

BCCA AZ Tales

May 2023, 99th Edition

The last fun day before summer!
Sunday, May 7th
7:30 to noon



Is your dog's photo(s) part of the slide shows on the website?

If not, or if you would like to update what is there,
send me some photos.

Please include names/titles/etc.

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BCCAZ website: <http://www.bordercollieclubaz.com>

Facebook: Border Collie Club of Arizona

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!

***** May 7: Fun Day at Iron Spoon Ranch**

Herding Practice and Challenges/Rock Around the Clock/Loop through the Hoop/Car Crash Relays

A delicious lunch of hamburgers and sides, so we must have an RSVP for lunch by May 4th.

RSVP to aeasley2@cox.net

Location and Directions to Iron Spoon Ranch:

7040 W. Baseline Road, Laveen

(North side of Baseline Rd. between 67th and 71st Avenue. Parking on the west side along 71st Ave.)



BCCAZ FUN DAY—April 23

Thanks to everyone who joined us for a busy morning! We appreciate Linda and June for letting us meet at their lovely facility. A big “*thank you*” to Deb and Ron, Tammy, June and Linda for the delicious lunch. What a treat that was!!

Susan and Bess’s HTCh apple pie was especially yummy, too!

Everyone who participated in the Points and Time runs did a very nice job. Looking forward to having more of you participate in the future as your dogs become even more trained.

Hopefully, all of us who worked with our dogs to increase their Attentive Cooperation will add more and more skills/activities to our toolboxes in order to obtain the most from them in any dog sport and in daily LIFE itself!



(The poster below reinforces some of the items we discussed and worked on with our dogs.)



THE 10 HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL TRAINERS

SPECTACULAR TIMING

SETTING THE DOG UP TO SUCCEED

MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT

PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT

DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP

RECOGNISING REINFORCERS

UNDERSTANDING DOG BODY LANGUAGE

FOCUSING ON GOOD BEHAVIOUR

PROVIDING ADEQUATE EXERCISE

PATIENCE



A lot of focus from dogs and handlers!



BCCAZ April 23rd Fun Day!!

Pat White:

“*RETIRED* SDCH FTCH RTCH-2 HC HTCH Motts Blazin Sun Jamboree (additional titles too many to list). This has been an unbelievable journey. I never expected a puppy that I picked out of 21 others at three days of age would give me such enjoyment. He changed my life, literally.”

“The number of friends who came into my life because of him is crazy, thank you 😊. Special thanks to Dawna Sims (stock trainer, handler and friend), who believed in him from the very first time she met him, Megan Sims (Rally trainer, handler) who took him when I was in a panic looking for a handler, and Jenny Mott (breeder). And thanks to all his support staff, too. ❤️. He has taken over my recliner and gets whatever he wants, except stock.”

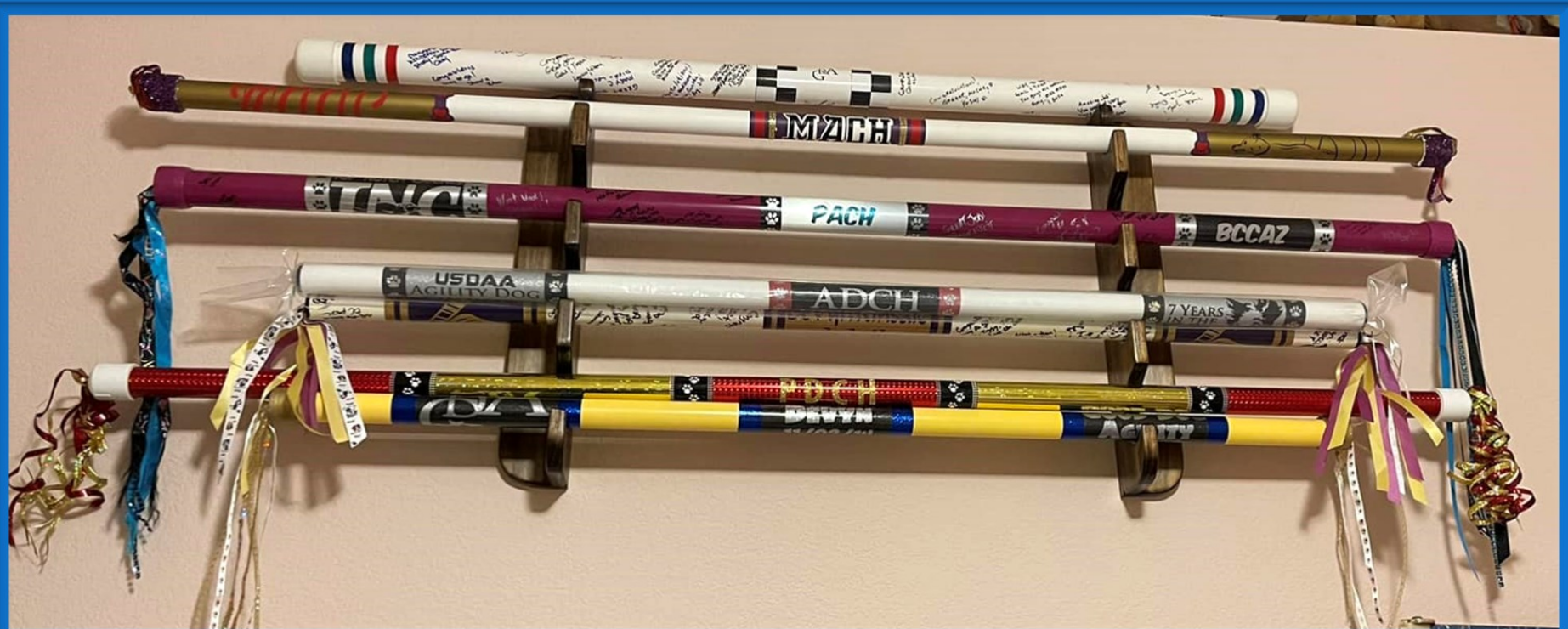
***“And my heart is sinking
like the setting sun,
setting on the things
I wish I’d done,
it’s time to say
goodbye to yesterday,
this is where The Cowboy
rides away.”***

