each time I visited her she was excited to see one of the Beardies. Bailey in particular showed a calmness during visits which surprised me a little at first. I carefully shared him with some of the other residents on each visit. He really seemed to enjoy meeting all of these new people. When my mother passed away I really wanted to continue sharing Bailey but didn't really know where to start. I was lucky to be in a scent work class with the coordinator for Sutter Hospital's pet therapy program. I expressed my desire to continue sharing him and we got underway with becoming certified. The most popular organization that certifies therapy teams for the hospitals is Pet Partners. They cover everything from evaluations, education, badging, and

insurance. The evaluation is comprehensive and

should be prepared for when training your dog well before the actual test. The dog must like to meet friendly strangers with enthusiasm otherwise they might not be suitable for the endeavor.

In our four years of volunteering with Sutter Hospital Bailey and I have had so many positive visits that I have lost count. We typically mix up our visits by seeing patients, people waiting for someone to come out of surgery, and staff. Many of the nurses at the hospital know Bailey and spend time with him before we go see a patient. They also guide us to patients that would benefit from Bailey's visits. When appropriate Bailey loves to get on the bed with a patient. Some of my most cherished memories are these visits where he snuggles up next to a patient. Because of confidentiality rules I have very few pictures of Bailey with an actual patient. Compared to other things you do with your dog pet therapy is not an activity that lends itself to lots of action photos.

A bath is required before taking a dog into the hospital. Bathing a Bearded Collie is a fair amount of work and when I share Bailey people always ask how much time went into his preparation for the day. People enjoy touching the Beardie coat and are curious about the breed.



#### **Bailey Lausmann Star Therapy Dog**



Many times I take a small breed information article to give to people we visit. We also have baseball cards with Bailey's picture on them and a little about the Sutter pet therapy program to give to visitors and patients.

Sutter Hospital pet therapy program, Sutter Paws on Call, is involved in a lot of other activities that Bailey and I get to participate in. I joined with other teams and went to the schools in the Napa area after the fires. Sometimes we visit with Sutter affiliated senior facilities. We have gone to the Tim Tebow Night to Shine event which

is put on to allow young adults who are physically and/or mentally challenged get to have their own prom nights. Bailey was also involved in a PBS documentary on animal therapy and had a non-speaking role in it.

Bailey is quite tired after one of his visits, more so if it involved large crowds and a lot of interaction. He typically wants to take a long nap after we get home and sometimes is still tired the next day. We have been told this is normal and must be taken into account when deciding how often to visit.

For anyone considering becoming a therapy dog team be sure your dog likes to visit people enthusiastically in many settings. One should have basic obedience training with their dog. Also exposing your dog properly to strange noises, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. goes a long ways to enabling them to be comfortable in a hospital. The evaluation will expose any areas that need to be worked on.

Overall, I am glad Bailey likes to do this and I never take it for granted that he seems like such a perfect match for the activity. He and I have the opportunity to cheer up people who really need it.

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## Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members Sharon Prassa—NCBCF Club President

Hi, I got my first beardie 1991, Annie. Many of you may have seen her photo as the "flying Annie" on my Facebook page. She is also the subject of our club logo. Since Annie, I have had Amos (my husband thought Amos was a natural "pair" name for Annie), Zoot, Ry and now Xavi and Mae. I have been president of NCBCF for too long and need somebody to step up and take over, please!! I will be there as an assistant for you!!

Back to my dogs. All except Amos have been Versatility Excellent dogs with Zoot attaining the prestigious title of Master of Versatility. He was an AKC dual champion meaning he was a herding champion and a breed champion.

Mae is 2 years old but, I hope, will achieve the Versatility Excellent title one day. She enjoys herding sheep and tracking.

Give your beardies a big kiss for me. They are the best!!



Sharon Prassa in "Mind Meld" with Ry

# Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members Dawn Kinney—NCBCF Club Vice President

There has been a Beardie in my household since 1988, when I was able to purchase a house with a yard. At the time, friends teased me that I bought the house because it already had a doggy-door. I lost my dear 15- year old Buffy April 2017, and it's difficult to talk about myself without talking about Buffy. We shared so much, learned together and ended up knowing each other so well that she just seems to be part of anything I say about myself.

Now the household consists of Buffy's great grand-niece, Fyvie, and Fyvie's daughter Willow. Fyvie and I are trying to compete in agility and I'm trying to help Willow become aware of her various parts. For example, that her back paws can be used and not just follow her front paws. I love enhancing our relationship as my hairy companions and I learn things together.



