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Bud Boudreau - 2022 Hall of Fame Inductee



Photo credit Sarah Boudreau

Following a unanimous recommendation from the Hall of Fame Committee, the Board of Directors approved the induction of Bud Boudreau into the ABCA Hall of Fame. Dennis Gellings made the presentation at this year's Annual Meeting in Minden, NV. Bud was recognized for his accomplishments as a breeder, trainer and mentor. Dennis shared a number of highlights. Bud was instrumental in getting the Nursery Program started in 1987. He served on the USBCHA Board and the Sturgis Finals Trial Committee for three years. Bud won the Nursery Finals in 1988, and was Reserve National Champion in the 1993 Finals at Meeker. Bud has shared his knowledge with area ranchers who were interested in using dogs on their livestock operations. Many of the ranchers went on to become open handlers and some hosts of prominent sheep dog trials. Bud has written a number of training articles through the years in an effort to help others work smarter with their dogs. Bud hosted several sheep dog trials on his South Dakota ranch. Dennis closed by saying it is our honor to recognize Bud Boudreau for his service.

In his humble words of acceptance Bud shared he was honored to receive this tribute because "this is the greatest group of people I've ever worked with." He observed that if anyone ever had a bad run at a trial and asked his fellow competitors what he should do with his dog, there wasn't anyone who wouldn't share their knowledge and try to help him out. "It feels so good to be amongst you folks, and I think it's all because of how much we think about the minds of these really great dogs," he said. Bud was a horse trainer prior to coming to the world of stockdogs, and he delighted his audience by remarking, "I left a good thing on the race track because, well, working border collies -- it made horses boring." "The amount of things you can teach a border collie if you just figure it out . . . They get so happy when they learn something." He closed by saying, "I just want to thank you guys for being my friends."

Hall of Fame Nominations

Due To ABCA by June 15, 2023

Application forms available from the office or online at www.americanbordercollie.org

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
September 22, 2022

Minutes

Eileen Stein welcomed everyone to Minden, NV, and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,484 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 18 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 357 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The result of the election: Four Directors were elected for three-year terms; Scott Glen, Allison Jarrard, Joe Haynes and Lori Cunningham.

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members. A motion was made by Steve Rhidenour to approve the minutes as presented. Bridget Strang made the second and the motion was approved.

Eileen Stein gave the President's Report. Eileen stated that ABCA registered 16,182 dogs, and recorded 2,045 transfers in 2021.

The ABCA contributed \$32,685 to support the 2021 National Sheepdog Finals and the 2021 National Cattledog Finals. ABCA is the longest tenured sponsor of both events.

In 2021, the Board approved and paid out \$29,925 in promotional and educational funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collies events. Additionally the Board voted to contribute \$7,180 to three major trials: The Bluegrass, Soldier Hollow and Meeker Classic (included the webcast).

As of the start of 2022, the Board voted to modify the promotional money program in a major way. Formerly, the ABCA allocated \$2 per registration to a promotional money fund for the state or province from which the registration came. Over time, this resulted in a lot of money sitting idle in the funds of states and provinces where few trials/events were held, while very little money was available to support multiple events in some other states and provinces. To remedy this situation, the individual state and province funds were merged into a single promotional money fund, to be allocated to events no matter where located. The Board also voted to increase the money paid into this fund from \$2 to \$3 per registration, also effective 1/1/22.

The Board made modifications to the prize money awarded to current ABCA members at the Sheepdog and Cattledog Finals, effective this year. Payout to the top 30 in the Sheepdog Nursery qualifying round will be doubled to \$200, and payout to the top 50 in the first go-round of Open and the top 20 in the second go-round of Open at the Sheep Finals will also be doubled to \$200. The prize to the Breeder of the top

ABCA-registered Nursery dog and the top ABCA-registered Open dog will be doubled to \$1,000, and a prize will be awarded to the Breeder of the reserve ABCA registered Nursery and Open dogs in the amount of \$500. Breeder prizes in the Cattle Finals will be the same. A committee has been formed to consider modifications to the placing prizes at the Cattle Finals with the aim of increasing them to a comparable degree.

The Board voted to provide a one-time contribution of \$200,000 to the ABCA Health & Education Foundation, and to aim for an annual stipend of \$25,000 to the Foundation, to be reviewed by the Board each year during the spring meeting beginning in 2023. Through the years the ABCA has been a leader among breed organizations when it comes to early identification of health problems and supporting research for the benefit of our dogs. It is expected that this additional funding will enable the Foundation to continue in this role as research becomes more complex and expensive, and to be in a better position to ensure effective follow-through on projects we support.

