
THE LOWDOWN

Potomac Basset Hound Club

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November Match Wrap-Up

by Devon Merritt

The Potomac Basset Hound Club held its Sanctioned B Match on Saturday, November 3, at the home of club member Joan Portner. The judge was Ms. Casey Gonda DVM. Dr. Gonda breeds and shows Salukis. While it was a chilly morning, there was no rain and the ring was dry.

In the Open Class “Saranade’s Night Moves at St Lo, CA” was Best Adult In Match. The Club also presented Dr. Gonda with a large “Exhibition Only” class for her to get a good look at structure and gait. Club members also let Dr. Gonda go over their dogs and discussed each dog in detail for her to learn type, structure, and faults.

We also had two new people preparing to join the club practice taking a Basset into the ring. With some quick instruction and practice, Natalie Balents and Tyler McCarthy enjoyed their first time in the ring.

Our future events include our Holiday Party at the end of December at Melinda Brown’s (see directions on Page 4) and our Spring Specialty in Manassas, Virginia in May.

Upcoming Events

December 29 - Club Holiday Party will be held at the home of Melinda Brown, beginning at 12pm. Bring a dish to share and a small dog related gift for the exchange!

Training Opportunity!

Nose Work Class

Waggin' Tails Junction is offering a 6 week Nose Work training with instructor Anke King.

Visit
www.waggintailsjunction.com
for more information



The Hokieland hounds will be starting their 3rd class!

New Title in 2018?

by Madeline Wilson

This year we have decided to omit the rosettes commemorating new titles. We are going to continue placing an ad in the Tally Ho to honor our new titleholders. In that vein, please send to me (Madeline Wilson) via email (kuuipobassets@yahoo.com) or snail mail a listing of titles earned last year. Please include:

- 1) Title(s) earned during 2018 and date
- 2). Dog's Registered Name
- 3) Dog's Call Name, owner(s).
- 4) Separately for inclusion and design of the ad for Tally Ho, please send to Melinda a picture (casual or formal) at saranade@embarqmail.com

Please let me know if you have any questions.



“This is my happy face” - Buford

Field Trial News - Beauty in Motion

by Ellen Ripper

Pilgrim and Capital Basset Hound clubs held a 3 day dual field trial at the Niagara River Beagle Club in Batavia, NY on Oct. 19 to Oct. 21, 2018.

Trialers from all over the Northeast came in for this annual event. The weather gods put on a full program from sunny skies on Friday to thunder, lightning, and sleet (or was it hail?) to a downpour on Saturday with a grand finale of wind and cold on Sunday.

An entry of 33 dogs and bitches soldiered on, as did their owners. The humans were rewarded with fantastic home cooked meals each day by the Niagara B.C., followed by a raffle, before returning to the field.

Field trialing involves everyone's participation working as a field marshall, brush beater, or spotter. This is definitely a team sport, no couch potatoes for dogs or humans. One nice thing about a dual field trial is that everyone has the opportunity to enter two days.

Fireball of Fireside, owned by Ellen Ripper, put together a nice run her first day and was called back High Hound in the second series, first brace. She defended her position well on the second run. A third series was called before the results were announced back at the clubhouse.

It was a special moment when they called her name for first place for this young girl who is only two years old. Her owner received the cherished green ribbon and a lovely Capital District trivet along with 16 points toward the field championship.

Later in the month, in Flemington, NJ, the Berkshire BHC held their Fall field trial at the Central Jersey Beagle Club.

Fireball's experienced and mature brace mate ran in the fourth brace out of ten. The heavy rain the day before made for rabbits that were sitting tight. The gallery held together and worked hard beating the brush to get the rabbits moving.

In the second series, Fireball came back as High Hound. She put on a great run, working several checks to perfection. A third series was called for her challengers. She held her own and earned another first place and 19 points.

Watching bassets use their natural scenting ability to run a rabbit with no help or direction from a human is a thing of beauty.

2018 PBHC Holiday Party

When: Saturday, December 29th @ 12pm

What: Please bring a dish to share and small dog related wrapped gift for the exchange

Where: Home of Melinda Brown
3271 Woodcreek Dr.
Charlottesville, VA 22911

Driving Directions

From Washington (North):

Take I-66 to US 29 South (Charlottesville). In Culpepper, take US 15 South to Rt. 20 South (Charlottesville/Barboursville). Stay on Rt. 20 (you will do a jog on US RT 33 in Barboursville - a left turn, under the railroad bridge and then right continuing onto Rt. 20).

At Stony Point, go past the Stony Point Elementary School on the left then make a sharp 90 degree turn left (still on Rt. 20). Turn left onto Woodcreek Dr. (about 2 miles) the fifth house on the right (Yellow).

From Washington (South): Take I-95 South to Fredericksburg and Exit at Rt. 3 West to Culpepper. Stay on Rt. 3 until you get to Wilderness (about 15 miles) and turn left onto Rt. 20 South to Orange VA. Stay on Rt. 20 through Orange and continue as above.

From Richmond:

Take I-64 West to Exit 124, Rt. 250, West -Shadwell/Charlottesville. About 1 mile turn right onto Rt. 20, Stony Point Rd. Go about 6 miles and turn right onto Woodcreek Drive to the fifth house on the right (Yellow).

From the West:

Take I-64 EAST to Charlottesville. Exit at Exit 118, US 29 Bypass. US 29 and Rt. 250 merge then separate. Stay on Rt. 250 Bypass. On East side of City, you will come to Rt. 20. Cross over the Rivanna Bridge and take next left onto Rt. 20 to Orange/Barboursville, VA. Proceed about 6 miles to Woodcreek Drive and turn right. Continue as above.

Lost? Confused? Have a question?
Call (434) 975-9915 or email saranade@embarqmail.com