
THE LOWDOWN

Potomac Basset Hound Club

Upcoming Meetings & Events

October 24 - 10:00am, socially distanced in-person meeting at 112 Juliad Ct. Fredericksburg, VA & possible conformation match or ramp training.

November 6 & 7 - Designated specialties with Warrenton Kennel Club and Old Dominion Kennel Club in Doswell, VA. For our designated specialty with Old Dominion Kennel club we will be offering a Senior Sweepstakes for dogs age 18-24 months and 24-30 months. One time COVID special! Champions allowed to compete.

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.

In Memoriam

Eben Richards, 1930 - 2021, past President of PBHC and loyal member passed away on 9/7/2021.

He was a very private man and he had a stroke at home and was found by a neighbor who called 911 on August 29th. He lived 10 days in the hospital before passing without gaining consciousness. He was 91 years old when he died. His wishes were to have no memorial service or funeral and to be cremated. He did not specify any charities from donations in his memory. He was an only child and never married. He was survived by a cousin. He was President of the Potomac Basset Hound Club until the late 1990s. The club has given \$100 to the BHCA Foundation in his memory. If anyone has a photo of Eben (Win Photo perhaps), please contact Melinda Brown.

BRAGS

Archie won BOB at the SBHC Specialty on Aug 27th in the morning.
Bessie won BOB at the SBHC Specialty on Aug 27th in the afternoon.

(Jo-Ann Schaudies)



PATROON BASSET HOUND CLUB – DEAN WICKWIRE MEMORIAL FIELD TRIAL

By Ellen Ripper

On Sept. 4 -5 Patroon BHC held a memorial field trial at the South Jersey Beagle Club in Southampton, NJ to honor a modern day pioneer in basset field. Judges were Tony Ciffizari from Mass. and Rick Hamlin a South Jersey club member.

The storms from Hurricane Ida had come through the day before releasing a tremendous amount of rain making the scenting conditions very difficult for the dogs and the tall thick over was rough for people.

The large O.A.A.D. entry of eleven started the morning off with some nice runs. H.o.H. Virginia Gentleman of Fireside (Bourbon) owned by Ellen Ripper ran in the fourth brace which made for a long wait as the rabbits did not want to come out and play in the water.

Bourbon earned a call back to second series moving him up. He was called back again for third series. When things were sorted out, this young dog had earned a hard-won third place against some much older dogs.

Bourbon is from a litter of eight pups (4 girls and 4 boys) ALL pointed. His breeders and co owners Jay and Melissa Phelps from Cazenova, NY were there to enjoy Bourbon's three runs.

The afternoon saw the Champions take center stage-five bitches and one dog. FC Branscombes Apple Country of Fireside (Fireball) Bourbon's kennel mate ran in the first brace against the eventual winner who became a grand champion that day. Fireball ran to a NBQ.

The day concluded with an evening get together of the trailers, Dean's wife and one of his daughters with her family to share photos and stories. This added to the event for everyone and especially those of us who did not know Dean. Postponed from a year ago due to the pandemic, this was a fitting conclusion.

VALLEY FORGE BHC FIELD TRIAL

By Ellen Ripper

September 18 saw the House of Hounds/Millview family reunion of 10 bassets at the Wyoming Valley Beagle Club in Hunlock Creek, PA. The judges were family, with father Bruce Mosier and his daughter Carol judging all the classes.

FC Harold owned by Bill Forrest of NH x GFC Emmy Lou owned by Jay and Melissa Phelps from NY produced this litter of eight puppies all of whom are pointed in the field.

A beautiful rainbow came out Friday evening bringing with it several placements over the weekend for the young pups.



One of these young puppies was HoH Virginia Gentleman of Fireside (Bourbon) owned by Ellen Ripper shown third from the left in the family photo.



The eight puppies (four males and four females) reside in five states: NY, NH, CT, VA and CO. This is the first time they have all been together in competition since their birth two years ago.

Later that same day, FC Branscombe Apple Country of Fireside, MHH (Fireball) placed in the Champions class. On a very hot afternoon, Fireball ran her heart out in second series to earn points toward the Grand Field Champion. Ellen hopes to see one of Fireball's pups Snowball in the field come cooler weather.