

BCCA Z Tales

April 2023, 98th Edition

HAPPY
EASTER!



BCCA Z website:

www.bordercolliclubaz.com

UPCOMING BCCAZ EVENTS

******* *Fun Days* have a variety of games/activities/and training opportunities to enjoy with your dog. A great time to socialize and train while having fun!

April 27 - 30: AKC Herding at PSR Stockdogs, Dewey
(April 27 & 28 double trials: B Course, Sheep, Geese, Cattle)
(April 29 & 30: A Course, Sheep, Geese, Cattle)
(premium on website)

April 23: Fun Day at Iron Spoon Ranch, Laveen

May 7: Fun Day at Iron Spoon Ranch, Laveen

These will be our last fun days until October, so be sure to join us! Sometime this summer we will have our annual dinner.



Reminders:

Send brags/photos/news items to Anita at aeasley2@cox.net for Newsletter.



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF ARIZONA

APRIL FUN DAY

*Points & Time Arena Runs and Herding Practice;
Focus, Behavior, Motivational Activities with our dogs/General Meeting*

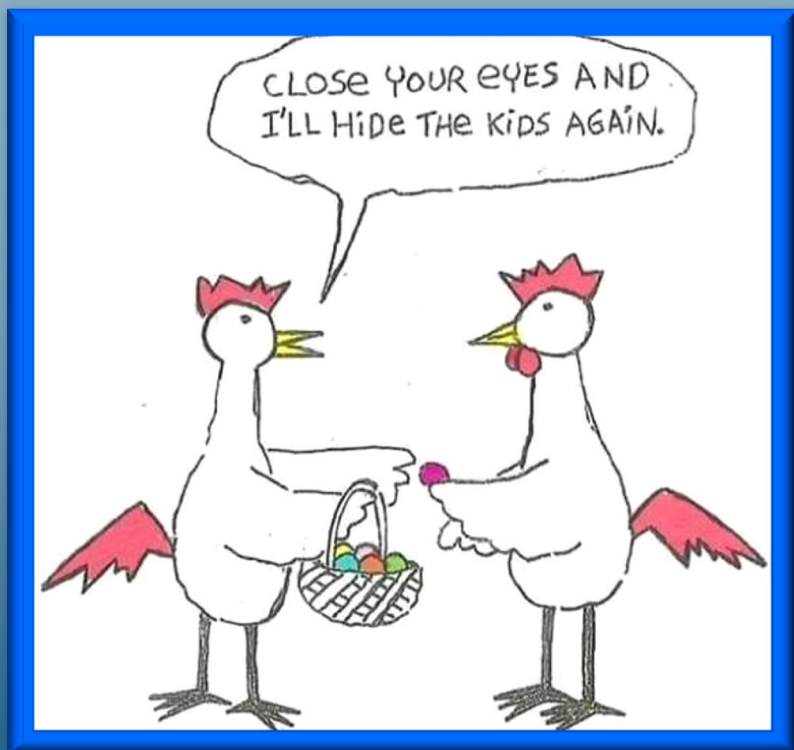
Sunday, April 23, 7:30 a.m. to noon

Techniques for your training tool box at 10:30 am/Mtg. at noon lunch!

RSVP: aeasley2@cox.net

Location and Directions to Iron Spoon Ranch: 7040 W. Baseline Road, Laveen

Bring the 3 Ts: Treats, a towel and a couple of toys!



North side
of
Baseline
Road
between
67th and
71st Ave.
(Park on
the west
side along
71st Ave.)



FUN DAY—MARCH 12th AT IRONSPOON RANCH

It was a morning of herding with **Barb Moe** and “Cracking the Connection Code” by **Elicia Calhoun** with building teamwork with your dog in agility!

We appreciate both of them for sharing their expertise and knowledge!

Great learning experiences!





