

BRAINERD KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

FALL 2016



FALL CLASSES HAVE STARTED

BKC's fall classes are underway at Hunt's Point on MONDAY evenings. This fall we are offering puppy classes, Advanced Puppy, Rally and Beginners.

WINTER CLASSES

Winter classes start on Jan 9. Beginner is at 6:30 pm and Companion Dog/Novice Puppy and Rally are at 7:45

Tentative classes for spring: Puppy, Beginner, Therapy Dog.

*******ANNUAL MEETING*******

Don't forget to put the BKC annual meeting on your calendar for Dec 12, at the Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter. We have a lot to discuss. We will give out the Peter Petrikat award for service to the club and acknowledge titles earned. The Club will send out the menu items so you can choose your preference and let Peggy Wills know what they are.

EVENTS THIS SUMMER

7th Annual Country Sampler Picnic - Brainerd Arboretum July 20.

Colleen Adrian, Pat and Judy Cunningham, Pam Wible, Traci Vosen, and Pam Landers worked the BKC booth with their dogs.

Match - The club held an AKC B Conformation and Obedience match (a practice show) on June 6 . Megan Ostendorf and Baxter won Best in Match.



Joining the Pequot Lakes Chamber of Commerce -



BKC is a new member of the Pequot Lakes Chamber of Commerce. The club can take advantage of their marketing and communications to help spread the word about classes and events. Pam Landers and Winter visited with the Board of Directors on Aug. 20.

COMPETITION NEWS



Carol Manley and Quin - completed their Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Master Draft Dog title.

Kathy Peterson and Zoe - Canine Performance Events (CPE) Agility - completed level 2 in Standard, Strategy, and Fun finishing all Level 2 titles. They completed Level 2 Handling in March. AKC Rally - RN (Rally Novice) RA. (Rally Advanced)

Megan Ostendorf and Baxter - CPE Agility - completed level 2 Strategy, level 2 Standard, and a Junior Handler title

Peggy Wills and Bailee - earned 6 UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) legs, 1 High in Trial

Jim Wills and Cross – earned 13 UDX legs, 1 High in Trial award, 5 High Combined awards, and completed his Obedience Trial



Champion title

Sally Ihne and Cash – earned their second Obedience Master's title

Carole Jennings and Timber – earned their Canine Good Citizen

Sharon Orser and Katie - earned CPE level 2, handler and level 2, Standard; and level 2, fun.

Pam Landers and Dari – earned their AKC RA (Rally Advanced) Title, and two legs toward RE (Rally Excellent)

Pam Landers and Leia – finished their AKC Agility Open Standard Title, and AKC Conformation Championship



PILLAGER AGILITY

When the new owners of Hunt's Point decided not to allow agility training on the premises, the agility students were at a loss to know how to continue. They didn't want to quit training, so they started

searching diligently for a new facility.

Vicki Kettlewell talked to the owner of a horse boarding and trail riding ranch in the Pillsbury Forest that had a large indoor training barn. The owner willingly agreed to their use of the barn for a small fee.

The group (Megan Ostendorf, Carole and Mike Jennings, Kathy Peterson, Vicki, Carrie White, Dixie Sarna, Donna Niggeler, Sarah Kiesling, Esther Kreutzfeld, and Sharon Orser) have been training there every Tuesday since early spring without benefit of an instructor.

Each has brought some equipment to use, though no one had any contact obstacles.

BKC applauds their enthusiasm and commitment. For more information, contact Kathy Peterson at





SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brainerd Kennel Club membership,

The BKC Board is concerned about the level of participation in the club. We will have a very difficult time moving forward unless our members step in to help.

Positions need to be filled in order for the club to survive. These positions include: seats on the board of directors, instructors, phone communications, newsletter, and registration.

Our efforts - for the last 4 years to make the club more attractive include special event nights on meeting nights, e-mails to the membership requesting help. newsletter notes to all members, and messages to class participants. We have changed class offerings to meet people's current needs.

Members' Responses - We called past members individually to survey opinions of the club and interest in future participation in the club activities and classes.

Many people have moved on to other interests in their lives. Some are not happy that the club moved out of Brainerd. Some had lost their dogs so they had no further interest in working or showing dogs in the future .

We need your help. Brainerd Kennel Club has been in existence for over 40 years. We want the club to continue and to be relevant to the community. Those of us involved love this club. We want to see it succeed and grow. If you, our members, feel the same, we need you to roll up your sleeves and work with us.

Please contact the club with your interest or comments by emailing

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Thank you,

Barb Schilling

REPLY FORM

Please let me know what opportunities are available for me to be active with the Brainerd Kennel Club.

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