

Hello everyone! Welcome to spring

BKC has had a nice start to 2015. Classes are going well this year. We are working at getting more instructors involved. We have a few kids in training classes which we love to see. We have started a new series of programs offered each month in an effort to reach out to the community and the current club members called Paws & Tails. (See more about that below). We are getting ready for our B/OB (Breed and obedience) match in June. The new website is up and running. Looks great! Class information, upcoming events and more - visit often for more BKC information. Some of the pages are under construction and will come along as we can get them done but all the events and class info is on and current. Thanks Traci Vosen for all the work on the new site.

BKC had a fantastic group at the Crosslake St. Patrick's day parade in March. We had a great group of people and dogs and carried our new banner. We are also glad to report that our first "fun show" was a hit. We offered games for people and dogs to play for socialization and fun. We all had a good time and it was great to see new faces.

Some upcoming events:

HART walk May 23 - join the BKC team to raise money for HART. The walk is at the Arboretum again this year. BKC will have a table and a group walking. Registration 9:15 & walk at 10:00. Bring your pledges or donate at the walk. Bring your dog!! Don't forget poop bags. Tell the BKC members at the table if you want to join the BKC team for the walk.

May 28 CGC - will be held at Hunt's Pt K9 Center

June 13 BKC B/OB match - this will be held at Hunt's Pt K9Center. Website will have details in the next few weeks.

July 1 club picnic - watch website and FB for details

Hunts Point K-9 Center - CPE Outdoor Agility Trial July 25 & 26

Paws & Tails: 2nd Monday each month @ 7:00 Hunts Pt K9 Center. Snacks available. All of these are public! Bring your friends And kids!!

May 11 - Wild & Free Rehabilitation - presentation by Bob Wroble telling about Wild & Free Rehabs work with wild animals and releasing them back to the wild, community education, stewardship.

June 8 - Baxter K9 officer Gator with officer Maier speaking for him. Demo with Q&A to follow. Come meet Gator! Bring the family. This will be held outside weather permitting.

July 13 - Field Retrieving and hunt training demonstrations. Bring your dog and try a retrieve. All levels welcome. Demo and guidance by Marsh & Meadows Hunting Retriever Club. This will be held outside.

August 10 - Search & Rescue demonstration, Q&A. These teams do amazing work helping our communities and those in need. Come out and meet the people behind the dogs. Learn about how the dogs can find what we can't find. Presented by Central Lakes Search & Rescue. This will be held outside.

Sept 14 - Earth Dog demonstration - some of those terriers were bred to hunt those varmints that live underground. Now they participate in competitions in tunnels for fun and breed betterment. Fun and exciting to watch.

Oct 12 - Halloween fun show and costume party. Bring your dog! Dress them up or not for the costume party, tunnel run, tic tac toe and other fun activities. Its all for fun. Come join Us!

Summer obedience classes start June 11

Fall obedience classes start Sept 10

We are very excited to be offering a new class this summer called Shaping. Shaping teaches your dog to offer behaviors which you want or "mark". Marking is a click or a word followed by a treat. An easy way to think of shaping is the Hot/Cold game you played as a kid. Using clicks and or treats you teach your dog to do what you want while she/he offers behaviors. (See the website for more info. ) Really great way to teach old or new dogs. Very positive and rewarding. This can help with training new things or fixing monsters like noises and such that scare your dog. Traci Vosen will be teaching.

Announcement: board meeting for May will be the 28th after the CGC at Hunt's Pt. This meeting was moved as multiple members were to be out of town at the regularly scheduled meeting time.

Board meetings are held 3rd Tuesday each month locations to be announced. General membership meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month following Paws & Tails at Hunt's Pt K9 Center

Help wanted: call 218-568-8445 or email [bkcdogs@hotmail.com](mailto:bkcdogs@hotmail.com)

1) we are looking for someone to do the newsletter. Quarterly editions are to be sent out. Make it as fancy or as easy as you would like. These are very important for club communication so this position does have to be someone dedicated to getting it done. Call or email BKC if you are interested.

2) upcoming June match - volunteers needed.

Thanks everyone who helps with club coordination and thanks to all our class participants, instructors and Hunt's Pt K9 Center.

Thank you, Barb