Dawn Kinney's Willow as a young puppy after a hard day disciplining her five male litter mates



Willow at a year

# **Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members**Carleen Carver—NCBCF Club Secretary



I am retired from high tech and live in Livermore near three of my four grandchildren.

Grady, our one and only beardie, came to us as a 2 year old finished conformation champion. He and I have done obedience and rally together. He loves traveling with us and seems to be comfortable wherever he knows we are.

# Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members Libby Buhite-Myers—NCBCF Club Treasurer



Jack Buhite, Lynn Corn and Libby Buhite-Myers

Jack Buhite and I joined the NCBCF in 1991 after we got our first Beardie, Melita Skyedance. In 1994 I was elected to the Board and took up the position of Membership Chair. In 1996, when competing in agility with Skye, I was invited to join the Bearded Collie Club of America's agility committee and later became National Agility Chair from 2000-2014. Also in 1996 I founded the Beardie Agility Diehards, an internet group of American and Canadian Beardies competing in agility. I maintain the website, created by Karen Norteman, with photos and stats of more than 500 Beardies. In 1997 I added Agility Chair for the NCBCF to my club participation. That year we held an Agility B Match at Power

Paws with Nancy Gyes and were given AKC agility licensing. In 2000 I was elected NCBCF Secretary and worked with both Jack Buhite, President, and Sharon Prassa, Vice President, on NCBCF's becoming a fully licensed AKC Member Club. Having achieved that goal, we held our first Regional Specialty Conformation and first Regional Agility event in 2001. Then in July 2005 I became NCBCF Treasurer, a position I still hold. That year I worked with Sharon Prassa, now NCBCF President, on obtaining a tax-free status for our club. When I became treasurer, we had \$6,583.45 in our account. Today, thanks to our various activities and agility fundraising, we have a balance of \$32,476.63. I am very proud of our club and all that we have achieved together and look forward to many more years of service along with Jack, who is now NCBCF Agility Chair. Over the years we have had six Beardies, including three that we bred. Three of these were/are breed champions and all competed in agility and herding. Five were/are BCCA Versatility Excellent Beardies.

# Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members Janice Kehoe—NCBCF Club Board Member







Cricket

Z as a puppy in 2014

Janice with Z and Cricket at Herding Trial in Patterson

I enjoy living in the Foothills. After growing up in Western Pennsylvania, Auburn, the gateway to the Sierra Nevada mountains, was a perfect match for me. I love the rolling hills, trees and the quiet small town charm which are familiar to me and, oh so, comfortable. I relax spending time with my 2 Beardies, Cricket and Z ,who are both trained in sheep herding and agility. We are starting to learn tracking, as well. We also enjoy long walks and romps. I bring 35 years of Banking, Portfolio and Risk Management experience to my career as an active Realtor with HomeSmart ICARE Realty.

# Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members Pam Harris—NCBCF Club Board Member

I got my first Beardie Ch Monet's Sunrise of Lone Tree UD, HIC, Ian, in 1983 from Mary Edner! He was my heart but unfortunately left me when he was 6 yrs. old due to an autoimmune disease. Since then I have had many "kids" (Echo, Tessa, Cash, Amber, Picard, Brianna, Jodie, Mary, Kona, and Nike). Kona is a great, great granddaughter of Tessa. Nike is a Jewel puppy and both Mark, my husband, and I have become guite attached to this bundle of fun. He has an outstanding work ethic and gives 100% in everything he does! I have enjoyed training and showing them all in conformation herding, agility, obedience, rally, and now barn hunt, dock diving and scentwork. Mark especially likes to take Nike and Kona on walks.

We live in Sparks, Nv where I work at a local hospital as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist.



Pam with Kona, Nike and Husband Mark

# Meet the NCBCF Officers and Board Members Lisa Voss—NCBCF Club Board Member



Lisa didn't add any comments of her own but she did send along some family photos



#### **Other Club Business**

T-Shirts and sweatshirts with our NCBCF club logo are now available for sale. Visit <a href="https://www.bonfire.com/northern-california-bearded-collie-fanciers/">https://www.bonfire.com/northern-california-bearded-collie-fanciers/</a>. This is a great way to show your pride in our dogs and in our club. The current campaign closes on <a href="mailto:March 6">March 6</a> and ordered shirts will <a href="mailto:ship">ship</a> <a href="mailto:March 14">March 14</a>. Folks who volunteer to help at club sponsored Agility Trials will be given a T-shirt. If you plan to volunteer, please contact Sharon at <a href="mailto:sprassa@earthlink.net">sprassa@earthlink.net</a> with your size and color preference.

Please submit nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Board Members to Sharon Prassa by May 1. We will vote at the Beardie Bounce Picnic in May.

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