

THE LOWDOWN

POTOMAC BASSET HOUND CLUB

JULY 2019

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Picnic & Meeting: The next PBHC Meeting and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 20 at the home of Joan & Jurgen Portner. The meeting will start at 11am with picnic to follow.

Directions to Joan's House:

6446 Fieldstone Lane Rhoadsville, VA 22542

From I-95 (North or South: Exit on Route 3 West to Culpepper at Fredericksburg, VA. Go approximately 13 miles to Wilderness and turn left at light onto Rt 20. Stay on Rt 20 about 10 miles and turn right on County Rd 692. Go about 2 miles and turn right onto 602, then take the next left onto Fieldstone Lane (gravel road). Joan's house is at the end of the cul de sac, # 6446 (see basset on gate).

From Rt. 29: Take 29 to Culpepper exit onto Rt. 3 East to Fredericksburg. Go approximately 18 miles to Wilderness and turn Right onto Rt. 20. Follow as above.

Phone Number: 703-501-8160

Picnic Sign-Up: Devon sent out a food sign up sheet on July 1st. Please plan on bringing a side dish or dessert to share. The club will provide the hot dogs and burgers.

Discord: Discord has been popular for members to attend meetings if they cannot make it to the meeting site. If you need information, please contact Devon Merritt for an invite. You need to download the Discord app first and confirm your email with the app. Even if you don't wish to use the voice part of the app, Devon can see your typed comments and read them out during the meeting.

Brag: Please send all Brags (exact text and any photos) to Kaitlin (Kaitlin.chiarelli@gmail.com) at least one week prior to the end of the month in order for it to be included in that month's edition. With less than one week's notice, it will be included in the following months newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31-Aug 1 – Salem Show by
James River KC

August 2-3 – Salem Show by
Roanoke KC

August 4 – Salem Show by New
River Valley KC

August 24 – SBHC Specialty in
York, PA

July 20 –Meeting & Picnic at
Joan Porter's

September 14 – PBHC Meeting
Salem Church Branch Library in
Fredericksburg, VA

September 21 – BROOD PBHC
Information and Nail Trim Table
at Frying Pan Park in Fairfax, VA

November 2 – PBHC Fall
Specialty with Warrenton Kennel
Club in Doswell, VA

November 23 - PBHC Meeting
Salem Church Branch Library
Fredericksburg, VA

MAY MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2019 @ Fredericksburg Library, Salem Church Branch

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.

Members in Attendance: Melinda Brown, Madeline Wilson, Joan Portner, Devon Merritt, Robin Snell, Phillip Lanier.

On Discord: Kaitlin Chiarelli, Gregg Kantak, Peggie O'Brien, Will and Debbie Nassau, Tracy Holmes.

Motion to approve February minutes were accepted as published in March Lowdown – Motion approved.

President's Report: None at this time.

Committee Reports

Show Chairman: Entry is good. Mattaponi show starts at 11, then our specialty.

Trophy: All trophies are ready, confirmed with MBF that ribbons size and style are the same as last year.

Hospitality: None.

Grounds: None.

Photographer: None.

Food: Food sign up sheet sent out. Melinda asked for 4 tables, and Phillip Lanier will bring another table.

Raffle: Everyone encouraged to bring a basket for the raffle.

Old

Board Nominations: The Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate for the 2019 nominations for Potomac BHC:

President: Richard Todd Jackson

Treasurer: Melinda Brown

Board: Sally Nist and Robin Snell

Nominations from the floor: None

All have agreed to serve/continue to serve if elected.

Robin Snell will fill out the rest of Dale McGregor's term.

Judge Nominations: Richard will send Devon a list of names.

New Site Suggestions: Tabled until July. We can have a conversation with Katie since Mattaponi will probably become a performance club only.

New

BROOD Ramble: Will be held on September 21st at Frying Pan Park. We will offer our club table for nail trims and ear cleanings for donations and offer a \$100 sponsor donation.

PBHC: We need club guidelines for who can be a club judge mentor and what our criteria is. Will table it until next meeting and discuss then. Gregg will submit an article for the next Lowdown discussing criteria.

VFDC&B News: None at this time. Legislative session is done at this time.

Secretary's Report

Incoming: MBF – ribbon approval for specialty.

Outgoing: AKC – application for Fall Specialty. MBF – approved ribbons for specialty.

Treasurer's Report: \$5697.31 in all accounts. Dues are now due for members by the June 30th.

Election of New Members: Phillip Lanier: approved.

Next Meetings:

July 20: at Joan Portner's meeting and picnic.

September 14: Meeting at Salem Church Branch Library.

November 23: Meeting at Salem Church Branch Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46am.

BRAG

ODOR RECOGNITION TRIALS (ORT) AND TRIBULATIONS BY KAREN HIGHLEY

On an off & on cloudy, rainy, day the Just Bassets of Hokieland traveled to Midlothian, Va for their 1st ORT trial on June 1, 2019. We had 2 out of 3 searches: Tazz a speedy 8.5 sec on Clove & RV 23 sec on Birch. Bruce tried but that last box alluded him due to many distractions. Still a fantastic accomplishment for our first try!

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

WINNING IN WARWICK BY ELLEN RIPPER

Branscombe Apple Country of Fireside (Fireball) completed a trifecta at the three day (June 14-16) Hunting Performance Test in Rhode Island at the Little Rhody Beagle Club.

Both Friday and Saturday her Brace partner Ella was a bitch from NY belonging to Annette Spallino. Their 30 minute run both days resulted in a second HPT title of SHH for Fireball to go with her HH.

Having completed the requirements for both Solo and Brace, Sunday she moved to the four-dog pack running with Bill Forrest's Harold (her half-brother) Allie and Truffles.

What a beautiful sight to see four bassets start and stay together to find and run the rabbit for a high scoring half hour performance.

Together Capital and Pilgrim B.H. clubs put on a well-run event, drawing competitors from ten states. Plenty of good home cooked food along with participants working together in the field, clubhouse and grounds from dawn to dusk made for a delightful finale to the Spring trialing season.

Fireball is owned, loved, and trained by Ellen Ripper. She is from Dual Champions Homer and Jemma belonging to the Meahls in NC.