

## **2014 YEARBOOK AKC DELEGATE REPORT**

With this my final report to the membership, I conclude 28 years as the club's AKC Delegate. With a new CCA leadership team it is simply time for another to take up this important post. I informed Mike Liosis, the AKC Director of Club Relations, of this decision and asked that my successor be given the same degree of understanding and cooperation extended to me over many months of our relationship. I concluded with this observation: "Your friendship and wise counsel has made my Delegate experience entirely beneficial to both the American Kennel Club and the Collie Club of America. For this you have my gratitude and personal esteem."

It is gratifying to relate his response: "For as long as I have been with the AKC I have learned just about everything about the sport from the good folks like the Hal Sundstroms! I have done my best to walk the line, right down the middle, and help clubs resolve their squabbles. I have always valued your assistance and support and you will be sorely missed not just personally, but as a worthy and contributing member of the Delegate body, the Collie Club and The Sport."

My record of Delegate service is consequential and recorded in every Yearbook. I learned early that one individual can make a difference. Before being seated as the club's Delegate, I was one of five candidates considered for the AKC presidency. I advised the selection committee that my civil rights were possibly being violated by the then AKC "black ball" voting procedure for accepting new Delegates. Within days my candidacy was approved and the black ball scheme was eliminated. I went on to accept President Reagan's appointment as a Vice President with the United States Export-Import Bank!

Two noteworthy actions for the 2014 year: At the June 8-9 Quarterly Delegate Meeting Delegates again preserved member clubs' prerogative to assert their exclusive right to preserve or amend the American Kennel Club Bylaws. Delegates defeated another attempt to remove restrictions on Delegate eligibility for certain classes of persons previously excluded from serving as Delegates. The AKC TrailerTask Force Project for emergency humane relief efforts had more than 100 participating donor clubs with some \$500,000 contributed from sixty-seven parent clubs, foundations and regional clubs, and thirty-five all-breed or group clubs. The Collie Club of America was an early contributor with a \$1,000 donation.

Respectfully,  
Harold W. "Hal" Sundstrom, AKC Delegate

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – 2014 FOR YEARBOOK**

### **AKC COLUMNIST FOR CCA – Marianne Sullivan**

I'm the Collie breed columnist for the AKC Gazette Magazine. Four times a year I write a column on a variety of topics for their online magazine. In 2013 I was proud to be the recipient of the Maxwell Award for Best Online Column given by the Dog Writers Association of America.

In 2014 I did articles on being more thoughtful/considerate in our sport, on the importance of understanding pedigrees, on how to get people to volunteer. The last column of the year was on the difficult topic of dealing with abusing and neglectful owners in our breed. In 2014 the Gazette again submitted my work for the DWAA Writing Competition, and results are announced the week of the Westminster dog show.

### **AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

**Co-Chairs: Vicki Loucks sending to CCA Board & Barbara Schwartz sending to CCA Closed list.**

Dealing with different legislative issues around the Country. Anybody having issues should contact the legislative liaison to get guidance or help in how to deal with local issues or who to contact that can help.

Please make sure your members are getting information especially if there is someone asking for action on an legislative item

**BI MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**Marion Johnson, Chair**

Your CCA board has approved a motion that requires all committees to report any actions, activities and/or accomplishments to the board on a bi monthly schedule.. This schedule is quite simple: a form that ask yes or no, if any action has been taken, and if Yes, to please describe.  
A reminder sent out by the scheduler, and a simple email response sent to the committee Chair, is all that is required.

With all committees' cooperation, this will be an easy and useful tool to keep our board and our members updated and involved in the workings of our Collie Club of America.  
These reports will also facilitate your end-of-the-year reports for the CCA yearbook.

**CCA LOVING CUP INVENTORY**  
**Show Permissions and Trophies**  
**Judy Guthrie, Asst. Secretary of Show Permissions & Trophies**

The Loving Cups that were purchased Fall of 2013 are very much improved in construction and packaging. The replaced cups (4 - noted below) were from cups shipped from the old inventory. Have had **ZERO** to replace since shipping from new inventory. Clubs requesting cups are down over past years – Club memberships appear to be down driving clubs to have Specialties with All-Breed clubs. Makes it difficult to run the two varieties against each other for awarding the cup. Also, the CCA had to have a price increase due to our supplier doing same. At present, specialty clubs submit two (2) checks in the amount of \$50.00 each. If the club's % of CCA members is 60% or more, then one (1) check is returned to the club. Applications for requesting the CCA Loving Cup can be downloaded from the CCA web site – look under "Club Documents".

<b>2014 Beginning Inventory</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total Shipped during the year 2014</b>	<b>(54)</b>
<b>Total Replacement Cups Shipped in 2014</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Total Cups Received in 2014</b>	<b>95</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ENDING INVENTORY</u></b>	<b>125</b>
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<b>STERLING CUPS ON HAND</b>	<b>10</b>

**C.C.A. FILM LIBRARY**  
**Kathy Peters, CCA Film Librarian**

It has been a good year for the production of new DVDs added to the Film Library.

Breed Education Committee has completed three DVDs which are now available for distribution,

Back To The Future, panel discussion, Collie Skulls, Brenda Miramon and Today Is Tomorrow's Past;

Collie Club of New England's, "A Day With Marcy Fine", and Half Century in Collies, Lynn Butler of Milas.

By special requests, I have brought back from the Archives two "oldies but goodies", 1983 super8mm handling film "Collie Presentation" by Helga Kane and Terrie Parker and 1964 film by Benderly, Whelping Film which are now on DVD.

Thanking you for your continued support of the Film Library and thank you for the honor to be of service.

For more information on other film titles available go to Collie Club of America Homepage on the internet and browse under publications.

