

THE BORDER TIMES



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The Border Times is the Newsletter of the Northeast Border Terrier Club

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS BORDER TERRIER FANCIERS

NBTC Membership Renewals Are Due in January 1992

Please send payment in the form of a check made out to NBTC to:
C. Krolick, Treasurer, 132 Ridgecrest Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

Single \$10. ***** Couples \$15. ***** Jr. \$5. *****

Memberships not renewed by March 31 will lapse (NBTC Constitution)

THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY RENEWAL NOTICE!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS: January 18-19, 1992

--- THE SARATOGA SPRINGS 'CABIN FEVER' WEEKEND ---

Saratoga NY Kennel Club Dog Show, Glens Falls Kennel Club Dog Show,
BTCA Supported Entries, Trophies and Rosettes
NBTC Club Meeting, Dinner Party, Guest Speaker, and more!

Show entries are limited and usually fill prior to the closing date. It is wise to make your show entries and hotel reservations as soon as possible. Information on entries, accommodations and NBTC activities appear in this issue. In 1991 there were majors in both sexes each day. Don't miss this weekend, as it is one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the Border year.

NBTC 1992 ELECTIONS

A Nominating Committee has been formed to organize the election of club officers in the spring of 1992. The current officers have all agreed to stand for re-election, since 1992 is a National Specialty year and a busy time to change officers. However, if you or a NBTC member you know would like to run for office, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members for information on the offices and their duties:

Norm Baker	609-893-3796
JoAnn Frier-Murza	609-298-3150
John Wyatt	508-540-0473



December 6, 1991

FROM THE EDITOR

The holiday season is upon us! We have recently been given the job of galloping a fox hunting horse for a man on the days that the horse doesn't carry the man to hounds. It has been a refreshing change from riding a show hunter around in the ring to galloping across the open countryside. Just up the road from the stables are the foxhound kennels of the local hunt. My lucky terriers regularly have the opportunity to hear what they must understand in some dim genetic memory: foxhound hunting language. We have explored the hunt territory on horse and on foot, investigated several promising earths, and seen plenty of signs of The Enemy. Hunting is complicated, however: instead of just red fox, there are plenty of coyotes. Whereas a fox gives a good run in its home territory before either losing hounds or going to ground, coyotes are faster and run direct lines. They are able to lead hounds into the next county in minutes. Foxhounds can physically follow coyotes, but the hunt staff must carry walkie-talkies to send their support vehicles ahead, stopping traffic where hounds cross roads, and horses can barely keep pace with hounds on the scent of a coyote. So far, man has not designed a terrier to compete with a coyote.

With all of this hunt scenery as background, we have spent a lot of time thinking about the physical characteristics of a successful hunt terrier. Just as one can get caught up thinking that the eight perfect fences required for a show hunter horse are all there is to it, one can easily lose track of the working Border Terrier versus the show dog and companion. The standard says: "...the Border Terrier is a working terrier of a size to go to ground and able, within reason, to follow a horse..." As we do our conditioning canters, it seems hard enough to keep a horse fit to follow hounds, let alone a terrier! Looking around the country one compares the lay of our land to the terrain in the English Borders. A multitude of questions arise. How long and fast do the hounds (and hence Border terriers) run in the English Border country? How long a leg is needed to follow a horse? Is length of leg the issue in breeding a Border that can run with hounds or is the issue very sound movement with a moderate length of leg? Once you have bred that long distance runner (and he'll also need good lung capacity to keep pace with a foxhound), he must be narrow enough and game enough to go to ground. Not only are we unwilling to risk losing our dogs by taking them riding off leashes, but in these days of epidemic rabies it has become increasingly risky to put terriers to earth. The answers to these questions are as elusive as red foxes, but to us they make for more interesting debate than haggling over some of the political questions that have recently arisen in the BTCA press!

In many ways we are breeding for characteristics that we will never truly test. Like knowledge of horses, it seems that the more experience we have the less we really know. Certainly the issues of size and substance will always be debated. While breeding dogs, we strive for something better each time, but everyone with an ounce of humility realizes that there is no such thing as a perfect dog, just dogs that take us a little closer to our own personal ideal. Hope to see you with the answers in Saratoga Springs next month!

Best Wishes,

Carlie



NOTES AND NEWS

Earlier this autumn the recently repatriated Am. & Br. Ch. Dandyhow Brass Tacks was named Best Border Terrier at the Border Terrier Club Open Show, held near Carlisle, England. At the same show, Miss Helen Irving, one of Tack's caretakers, worked as show Steward.

We cannot let the year end without extending a huge thank you to the John Wyatt family for hosting the First Annual NBTC Clambake in September. The rumors that you may have heard about a half-acre fenced turn-out field for Borders are true. At any given time there were up to ten Borders running free with each other and loving it! It was a great event for dogs as well as humans and we hope to be invited back next year. Best of Breed winner both days at the Cape Cod dog shows was Ch. Kilduff's Divot of Braelar, owned by Jeanne Lareau & Maribeth McMahon and handled by Jeanne.

