

THE BORDER TIMES



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LAST CALL FOR DUES!!

As stipulated by the NBTC Constitution, dues not renewed by March 31st will lapse. If Doris had not received your dues by the time we went to press, there will be a red mark on your mailing label. Please renew, we want to keep you as a member!

If you have not sent in your dues, please send checks payable to NBTC to:

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Single membership \$10 ***** Couple \$15 ***** Junior \$5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montpelier Border Terrier Rally

April 16th, 1995 at 8:30am at Montpelier Station, Virginia

Now in its 11th year, the Rally is the biggest Fun Day for Borders in the country! **Conformation, Obedience, Go-To-Ground, Agility and Races** will keep your Borders busy, and you will enjoy the chance to explore the gorgeous estate of the late Marion DuPont (originally the home of James Madison). Enjoy the cherry trees in bloom and SPRING! even if it hasn't reach your part of the Northeast yet!

Vicki Sabo (*Calrose*) will judge conformation, and classes are offered for puppies through veterans. **NEW THIS YEAR: KID'S CLASSES**, including an Easter Parade (Borders in Bonnets), a "Me and My Border" class and more! Obedience classes give you a chance to practice around the ultimate distractions - races on one side of the ring and go-to-ground on the other. No matter what your interests, bring your Border, a lunch and have a **WONDERFUL** time. Pre-entry materials will be mailed soon, or you may contact the organizers (see below).

This is the traditional start of the Cherry Blossom Circuit of shows in Virginia (4/18 Greater Fredericksburg KC with C.H. Prager judging; 4/19 Warrenton KC., Mrs. M.P. Nickelson) Superintendent of these shows is Crowe, PO Box 22107, Greensboro, NC 27420 and the entry fees are \$18.

A map to the rally may be found on the last page of the newsletter, along with hotels which may accept dogs. Call early for reservations. To obtain additional information, contact organizers: Judy Gilman (703) 364 - 3530 or Camilla Moon (703) 364 - 9621.

Windham County Kennel Club Show

Sunday May 14th, 1995 in Woodstock, Connecticut

BTCA Supported entry - NBTC providing trophies

After judging, join old friends and new for a dish-to-pass picnic (weather permitting) and club meeting. The judge is N. Pattons, and the Superintendent is Crowe (see above), with an entry fee of \$20.

March 1, 1995

Hello and Goodbye!

As some of you may know, when most sane folk were taking down their Christmas trees, we packed Borders and baggage to move to Connecticut. It still isn't clear to me how our town escaped the strip shopping center plague, but I'm more than grateful to be miles from a convenience store. Our town boasts one gas station, two restaurants, one small market, a post office smaller than your bedroom, and too many white clapboard churches to count.

The Borders made out better than their wildest dreams -- they now patrol a big fenced yard complete with moles, voles, woodchucks, the occasional pheasant, and a spacious fox den at the top of the meadow. When they are not hiding in the quince tree trying to catch birds, they are excavating yet another tunnel in the meadow, or practicing their mud wrestling outside the kitchen door. Borders in heaven -- varmints, holes to dig, and mud.

Last week I was shaken from my usual pre-dawn fumble for the newspaper by the realization that birds were singing. This was not the feeble scolding of chickadees at the feeder, this was real song. Maybe even a robin, but it was too dark to tell. Earth that smelled earthy and birds singing. Unfortunately, as soon as I framed this essay on the subject of green grass and outdoor dog shows, we were smacked with a serious ice storm. Such is the roller coaster that we call March.

As sure as seed catalogues multiply in the mailbox, spring is on its way. Nevermind that daffodils and crocus poked up expectantly in January, were buried beneath a foot of snow in February, and are now coated with a layer of ice. This is the season of ambitious plans. Even if only a fraction of our dreams for the vegetable garden survive weeds and our dogs make it to only a couple of the den trials we hope to attend, it will be great to be outdoors in the sun.

We are well-along in organizing the BTCA National Specialty, to be held in Stowe, Vermont just four months from now. Nearly every active NBTC club member has a hand in this event, which has given the advance planning a good sense of comraderie. With every National Specialty the range of activities seems to grow, and this year is no exception. From the Earthdog Test and Team Obedience class to the Silent Auction, it should be quite a special week.

