

THE LOWDOWN

POTOMAC BASSET HOUND CLUB

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glaucoma and Ophthalmology Presentation

The November 23rd PBHC Meeting will be hosted by Phillip Lanier. The address is 112 Juliad Court Suite 101, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Directions are as follows:

Exit 133 North from Interstate 95 Route 17 Warrenton Road. Turn right onto International Parkway which is the street between the Dollar tree and Chick-fil-a. Take the first right onto Juliad court then go to the end of the street where you will see the Intuit building and a sign with the number 1 on it turn right and go to the building behind Intuit. We are the last office in the building and there is a sign on the door that says Stafford Regional Handbell Society.

The meeting will begin at 10am and at 11am, Dr. Michelle Samuel VMD & DACVO to give a talk to the club on glaucoma and ophthalmology screening and treatment in Basset Hounds. Dr. Samuel has her practice at the Veterinary Referral Center of Northern Virginia in Manassas, Virginia.

Nationals Raffle Basket

Our basket at Nationals had the most tickets and won the club raffle contest!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23 - PBHC Meeting
Salem Church Branch Library
Fredericksburg, VA. 11 am
Presentation on Glaucoma and
Ophthalmology Testing in Basset
Hounds by Michelle Samuel
VMD, DACVO from the
Veterinary Referral Center on
Northern Virginia in Manassas.

December 28 – Holiday Party at
the home of Melinda Brown.

January 10-12, 2020 -
DOTC/Star City AKC agility
trials, held at the Virginia
Horse Center in Lexington,
VA.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

*September 14, 2019 @ Salem Branch Library in
Fredericksburg, VA*

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am.

Members in Attendance: Devon Merritt, Madeline Wilson, Larry Wilson, Melinda Brown, Joan Portner, Phillip Lanier, Gregg Kantak, Richard Jackson, Harry Chipman.

July minutes were approved as published in the September Lowdown.

President's Report: None at this time.

Committee Reports

Show Chairman: For Fall Show everything is in order for the designated specialty on November 2. Once we know ring time we can decide on a tailgate party.

Trophy: Everything is ready.

Hospitality: None.

Grounds: None.

Photographer: Will use cluster photographer.

Food: None.

Raffle: None.

Old

Updates for Spring Specialty: End of June with Mattoponi. If we choose Friday we have less traffic. Devon to contact Tidewater KC to see what they will give us for supported entry. We would like rosettes, prime grooming, free electric. Devon will contact Cindy at Mattoponi to get things organized for the show. Will discuss everything again at November meeting after we have had our Fall show at the Doswell Site. Also need to ask Cindy with Mattoponi KC to put in an ad for our concurrent specialty in their premium for Bassets.

New

Voting for BHCA 2020 Judges: Voting for BHCA 2020 judges: we sent in our online ballot for Sylvie McGee, Joe Smith, and Mary Smizer for Sweepstakes.

VFDC&B News: Melinda has show calendars at \$5 each. She will also have them available at the specialty in November. December 7 and 8th the Virginia Tech Veterinary School will be offering a 2 day lecture on breeding and genetics. Will be held at Virginia Tech. Sunday November 10 at the VFDC&B will have Valeria Rikard DVM will give a reproduction lecture at the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Incoming: WKC – Ad copy needed for catalog.

BHCA – Membership needs to update for 2 year blanket permission for Specialities.

Outgoing: WKC – Ad copy sent to WKC.

BHCA – Updated membership list sent for blanket approval for specialities.

AKC – Membership list updated.

Treasurer's Report: Total \$7326 in all bank accounts.

Election of New Members: Dan Pegelow: approved.

Next Meetings:

November 23: 10 am at : 112 Juliad Court Suite 101, Fredericksburg, VA. After the meeting at 11am Dr. Samuel will present a discussion on Glaucoma and ophthalmology screening in the Basset.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Nov 2, 2019: Fall Specialty with WKC in Doswell, VA.

Holiday Party: Saturday, December 28th, 11 am, at the home of Melinda Brown. Bring a dog related wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

Program: Gregg Kantak presented a lecture on Stewarding and Ring procedure.

In Memoriam of Harry L. Chipman, Jr.

Founder of Wagtail Bassets

BY: JUDY TRENCK

Potomac BHC has lost one of our long time members, Harry Chipman. Harry passed away on or about Thursday, October 10th. Harry was approximately 81 years of age and was found by the Stafford County Sheriff, in his yard, with his only Basset, Bronco. Bronco has since been returned to his Breeder

After his wife, Mary Louise, passed away, Harry had been on his own with a dog or two for company. He even did a breeding, and raised a litter. He has been a Potomac member since about 1975, and a BHCA member beginning at that time. Harry was the unofficial ringside photographer at various BHCA Nationals, taking pictures of dogs and exhibitors that were enjoying the conformation and other Nationals events. Many of his pictures were included in the Nationals edition of the Tally-Ho. Harry also did wedding photography, etc. Harry worked as a civilian at the Pentagon during his professional career.

Harry has been a regular at most of the Potomac meetings, more than most of us. He has served on the Board of Directors for a number of those years. He was also President of the Club during the early 1990's.

He and Mary Louise used WAGTAIL as their kennel name and they completed 10 Wagtail CH's and 3 of their hounds achieved CD, 1 CDX, and 1 ROM. His latest interest has been with scent work, tracking and obedience. Harry had been training Bronco for these events. He was training him, the days before he passed away.

Their lives with Bassets began with Barbara Borshow's Redbird Bassets. Their foundation bitch and first Champion was CH Redbird's Merry Miss Muffin. She was bred to Ch Tal-E-Ho Prancer. Out of that litter they got Ch Wagtail's Mischief Maker ROM. She was usually handled by professional handler, Sue Whaley. Most of their breeding centered on the use of studs with CH Tal-E-Ho's Prancer somewhere in the second or third generations of the pedigrees. Harry and Mary Lou did venture out to make use of Fort Merrill and Vahhala hounds.

Now Harry will join Mary Lou and all their beloved Basset Hounds. May they all RIP, together again.

2-DAY AKC/UBGF FIELD TRIAL IN GRETNA, VA WITH MT. VALLEY BEAGLE CLUB

BY ELLEN RIPPER

Ellen Ripper, PBHC member, was invited to judge the 100 dog conformation portion of the Oct. 4-5 beagle trial. Dogs are stacked on the bench either before or after they run. They are evaluated in twelve areas from head to tail using the beagle standard. This is a stand alone event, separate from the field competition but is required for dogs to be entered in UBGF competition.

Placement from first through fourth and NBQ is determined by total points. This system has contributed toward improving the conformation quality of the field dogs. This is a big undertaking. The beagle community is to be commended for developing and implementing this process and then refining it to today's process.



Ellen Ripper and Shane Hunt