



# Brainerd Kennel Club Gazette



*The Newsletter for Our Club*

*December 2011*

## *Winter Classes*

*Winter Session BKC Classes  
will be conducted at Hunt's  
Point.*

All classes start  
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012  
(except Puppy starting Jan. 12)  
through March 1, 2012.

6:30pm Puppy  
(starts Jan. 12 - no dogs)  
Pat and Judy Cunningham

6:30pm Therapy Dog  
Traci Vosen and Barb Schilling

6:30pm Beginner  
(no dogs first class)  
Kip Dickson

7:45pm Novice Obedience  
Jaci and Roger Peterson

7:45pm Rally  
Sally Ihne

## *That Magic Moment*

Recently at a local dog obedience trial, I was watching the new Beginner Novice class. It was great fun to observe people as they had what was for most of them their first experience in an obedience ring. The dogs and handlers were, for the most part, nervous and not that great, but the judge did a great job of putting them at ease and creating a rewarding experience. It made me think of my first experience in a ring.

At that first show I was, like most folks, very nervous. My dog lagged and I slowed down, making it worse. He didn't want to do the stand and was slow on the recall. Somehow, I struggled through. So I remember that first time when I see the newbies at a chow.

As experienced exhibitors, many of us forget about that first show and first moment in the ring. It was that experience that drew us into the show ring again. I know that in my case, I went to obedience class for the same reasons most people do – to get their dog to be a good member of the family and to obey a few simple commands like stay and come.

But that first show experience can hook them into the sport. It did in my case and now, nearly 30 years later, I have shown all over North America, competed in National Championships and judged here and abroad. I didn't really have that in mind at that first show.

Veteran handlers often ignore the Novice classes unless they have returned for a two-weekend stint. We arrive early, set up our chairs and crates with our friends. We chat with the judges and our classmates, look at new puppies, and discuss who is hot who is not, show off new leashes and collars, and generally don't even see the invisible folks who are there for that first moment.

The very people who could benefit from a little guidance on where to put things and how to check in don't even register on our screens. Then we sit down and wonder why the entry numbers are down.

Maybe we should look in the mirror to find the answer to that question. People do things for very simple reasons. If they find an activity to be rewarding and satisfying they will do it again. If it is uncomfortable and unsatisfying they won't. We have to power to help them overcome the discomfort and dissatisfactory nature of those first shows by simply making them welcome. Though I am not a person who does New Year's resolutions, I am challenging you to make one. Whether you do obedience, agility, conformation, tracking or any combination of those, I challenge you to make it a point at every show you go to this coming year to go up to at least one person you see who looks new and make them welcome.

Say, "Hello." Ask if they have any questions. Offer to help them with something – anything. Pay it forward is the popular term for this. It's your chance to build those entries back up by helping people have a positive first experience in that "Magic Moment" even if they flunk.

Oh, and my first show experience: My first qualifying score was 172, but I got a green ribbon!

By Phil Rustad  
President, St. Paul Dog Training Club

*Would you like to place an ad  
in our newsletter???*

BKC now offers "advertising space" in our newsletter. You can place a 2" x 3 1/2" (business card size) ad in our newsletter for \$5.00. BKC does not endorse and placed advertisement

## *Puppy STAR Fall 2011*

The Brainerd Kennel Club offered a Puppy STAR training class during the fall 2011 training session. The class enrollment was filled to capacity and all eight of the attendees achieved the AKC Puppy STAR designation upon completion of the class.

Hali Danielson and Schuberts (Bloodhound); Mike North and Abby (Golden Retriever), Mike North and Piper (Golden Retriever), Jessi Blanchard and Masi (German Shepherd Dog), Lisa Buschman and Lonnkyle (Irish Wolfhound), Nicolle Loosbrock and Oliver (American Eskimo), and Geraldine Krautkremer and Sunny (Toy Poodle).



## *CGC Results Fall 2011*

The Brainerd Kennel Club hosted a Canine Good Citizen Test on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Hunt's Point Training Center as the culmination of their fall training schedule. The test attracted an entry of 17 dogs and handlers with 14 teams passing the CGC test.

Tessa Haugen and Buddy, Roger Jenson and Sydney, Susanne Kobus and Zena, Sharon Orser and Katie, Marilyn Anderson and Paddy, Susan Blais Jaspersen and April, Trinita Mestuzzi, Kay Rezanka and Semper, Amy Nelson and Libby, Deborah MacKay and Woodrow, Amy Nelson and Kato, Sheridan Wilson and Angel, Cheyenne Wilson and Kovu, and Chuck Lubowitz and Ranger.