**BREED EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT - 2014**  
**Barbara Cleek, Debbie Holland, Nancy McDonald, Larry Parsons,**  
**Mary Robischon, Leigh Cohen – Mentor Liaison**  
**Patt Caldwell – Chairperson**

2014 proved to be a very busy year for the Breed Education Committee. Our members: Barbara Cleek, Debbie Holland, Nancy McDonald, Larry Parsons and Mary Robischon welcomed our added member, Leigh Cohen, as our Mentor Liaison. Leigh took on the job of organizing and overseeing the ring side mentoring at the 2013 National in the absence of the late Candy Wisniewski. She did such a wonderful job that the Committee saw the benefit to add this position to the committee and asked Leigh to take it on.

The 2014 National seminar, "Today is Tomorrow's Past," was well attended. It included some international faces as well as home grown enthusiasts. The morning began with its usual casual air and visiting over a light continental breakfast but quickly changed pace. Attendees became engaged in a quick but meaningful round robin of "I Have-Who Has" study of the virtues in our standard. Once the review was completed, Dr. David Hanson spoke to the group on CHIC and its benefits. Next our able body and minded panelists, Les Canavan, Mike Esch, Barb Linder, and Carl Willeford both enlightened and amused us with tales of beautiful dogs, thoughts, and insights to past National judging. Much was shared and learned. The presentation was recorded and is available through Kathy Peters our audio visual librarian.

Beyond the National seminar, the Committee worked hard to accommodate requests from the AKC and Showsite magazine, updated the Family Dog presentation on the CCA website and began planning for the 2015 Seminar. Details can be found below. The Breed Education Committee meets more often than not weekly September through June this year utilizing Go To Meeting. The Club can be proud of the work ethic of the Committee members. Their energy, commitment to the breed, and knowledge base are remarkable. It is a privilege to work with them.

1. **National Seminar:** 2014 CCA National Breed Education Seminar, "Today is Tomorrow's Past," Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the "Carriage House" of the Big E Center, West Springfield, MA, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Thoughts, insights, and experiences of past CCA judges: Les Canavan, Barb Linder, Mike Esch and Carl Williford were shared. These more recent National judges discussed questions presented by Breed Education chairperson, Patt Caldwell. The presentation included the panelists' personal observations on exceptional collie virtues respective to breed impact. A PowerPoint presentation of the dogs was shown concurrent to the presentation. Time was provided for audience questions. A light continental breakfast was provided.
2. **Ring side mentoring** was again provided for seminar attendees. Various CCA mentors volunteered their time to share their knowledge.
3. **DVD** of Seminar was produced and sold. It is available through the CCA Audio Visual Librarian, Kathy Peters [Kathpete@verizon.net](mailto:Kathpete@verizon.net).

4. **Bulletin Articles:**
  - Losing your National Specialty Virginty
  - Threshold for Intervention
  - Collie Kaleidoscope – Kathy Moll – guest writer
5. **Updating of CCA's Collies Make Great Family Dogs**, written work is completed. Preparing to build the page for our Website.
6. **Showsite Magazine** – contributed information for the Collie section, November
7. **The American Kennel Club's *Family Dog* magazine**: Organized and invited several collie enthusiasts to showcase the versatility of our Collies. Profiled in the November/December 2014 Issue.
8. **AKC update** information on Collies.
9. **AKC update** for the New Complete Dog Book
10. **Work in Progress**: Developing and Organizing 2015 National Seminar: "Virtual Lab"  
Speaker, Dr. Cindi Bossart, VMD, will introduce how to do vaginal smears, sperm checks, and progesterone testing. Location: Cox Convention Center Meeting Room, March 10, 2015 beginning at 8 A.M. to 12 NOON. Seminar Cost: \$35 Juniors: Free - must be registered – includes light continental breakfast and ring side mentoring. The presentation will again be videoed.

### **BREEDER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE**

**Kathy V. Moll, Chair**

**Members: Emily Berkley, Isabel Ososki, Leslie Rappaport, Ellen Russell  
Jeanine Blaner, CCA Working Collie Committee Chair & BOY Consultant**

Our Breeder of the Year Committee members worked long and hard on a new BOY system. We made every effort to follow the wishes of the membership by adding a 25% nod to Health, Performance & Service while keeping the main focus on conformation champions over a one year period as previously done.

The main difference was the majority desire (according to our general membership surveys) for a way to evaluate the percentage of champions that a breeder produces a year based on the average number of puppies produced. This was the most difficult part of our job. There is often a wide variation of ages among collie champions that finish during a specific year, which are bred or co-bred by a breeder. Calculating the percentage of collies that finished in a calendar year required using the number of puppies a breeder produced on average in a typical year.

Statistically, our best choice was to use the last three years prior to the BOY award to determine an average for the eligible breeders. Therefore, for the BOY in each variety in 2014, for example, the number of puppies produced for 2011, 2012 & 2013 would determine the average number of puppies per year, as compared to the number of champions that finished in the year of the award. This is how we arrived at a percentage of collies finished rather than a raw number. Only the BOY Committee for each year would need to deal with the percentages that we developed. The breeders who are invited to apply and those who choose to apply would use their records to submit information to the committee.

At the time of this writing, the system is presented in the November 2014 communique for discussion. The probable time for a vote to approve or disapprove the system is January 2015 with results available in February.

I'm very proud that our committee was able to overcome obstacles that seemed insurmountable to offer this system to the members based on survey results and research. I thank them for their perseverance and hard work!

## **CCA BULLETIN COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Editor: Donna Walle; Co-Editor: Karen Soeder**

**Members: Laura DeLaurentis, Helga Kane, Sue Kuechenmeister, Pati Merrill, Marianne Sullivan**

The Bulletin Committee has continued to produce quality quarterly magazines sent to every member on deadline. As always, our June issue was devoted to coverage of the National Specialty and was our largest of the year, with 128 pages. Other issues have covered various topics of interest to members, featuring conformation, performance, health issues, puppy care, history, etc.

In the coming year we plan more use of “themed” issues to encourage advertising. The Bulletin is an excellent place to advertise your Collies where they will be seen by all CCA members. Thank you to those who have supported the Bulletin with ads and covers.

We’re interested in members’ suggestions for content as we continue our effort to publish a magazine our members look forward to receiving and enjoying.