With my obligations to Show Chairman Jennifer Chambers in mind, I've asked Amanda Pough to become the guardian angel of the 'Border Times'. She has graciously agreed to become our new Editor and brings fresh enthusiasm to the newsletter -- it promises to be a fat mailing in the coming months! It has been five years since the first 'Border Times' emerged from this word processor (then brand new, now a computer dinosaur). To all of you who have been regular contributors and supporters of the publication, I say a very grateful thank you.

Fondly,



The Border Times is mailed four times a year to all members of the Northeast Border Terrier Club. Contributions such as stories, news, show results, or letters of opinion are always welcome. Please send them to Amanda Pough, P.O. Box 185, Weston, Vermont 05161.

Deadlines: March 1 for the Spring issue, May 15 for the Summer issue, September 1 for Fall, and December 1 for Winter.

And Hello!

As Carlie said in her note, I am Amanda Pough, and I have taken on the exciting job of editing *The Border Times*. With the last page from Carlie's computer, and the first from the computer I am using ("Hi, nice to see you, can I use your laser printer?") you will see some style changes, but for the moment, I will keep Carlie's organization. I am looking forward to hearing from more of you and welcome any comments, news, stories or letters. The US Post Office delivers junk mail and, I hope, more letters from you, to me at: PO Box 185, Weston Vermont 05161-0185; Ma Bell finds me at (802) 824-5672, and for those who surf the Internet (quite a few of you) my 'exit' on the superhighway is: apough@mhc.mtholyoke.edu

I am looking forward to working on *TBT* as we have a very talented membership, and I should be able to sit back and simply collect submissions. In this issue, Elle Berger tells us of "Gambit" and his special friends, Judy Donaldson show us the Westminster we don't see on television, and the list of upcoming events grew every time I sat down to work on this! I know others of you out there have stories to tell and artistic talents, so please share them with us all. Without your contributions, I'll be forced to relay stories of my "Tux" (an only dog and so very much a spoiled momma's boy around the house). As for artistic talents, I was a math major in college, so while I can draw very nice hyperbolic paraboloids, I have not yet found the correct combination of 3-D objects which combine to look like a Border, so don't say you weren't warned.

The next deadline is May 15th, by which time we may be out of the mud season. In between mopping floors and bathing Borders, please let me know what you and your Border are up to!

All my best,

Amanda

UPCOMING EVENTS, con't

June 10th and 11th in Crosswicks, New Jersey

**Saturday the 10th, NJ Beanfield Earthdogs American Working Terrier Association
Go-To-Ground**

Sunday the 11th, Garden State All Terrier Club AKC Earthdog Test

Does your Border have what it takes to go down a dark hole and bark at the creatures below? Both trials will be held at the home of NBTC member JoAnn Frier-Murza. For more information on the AWTa Test, contact: Ron Sebastini, 18 Rahilly Rd, Wrightstown NJ 08562. For more information about Sunday's AKC Earthdog Trial, contact: Mrs H. Saito, 77 Amboy Ave, Meterchen NJ 08840

Bryn Mawr Kennel Club

Saturday, June 17th, 1995 in Ludwigs Corner, Pennsylvania

immediately followed by

NBTC Fun Day

Home of JoAnn Frier-Murza, Crosswicks, New Jersey

and

Burlington County Kennel Club

Sunday, June 18th, 1995 in Lumberton, New Jersey

Both shows BTCA supported with trophies provided by the NBTC

No matter what your interests, DON'T MISS THIS WEEKEND!! Activities are planned to interest all Borders and their people, from 3 months to 99 years (or even more if you are talking dog years)!

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"Our own" northeast breeder-judges, **Margaret Pough, Bandersnatch**, will judge at **Bryn Mawr**, and **Bob Naun, Oldstone**, will judge at **Burlington**. An early judging time has been requested for Saturday, so after supporting your favorite Border in the ring, take a short drive to Crosswicks NJ and let the dogs play. Ever wondered what this whole business of 'handling' was? Start with a brief handling lesson and class taught by Amanda Pough. Give your puppies a chance to practice their ring manners in preparation for the Specialty in a puppy match to be judged by Helen and George McDermott. Next move on Go-To-Ground/Earthdog, a BT obstacle course and Lure Coursing. The price will be \$1/dog/class or event. Norm Baker and Jerry Arnold will provide their traditional feast for lunch. (This Saturday Fun Day replaces Norm and Jerry's annual picnic at the Burlington show. A change in the show site for Burlington prevents the picnic from being held there.) If you are planning to come to the Fun Day, please contact Norm Baker at (609) 893 - 3796. **ALL NBTC MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND OF COURSE BORDERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME.** Where else can you meet so many other people who all think it is okay to do silly things just so your dog can have fun?!? For those entering the shows, the Superintendent for both shows is Crowe/MBF.

