

BCSDA Members,

I thought I would touch base with you, as it's been about 5 months since my last update of events.

It's been a busy spring and summer for the majority of our members.

Field Trials that were sanctioned by BCSDA 2017

- ✚ Stirling Acres SDT April 21 - 23
- ✚ Cold Stream Classic SDT July 1 -2
- ✚ Dawson Creek SDT July 14-16
- ✚ Pink Mountain SDT July 18-19
- ✚ Metcosin- Swanwitch Ranch Aug. 5-6

And of course the last British Columbia field trial for this year is Paxton Valley SDT Sept. 29- Oct. 01

Personally I could not attend all of them but when I go to our BCSDA Web page and reviewed the video's you can tell competitors and spectators enjoyed our events. Thanks again to Bill Crawford our Web Master for doing such an awesome job of keeping us so informed and in such a timely manor.

I did make the trek to 80 Acres SDT and the 2017 CBCA Championship held at Grass Creek Park in Kingston, Ontario in conjunction with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kingston Sheepdog Trials. August 7-13. The event was very memorable to say the least and I believe 7 or 8 of BCSDA members attended it.

Round trip it was 9400 kilometers and we attended 5 trials along the way. Competing against some of the top handles in Canada and USA was enjoyable and very exciting to say the least. We made numerous new friends on the journey. Kathy Williams received the CBCA travel grant for \$600.00 and it was much appreciated.

While there I did attend Canadian Border Collie AGM August 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was held at Grass Creek Park on completion of the competition. Bob Stephens the CBCA President chaired the meeting. At the meeting Bob reminded the membership and directors that it was British Columbia turn to host the CBCA Championship.

The trial consists of a Nursery class, two runs with the highest combined scores becoming Nursery Champion and an Open class. In the Open there are two qualifying runs and the top dogs of the qualifying rounds will go on to the Double Lift Final - which will determine the CBCA Champion. Hosting this event is on the agenda at our AGM meeting Sept. 30th

I would like to congratulate some of our BCSDA handlers how well they and their dogs did at some of the major events this year.

- ✚ Lee Lumb, Scott Glen and Amanda Milliken represented Canada at the World trial in Opmeer, Netherland July 13-16 winning second Place in the team competition.
  - ✚ Pam Boring at Canadian Finals in Kingston Ontario winning Reserve Champion.
  - ✚ Dennis Gillings at Soldier Hollow Champion winning Gold.
- Well-done handlers making us proud you are in our organization.

Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Stock Dog Association is Saturday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the Paxton Valley SDT.

6741 Paxton Valley Rd. Falkland (Under the tent at the trial field)

\*\*\* ALL items to be discussed at the AGM must be included in the agenda. Sandra Hurst our Look Back editor tells me the meeting agenda will be sent out to the membership via email on September 20, 2017

Election of Officers:

- ✚ Vice President
- ✚ Secretary/Treasurer
- ✚ Trial Director\* (one year term)
- ✚ Lower Mainland Director
- ✚ Vancouver Island Director
- ✚ Director at Large #2
- ✚ Look Back Editor
- ✚ Fundraising Director

I have contacted the people that are currently holding these positions and I'm happy to say the majority will stand again for another term.

I appreciate the knowledge of these long time directors making it easy for me when I need advice.

Nancy Barker resigned in August as our Trial Director for personal reasons. Wendy Legare long time member and Director took over the position graciously.

I personally would like to thank Wendy and you have the membership confidence.

Rose McLeod, Kathleen Williams and myself have been working hard to sell and get the BCSDA 2018 Calendar ready for the printer. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> we ordered 50 Calendars, which are scheduled to arrive on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Rose has presold more than 50 so as a result of a strong demand we will place a second order for another 25 when the first lot arrives. More calendars can be ordered before the year-end if we need to. Thank you to the members that sent in pictures. Personally I like the look of the calendar.

The intent of the Calendar is to keep our members close at hand with a BCSDA calendar and of course the Association could use the funds.

Jennifer L'Arrivee is doing a great job on our BCSDA Face Book Page. Thanks to Bill Crawford and Jennifer results from trials are posted almost immediately. Social media works well for most of the membership.

For those of you members that cannot attend our AGM I give you a reminder 2017 USBCHA National Sheepdog finals will be live streaming the Semi-Final and Final runs on Saturday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. and October 1.

For those of you attending Paxton Trial SDT and our 2017 AGM safe travels and I'll see you there.

Gord Lazzarotto