



The Lowdown

June 2023

Potomac Basset Hound Club

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. at the Stafford Library, 2001 Parkway Blvd, Stafford, VA 22554.

The annual meeting and picnic will be held on July 29 at the home of Joan Portner. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with picnic to follow.

Directions to the Portner's House:

6446 Fieldstone Lane, Rhoadsville, VA 22542

From I-95 (North or South): Exit on Rte 3 West to Culpeper 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). The house is at the end of the cul de sac, #6446 (see basset on gate).

From Rt. 29: Take 29 to Culpeper 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

Spring Specialty Show Updates:

The judge for the Spring Specialty will be Dr. Anne Gallant for regular and non-regular classes. The sweepstakes judge will be Erica Cross. Entries will close June 14. If you are on Facebook, we welcome you to join the **PBHC group** and share **this post** to help promote the upcoming show and get a sneak-peek at some of the prizes.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Dues:

Remember you must pay dues by the July meeting (July 29) to vote in the elections. Dues not paid by July 31, will incur an additional \$5 late fee. If you are a new member as of March 1, 2023, YOU DO NOT OWE DUES for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Those of you who paid dues in advance do not know if you owe, contact **Melinda Brown**.

Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Specialty:



POTOMAC BASSET HOUND CLUB **DESIGNATED SPECIALTY SHOW**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

held in conjunction with the Warrenton Kennel Club Show
Doswell, Virginia

JUDGES

Regular and Non-Regular Classes: Mr. Glen Stark | Sweepstakes: Ms. Cathy Thistle

Friday, November 3

Join us for supported entry with
Warrenton Kennel Club

JUDGE

Regular Classes: Ms. Sharol Candace Way

Sunday, November 5

Join us for supported entry with
Old Dominion Kennel Club

JUDGE

Regular Classes: Mr. Harold "Red" Tatro, III

Show Secretary: MB-F • Entry through MB-F Superintendent • PotomacBHC.org

Updates From the Field

From Ellen Ripper

The field trial community finished the spring season with three straight trials at the Wyoming Valley B.C. in Hunlock Creek, PA, our hosts for three different basset clubs: Valley Forge, Patroon and Lenape.

Capital and Pilgrim BHC held pack trials at Towanda BC.

Susquehanna and Berkshire Valley BH Clubs all held trials from Central Jersey BC Flemington, NJ to Swatara BC in Elizabethtown, PA.

Many good running dogs finished their championships and moved up to the Champion class. We had large entries and many good runs by these experienced hounds.

A Hunting Performance Test is scheduled for June in RI. After this event, trialing will shut down until fall. This is a sanctioned BHCA event for different scent hound breeds, including: bassets, PBGV, GBGV, dachshunds, beagles, and harriers. Like field trialing, there are different categories where the dogs will be evaluated.

The three classes are Solo, Brace and 2 Coupled Pack. Each one allows the competitor to run their dogs for up to half an hour.

The Fireside hunters, FC Fireball, FC Bourbon and their son Snowball placed at many of the field trials. Both Champions are working on their Grand Championship and Snowball on his FC.

Braggs



CH Saggy Bottom's Sassy Lil' Love Bug of Zen BCAT FDC CGCA CGCU TKI VHMA FITS "Sassy" earned another title on May 7th when she ran a personal best time of 14.96 seconds to earn her BCAT, the first FastCAT title. Once AKC catches up with the points she can also use that title as the final requirement for her FitDog Gold title. Go Sassy!

Potomac Basset Hound Club, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

4-27-2023

**Meeting at 112 Juliad Ct
in Fredericksburg , VA**

Begin at:

In Attendance: Madeline Wilson, Dan Pegelow, Sam Helton, Robin Snell, Nancy Maddox, Larry Wilson, Jessica Courtman, Melinda Brown, Devon Merritt, Phillip Lanier, Candice Spock, Sally Nist, Richard Jackson, Peggy O'Brien

Meeting called to order at 10:07am, minutes approved as published in the April Lowdown.

President's Report

President's Report: Reminder that AKC reminds clubs that phishing scams are going on. AKC also reminds clubs that they can have multiple specialties in a year. AKC reminded judges about the three DQ's in the breed from the BHCA.

Committee Reports

Show Chairman: Spring Specialty: draft premium was approved and sent back to MBF. Melinda showed a copy. We have requested a 10 am ring time with Mattoconi to follow.

Trophy: all trophies are currently being engraved and will be ready for specialty. All prizes are ready. Trophy list for fall is prepared and will be sent to Warrenton KC.

Hospitality: Sally has booked a room for our judge if she needs one.

Grounds: none

Photographer: Phillip and Jessica will work on live streaming our specialty

Food: ring side party

Raffle: 50/50 during show

Old

Nomination Committee Report: The Nominating Committee respectfully puts forth the following members for consideration of office:

Vice President: Sam Helton

Secretary: Phillip Lanier

Board Members: Nan Corkey and Jessica Courtman

We also recommend that Devon Merritt fill the remaining board appointment of Sam Helton through 2024 should she be elected by the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phillip Lanier

Devon will also find our show manuals to update member and committee reports. Include how to deal with Superintendent and host clubs. Will go at next meeting.

New

Judge and Sweeps Vote for 2024 BHCA Nationals: Devon Merritt recommends we vote for Richard Nance for Judge and Chris Irvine for Sweeps. Will be in Oregon.

Nationals: trophy donation, hospitality donations: \$200 to trophy and \$50 to hospitality.

Obedience and Rally trial discussion: Madeline Wilson pointed out we need to have a venue for obedience and rally to keep our credentials. We would need a 40'x50' open area for a ring. Phillip's new site would be big enough to hold a trial.

Scent work seminar: Robin will ask Lind Weaver if she would be willing to have a scent work seminar in October.

VFDC&B NEWS

None at this time.

Secretary's Report

Incoming:

WKC: forms and due dates for specialty

AKC: updates needed for approval

AKC: Approval for our specialty

BHCA: membership list needed

Outgoing:

WKC: notifications of holding designated specialty and supported entry.

ODKC: notifications of holding supported entry

AKC: updated member and officer lists

BHCA: membership list sent

Mattaponi KC: sent our requirements

Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$5998.00 in checking and savings. Dues will be due by annual meeting. Notice sent in May Lowdown.

Election of New Members

None at this time

Next Meeting

June Meeting: Saturday, June 17, at 10am. Phillip will arrange a room at Stafford library.

Annual meeting and picnic July 29, at the home of Joan Portner.

Adjourn at:

11:07 am.

Program:

Neonate Care Presented by Devon Merritt