July 8th and 9th in Crosswicks, New Jersey

Saturday the 8th, NJ Beanfield Earthdogs AWTA Go-To-Ground

Sunday the 9th, Northeast Border Terrier Club AKC Earthdog Test

This would be great chance to get one more practice in the AKC Earthdog test at the Specialty in Stowe. Both events will be held at the home of NBTC member JoAnn Frier-Murza. For more information on the AWTA Test, contact: JoAnn Frier-Murza, 131 Bordentown-Crosswicks Rd, Crosswicks NJ 08515. For more information about Sunday's AKC Earthdog Trial, contact: Donna Sapp, 1504 Jupp Rd, Glen Burnie MD 21060.

NEWS AND NOTES

Before the snow hit, the "winter-that-wasn't" was a busy time for BT's as they and their people got out and had fun!

The Fitchburg Massachusetts convention center has been a very good show site for local Borders. The Jansim Borders had a good time in Fitchburg the weekend before Saratoga when 3 Borders, all related, were in the Novice B ring. **Can/Am Ch Jansim Pennyroyal Can CD, CG** (owned by Pam and Chris Dyer) and her son **Am/Can Ch Jansim Dandyion Can CD** (owned by Jenny Chambers and the Dyers) each earned the last legs on their **American Companion Dog** titles. "Danny's" sister "Rosie" (**Can Ch Jansim Just Rosemary Can CD**) earned the first two legs on her CD the same weekend. Owner Jocelyne Tasse-Durocher and husband Jacques returned to the US the week after Saratoga, and while Jacques explored the local museums, Jocelyne handled "Rosie" to her last American leg.

Jenny Chambers was also found in the Open A ring that weekend in Fitchburg. After thwarting Jenny's plans on Saturday to get one photo of two of her dogs finishing their titles, on Sunday, Norbury's **European Ginger Am/ Can CD** earned the final leg on her **Companion Dog Excellent** title and **WON HER CLASS**. "Ginger" earned *all of her qualifying scores with placements*, and only needs one more qualifying score to finish her Canadian CDX.

Donna Moore-Lavioe's homebred **Holly Hill Homecoming** ("Phoebe") finished her championship in Fitchburg in December. "Phoebe's" sister "Trixie" (**Holly Hill Handful at Jansim**) lives in Ontario Canada with **Julianna and Bahman Motamedi**. Those who were at the Dyer's Activity weekend will remember the Motamedi's as the facilitators of the flyball workshop. Proving they know of what they speak, they recently traveled to Michigan where "Trixie" earned **TWO Flyball** titles in on weekend! Setting the pace for her children, "Phoebe" and "Trixie's" mother **Greywoode Snow Bunting**, earned her

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Certificate of Gameness in Wisconsin at the BTCA Specialty. It was the start of a good fall, as "Nadine" also earned the first leg on her Companion Dog title at the Specialty, despite Donna's nervousness. "Nadine" also picked up the AKC's Canine Good Citizenship title this fall. Having earned her second leg easily in Rhode Island, perhaps we'll see "Nadine CD" by July's Specialty.

A great time was had by all who traveled to Saratoga for our Cabin Fever weekend. As always, it snowed that weekend, but for once, we were not walking dogs on top of snow-drifts. The wine and cheese parties (planned and impromptu) went far beyond wine and cheese. RuthAnn Naun supplied smoked salmon and pickled herring, while once again, Pam Dyer safely transported a beautifully decorated cake all the way down from Canada. This year, the cake was covered with white-chocolate mice, which all good BT owners volunteered to eat, thereby preventing our dogs from becoming ill on the chocolate! Borders represented themselves well at the shows (results below) as "Woody" was 4th in the Group on Saturday, and "Taylor" made the final cut on Sunday. Also on Sunday, those still at the show site received a free copy of a dog magazine and were very proud to recognize a Border and NBTC member in it. Elle Berger and "Gambit" were pictured in the magazine *Good Dog* accompanying Elle's "Winter Pup" story (which was also published in *TBT*, Winter 1995).