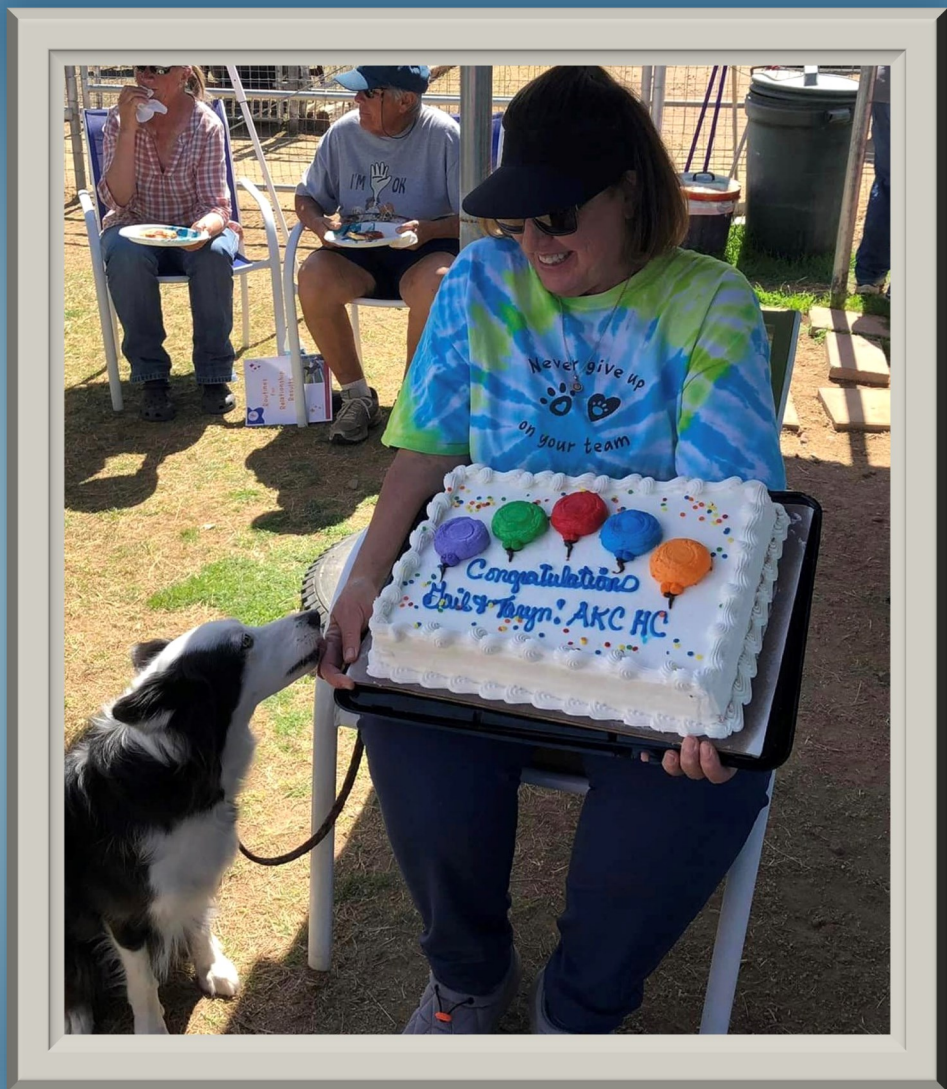
Fun Day of Learning!!



Gail Chadwick:

“Huge thank you to the Border Collie Club of Arizona for acknowledging Taryn’s AKC Herding Champion title with this beautiful cake and a fun group of people to share it with at the Fun Day today.

Taryn had a few bites also!”



Susan Gruwell:

“The girls did me proud the past two weekends!”

“Bess finished her AHBA Championship with a first place, High Score Sheep and going High in Trial. Followed that up the next weekend with a First place and High in Trial for her first run and a 3rd place on the next at her first ever AKC B course.”

“Meg pulled it together after an explosive 🌟 first B course run, to do some very pretty work earning her a 3rd place ribbon!”



Sheepdog Trial Points

2023

All Handlers

All Dogs

Nursery Detail Trial

Qualified Gruwell, Susan Meg 2023

United States Border

**“It's OFFICIAL!!
My first fully qualified
nursery dog,
Goldstar Meg!!!
Now to get her ready for
finals!”**

Gail Chadwick:

“My beautiful herding partnership with Taryn continues. We did a 3 day AHBA trial this weekend and she Q’d every run. We struggled a bit with the geese. But, Friday she won High Score for Amateur Owner Handler on Sheep and today she won that same award again on Sheep and took 2nd place on both Sheep and Geese. She loves herding! Thank you to PSR Stockdogs for sponsoring the trial and Judges Anita Easley and Kathy Males. And always, thank you to Cindy Meadows, our coach and trainer.”



Dan Nila:

“Incredible Weekend for Batgirl and Promise! I’m so blessed that God has given me BC Batgirl and SCR Promise. They had an incredible weekend during the March AHBA trial at Litchfield Park.”

“I would like to thank Judges Kathy Mann and Anita Easley. On Friday, BC Batgirl was first in Geese with a 93. She then earned High Score Geese and High Score Geese Owner Handler. The same day SCR Promise earned First in Cattle and High Score Amateur Owner Handler.”



“Saturday SCR Promise earned First on Sheep, Second on Cattle, and Second on Geese. BC Batgirl earned a 95 on Geese – her score was High Score Geese, High Score Owner Handler, and High In Trial. With a second in sheep, she earned High Score Owner Handler.”

