

THE LOWDOWN

Potomac Basset Hound Club

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

July 10 - Club Picnic, Meeting, and Christmas in July party, in person at the home of Joan & Jurgen Portner

October 23 - 10:00am, socially distanced in-person meeting at 112 Juliad Ct. Fredericksburg, VA.

November 6 & 7 - Designated specialties with Warrenton Kennel Club and Old Dominion Kennel Club in Doswell, VA.

December 4 - 10:00am, socially distanced in-person meeting at 112 Juliad Ct., Fredericksburg VA. Dr. Samuel will give her ophthalmology lecture after the meeting.

If you need instructions on how to access Discord, please either contact Devon or go to www.potomacbhc.org for links and instructional videos.

Braggs from the Field

By Ellen Ripper

FIREBALL COMPLETES FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Branscombe Apple Country of Fireside (Fireball) ran to a well deserved third place finish against a strong field of sixteen Open All Age Bitches at the Valley Forge BHC field trial on April 18 at the Wyoming Valley Beagle Club in Hunlock Creek, PA.

She was in the seventh brace which made for a long wait. Her run was true to the line through heavy cover and very hilly/rocky land. With only one brace afterwards, the judges immediately called second series out in the field rather than go back to the clubhouse.

With her breeder John Meahl from NY there to watch, she took the lead and gave the sneaky rabbit who tucked his little white cottontail and hid at the start a good run. Her booming voice told us everything. This completed the required 60 points (62) and eight placements (9) with two firsts for a field Championship.

She is the third field champion from a litter of five (three who are trialed) from a field show breeding on both sides.

Fireball runs in her first Champions class at Susquehanna Field Trial

On Saturday April 24, at the Swatara BC in Elizabethtown, PA, Fireball ran in her first Champions class. She had a real challenge competing against the 'big guns.' It was exciting to watch as she was not intimidated by the step up in competition.

Fireball earned a callback to second series and came away with a nice third place finish against eleven other champions. She ran like she belonged and earned her first points toward the BHCA Grand Field Champion title.

BOURBON PLACES IN HIS FIRST FIELD TRIAL

HoH (House of Hounds) Virginia Gentleman, call name Bourbon, competed in the Berkshire Valley BHC field trial held at the Central Jersey Beagle Club (BC) on April 10. This young dog had to overcome deer and a large field of ten in the Open All Age Males class. Every placement brings points toward a field championship. The higher the placement, the more points. So it varies with each trial depending on how many dogs run. Nice to start with a placement.

Susquehanna Basset Hound Club

Two weeks later Bourbon competed in his second trial, this time at Swatara BC in Elizabethtown, PA against 13 Open All Age Dogs. At not even two years old, Bourbon drew the third brace. His good line work and steady voice earned a callback to second series as high hound.

Competing against his more experienced brother proved challenging. It took three series to sort things out. Three of the four dogs were littermates. Bourbon earned a coveted second place finish and more points towards the field champion.

Lenape Basset Hound Club

The Wyoming Valley BC in Hunlock, PA was the site of Bourbon's next field trial. The entry was the largest to date with 14 in the Dog class. With the cancellation of the 2020 Spring season due to COVID, this has made every placement even more gratifying. Bourbon did his owner proud and came home with another ribbon.

Season end with a combined 3-Day Hunting Performance Trial & Field Trial

South Jersey BC was the host club for the season's final event. Bourbon ran as a Solo in the Hunting Performance Test. He came through with a top three Qualifying run. Fireball (below, right) and Bourbon (below, left) are both owned, loved, and trained by Ellen Ripper.



Brag

By Phillip Lanier

We are very proud of Annie who competed in her first Fast CAT event at the Warrenton Kennel Club and had a top speed of 12 mph in the 100 yard dash. She was the only Basset there and everyone was impressed at how fast a Basset could run. Hope to see more of you at Fast CAT events!

Litter Announcement

By Melinda Brown

Early Friday morning, May 21st, CH Saranade N Zen's This Must Be Magic, (Magic) whelped 5 pups - all girls! 3 red and white and 2 Tri. Sire is Ch Zen's Hakuna Matuta (Rifiki). Mom and pups are doing well.