Julie LaFrienere & Lu Collins and Judy & Tom Rivers had a 6-month Birthday party for their two litters of pups born on the same day this past summer. From Julie and Lu's litter, their "Maya" and her two brothers were reunited, and joined by the two "cousins" Judy and Tom kept. With 5 puppies and a couple of adult BTs in the house, they were able to ignore the Superbowl on television and instead watch the tackles and running patterns of 5 Border puppies. Knowing the energy level of BTs, I'm sure the pups ran for more yardage than either the 49ers or Chargers!

Kate Murphy had surgery in early February. We all extend our best wishes to her, and want her completely well in July and able to regale us with tales of Van and Marge!

Bob and RuthAnn Naun, JoAnn Frier-Murza, Jean Clark and perhaps others will be attending Crufts Dog Show in England this year. We hope they'll bring us back a report on the dogs and people they see on that trip! Judy Donaldson will join Barbara Kemp and Nancy Hughes on a trip to England in May to watch Barbara judge. Rumor has it that a number of people from the UK will "jump across the puddle" to attend the BTCA Specialty we are hosting in Stowe in July.

They were many bodies deep at ring-side and in the Border benching area at Westminster, and many people are just now realizing that a friend was also watching Borders -- they just never got close enough to see each other. Elaine Burke, Jan Hewitt, Carlie Krolick are among those who reported having a great, if crowded, time in the Big Apple.

Judy Rivers sends word she is still accepting donations to the NBTC trophy fund. This fund allows us to offer trophies at local shows, as the BTCA supports these shows in name only. (Please note this fund is different and distinct from the trophy fund for the BTCA's 1995 Specialty, which is being chaired by NBTC member Jan Hewitt.) Anyone wishing to make a donation to the NBTC fund may send a check made out the NBTC to Judy at: 150 Wickham Rd, East Haddam CT 06423.

We express our condolences to Judy and Chase Donaldson on the loss of their Border "Eve" to complications from surgery. The loss of "Eve" has only been slightly lessened by the addition of "Star" to their household. "Star" was born on the same day Judy and Chase lost "Eve", and her registered name will contain the phrase 'Evening Star'.

From Minnesota, Kris and Bill Blake send word of the loss of their "Hawk". "Hawk" was a multi-talented dog in both the field and show ring, and he and his relatives and descendants are found in the pedigrees of many Border throughout the Northeast and the country. Our sympathies to Kris and Bill on their loss.

SHOW RESULTS

Glens Falls Kennel Club, Saturday, January 21st, 1995, Mr. J Honig

BTCA Supported entry with trophies provided by the NBTC

Best of Breed and Group 4th Ch Braelar's Wild Woody, owned and handled by Jeanne Lareau

Best of Opposite Sex Glendory Mustardseed, owned by Dianne Demma and Georgette Toesca, and handled by Dianne

Best Of Winners Shelburne's Trick or Treat, owned and handled by Val Harris

Winners Bitch Bandersnatch Harriet Vane, owned and handled by Margaret Pough

Saratoga Kennel Club, Sunday, January 22nd, 1995, Mrs. H R Hartley

BTCA Supported entry with trophies provided by the NBTC

Best of Breed and final cut in Group Ch Rohan Shady Autumn Night Eft, owned and handled by Jan Hewitt

Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Winners Jansim Just Rosemary, owned by Joselyne Tasse-Duroche and Pam and Chris Dyer, and handled by Pam

Winners Dog Cymri Hill Company Major, owned by Lu Collins and Julie LaFrienere, and handled by Lu

Westminster Kennel Club, Monday & Tuesday February 13th & 14th, 1995,

Mrs. A R Clark

Best of Breed Ch. Krispin Tailored To A T, owned by C. Peebles, B. Kirkpatrick and W. Odum III, and handled by Damara Bolte

Best of Opposite Sex Ch. CB's I Think It's Sirius, owned by E. Roberts and P. McCune

JAMs Ch. Rogue's Resolute, Ch. Bradcliffe Nacahuil's Destiny, Ch. Krispin Smart Alec

For a different perspective of Westminster than what is seen on TV, turn to page 9