George Strait



Gail Chadwick:

“I’ve been competing in dog agility for roughly 20 years and finally put some “pole” awards up on the wall for display today. I’ve only had this wooden hanger for them for 3- 4 years. I do get around to things in time. The top bar is Tessa’s, my first agility dog. Livie’s ADCH bar is the white and silver bar in the middle; custom made by Ernie Rodriguez. The other five poles were earned by the incomparable “Miss Perfect Pants”, my girl Devyn. Taryn has also earned an ADCH bar but it was for “at home” runs during COVID and I didn’t get her a bar yet. Bad mom! Twenty years of my life up there, terrific friendships, miles travelled, a few heartbreaks and mighty fun times with our fabulous dogs. Not done yet!”



Tammy Gosnell: “At the April ASCA trial in Dewey, Rue earned five new titles over three days. Post Advanced Sheep and Cattle, and Advanced Farm Trial Dog on sheep, cattle, and geese. Many placings and three High in Trials! Good girl, Rue—that’ll do!”



Tammy Gosnell:

**“Jyl patiently awaiting
her turn on cattle.”**

(Her day is coming!)



Anita Easley:

**“HC, HTCh, WTCH-X A2M Justice!
That big letter X is his 5th herding
championship, since the X replaces the
M (4th Ch). Thanks to Arizona Working
Aussies, Fastlane Aussies and
Psr Stockdogs for offering the ASCA
herding trials. The past year has seen us
do 75+ runs on ducks, geese, sheep and
cattle with scores over 100 points,
on eight ASCA courses from A to H, with
25 different judges. Oh my! That really adds
up to one happy Border Collie!”**



BCCAZ General Meeting Minutes

Iron Spoon Ranch, Laveen, April 23, 2023

Roll Call: 16 members, 9 visitors

Meeting CTO: 11:20 a.m.

Report of President: March minutes approved

Report of Secretary: (Dalaine) No new membership applications

Report of Treasurer: Ron shared written report

Standing Committee Reports:

Agility (Mary absent) Final reports received from Q4U about the last two agility trials

Conformation/Scent Work: (Barb) Scentwork trial approved for December. Conformation show February 1, 2024 approved. Please save small containers like purses, backpacks, suitcases to donate for searches.

Herding (Cindy M. absent) Trial starting on Thursday-Sunday. Trial is filled, waiting list, lots of helpers needed.

Obedience (Nancy absent) Nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business/Action items:

None

New Business:

Summer date for Mi Amigos yearly dinner? August seemed to be preferred month.

Next fun day/meeting: May 7 will be last one until cooler weather in October.

Adjournment: 11:29 a.m.



Attention: Those who attended the March Fun Day really enjoyed the presentation by Elicia Calhoun. She is offering BCCAZ members a 50 % discount to her Connection Code Course that starts May 1st. Eliciacalhoun.com

Some pretty heavy sheep for beginning herding dogs!



Where's the Border Collie?