### **CALENDAR**

**Nancy McDonald**

For the second consecutive year, we were delighted to produce the Top Winners Calendar. Thanks to timing that allowed advance planning, i’m told that the 2015 calendar renewed its place as a must-have CCA publication. As of December 4, sales have well exceeded any records since the early 1990’s. Due to efficiencies in printing and mailing and pre-publication discounts, we are proud to report a profit in excess of \$2,500 to support CCA’s projects.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Lenell Nix, Chair**

**Liz Dunkle, Erin Gorney, Katie Skilton, Cody Sulewski**

This committee was formed in 2014 at the request of President Van Tassell with the purpose of investigating a way to streamline communication of important general matters or emergency situations with the members of the CCA in a quick manner. The committee this met and discussed possible ways to implement a broad communication plan to meet such needs. Currently we are investigating methods to achieve these goals in a way that is reliable, efficient and cost effective. The committee will develop a report with our findings and recommendations for presentation to the board by mid spring.

### **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

**Members of the Committee: Jackie Caruso, Michael Esch, Gayle Kaye, Jennifer Weiner**

**Jeff Tallackson, Chair**

The Committee was charged with and undertook the task of reviewing the Club’s certificate of incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws and corporate operating history and applicable law. This was with the goal of identifying and suggesting solutions to legal and operating problems facing the Club. The Committee’s primary but not exclusive focus has been compliance of the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws and decision-making process with New York’s Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, which governs the Club’s corporate documents and operations.

The Committee has through the end of the year 2014 devoted many hours to reviewing relevant materials and history, has conferred through telephone conference calls and countless emails and has completed the following projects:

- Prepared and submitted for the Board of Directors’ information and consideration a Report commenting on proposed revisions to the Club’s forms of membership application and membership reinstatement application.

- Prepared and submitted for the Board of Directors' information and consideration a brief Summary of the basic legal and process issues and problems that the Committee has addressed (described in greater detail in the full Report referenced below).
- Prepared and submitted for the Board of Directors' information and consideration (i) a detailed first Report describing the basic legal and process issues and problems that the Committee has addressed and suggested solutions thereto, and (ii) a first draft of a proposed rewrite of the Club's existing Constitution and Bylaws.
- Responded to several inquiries regarding these issues.

## **CCA ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The CCA Ethics Committee (Butch Schulman, Chair, Dr. Cindi Bossart, Carl Williford, Trish Blakely, Bob Mondillo, and Larry Willeford) reviewed and acted upon four ethics complaints in 2014. All matters were privately discussed and amicably resolved via conference call with all committee members present and minutes transcribed for each meeting/session. No recommendations for disciplinary actions were taken on any complaints heard by the committee. Educational recommendations for further consideration based on the findings of fact from one complaint will be forwarded to the President and the Board for future review. All discussions within the committee remain confidential.

## **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE**

**Joan Kirkland, chair with members Susan Abrahams, Carrie Lenhart, and Joan Hamilton**

The CCA has a Good Sportsmanship Award which is awarded to a member who, in the eyes of the general membership, is an epitome of what the award stands for. The AKC provides a medal for our club to award to the person who is chosen by our membership and it is quite an honor.

Last year, 2014, we were pleased to present this award to Kathy Peters who has always worked tirelessly to make sure our history is recorded for all to see. She has been instrumental in keeping our past available via the Dog Library as well as tapes and DVD's.

We were also pleased to recognize Francis Flaim as a young person who has always been a good sport in any situation. While she is still a Junior, she has always shown integrity in her activities with dogs, and has a deep sense of "fair play".

The award for 2015 will also be to a special person who has received many, many notes and letters recommending and supporting them. I hope many of you will be able attend the presentation which will be made in the conformation ring at at time to be announced.

## **JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Committee Chairs - Gayle Kaye & John Buddie.**

**Members: Darci Brown, Tom Coen, Pat Jung and Larry Willeford**

2014 was a good year for the **Judges Education Committee**. We continue to get excellent feedback from those who attend our judges education seminars, and we have received many notes of appreciation for mailing off the new Vignettes that were designed by the Committee.

We had a wonderful turnout of attendees at the National Specialty in Springfield, Massachusetts and had several seasoned judges sitting ringside with attendees to help hone their skills of observation and selection. We are always so appreciative of the breeders and handlers who are willing to take time from their busy schedules, to bring excellent dogs to

the hands-on portion of the program. Many of these new judges have never had the opportunity to see top quality Collies, and to examine them. This exercise is one which can often make or break a judges career in any breed. Thank you to those individuals who are always there when we need them.

This year, the AKC EUKANUBA invitational show held in Florida during December offered several days of judges education. Collie Club of America was asked to participate this year. Although there was a rather small entry in Collies for the show, those exhibiting were happy to help out and bring dogs for the presentation. Lots of good feedback resulted.

## **LIBRARY OF CHAMPIONS – 2014** **Karen L. Anderson, Chair**

During 2014 the Library of Champions produced Volume 8 of the *American Collie Champions* series. 400 books were printed and approximately 300 were sold. There was a great response to our request for photos and we were only able include three years in this volume. Thank you to all owners who provided photos and information on their champions. Please remember to check your collection to make sure you are not missing Volume 8.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT - 2014**

I want to thank my committee members – Susan Houser, Manages New Member Applications & Reinstates; Sue Kuechenmeister, Manages Member Change of Address; Shelley Bogenhagen, Manages New Member Packet Mailings; Kathy Drabik, Manages Mailing Bulletins to Members That Do Not Receive; Lori Montero, Manages the PayPal Account; and Russell Dyke, Manages Assisting in Membership Database Updates & Mailing of Dues Renewal Forms – for their commitment to the Collie Club of America and all the hard work they do for this committee.

As I began working with my fellow committee members, it was universally agreed that we needed a revised membership application. Also, to split off from the application a new form for reinstatement of members that had not paid their dues for 2-5 years. I am happy to report that these forms were approved by the EC in December of 2014. They can be downloaded from the CCA website under the “Membership” & “Club Documents” tabs.