B.T.s IN PRINT

The Tompkins County SPCA in Ithaca, New York has recognized how photogenic Borders can be! For their recent fund-raiser the card (shown on the back cover of this issue) entitled "A Very Special Tea Party", was created. The Border, formally know as Foxcroft Kazoo, or "Zoo-er" to her friends, is owned by SPCA Board President Karen Smith. The cards are being sold in quantity, with proceeds to benefit the Humane Mission of the Tompkins Co. SPCA. Cards are available at \$2.00 each for less than 10 cards, or \$1.50 each for 10 or more (this is half-off the original, individual price). Make checks payable to the Tompkins Co. SPCA, and send them to: Tompkins Co. SPCA, c/o Louise Parke-Dabes, 1640 Hanshaw Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Elaine Burke, Wilmington, VT

Diane Clune, New Paltz, NY

David Emerson, Auburn, NY

Joan Esham, Bensalem, PA

Millicent Gravelesc, Lynnfield, MA

Wayne & Joyce Kirn, Bel Air, MD

Deborah Smith, Bensalem, PA

LICKS AND LOVES

She was an old woman, alone in a worn house on the main road, when we became friends. For years her smile, her wave and, "Run some for me," cheered me as I jogged by the lilies spilling from her garden. The day I decided to stop, I discovered a treasure named "Alice."

A retired elementary teacher without children, and a widow for more than twenty years, she could remember a childhood before the automobile. From Alice I learned how to slow down and sit awhile in someone's kitchen. I rediscovered reading aloud, which we did from her favorite book, a naturalist's journal. She asked about my life, most often about "my new man." And two weeks after I told her I had acquired a puppy, she insisted on meeting my bouncing Border Terrier.

I knew that Gambit at twelve weeks was an unlikely guest, even for a cherub like Alice. His body wiggled. His paws, when not air-borne, were set in fast-forward. But the old Yankee farm girl had invited him. And I was soon heading for the main road, with my pup dancing along beside me in the snow, revving up for adventure.

Alice's legs had grown shaky; she no longer greeted me at the door. So, I rang the bell twice to announce our arrival and entered. Gambit was tugging at his lead, trying to race down the hallway, when he saw her. Abruptly, his interest focused. He approached her slowly, placed his paws on the Afghan that lay across her lap, and licked her hands. Then he settled himself next to her chair, looking up and wagging. I handed Alice a pup treat to reward him and watched him remove it gently from her stiff fingers. He sat still enough for her to pet him. I sat still, too - - - in amazement.

Gambit is two now, a busy Border, who takes on his world with a vigor I envy. Alice is ninety-two. She hears poorly, and breathes with some difficulty. She has moved into a nursing home and into a wheelchair. Every week when Gambit and I visit her, I watch again in amazement, as my frisky pet performs small miracles with licks and loves, which he bestows upon Alice and the other residents who live on the fourth floor of the home.

He moves about with an air of happy self-importance. His perky gait and the tenderness he shows each chair-bound friend, make me think that Gambit fancies himself "at work." With almost no assistance from me, he sits or stands where shaky hands can touch him. He puts his paws on the laps of residents whose arms cannot reach him, and he calmly allows himself to be lifted near to those who move only their eyes.

He's a pet with a purpose, dispensing smiles as he trots about the hallways licking and loving, rousing residents from their private worlds to see "the puppy." I asked one woman, whose waving hand brought me to where she was sitting, if she would like to pet Gambit. "Oh, no, I couldn't," she whispered. "My husband will kill me if he knows I have a dog."

"Well," I replied, let's not tell him." She winked at me and chuckled. Taking hold of a treat, she promptly offered it to Gambit, petted him and grinned. The victory was hers.

Blank stares and stiff joints often come to life just to "feed the puppy." One determined resident requires almost three minutes to unbend his elbow and extend a painful arm to Gambit, who patiently waits. And drools. Eventually, the ancient hand gets lowered, but the fingers do not open, and Gambit must gently nuzzle them to pry loose his reward, a feat he always follows with loving licks.

Alice, for whom Gambit reserves his most enthusiastic attention, takes great pride in his accomplishments. She tells all those who can hear her, and many who cannot, that she first met Gambit when he was "a frisky little one." I like to remind her that he still is extremely frisky and can be quite a terror. She simply waves away such foolishness and replies, "Oh, what do you mean? Just look at him." Gambit certainly knows how to charm his friends on the fourth floor.

Being at the other end of Gambit's lead on his visits to the nursing home has added to my life as well. His loving acceptance of the elderly has encouraged me to be less distant and more connected. I am learning to approach the aged as he does. Naturally. With joy and with respect. I now look directly at them, embrace them, and take time to visit with them. And, as a result, I feel less afraid of growing older myself.