At the club supported Ox Ridge Kennel Club dog show Ch. Thoraldby Tomahawk, owned by member Kate Seemann & Samuel Ewing, won Best of Breed. At the same show Oldstone Barn Owl, owned by Robert and Ruth Ann Naun, won Winner's Dog and finished his Championship title. The next day club members gathered for the annual picnic at the Northern CT Dog Club show in Goshen, CT. Before we enjoyed the usual pot-luck feast, we watched Ch. Oldstone Barn Owl win his first Best of Breed as a Special.

Speaking of new Champions, Kerry Boisvert's Forget Me Not Sir Duncan also finished his title in September. Kerry reported that Duncan, a son of Ch. Ryswick Remember Me, started his show career at the Finger Lakes KC show in 1990 and finished his championship one year later on September 27, 1991 at the same show, under Judge David Doane. Duncan also gained the three legs of his Companion Dog title within

two months last summer. Kerry's ten-year-old daughter Renee has been competing in Jr. Showmanship classes with her Bandersnatch Red Jacket. Renee recently won a fifth place out of fifteen entrants at the Onondaga KC Show.

Over 55 Border Terriers were shown at the prestigious Montgomery Co. KC show in October, including several owned or bred by NBTC members. Judge David Kline awarded Winners Bitch to Oldstone Penrith Molasses. Molasses won her big major from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class handled by breeder Ruth Ann Naun.

The 'NY Times' recently reported that the AKC's upcoming national invitational championship will be telecast on April 26th by CBS Sports. The event is to be held in Baltimore on April 7th and will include the top 50 dogs in each of the seven groups plus National Specialty winners from each breed. This will be the first time a dog show is broadcast on network TV.

A reminder that club members wishing to help with the 1992 BTCA National Specialty, to be held in conjunction with the Montgomery County KC All-Terrier show this coming October, should contact Show Chairman Norm Baker immediately at 609-893-3796. There will be a number of ways in which you can help with the activities and still have time to exhibit your Border and enjoy the weekend.

Now that the Nuts are Taken

Now that the nuts are taken
And the vale is cleared of corn
Now the the wind has shaken
The last leaf from the thorn,
Now, with the woods forsaken
And the empty fields forlorn,
Le the desolate spaces awaken
To the music of hound and horn

Will H. Ogilve

ANNOUNCING THE BTCA 1992 SPECIALTY QUILT PROJECT

If you like Borders and quilt or sew for a hobby, you'll want to get involved in this "Border Bee". Jean Clark has organized a unique quilt project as a BTCA fund raiser. The quilt will be a made up of squares contributed by Border fanciers from all over the country. It will be pieced by Jean and auctioned at the 1992 National Specialty. The outside measurements of each square should be 12" x 12", with appliqued, quilted or embroidered work done in a 10" x 10" area (i.e. leaving a 2" edge for joining). Imagine your Border terrier on a quilt! Please contact Jean Clark for additional information at: 603-529-3076. Send finished quilt squares to her at: RD 3, Box 572, Sugar Hill Rd, Weare, NH 03281.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS : WE ARE GROWING!
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This final mailing of the year begins with a request for your 1992 dues and ends with a membership directory. The latter is a reminder of how much we have grown. Sixteen new members or member couples have joined in 1991, representing a 27% increase in membership in just one year. We welcome you all to the club and we also urge you to help us make it an active club that serves your needs. The following Border fanciers have joined the Northeast Club since the last newsletter was mailed. Although their names may be new to some of you, many are long time Border owners. We welcome their experience and expertise.

Mary Jane Carberry, 116 Titusmill Rd, Pennington, NJ 08534 609-737-1599
 Steven Guyon, 4 Soward St, Hopedale, MA 01747 508-634-8828
 Jan Hewitt, 90 Cooks Court, Waterford, NY 12188 518-371-1696
 Jeanne Lareau, 363 Wildwood Ave, Worcester, MA 01603 508-752-4965
 Allen & Barbara Lewis, 136 Southcliff Rd, Colonia, NJ 07067 908-499-7126
 Tom & Judith Rivers, 25 Kings La, Essex, CT 06426 203-767-0028
 Mary Super, Middle Rd, Hudson, NY 12534 518-828-2827
 Kay Wilds, 123 N Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA 19073 215-356-3735

About the Border Terrier, by Walter J.F. Gardiner, 2nd Ed., T.C. Farries and Co. Ltd., Dumfires, 1991.