For those of you keeping score: We welcomed 13 new 50 Year (Life Time) Members, 43 New Single Memberships, 16 Joint Memberships, 2 Junior, and 6 Reinstates.

The dues renewal notice mailing had some new committee first time bumps, but on the positive side the printing company came up with a way to show the mailing address printed on the notice through a window envelope. This removed the hand stuffing and matching labels to letters process thereby making the mailing rather simple.

Our goals for 2015 are to upgrade the FileMaker Pro 11 (currently used) database, which is no longer supported, to version FileMaker Pro 13. We are quite excited to have Russell Dyke (experienced in using FileMaker Pro) on board to assist in the upgrade. This will help in updating both Domestic and Foreign databases. As part of the database revision, we need to better identify our Junior Membership. We want all of our Junior’s to feel like they are part of the Parent Club so that when they age out of Juniors they will want to become a “Regular Member” of the CCA. After all, they are our future!! We plan to revise the dues renewal form especially the one that gets mailed to the existing 50 Year Members.

Respectfully Submitted...

Judy Guthrie – Membership Chairperson & All Committee Members

**NATIONAL TROPHY COMMITTEE**  
**Heather Newcomb & Kelly Neeley (Co-Chairs)**

This committee administers 3 perpetual trophies and 17 challenge trophies with a combined value of approximately \$35,000. The AKC abolished all new perpetual trophies in 1954. For permanent possession, challenge trophies must be won three (3) times by the same owner not necessarily with the same dog or at consecutive shows.

All new Challenge Trophies must adhere to Collie Club of America, Inc. & American Kennel Club, Inc. Show rules, and be approved by the National Trophy Committee & Board of Directors.

In 2014, two challenge trophies were retired:

**THE AL FORTHAL MEMORIAL TROPHY** awarded for Best Bred-By Exhibitor was retired by Mike & Marcy Fine.

**THE MARGARET HASEROT MEMORIAL TROPHY** awarded for Best of Variety (Smooth) was retired by Cheryl Thompson.

In 2014, The National Trophy Committee and the Board of Directors approved the addition of two new challenge trophies to be presented for the first time at the Collie Club of America National Specialty in 2015.

**THE GLEN TWIFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY** to be awarded to **BEST OF BREED**, Bronze Collie Head on Marble and Wood Base, donated through the Collie Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of friends. (Valued at 2000.00)

**THE SYLVIE LINGENFELTER MEMORIAL TROPHY** to be awarded to **BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR**, Rick Lingenfelter Original Bronze Statue on wooden base, donated by The Lingenfelter Family in loving memory of Sylvie, through the Collie Club of America, Inc. (Valued at 3000.00)

**NATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE**  
**Martha Ramer & Darci Brown, Co-Chairs**  
**Members: Roxann Heit & Sue Larson**

The NSC committee have been very busy this year. Three years ago we changed NSC from 1 to 4 members. We are more involved with the Host Chairs and the planning of each National. Since then, each of the 3 shows have been very successful. This new system is proving to be advantageous to the Host Chair, the exhibitors and the spectators. Since we joined forces, each National has shown a profit. We have created and furnished the Hosts with additional documents and instructions based on our collective experience.

We plan additional improvements to the process and look forward to working together, along with the future Host Chairs and their committees.

**CCA NEWSLETTER**  
**Marion Johnson, Editor and Isabel Ososki, Asst. Editor**  
**Staff: George Rohde and Rose Hutches**

The Collie Club of America Newsletter has been one of our member benefits for many years.

It has been a time consuming job, handled adeptly by dedicated volunteers, but, as we all know, life happens and circumstances dictates changes must follow.

There was a board supported vote to retain the newsletter and a new editor and staff has been named beginning the new year of 2015.

The mission statement of your CCA Newsletter is to provide up to date information and news of interest to all CCA members in relation to our club and our breed



News features you can look forward to include (but not limited to : updated rescue efforts, Sunshine to keep us informed about our collie friends, Events Calendar that list local dog related events happening in your part of the country.

We offer a “Members Corner” where questions /concerns can be addressed. There will be a section for brief summaries of board/legislation reports.

Your newsletter staff will be encouraging input from all of our widespread collie members

We are a bi-monthly publication, with a time table as follows: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.

Our first issue scheduled is Feb, 2015.

**ONLINE STORAGE**  
**Laura Delarentis, Chair**  
**Lenell Nix**

At three years of age, the online storage program continues to make progress although people have been very slow to embrace the centralization needs of our organization. The new server, iDrive, with many new features, was implemented in September and is in full production. We've just finished production on the December Bulletin, the first edition since switching over to this new vendor.

The membership committee is on-board and able to share the database with real-time changes automatically updating as either person updates the file. The database will be immediately accessible at the National by synchronizing a laptop to the account when ready to work.

The CCA is still vulnerable to loss in other areas where critical business is conducted, primarily with regards to financial, contractual obligations and legal matters. We are confident that this vulnerability will be resolved when the Treasurer, Show Chairs, Ethics and Constitution join us on iDrive.

We look forward to support from the Yearbook and Newsletter to complete our goal of getting all publications on-board. We are also excited to bring the Breed Ed committee on-board this December.

We have made significant progress in establishing an archive to organize and protect all club-owned National photos and front covers of all Bulletins. These files will be available for use in CCA publications. The archive also includes official AKC reports on conformation and performance titles. Many thanks to everyone who has helped us to make this possible.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Members: Chandra Flaim, Kathy Moll, Melinda Sunnarborg, Vicky VonSeggern**  
**Linda Mabus, Chair**

Mission Statement:

The Public Relations Committee will provide ideas and resources for the active promotion of the collie as a desirable family companion and working canine partner. The committee will explore avenues to help local groups put on events for the public in association with members and groups already experienced with public events.

