

BRAINERD KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

DOG IN CHARGE



Tory, Pam Wible's Standard Schnauzer, helps Pam take charge of the reception desk at Northland Arboretum where Pam works on Saturdays.

CLASSES START MONDAY, MARCH 28*

Brainerd Kennel Club's Spring Training Classes will start on Monday evening, March 28, at Hunts Point. Registration forms are on the BKC web page. (www.bkcdogs.org) Classes offered this fall are: Puppy, Advanced Puppy, and Therapy Dogs at 6:30 p.m. and Beginner Obedience at 7:45 p.m.

** Note that class night has shifted from Thursday to Monday.*

NEW OWNERS

John and Theresa Barr from Deerwood have recently purchased Hunts Point from Jim and Peggy Wills.

The Brainerd Kennel Club has made arrangements to continue leasing the facility for its training classes, and has purchased the mats from the Wills.

John Barr has been in the military his entire life and will be retiring to start a new venture. They will be offering sporting clays, trap, skeet and 5-stand along with hunting and holding special events at the facility.

NEXT MEETING

Due to the transition in ownership of Hunt's Point, there will be no meeting Thursday, March 10.

Class nights will change to MONDAYS with the beginning of the next session. Please note change in general meeting day as well. Thus the next membership meeting will be MONDAY, APRIL 11, at 6 p.m. at Hunt's Point.

LAST FALL'S PUPPY CLASS



HELP NEEDED!

The Brainerd Kennel Club has recently joined the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce to help promote the Club.

The Brainerd Kennel Club will have a booth (43D) at the upcoming Everything Expo on Friday, March 18th and Saturday, March 19th at the Essentia Health Sports Center in Brainerd. This event is put on by the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce.

If anyone is available to help out at the Club booth, even if for a short time, please e-mail Judy Cunningham at sugarbush-dogs@juno.com by Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Barb Schilling writes inviting BKC members and class participants to get together as a group to walk their dogs in Crosslake's St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 12.. Barb writes:

There are a few easy rules:

- 1) Bring dogs that do well with other dogs, people and lots of activity and sirens.
- 2) Bring only 1 dog per person.
- 3) Bring a plastic bag so you can clean up after your dog in case is an accident.

The parade is a couple miles long. And the best news is the route is FLAT!

You and your dog should be able to make that walk and return to your cars (4 miles total).

Line up by 1:00. The parade is at 2:00 and will take a few hours. Parade participation is free, fun, and a great support to the club. If you want to walk in the parade with us but don't want to bring a dog, we would love it if you would help carry the banner. This is not difficult duty since the banner is not heavy. Oh, and wear green! Lots and lots of green! Your dog can be dressed up too!

If you want to join in the fun, e-mail Barb Schilling at barb@northcountryplumbing.com so she has an idea of how many to expect. The parade starts at Crosslake Town Square. (You can park in the Veterinarian's parking lot just north of the Town Square, or park at D&D Dock Sales and catch the shuttle to the beginning of the parade - no dogs on shuttle)

LUCA

Wanda Gorgoschlitz writes that she had to put her German Wire-haired Pointer, Luca (Allison's Luca Von Blackforest), down Jan 5th. She writes the following:

He became very sick and when I brought him in to Dr. Adkins, between results of the x-rays and blood tests, it was decided it was kindest to put him to sleep. He was my only registered dog, and we did just about everything and titled in all we tried. In conformation, in one weekend he earned his International Champion title. He made it to Best of Breed in his specialty at the St. Paul show all three years we competed there, even though I was just learning to show conformation and just about everyone else was a professional handler. He passed his CGC the first try. After we trained (me more than Luca) every Saturday for 3 months at Willow Creek Kennels, he qualified four times for Junior Hunter and passed his water test (required by the German Wirehaired Pointer Club), so he received a hunting title. We trained with NAVHDA (North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association) and in their Natural Ability test he achieved a top score of Prize 1-112. The plaque is on the wall in my office. Through the American Kennel Club he also has a Companion Dog and Novice Rally titles, and he passed the Therapy Dog test. My German neighbor helped me name him. She said that Luca means "light," and that's what he brought to my life--sunshine and love and friendship. Never to be forgotten.

Wanda and Luca made a great team with a wide array of accomplishments.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

Peggy Wills's Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Bailee (OTCH Quinnecreek Brynwoods Cowboy Kisses RN CD CDX UD UDX2 OM3), was invited to the American Kennel Club's National Obedience Championship in Tulsa, OK. This event is by invitation only, 150 top-scoring dogs nationwide are invited to participate on March 19th & 20th.

Susan Voss's Shetland Sheepdog, Robbie (Dynestar's Rockin' Robin RN, BN CD) was invited to participate in Rally Novice in the same national competition in Tulsa.

Colleen Adrian writes that her Papillion, Cricket, won Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners for a three point major at the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club's show in St. Paul in January.

Sally Ihne with her Shetland Sheepdog, Ernie (Odyssey Ernie of Wyowind RAE2, CD, GN, CDX, GO, UD, UDX, OM) and Susan Voss with Katie her Rat Terrier (Miss Katie RAE, CD, CDX, UD) had fun competing against each other once again in the Veteran's Class at Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club's Obedience Trial in November under Judge Phil Rustad.