Like Border Terriers everywhere, Gambit seems to possess an innate sense of kindness. One day, perhaps, he may even succeed in becoming an official Therapy Dog. But, for now, he is busy with some very important work.

His friends on the fourth floor count on him. They wait for the little guy with the wagging tail. The one who comes to visit Alice, but stays to visit them. The one who brings them licks and loves.

Eleanor Garrell Berger
Plattsburgh, New York

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1995 BTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

PRIZE — 14K GOLD BORDER TERRIER BRACELET
donated by The Hunting Horn, Camilla Moon & George Wood

PRIZE — IMPORTED BORDER TERRIER FIGURINE
donated by Borderbrae, Jean Clark

PRIZE — 14K GOLD BORDER TERRIER PENDANT

Tickets: \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00

All proceeds go to offsetting expenses of the 1995 BTCA National Specialty
Ticket Sales Limited to 2400

To Order Tickets, please send check or money order (payable to BTCA):

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Westminster, My Experience - For Those Who Have Never Been There!

by Judy L. Donaldson

Oh, New York, New York! Well, after being a country girl from Kentucky for many years, there's only ONE thing that would attract me to venture into the Big city. Yep, a dog show, a BIG dog show. What else?!

This was my fifth overnighter trip to Westminster, having in some years taken the train in from Connecticut, for the terrier day. Once we moved to Louisville, land travel became out of the question, and we took to the air. Neither flying, nor big cities are high on my like list, but dog shows are! The incentive to take to the air was additionally heightened by several things - frequent flier points, frequent hotel stay points, and a very kind invitation by long time friends to sit in their box at the "ten yard line". The "ten yard line" is right by the area where the dogs and handlers wait to enter the group ring at the entrance to the ring - a busy and fun spot to watch. But, I'm getting ahead of myself.

No visit to New York City would be complete without a three night stay at the ever lovely Hotel Pennsylvania/Penta/Ramada/Best Western/whatever it will be called next year! The majority of dog folk (and dogs) stay at the "Penta", which makes the lobby a terrific place to people and paw watch! One has LOTS of time for this occupation because the check-in and elevators run so inefficiently. Once you FINALLY get to your room, if your room key works, you are delighted to find the room temperature at a cozy 102 degrees, paint peeling from the ceiling, (although Best Western is doing a nice job of renovating), and what?? No towels, AGAIN? Not to worry, several phone calls, and the passage of time, usually answers your request! There is an alternative, the Southgate Towers Hotel, which is as conveniently located, as is the Penta, (across the street from Madison Square Garden) and is far nicer, but also more expensive. Also, they require a five night minimum stay. Bet they have towels though!

Monday dawns brightly, and this is the show day I look forward to the most. Not only because it is the terrier day (as well as working, non-sporting, and herding), but also because of the anticipation of seeing old friends, and SHOPPING! My goal is to arrive by 8:00 am, take the rarely uncrowded escalator up the two flights, to scope the place out! It's so peaceful at 8:00 AM - by noon, you might as well be in the push and shove of Grand Central Station at rush hour! In the calm of the pre-ring time hours, you can stroll leisurely through the vendors' booths of dog food, jewelry, clothing, pins, books, signs, watches, dog supplies, figurines, paintings and neckties, in the ever constant search of SOMETHING with a Border Terrier on it! While you're "vending" on either side of the big hall, you can, at any time, glance toward the center of the room and check the benching area for old friends. (The handlers and their dogs are benched separately, towards the end of the hall, in the multi-breed area. Beyond them is the grooming area, superintendent table, x-pens, and the ramp to outside.) Usually, I shop in a hit and run mode because the Borders are often on early, and isn't that why I'm here in the first place? I try to get ringside at least an hour in advance to fulfill the impossible dream - a chair! The dream, over the years, has been revised from a seat to the hope of merely a space! I now bring my own folding camp stool!

The rest of the day, I spend bouncing from ring to ring, trying to watch as many breeds as I can so that I have a familiar dog to root for that night. I also visit the benching areas, especially the Border benches. All of us owe a big "paws up" to those wonderful people and Borders who represent our breed so nicely year after year in the absolute worst spot to be benched, right across from the AKC information booth!