Important possible avenues for featuring our breed would be a link on our CCA website page where the public can view articles, photos, and videos of collies in family settings and activities. Additionally, some media would show collies and their owners doing agility, carting flyball, freestyle, herding, obedience, service dog, therapy, tracking, and other performance and service activities.

The Public Relations Committee has developed a one-stop Public Relations Resource Center for the CCA website. Some of the first products are now on the site—a Trifold Brochure, a Parent Club Business Card, a Color Book—which are downloadables (free) from the Public Outreach link. These downloadables will be accessible to members in planning their public events, i.e., Scottish Festivals, Meet the Breed, Puppy Matches. Also, this link will provide an order form for the promotion banners. Three banner sets are now available to assist in public promotion. The banner sets are in three locations—east, midwest, and west—to enable borrowers in receiving the banners timely and with less shipping cost. It will also assist in requests for the same dates, so that the banner sets would be available. The *Bulletin* has cooperatively assisted the Committee by providing Committee generated articles and ads for PR promotion. The Committee is working on a Book List Brochure, other media sources including social media to promote this wonderful breed and the Collie Club of America.

## **CCA SHINING STAR COMMITTEE REPORT FOR CCA YEARBOOK**

**Chair – Leslie Rappaport**

**Members – Ann Boles, Susie DeLorenzo, Leslie Rugg, Theresa Uzelac**

This year has been devoted to rebuilding the team effort with a goal of revitalizing and improving the committee's outreach. In the new year, collie enthusiasts the world over will have increased opportunities to find and participate in the Shining Star mission. The committee sees the collie's positive influence in the real lives of people and in real communities throughout the world. The new outreach goals of the committee will make its program and projects more inclusive and less competitive.

Our primary plan is to create a dedicated Facebook page to the Shining Star program. The page will include stories of past Shining Star recipients and a resource list of groups, organizations, and facilities that welcome our Shining Star collies. We hope to inspire more collie enthusiasts to participate in the activities that would qualify their dogs as Shining Stars and inform them of where and how to get started and get involved. We all know what potential our collies have as Education Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Service Dogs, Law Enforcement/SAR Dogs, Trauma Response Dogs, and Hero Dogs. The Shining Star FB page will also be a means for interested people to volunteer their talents and time to our programs, and the page will include a link to the CCA website for enhanced connectivity.

The committee also plans other forms of outreach to promote the Shining Star mission and our breed. Our East coast members will focus on special projects and events in their area. They will also act as liaisons to collie rescue and therapy groups around the country. Our West coast members will focus on developing the FB page and publishing the first of what we hope will be several volumes of Shining Star Dog stories. In the tradition of the Sunnybank and Lassie stories, the Shining Star collie stories will remind all dog lovers of the intensely meaningful human/animal bond and will be inspirational keepsakes for generations to come. The first volume will be published and available in 2015.

To put the spotlight on Ambassador Dogs and all our Shining Star participants, the committee is searching for artists to design a pin that every owner of a Shining Star dog will receive. In this way, these dedicated people and their Shining Star award-winning dogs will be recognizable not just at our annual National Specialty but everywhere they go in the dog world, their home communities, and beyond. We encourage all Shining Star participants to attend local and national specialties and proudly demonstrate why Shining Star collies deserve celebration and visibility. Their visible presence is also a strong rebuttal to animal rights organizations that attempt to dissuade the public from purebred dogs.

The Shining Star committee, now five years old, has had a tremendous start. We committee members expect the next five years to prove our value to the CCA and increase a positive image of the collie and those who love the breed.

## CCA VERSATILITY AND HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairmen: Jim Smotrel & Judy Smotrel**

The CCA Versatility and Herding Instinct Certification Committee reviews applications and processes certificates for both the CCA Versatility Program and the CCA Herding Instinct Program. The annual summary report for each of these programs is given below.

### 2014 CCA Versatility Program Report

The CCA Versatility Awards Program is designed to recognize collies which have distinguished themselves in both the breed ring and in AKC recognized performance events. It also provides a means to encourage breeders to put more emphasis on the structural soundness, working capabilities and temperament of their breeding stock.

This program was created around AKC sanctioned activities. These activities serve to test not only the physical and mental characteristics of the dog but also the preservation of herding capability which was the original basis for the breed.

A point system is used to weight the value of each accomplishment based on its relative difficulty. The point scale is shown in the following table.

VALUE	CONFORMATION	PERFORMANCE CATEGORY								HERDING
		Obedience	Tracking	Agility*						
1		CD, RE, GN, PCDX		NA	NAJ	NAP	NJP	NF	NFP	HT
2	Major	CDX	TD, TDU	OA	OAJ	OAP	OJP	OF	OFP	PT
3		GO, VER, PUTD								HS
4	CH	UD	TDX	AX	AXJ	AXP	AJP	XF	XFP	HI
5	GCH	UDX, OM	VST	MX	MXJ	MXP	MJP	MXF	MFP	HX
6		OTCH, OGM	CT	MACH, PACH						HC

\* Versatility points for agility are awarded only for the highest title earned in either the Standard, JWW or FAST Classes, or the Preferred Classes.

To qualify for a versatility award a dog must demonstrate his capabilities in each of the three major areas: Conformation, Performance and Herding. Three levels of awards are given, a Versatility Award (VA), a Versatility Excellent Award (VX) and a newly added Grand Versatility Award (GV). The VA requires that the dog accumulate a total of at least 5 points with at least one point from each of the three major areas. The VX requires that the dog accumulate a total of at least 10 points with at least one point from each of the three major areas. The GV requires that the dog accumulate a total of 15 points with at least two points from each of the three categories, and the dog must be at least a double champion. The breadth of the criteria that must be satisfied to qualify for a CCA versatility award makes the goal very challenging, but enhances its value to those who achieve it.

Versatility awards are presented once a year at the CCA National Specialty. Since 1993, a total of one hundred sixty-six (166) Versatility Awards and seventy-six (76) Versatility Excellent Awards have been presented. In Springfield, MA, nine (9) Versatility Awards, seven (7) Versatility Excellent Awards, and eight (8) Grand Versatility Awards were presented. The 2014 CCA versatility awards were presented by the CCA President, Pati Merrill and incoming CCA President Mike Van Tassell.