Debbie Bailey presented the 2021 Financial Statement. Kathy Knox moved to accept the report. Scott Glen made the second, motion approved.

Eileen Stein reported that Bud Boudreau has been named to the ABCA Hall of Fame, and Dennis Gellings spoke eloquently of Bud's accomplishments and contributions to the breed while presenting him with the Hall of Fame medallion.

Eileen Stein asked if anyone had comments or further business. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



"Cort"

Photo credit Jamie Spring

Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2023

Annual Memberships expire on December 31st of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2023 elections, your membership must be paid **prior** to January 1, 2023.

Annual Membership fees are \$15. Lifetime Memberships are \$150.

Both Annual and Lifetime Memberships offer the same benefits.

ABCA'S PROMOTIONAL MONEY PROGRAM



"Huck at the Bluegrass"

Photo credit Bruce Fogt

Since its founding, the ABCA has had a program that uses a portion of each registration fee to support member-run events throughout the United States and Canada that promote the working Border Collie. Typically, these events are stockdog trials (sheep and cattle), but they can also include demonstrations, training clinics, and other educational initiatives.

At the outset, the amount allocated for the Promotional Money program was 50 cents per registration. This amount was gradually increased over the years to \$2.00 per registration, and as of this year was increased to \$3.00 per registration. In connection with this increase, the program was modified in another way to make it more efficient and more effective.

Formerly, money derived from registration fees was put into a fund for the state or province in which the registration applicant lived. Thus the overall promotional money fund was divided into categories by state and province, and the amount of money available in each category varied, being large in states/provinces with many registrations and small in states/provinces with few. Members could request money only from the funds available for the state or province in which they lived. Over time, this resulted in the accumulation of unused money in some jurisdictions where fewer events were held, and a lack of money to support events in other jurisdictions where many events were held.

Beginning this year, the Board of Directors voted to combine the state and province funds into a single consolidated fund, from which promotional money could be awarded to applicants in any state or province.

There are two deadlines for submitting requests for promotional money, February 15 and July 15. Soon after each deadline, the Board of Directors will review and vote on the requests. Their decision will be based on information submitted about the scope and features of the event, including location, dates, how many people and dogs will attend, a rough budget for the event and other sources of financial support. Requests must be submitted by a current member who is involved with organizing and running the event. More information about the application process and an application form can be found at americanbordercollie.org/services/promotional-money-program/.

OCD IN BORDER COLLIES

Have you ever run into OCD in a Border Collie? No, I don't mean Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, although the breed's intensity and hyper-focus has often caused people to speculate that they have this affliction. Instead, I'm talking about Osteochondritis Dissecans, a condition that can cause lameness and pain in the joints of pups.

OCD usually shows up in a dog's first year of life, most frequently when the pup is 4-9 months old. It occurs most commonly in the shoulder (one or both), although it can also be found in the knee, elbow and ankle joints. It more often occurs in males than in females. It is thought to be caused when cartilage (the cushioning layer over the bone which acts as a shock absorber to lessen impact on the joint when the dog is walking or running) grows at such a rate that it becomes thickened and tears away from the underlying bone. The torn cartilage will not heal and reattach; in fact, it will sometimes detach altogether and float around in the joint. These loose, detached pieces of cartilage are called "joint mice." They can cause irritation and obstruct movement in the joint, resulting in inflammation and pain. Even in the absence of joint mice, the exposed bone where the cartilage flap has been torn away can also be painful for the dog.



"Grit and Brit"

Photo credit Jenny Glen

There is no one simple cause of OCD. It's likely that heredity plays a role, at least in some cases, but it is an indirect one. For example, one important contributing cause is rapid growth. A dog's genetics may predispose him to excessively rapid growth in adolescence, but nutrition plays a major role there. Excessive calories -- and particularly an overly high intake of calcium and protein -- during this stage of a dog's life can contribute to the development of OCD. Since puppies definitely need calcium and protein to grow, it's important to pay attention to the pup's nutrition and avoid overfeeding, to make sure he gets "enough, but not too much."