“On Sunday, SCR Promise was first in Cattle and High Score Owner Handler. BC Batgirl earned a first on Geese and earned High Score and High Score Owner Handler.”

“I would like to express my appreciation to Dawna Sims for showing me how to be a handler for BC Batgirl and SCR Promise.”

“Exciting announcement: we are planning to breed BC Batgirl in early summer.”



The BCCAZ 2023 Concurrent Specialty show is a wrap. Thank you to all the exhibitors that came and showed their beautiful dogs. Thank you to our judges and ring steward. And THANKS to Barb Gates for organizing the event.



Barb Gates:

“We had a wonderful time at the Heart of the Desert Classic in Phoenix, AZ, March 9-13, 2023.”

“Nell showed in Rally Master and got 4 Qs, 3 placement and 23 Master points. I had a S.H.E. (Stupid Handler Error) moment and blew past a sign, while working on a 98! Judge Ronald Horn pictured awarding Nell her final qualifying ribbon for her RM3, score 99.”

“On Friday Nell put on her Show Dog hat and showed in the Legacy Class at the BCCAZ Concurrent Specialty Show. It was fun and she brought home the Premier Runner-Up award.”

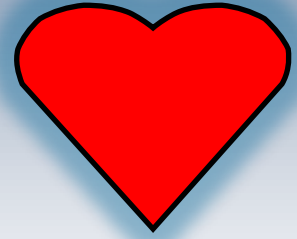


Mary Kennedy Thompson:

“It was the last weekend in a three trial series at Arizona Working Aussies. What an amazing time! Met great people and awesome dogs. The competition was great and kept Stitch and I on our toes. AWA had great prizes. For the Final Day they even offered a High Combined Cattle for the Open and Started dogs. To say I was shocked Stitch and I won it for the Started dogs was an understatement. I thought for sure it would be Kenny and his little Aussie, Ketchum. She is a great, fearless little Started dog.”

“Congratulations to all who earned awesome awards this past weekend and over the entire series. Thanks to all the volunteers and others who stepped up to keep this trial fun and amazing. Thanks to Dan and Diane for an amazing venue, great prizes and kind words for Stitch and me.”





IF DOGS RAN THE OPERATING ROOM

Border Collie: I got here 2 hours early and set up the OR. Now I'm going to make sure the rest of the rooms are set up too!

Golden Retriever: It's a beautiful day! Our patients love us! Let's be best friends!

Dachshund: I'm gonna need every step stool in the building.

Labrador Retriever: Can I help? What can I do? Please, please, please let me help you get set up.

German Shepherd: I've done a perimeter sweep of the OR, the hospital, and the parking lots, just to be safe.

Jack Russell Terrier: I'll scrub in, run the anesthesia, and be the Xray tech – all at the same time!

Old English Sheep Dog: I can't see the Surgery board.

Pointer: I see the patient. There! Right there!

Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the patients in a circle...



Gail Chadwick:

**“Our merle girl who is so beautiful, body and soul,
turns 10 years old today.
Happy Birthday Cocopah’s Live for Today, aka
Livie Clare!”**



Tammy Gosnell:

“Happy 10th Birthday to my Rue!! She got to spend the day doing what she loves - - working sheep!! And yesterday she proved that age is just a number by earning her 5th herding championship ‘ASCA WTCH-X’ with two beautiful cattle runs!”



Mary Chessik:

**“And just like that! Pirate got Mail!”
(USDAA Lifetime Achievement Award)**



Anita Easley:

“A BIG thanks to AZ Working Aussies and Dan & Diane Sanderson for offering the Copper Crown Series. The last two weekends completed the competition with top notch handlers and dogs. A special thanks to Steve Shope, Barb Moe, Kristin Perron, Mary K. Thompson and all of the other volunteers and wonderful judges who made these trials successful!”

“Justice and I had 51 Qs and 3 NQs on 7 different ASCA courses on ducks, sheep and cattle. The last two weekends began with a 1st on Cattle with a HS of 121 and ended this weekend with a 1st on Ducks with a 111. The competition was tough, but everyone was very supportive of each other. HC, HTCH, WTCH A2M Justice was happy with his three new beautiful buckles, but mostly with getting to do his favorite thing in life: herding!!!”



BCCAZ General Meeting Minutes

March 12th, Iron Spoon Ranch, Laveen,

Meeting Called to Order: 12:18 pm; 19 members present, 1 visitor

Report of President: (Anita) February minutes approved; 60 voting members renewed, 9 affiliate members

Report of Secretary: (Dalaine) Membership application received from Jerry and Candy Caldwell, waiting approval after attendance at fun day/mtg.

Report of Treasurer: (Ron) Lack of participation, higher expenses created a loss at last scentwork trial.