Later, THE GROUPS! Gone is the casual but crowded air of the day, replaced by, a complete transformation of the main hall, tuxedos, sequins, and the order that glamour brings. Excitement and anticipation hang in the air as the national anthem plays, and Roger Caras speaks. Unfortunately, Mr. Caras' dialog remains much the same year after year, and we're not privy to the narrative and gossip of David Frei - darn, but then again, the home audience doesn't get to hear the wandering vendors hawking cokes, hot dogs, popcorn and "programs" - catalogs as we know them. Those at home don't have a chance to watch the tension build as an owner near you in the stands watches his or her dog presented to the judge. This year was particularly fun because one of the faces in a nearby seat was very familiar. It was Vandra Huber who co-owns the show winning Scottie, Peggy Sue. Vandra was at our 1994 Specialty in Manitowoc because she also co-owns a Border Terrier, Karleeann, with Laurel Toffemire. Congratulations, Vandra!

After the Groups, there's a reality check - back to the Penta! The inevitable 20-30 minute wait for the elevators, which up until last year, was made bearable by the presence of a well attended bar in the lobby. A great spot to unwind, meet friends, hash over the show, have a drink, and wait for the elevator line to diminish, is only a memory. They have completely re-decorated it out of the lobby!

Tuesday is much the same as Monday except for Best in Show. I'm a softie anyway, but it always touches my emotions to see those seven gorgeous "bests" vying for the VERY best. The suspense is wonderful. If you thought it was a bit drawn out this year, it was! It appeared Jackie Hungerland had made her choice by 10:45, but the shows' TV time slot airs till 11:00! She had to do some serious slow motion, which made it all the more exciting.

Back to the hotel. It's all over with so quickly. Am I really sorry to be packing and leaving this place? Yes, for the moment I am, but it is only a brief sadness...I remember... tomorrow I have to stand in line and wait AGAIN, this time to check out! Reality, here we come!

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by President Norm Baker. There were 24 members and 4 guests present.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as published in the Winter 1995 issue of *The Border Times*.

President's Report

Norm would like to have a NBTC fun day after judging at the Bryn Mawr show in June. He will speak to Sam Ewing and request an early judging time for Borders. The fun day would be held at JoAnn Frier-Murza's (Crosswicks NJ). Anyone having ideas or wanting to help is asked to contact Norm. As plans are finalized, additional information will be published in *TBT*.

Norm also reported on judges for those shows - both breeder/judges:

Saturday, June 17th at Bryn Mawr will be Margaret Pough

Sunday, June 18th at Burlington will be Bob Naun

There was no report from the Sec'y/Treasurer as Doris was not able to attend.

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Judy Rivers is ready to send off the trophy order for the shows we are supporting this year. She has organized and clarified the process of being trophy chairperson, and is beginning to look for someone to take over in 1996.

While discussing trophies, members were reminded that the NBTC Trophy fund is looking for donations. Judy has tried to offer trophies people have expressed an interest in, and would appreciate donations to cover the cost of these. Jan Hewitt is also accepting donations to the 1995 BTCA Specialty Trophy Fund. Finally, members were reminded that dues were due.

JoAnn Frier-Murza would like the NBTC to sponsor four AKC Earthdog tests each year (the maximum the AKC allows). JoAnn is tentatively planning to hold an Earthdog test the weekend before the Specialty (Saturday and/or Sunday) at her place in NJ. This would be a good warm up for the Earthdog test to be held at the Specialty.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm, and was immediately followed by a planning meeting for the 1995 Specialty.

Respectfully submitted,

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BORDER TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
Town & Country Motor Lodge, Stowe, Vermont
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Dedicated to the Memory of Marjory Van der Veer and Marjery Harvey
Dalquest Border Terriers

- Wed. July 12th** Earthdog Trial Judge: Teddy Moritz
- Thurs. the 13th** Sweepstakes Judge: Pat Quinn, *Forley* (AL)
Obedience (including non-regular classes)
Judge: Jim Ashton (RI)
Jr Showmanship
Judge: Robert Naun, *Stictone* (NY)
beginning of Breed judging as needed
- Friday the 14th** Conformation
Judge: Ronnie Irving, *Danzon* (England)

Plus: parties, the raffle, a silent auction, the BTCA AGM and much, much more!

In other words ... Borders, Borders and more Borders!!
All Border enthusiasts are welcome to attend!

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