### 2014 Herding Instinct Certification Report

The CCA Herding Instinct Certification program recognizes Collies who have demonstrated that they possess the herding instinct that was a key element of the original foundation of the breed. It is designed to encourage breeders and owners to evaluate their dog's herding instincts through participation in a simple test requiring no pre-training. It is hoped that this program will generate increased interest in preserving this breed characteristic in breeding programs.

Any Collie at least 6 months of age can earn a CCA Herding Instinct Certification (HIC) through successful completion of the test at an organized event. Any organized Introduction to Livestock, Herding Instinct Test, or AKC Herding Test sponsored by any legitimate club or group is acceptable. Acceptable sponsoring organizations do not have to be licensed by the AKC and are not limited to Collie clubs. In advance of the test, the owner will secure an Application for HIC form from the HIC Chairman or the CCA website. Upon successful completion of the test, the owner will have the application form signed by the Judge and the Secretary of the event. The completed form is then sent with the appropriate processing fee to the HIC Chairman.

To pass the test the dog must demonstrate a sustained interest in moving the stock. The natural herding style may be either circling (attempting to gather the stock) or following (driving the stock). The judge will evaluate the dog's overall attitude toward the stock, his behavior with the stock, and his response to instruction.

In 2014 the CCA awarded a total of forty-nine (49) Herding Instinct Certificates. This is about a 9% increase in CCA HICs compared to 2013. The majority (69%) of the HIC's awarded in 2014 were to Collies owned by CCA members.

We would like to recognize those collie organizations that took the time and effort to sponsor a HIC test in 2014.

Central Penn Collie Club  
Collie Club of America  
Collie Club of Minnesota  
Columbus Collie Club  
Hartford-Springfield Collie Club  
The High Desert Collie Club  
Indiana Collie Club  
Pacific Northwest Collie Club  
Rochester Collie Club

Encourage your local Collie Club to organize a herding instinct test in your area so you can experience the delight in watching the ancestral instincts of your faithful companion being awakened by the stirrings of a flock of sheep or ducks.

## **2014 CCA VERSATILITY AWARDS**

### **GRAND VERSATILITY AWARD**

**TC Dbl-O-Seven Ability At Savoy UDX VER RAE HSAdsc HSBs HIAsc HIBds HXAdsc HXBds MXS MJG ROM-P** (D) By Hawg N Dawg ex Ability's Morgana La Fay HS HSBs HIAs HXAs. Breeder: Sherry Moss. Owner: Ericka Wojack.

**CH MACH3 PACH Kimberee Hold That Dream TDX HSAs MXC MJC MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX NF OFP** (B) By CH Ballyhara Strike Up The Band ex CH Kimberee When I Dream. Breeders: Nancy Craig & Lorelee Runnels-Bergmann. Owner: Susan Larson.

**CH MACH2 Provenhill's Persuasion CDX RE HSAds HIAd MXC MJB2 NAP NJP MXF MFB T2B** (D) By Galatean X Marks The Spot ex CH Provenhill Dances To Heaven. Breeder: Kris Provenzano. Owner: Noreen Bennett.

**GCH TC MACH4 Riverrun Wyndham's Imagine That CDX RE HSAds HIAds HXAds MXB2 MJS2 NAP NJP OF** (D) By CH Fleur-De-Lis's Secret Weapon ex CH Long Acre's No Doubt. Breeders: Mary E Benedict & Mary D Jackson. Owner: Michelle Shoemaker.

**CH MACH Riverrun Wyndham's Dream Girl CDX RN HSAds MXB MJB** (B) By GCH TC MACH4 Riverrun Wyndham's Imagine That CDX RE HSAds HIAds HXAds MXB2 MJS2 NAP NJP OF ex Riverrun Snickerdoodle. Breeders: Mary D Jackson & Michelle Shoemaker & Jillian Jackson. Owner: Michelle Shoemaker.

**CH MACH Row-Bar's Branestorm Challenge 'Er CDX RE HSAs MXG MJS MXPB MJPB PAX OF** (B) By CH Signet-Beltane's Hot Rumors ex CH Row-Bar's Carolina Sweet Tart. Breeder: Robette Johns. Owners: Brian Brane & Stephen Johns & Robette Johns & Michele Brane.

**DC Savoy's Spy Master By Nirvana UDX GO VER HSAs HSBs HIAs HIBs HXAdsc HXBds MX MXJ ROM-P** (D) By TC Dbl-O-Seven Ability At Savoy UDX VER RAE HSAdsc HSBs HIAsc HIBds HXAdsc HXBds MXS MJG ROM-P ex Nirvana's Gifted HSAdsc HSBs HIAs HXAs. Breeder: Sherry Moss. Owner: Ericka Wojack.

**TC Trailwind Fairways Fast Forward TDX HSAds HXAds MXB MJS XF** (D) By CH Overland Shadow Dancer ex Fairway Fashionably Late. Breeder: Miriam Stempler. Owner: Susan Larson.

### **VERSATILITY EXCELLENT AWARD**

**Forecast Perfect Storm Dancin' HSAd MX MXS MXJ MJB NAP MXF T2B** (D) By GCH CH Kelso's Moon Dancin' RA HSAs ex CH MACH Evergreen Perfect Ten Forecast PT MXG MJS MXP MJP MXF T2B. Breeder and Owner: Carol Lariviere.

**CH Kelso's Jumpin' The Moon RE HSAd HSBds HIAds HXAds** (D) By CH Millknock Moonstone ex Kelso's Dancin' With Joy HSAs HIAs HXAs. Breeder: Nancy Kelso. Owners: Nancy Kelso & Timothy Duvall.

**Moore's Aileen Aednat RE PT MJP XFP** (B) By GCH CH Highcroft Bourne Supremacy ex Moore's Alainn Aoife RE HSAs MXP MJP3 MJPB XFP. Breeders: Alicia A Moore & Thomas F Moore. Owners: Alicia A Moore & Thomas F Moore & Shirley McAlear.