## *BKC Member Show Results*

Carol Manley and her Bernese Mountain Dog "Rumble" competed October 22 and 23 at the draft trial hosted by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Greater Twin Cities. They qualified both days and earn two additional legs towards their Master Draft title.

Deb Leimbek and Lacey (Labrador) got their Grand Champion title in Winona and back -to-back Best of Breed with a Group 3rd in the Sporting Group at Albert Lea, MN.

Roger Peterson and Kihei also were honored to again be invited to the "AKC Nation Obedience Invitational" December 17 and 18, in Orlando, Florida. Both Kihei and Nestle have their "Junior Hunter" title. Kihei has UDX5 and Obedience Masters8. Nestle has UDX2, and Obedience Masters 3

Sally Ihne is proud of Cash (C-Mar Monetary Value), her younger Shetland Sheepdog, who made his debut at the Fargo-Moorhead Obedience Trials in November. Both days he earned the perfect score of 100 in Novice Rally B, earning his first two legs toward his Rally Novice title.

PamWible is a newcomer to the show ring, but is quite proud of her Standard Schnauzer Tory (Asgard Viktor Legacy). In his first International Dog Show in Hutchinson, MN, on October 14, the "T-Bird" received Working Group - Puppy - Group 1 and Best in Show Puppy.

# *January – March*

## *2012 Dog Show Calendar*

For more complete information on  
Conformation, Obedience, or Agility  
<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/showCal.htm>

Key: A= Agility, O=Obedience, C=Conformation, R=Rally

Jan. 6, St. Paul Dog Training Club, So. St. Paul O R  
Jan. 7-8, Land O'Lakes KC, St. Paul, MN O C  
Jan. 7-8, West Waukesha Ixonia, WI O R  
Jan. 13-15, Malinois Club, Simon Arena A-AKC  
Jan. 13-15, Agile Canine, U of M Equestrian Center A-USDAA  
Jan. 14-15, Oshkosh KC, Oshkosh, WI O R C  
Jan. 20-22, Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club, Simon Arena A-AKC  
Jan. 20-22, Belgian Sheepdog Club, Amherst Jct., WI A-AKC  
Jan. 20-22, Cream City Canines, St. Francis, WI A-UKC  
Jan. 21-22, Central IA Kennel Club, Des Moines, IA C  
Jan. 21-22, Coulee Kennel Club, LaCrosse, WI O R  
Jan. 27-29, Oshkosh KC, Racine, WI A-AKC  
Jan. 28-29, Herding & Working Club @ Total Recall O  
Feb. 4-5, St. Croix Valley KC Agility @ SPDTC A-AKC  
Feb. 4-5, TimberRidge KC, Amherst Jct. WI O R  
Feb. 4-5, Black Hills Dog Training Club, Rapid City, SD O R  
Feb. 11-12, Des Moines Obedience Training Club, Des Moines, IA O R  
Feb. 10-12, MnPin Club of Twin Cities, Ham Lake, MN A-AKC  
Feb. 17-19, Cyclone Country Kennel Club, Des Moines, IA  
    Fri=Specialty, Sat-Sun=All Breed C  
Feb. 17-19, Marshfield Area Kennel Club, Amherst Jct., WI A-AKC  
Feb. 25-26, MAC Hastings, MN A-USDAA  
Feb. 25-26, Minneapolis Kennel Club @ Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, O R  
Mar. 2-4, Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, Minneapolis, MN A-AKC  
Mar. 3-4, Wisconsin KC, West Allis, WI O C  
Mar. 10-11, Wright Co. Kennel Club @ Twin Cities Obedience Training Club O R  
Mar. 16-18, Des Moines Obedience Training Club, Granger, IA A-AKC  
Mar. 17-18, Badger KC, DeForest, WI O R  
Mar. 17-18, Agile Canine U of M Equestrian Center A-USDAA  
Mar. 16-18, Norwegian Elkhound Club (NEAM) @ St. Paul Dog Training Club A-AKC  
Mar. 24-25, Thunder Bay Kennel Club, Thunder Bay, Canada O C  
Mar. 23-25, Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club, Fargo, ND A-AKC  
Mar. 23-25, Wisconsin Rapids, Kennel Club, Amherst Jct., WI A-AKC  
Mar. 31-Apr. 2 – Clinton KC, DeWitt, IA C O R



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## Upcoming BKC Events

Thursday, March 8 –

**Canine Good Citizen Testing**  
**Hunts Point, 6:00 p.m.**

Thursday, March 15 –

**BKC Member Banquet**

### *BKC Monthly Member Meetings*

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of the Month  
7:20 p.m.  
Hunts Point  
Meetings will resume on  
January 12th, 2012.

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