The same is true of the other major contributing cause of OCD -- joint trauma. Pups need exercise and and play to develop properly, and Border Collie pups are great enthusiasts for exercise and play. But to avoid having a good thing turn into a bad thing, their exercise should be monitored to make sure their activities don't put excessive stress on their joints. Too much roughhousing, abrupt turns and stops, and jumping (especially jumping from heights) should be avoided.

Since OCD causes pain, the first sign that your pup may have it will probably be limping after exercise, or stiffness and difficulty getting up. If this persists, a visit to the vet is in order. If OCD continues untreated, it is almost inevitable that it will lead to osteoarthritis (degenerative joint disease) and permanent lameness. Younger pups (less than 6mo) with minimal symptoms may be treated with pain medication, exercise restriction and dietary changes, but typically surgery to remove the cartilage flap and/or joint mice gives the best results, and is best done early. Arthroscopic surgery has the quickest recovery time, and if the shoulder is the only joint affected the chances of full recovery following surgery are very high. The prognosis for OCD in other joints is not quite as good, but surgery is considered the best option there as well.

Here's hoping you never run into OCD in your Border Collies, but here's hoping also that awareness of it may help you prevent it and also to recognize it if you do.

For more detailed information about Osteochondritis Dissecans, please see the comprehensive article by Denise Wall at stilhope.com/writings/ocd.html.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT ABCA HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Gifts to the HEF are fully tax deductible. 100% of donations will support the activities, programs and grants of the HEF. None goes to paid fundraisers or salaries. You may make a gift online or by mail. Contact information below. A gift to the HEF may be made in memory of a family member or friend. The HEF will send a card to the recipient, letting them know of your thoughtful gift.

If you shop at Amazon, next time please go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose the ABCA Health & Education Foundation as your charitable organization. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% for every purchase. This is a loyalty program and there is no extra cost to us or to you. You'll have access to the same products, features, services and prices as on Amazon.com. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% to our Foundation!

Please remember to log on to www.smile.amazon.com each time you shop at Amazon — it uses your same Amazon log in. And please choose the ABCA Health & Education Foundation as the organization you wish to support.

Finally, please tell all your friends and family. This is a wonderful way to support our mission at no extra cost to anyone.

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**AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

REVENUES	2021
Annual Memberships	\$ 32,047
Duplicates and corrections	6,808
Lifetime memberships	35,689
Registration fees	248,826
Transfer fees	30,960
Miscellaneous	2,828
Investment income	136,143
Total revenues	493,301

EXPENSES	
Program Services	
Prize monies awarded	15,150
Promotional support to members	31,925
Educational grants and research	5,180
Trials sponsorship	33,235
Total program services	85,490

Supporting Services	
Advertising	100
Annual Meeting expenses	62
Computer expense, technical support, and web expense	5,822
Credit card processing fees	8,118
Depreciation and amortization	839
File storage and maintenance	1,307
Insurance	1,678
Investment fees	18,245
Office supplies	1,868
Miscellaneous	409
Postage and delivery	14,400
Printing and reproduction	7,215
Professional fees	4,230
Office Manager/Registrar fees	82,560
Telephone	2,400
Travel	1,224
Total supporting services	150,477
Total expenses	235,967

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	
Realized gain on investments	8,915
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	266,249
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,848,163
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,114,412



"Tim"

Photo credit Jenny Glen

Prize Monies Paid at the National Finals Each Year

**Handler must be a current American Border Collie Association Member to compete in the USBCHA Finals.*

**Breeder must be current American Border Collie Association Member to be eligible for prize monies. Dogs must be ABCA registered to collect ABCA prize monies.*

Sheep Finals

Nursery Top 30 Qualifying	\$200 each
Open Top 50 1st Go Round	\$200 each
Open Top 20 2nd Go Round	\$200 each
Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Nursery and Open Dogs	\$1000 each
Breeder of the Reserve ABCA registered Nursery and Open Dogs	\$500 each

Cattle Finals

Nursery	
1st	\$300
2nd	\$200
Open -1st Go Round	
1st	\$200
2nd-4th	\$100 each
Open - 2nd Go Round	
1st	\$200
2nd-4th	\$100 each
Open Finals	
1st	\$500
2nd	\$400
3rd	\$300
4th	\$200
5th-10th	\$100 each
11th-20th	\$50 each
Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Open and Nursery Dogs	\$1000 each
Breeder of the Reserve ABCA registered Open and Nursery Dogs	\$500 each



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"Grit"

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"Roy"

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