**CH Sinkona's Gone With The Wind CD RN HSAs OA AXJ** (B) By CH Shadaglen On The Mark CD HSAds ex CH Sinkona's Calamity Jane VCD2 RE PT AXP AJP. Breeders and Owners: Linda Marie Ward & Tanya A Ward.

**GCH CH Windkist 's Ain't No Rest For The Wicked RE PT NA NAJ NAP OJP OF XFP CAA** (D) By CH Southland's Lexington ex Shelana's Blue Diamond At Windkist. Breeders: Alisha L Harbin DVM & Nancy Lawrence & Jackie Henson & Kathleen Price. Owners: Dr. Dawn Babbette Dilbeck DVM & Alisha L Harbin DVM.

**CH Wranglers Northstar Chance Encounter CD HT AX OAJ NF** (D) By CH Starfire's Gold Standard ex CH Storm's Irish Mist. Breeders: Christine Hamill & Eugene Chin. Owner: Regina Ryan.

**GCH CH Wynhaven's Moon Shadow BN RN HSAds HSBd OA AXJ NJP OF** (D) By GCH CH Kelso's Moon Dancin' HSAs ex CH Wynhaven Society's Cover Girl CDX RA PT MXP MJP XFP. Breeders: Yvonne Evans-Wynn & Mitch Wynn. Owner: Yvonne Evans-Wynn.

### **VERSATILITY AWARD**

**GCH CH Belfair Follow Me CD BN RN HT OAP NJP** (D) By CH Demuir's Inside Edition ex CH Belfair Amazing Grace. Breeders: Alene Evans & Pat Becker & Mary Cox. Owners: Mary Cox & Alene Evans & Terry Cox.

**CH Branestorm Unforgettable PT OA OAJ MXP MJP** (B) By GCH CH Kelso's Moon Dancin' RA HSAs ex CH MACH9 Branestorm Songbird CDX RA PT MXS3 MJS3 NAP MXF TQX T2B. Breeders and Owners: Michele Brane & Brian Brane.

**GCH CH Crispin Faithful HT OAJ** (B) By CH Countryview Tonites Th Night ex Crispin Sharob's Enchanted. Breeders: Cheryl Martel & Barbara Corriveau. Owner: Barbara Corriveau.

**CH Cyndella's Wild Wind Centerfold CD RA PT** (B) By CH Lisara's Sorcerer ex CH Cyndella's Triple Temptation. Breeder: Kelly Neeley. Owners: Michelle Bergstraser & Kelly Neeley.

**GCH CH Highcroft Bourne Ultimatum CD TD HT** (D) By GCH CH Highcroft Bourne Supremacy ex CH Overland Highcroft Topaz. Breeders: Leslie Jeszewski & Donald R Jeszewski. Owners: Judith Belluomini & Leslie Jeszewski & Donald R Jeszewski.

**GCH CH Kelso's Moon Dancin' RE HSAs** (D) By CH Millknock Moonstone ex Kelso's Dancin' With Joy HSAs HIAs HXAs. Breeder: Nancy Kelso. Owners: Nancy Kelso & Timothy Duvall.

**CH Millcreeks Heartfelt Dreams CD RN HT CGC** (B) By CH Clarion Excalibur ex CH Millcreek's Dream Chaser. Breeders and Owners: Blaine A Mason & Lynn McDermott & Nancy Schaller.

**CH Millknock's Blue Moon CD HSAds HIAs** (D) By CH Millknock Moonstone ex CH Millknock Silhouette. Breeders and Owners: Marianne Sullivan & Joseph Rhames.

**GCH CH Regal N' Clover Queen Of Spades PT NA** (B) By Regal N' Siena King Of Hearts ex Blackwatch N' Regal Fiddlededee. Breeder: Lucinda A Marvin. Owners: Ms. Kathy Walker & Sherry Swartz.