Standing Committee Reports:

Agility (Mary C.) No report. Decision made at last board mtg that March was last trial at Q4U.

Conformation/Scent Work (Barb) Absent

Herding (Cindy M.) April 27-30 trial. 2 days of B Course (double trials), 2 days of A Course. Premium on website.

Volunteers needed!

Obedience (Nancy) Nothing new to report

Unfinished Business/Action Items: None

New Business:

Congratulations to Gail Chadwick and Taryn for new AKC Herding Championship!

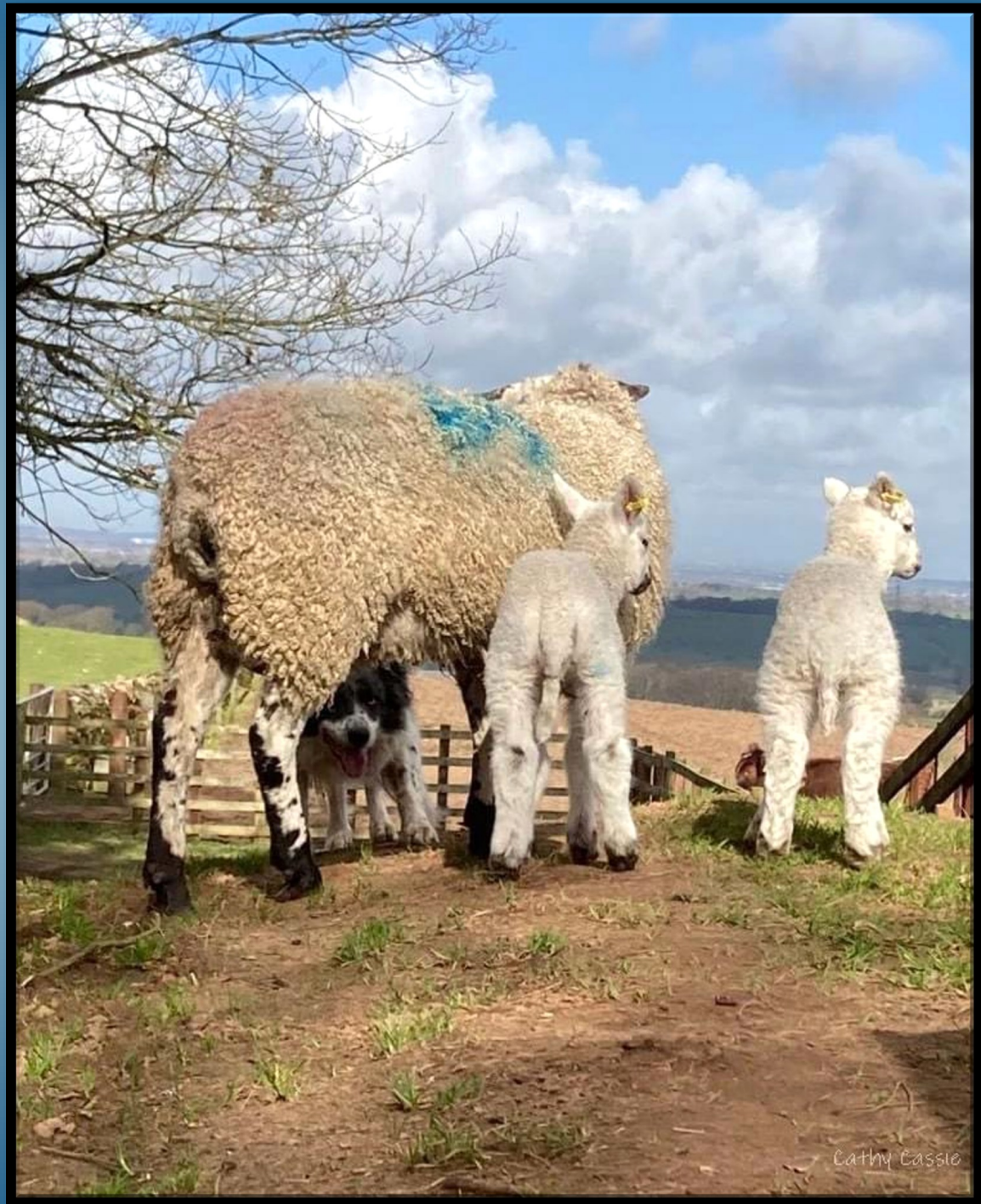
Meeting Adjourned: 12:25 pm

Next fun day/mtg: April 23rd start time at 7:30 a.m.



**WELCOME
SPRING!!**

*Find the
Border Collies in
the next two
Spring time
photos!*



Cathy Cassie



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