

BKC News Letter January 2015

Hello Brained Kennel Club and welcome to 2015! We are starting out the year with a new agenda for the club. Short and to the point - focus on dog obedience classes to build a healthier community and club. Let's focus on that to help our community have healthier families by having obedient dogs. In addition let's continue to participate in some cornerstone community events that support our mission. Events that promote HART (Feb spaghetti dinner, "Hoofin it for HART & pictures with santa), RDOD (Responsible Dog Ownership Day) with many events all weekend, recognition events like the St. Patrick's day parade in Crosslake that has upwards of 8,000 people watching, CLC's Stress relief days & area assisted living facilities where some of our therapy dog teams go reach out to the community, community education classes where we teach community members how to choose the right dog for their family.

Last and by no means least - communication. I will be the first to admit our communication has been poor this past year. We are working to change that problem.

- 1) Our contact lists have been updated so we have member emails and participant emails
- 2) Our website is being updated. We currently have a non functioning website and this is detrimental to us functioning in the current world.
- 3) FaceBook - we are actively amping up our work to reach as many as we can on FB - Like us! Social media is currently the premier way to reach the community. Plus big bonus ITS FREE!
- 4) Member meetings - we have decided to have meeting the 2nd Monday of each month @ Hunts Point K9 Center. This is due to complaints of customers getting classes interrupted by meetings. We are not able to conduct all business in a 15 minute time frame between classes. We will have "Topic Time" for the next 6 months to a year as an attempt to promote the club and participation. If this is successful we will continue.
- 5) Newsletter will be getting out this year on a quarterly basis.

We have been talking about our AKC accreditation for the last year or more. In our year leading up to the 40th anniversary of the club we are working on plans for our first A match. This is no small feat. Everyone's efforts of starting the club, building the club, donating to the club, participating in the club have lead us to this point. Our 40th anniversary is something to celebrate. Something for us all to celebrate. We welcome your ideas of how to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Contact a board member or email bkcdogs

Due to the AKC accreditation some of our dates have changed.

- Fiscal year end is Dec 31
- Renewal is January and February. We need to get our updated roster to AKC by April is the reason for renewal dates changed.
- Annual banquet is now December.

We welcome any of you to participate in classes, help with matches, help and participate in any or all of the club events mentioned above. Feedback from the membership would be great. How can we make your club better and what can we offer that you would like to see? Ideas would be so welcome. Ways to reach me or others – bkcdogs@hotmail.com,

We, the 2015 Board of directors (President Barb Schilling, VP Jim Wills, Treasurer Judy Cunningham, Secretary Pam Wible, Traci Vosen, Donna Wilson, Colleen Adrian), want to invite all of you to work together to grow and strengthen "our" club. We look forward to helping our community in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Barb Schilling

Calendar of upcoming events below:

February

- Membership renewal are due by March. Please see the renewal form attached to your email.
- February general membership meeting. Feb 9 @ 7:00 Hunt's Point K9 Center.

Topic Time - Westminster viewing was our "topic time" the show has been moved to the 16th so we will have to improvise with our own "[Midwester Champion Dog Show](#)"! Bring your dog and win prizes for –

Hot Dog Hunt

Fastest Recall

Dog Tricks

Tunnel Run

Dog Costume contest

Smallest and Biggest Dog – post pictures on FaceBook

Families welcome! Snacks and prizes

- Feb Board meeting Feb 17 6:30 @ Black Bear Baxter
- Feb 26 Rally demo Thursday 7:20 by Sheridan & Donna Wilson @ Hunt's Point K9 Center

March

- Next CGC March 5th 6:00 Hunts Point K9 Center
- TDI certification test March 7 @ Hunt's point K9 center 11:30 –
sign up with barb@northcountryplumbing.com
- March membership meeting March 9 7:00 @ Hunt's Point

Topic Time - Agility by Peggy Wills. Agility is a fast growing dog sport in which the handler directs a dog through tunnels, a tire jump, teeter-totter, standard jumps, a dog walk and an A-frame. Agility is a fun way to bond with your dog. In order for the dog to run the course the dog must rely on verbal and hand instructions from the handler.

Check Hunts Point K-9 Center's website for the class schedule www.huntspointk9center.com

- St Patrick's Day Parade March 14 - join BKC walking in the parade dogs welcome and wanted!
Sign up at Hunt's Point bulletin board or email bkcdogs@hotmail.com. Watch for email of details on where to meet and time early March
- March board meeting March 17 6:30 place TBD
- Spring class start March 26 - registration form attached

April

- April member meeting April 13 @ 7:00 Hunt's Point K9 Center.

Topic time - Rally by Heather Baird and Porter. Come and see what Rally is all about. Bring your dog and give it a try on a course.

- April Board meeting April 21 @ 6:30 place TBD

May

- May membership meeting May 11 @ 7:00 Hunt's Point K9 Center

Topic Time - Wild & Free Wildlife Rehab tentatively for topic time prior to the meeting

- May Board meeting May 19 6:30 place TBD
- Spring CGC May 21
- HART "Hoofin it for HART" @ Northland Arboretum May 23.

June

- June membership meeting June 8 7:00 @ Hunt's Point K9 Center

Topic time - K9 Police demonstration by Officer Matt Meier and his K9 partner

- Board meeting June 16 @ 6:30 place TBD