The second edition of this important book on the Border Terrier is now available and it is a must read if you missed getting a copy of the first paperback edition. Mr. Gardiner packs the knowledge of a lifetime of breeding dogs and friendships with Border legends into his book. The new edition is a handsome hardcover, nearly 40pages longer than the paperback. The original text is intact, with its unique view of the Border, but there are many new illustrations and photos, some in color, and the book contains several new appendices. A section on early champions and breeding lines will interest the historian. Even if you own the first edition, which is a collector's item, you will want to add the second edition of About the Border Terrier to your library.

(Editor's note: the book has been purchased in bulk by the Border Terrier Club of America, and is available for \$29.00 from Ruth Ann Naun, 80 Myrtle Ave., Mahopac, NY 10541. Please make checks payable to the BTCA. A few, signed copies may still be available.)

THE NORTHEAST BORDER TERRIER CLUB

MEETING MINUTES
22 September 1991

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by President Ruth Ann Naun. Eleven (11) members and two (2) guests were present. The minutes of the July 13, 1991 Annual General Meeting were approved and accepted as printed in the August 1991 issue of 'The Border Times'.

On behalf of the club, the President thanked the John Wyatt family for opening their home to host the very successful Cape Cod Clambake, held the previous weekend and attended by more than thirty-five guests.

Vice-President Norm Baker reported on the progress of the 1992 BTCA National Specialty. He will be contacting individuals that have volunteered for specific jobs and then providing each of them with a committee of three people to assist. The person recommended for Obedience Judge at the July meeting apparently cannot judge Utility and therefore Norm Baker asked is there were any other name that the membership would like to put forward.

Secretary/Treasurer Carlie Krolick reported that the Treasury balance stands at \$1335.28:

Account balance as of 7/13/91:	+ 1099.90
Income, Cape Cod Terrier Trial proceeds	+ 100.00
Income, Vermont Auction proceeds	+ 324.00
Income, dues payments	+ 15.00
Account service charges	- 4.50
Expense, Vermont Hospitality Party	- 76.00
Trophy expenses	- 48.56
Border Times expense, postage and Xerox, one issue	- 74.56
Current balance:	+ 1335.28

Old business consisted of further discussion of the club proposal to host the 1995 Border Terrier Club of America National Specialty. The show would be held during the New England Circuit in July 1995, with the Town and Country Motel as a probable venue. Pam Dyer reported that Jennifer Chambers has agreed to be Show Co-Chairman, if she resides in the Stowe area at the time that the show takes place. Ruth Ann Naun volunteered to write the proposal and organize a committee with names for the various jobs. It was then unanimously agreed that the NBTC will submit this proposal to the BTCA by January 1, 1992.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlie C. Krolick
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1992

Saratoga NY Kennel Club Show, Saratoga Springs City Center
 Mr. John Honig will judge Border Terriers. We have requested a late morning judging time. Entries are \$18.00 and close January 1, 1992 or when the limit of 1150 dogs has been reached. Entries closed early last year. Send entries to Tom Crowe, Superintendent, PO Box 22107, Greensboro, NC 27420. BTCA Supported entries, rosettes, and trophies for BoB, BOS, WD, WB, Bred by Exhibitor Dog and Bitch, Puppy Dog and Bitch.

Northeast Border Terrier Club Meeting, Ramada Renaissance Conference room, immediately following breed judging. A brief business meeting followed by lunch and sightseeing on your own. (Last year a number of us enjoyed Bruno's wood-fired oven pizzeria and then visited the National Racing Museum.)

Saturday Night Dinner at Lillian's Restaurant. Bev Lapointe has reserved the Diamond Jim Brady room for us. Cocktails (cash bar) at 5:30 pm.; dinner at around 6 pm.. A choice of entrees will be available. The \$16.95 price covers a complete dinner including soup and salad, main course, dessert and coffee.

Guest Speaker, Ramada Renaissance Conference room, 8 pm. Nancy Hiscock has organized a veterinary guest speaker. The topic will tentatively be 'Caring for Your Senior Citizen', a lecture and discussion on diet, exercise, and health care for the older dog. An alternate topic may be 'Canine Dental Care'.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1992

Glens Falls Kennel Club Show, Saratoga Springs City Center
 Miss Dorothy Nickles will judge Border Terriers. Entries are \$18.00, also with a limit of 1150 dogs. Tom Crowe (address above) is Superintendent. BTCA Supported entry and NBTC trophies for BoB, BOS, WD, WB, Bred by Exhibitor Dog and Bitch, Puppy Dog and Bitch.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 518-584-4000
 (No dogs allowed in rooms; dogs must be crated in the City Center)

Saratoga Downtowner Motel, 413 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 518-584-6160
 (May allow crated dogs in rooms. Check with management when reserving.)

(Xerox or tear off and send to confirm your reservation)

To confirm our reservation of the private room, we must have a head count one week prior to our dinner. Please return this reservation form no later than January 10, 1992 to:

Bev Lapointe, 37 Curt Boulevard, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Yes, we plan to attend dinner in the Diamond Jim Brady Room!

Name _____

Telephone number _____

Number of people in your party _____