### **2014 CCA HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFIED COLLIES**

**CH Aurealis Zandria's Winning Colors**, May 18, 2014, Owner: Alexzandra Erb & Deborah Falk

**Avalon's All The Stars N Heaven CD RA**, August 23, 2014, Owner: Caryln Fasnacht

**Blessed Acres Big Sky**, August 23, 2014, Owner: Susanna Roland

**Braeton's Caribbean Calypso**, October 26, 2014, Owner: Brian & Karen Weber

**CH Braeton's Hidden Treasure**, October 26, 2014, Owner: Brian & Karen Weber

**CH Bravos Burlywood Bravada**, March 10, 2013, Owner: Melinda Sunnarborg & Tonia Santos

**Cando Madison Of Maplewood Park BN RN**, August 23, 2014, Owner: Alan & Dorothy Gesford  
**Cardross Golden Goal At McMaur**, September 27, 2014, Owner: R Maureen Grosky & Connie Grosky  
**Clarion Vision Of Blue**, September 13, 2014, Owner: Neal Bering  
**Colebrae Wild West Kissing Stars**, March 22, 2010, Owner: Laura Kjosness  
**Coppermoon Brookdale's Seventh Heaven**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Dianne Burke  
**Davenloch Sunnland's Journey**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Marie & Blair Mullin  
**Deep River Harley MacGreggor**, March 3, 2012, Owner: Alexandra Hecht  
**Edenrock The Black Swan Of Kenmare**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Dina Grady & Jennifer Weiner  
**Fantasy's Christmas Dragon BN**, September 13, 2014, Owner: Delores J Kirk  
**Fibber McGee From Dundee, No Molly**, April 6, 2014, Owner: Rose Hutches  
**CH Heatherfield Liberty Belle**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Heather & Ronald Luster Jr  
**Hillcrest's Storybook Romance BN RN CGC**, August 23, 2014, Owner: Barbara Cutler  
**Huntington's Vivacious Lady**, September 13, 2014, Owner: Jeff & Lorraine Sherota  
**Lochlaren Barksdale Becoming**, May 18, 2014, Owner: Barbara Cleek & Nancy McDonald  
**Lochlaren Come Rain Or Come Shine**, May 18, 2014, Owner: Barbara Cleek  
**Macdogg Aragon**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Lily Aragon  
**Mi Holiday's Ridin' With An Outlaw From Sunnland**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Marie & Blair Mullin  
**Miholiday's Sunnland Nashville Star**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Marilyn Lindauer  
**Milas Beam Me Up Mr Scott**, August 23, 2014, Owner: Debbie Taylor  
**Millknock's Believe In Magic**, October 26, 2014, Owner: Meg Goldsmith  
**Misty Morn Beachrose Bad To The Bone**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Margaret Komosinski & Terry S Peters  
**Nirvana's Harvest Moon Hoorah**, April 6, 2014, Owner: Ann Marie Ely  
**Overland Glory Of The Snow**, August 9, 2014, Owner: Kathryn Thornton  
**Overland Mighty Master Quinn**, September 13, 2014, Owner: Leigh Anne Bates  
**CH Provenhill Dances At Midnight**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Helen Campbell & Kris Provenzano  
**Rosehaeven's Blue Flame**, September 13, 2014, Owner: Sarah Denen  
**Rosehavens Alpine Guardian**, April 5, 2014, Owner: Dr. Deanna Levenhagen  
**Row-Bar Sunland's She's Everything To Me**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Robette Johns and Marie & Blair Mullin  
**Seawhisper Rosept Brigantine**, August 9, 2014, Owner: Amy Gau & Jill Nickerson-Smith  
**Shallowmyer Highland Hunter**, May 18, 2014, Owner: Laurie Burgess  
**Sherloch Lochlaren Forever Autumn**, May 18, 2014, Owner: Deborah Rymer & Barbara Cleek  
**Special Gaelforce Galloway**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Allison W Harvey  
**Stirling's Diamond In The Rough**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Michelle Wolfe  
**Stoneyacre Mischief Managed**, September 7, 2014, Owner: Karen West  
**Sunnland's Castle On A Cloud**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Erin Matthews  
**Sunnland's She's All That Jazz**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Lloyd & Marilyn Lindauer  
**Timeless Sweet Dreams**, July 7, 2014, Owner: Chandra Flaim  
**CH Tisburys Reniah Lost In A Daydream CGC**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Judy Virchow  
**Wild Wind Magical Mischief Maker At Fireside**, September 27, 2014, Owner: Cynthia Casby  
**CH Wild Wind's Rev On The Red Line**, September 14, 2013, Owner: Janet Kaufmann, Jessica Lafrenier, Michelle & Laura Bergstraser  
**Windscape Midnight In Paris**, October 5, 2014, Owner: Helen Campbell  
**CH Wych's Wyldrose Serendipity**, October 26, 2014, Owner: Brenda Hanssen & Lynda Cox  
**Zandria's Like It Or Not**, May 18, 2014, Owner: Alexzandra Erb & Amanda Williamsen

## **WORKING COLLIE COMMITTEE**

**Jeanine Blaner, Chair**

**Members: Marilyn Clayton, Yvonne Evans-Wynn, Erin Gorney, Nancy Hehre, Charlotte Holzman, Deanna Levenhagen, Bob Olson**

The Working Collie Committee continues to support and promote collies participating in performance and companion events. WCC members once again coordinated the posting of performance results from the CCA Nationals on the CCA webpage. The WCC also updated and expanded some of the performance-related pages on the website, and hopes to continue to improve the webpage content.

The WCC also proposed amending the Show Rules to provide for placement awards in the Herding Titled classes, which was approved. The WCC assisted the Breeder of the Year committee in developing criteria for the inclusion of performance titles in the proposed Breeder of the Year award.

In 2014, the WCC supported the Herding Regionals, which occurred in Caldwell, Idaho, Berryville, Virginia, and Ponca City, Oklahoma. The WCC also reviewed and recommended proposals for the 2015 regionals, which will occur in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, and Olympia, Washington, in the fall of 2015. Also in support of the Regionals, the WCC released a Herding Primer, available on the CCA website, which explains the process of planning and executing a Regional herding trial.

The WCC continued to work with the CCA Bulletin to include articles highlighting collies' involvement in performance and companion activities. The WCC also provided its members' expertise to other committees when requested to answer questions about performance events and event planning.

## **HERDING – WORKING COLLIE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Linda Holloway, chair**

**Yvonne Evans-Wynn & Deanna Levenhagen**

The Herding sub committee participated in reviewing the regional bids before sending them for perusal to the entire WCC committee. The new pre started classes that resulted in the Most Promising Dog Award, were run for the first time in the Regionals were discussed and tweaked for their debut. These classes had several participants and provide a very good step up for dog and handler teams getting ready for the A and B trial classes. The herding section of the CCA website was updated and several links fixed to make it more user friendly and current. Thanks to all that helped, we could not do this with out the volunteers that donate their time and skills.

Linda Holloway  
Ability Stockdogs  
AKC Breeder of Merit  
Breeder

## **CCA WEBSITE**

**Chair: Gary Jordan**

**Members: Karen Jordan, Deanna Levenhagen, Melinda Sunnarborg**

2014 marked the 16<sup>th</sup> year of working with the National Specialty Committee to promote its efforts by producing the event page, including the merchandise store and many ads for Colliesonline.com throughout the year. Karen Jordan reported the Conformation results from the show. Deanna Levenhagen reported the Performance results. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the results were produced in near real-time on the web.

In addition to National Specialty advertising, Karen produced ads in support of a variety of Club publications, including the Bulletin, Library of Champions, Yearbook, Film Library, and Calendar.

Except for the bare minimum information it takes to have a site, the vast majority of content is “owned” by a committee or maintained by an individual with a strong interest in a subject and a desire to keep the wider community informed. The club owes a debt of gratitude to all of these contributors.

Thanks to Deanna Levenhagen, who always does a great job maintaining all of our performance content.

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