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Scott Glen 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

Jamie Spring announced the Hall of Fame Committee unanimously recommend and the Board of Directors approved the induction of Scott Glen and Alice in the ABCA Hall of Fame. Debbie Bailey made the presentation. "It is my honor to share Scott's many accomplishments with fellow handlers and friends. We have all had the privilege of watching you on this journey". Debbie shared highlights of his service, handling and breeding achievements. Scott is a person of integrity and character that has greatly contributed, on a national and regional level, to advance the working Border Collie. Scott has past service and currently serves on the ABCA Board of Directors (first term in 1997). The years that Scott has not been on the Board he has continued to volunteer his time to ABCA on a number of committees to include the Sheep Finals Committee. He has also served many terms on the USBCHA Board of Directors and Alberta Stockdog Association. He continues to give his time and talent in a number of ways to include donating judging clinics to benefit National Finals and Meeker, providing demonstrations to educate audiences and given his time to either judge or course direct benefit events. He is known as a hardworking, tireless ambassador who has introduced the working Border Collie to farmers, ranchers and so many others, promoting interest and developing the handling skills of people throughout North America.

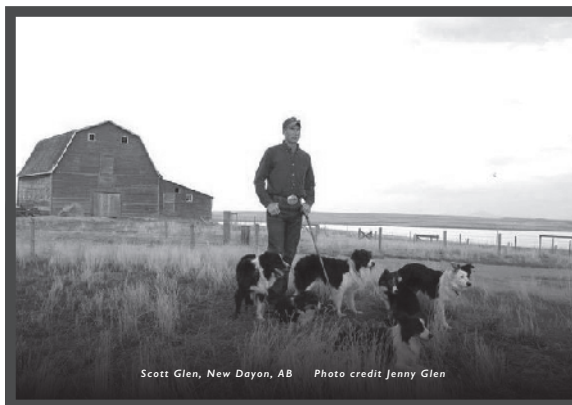
As a handler, Scott has proven his abilities by winning many major trials over the years with dogs from several different Border Collie lines. His methodology in developing a great working relationship with dogs is evidenced by the many successfully trained dogs (personal and customer) and trained handlers that have excelled at the highest levels. He is a seven-time USBCHA National Champion, 2023 World Trial 3rd place, four-time Canadian Champion, Meeker Champion, Bluegrass Champion, Soldier Hollow Classic Champion, and numerous Open Trial winner. Scott holds a record of nine times being awarded "Best Shed" trophy at the Nationals given for best International Shed.

As a Breeder, Scott created "Alta-Pete Stockdogs" which means "Aim High". He began with Sweep, the foundation sire and produced winning pups that have allowed him to compete with over four generations of the same line. Sweep and Scott won many trials together and still hold the record for being the only dog to win the Western Canadian Championships 3 times. Two of Sweep's pups, Dan and Fly, were Scott's next generation of winners with Dan winning the 2000 Canadian Championships and Fly becoming the 2001 USBCHA Reserve National Champion. Dan's pups, Pleat and Tala carried the torch after his retirement. Tala was the 2004 USBCHA Reserve National Champion the same year her littermate, Pleat was the National Champion. Scott was the first Canadian to win the title. It also made him the first breeder to win first and second with littermates that he bred and trained. Pleat won many major trials including the Bluegrass, Meeker and Soldier Hollow. Don and Alice were the next two major trial winners for Scott. Don won the Bluegrass and two USBCHA National Championships and Alice, his daughter who goes back to Scott's Sweep, won the Nationals three times and is also an inductee to the 2023 ABCA Hall of Fame.

Scott's "Alice", the cutest freckle-faced champion who stole our hearts from the beginning and nicknamed the "Queen of Hearts" has also been named to the 2023 ABCA Hall of Fame. Scott and Jenny Glen make a formidable team in business but more importantly in life. Jenny will present the award for Alice sharing a special insight into the life of this wonderful dog.



Scott Glen
Mist(l) 2023 Res National Open Champion & Pip (r) 2023 National Open Champion
Photo credit Jenny Glen



Scott Glen, New Dayon, AB Photo credit Jenny Glen

*CWS Alice 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

A rough-coated, freckled, tri-color Border Collie, Alice won the hearts and minds of many from the outset. Confident, talented and determined she lived a storybook life. Winning the USBCCHA National Nursery Championship at 22 months old, and as the saying goes, the rest is history. Alice went on to become the most accomplished Border Collie in the history of trialing in North America.

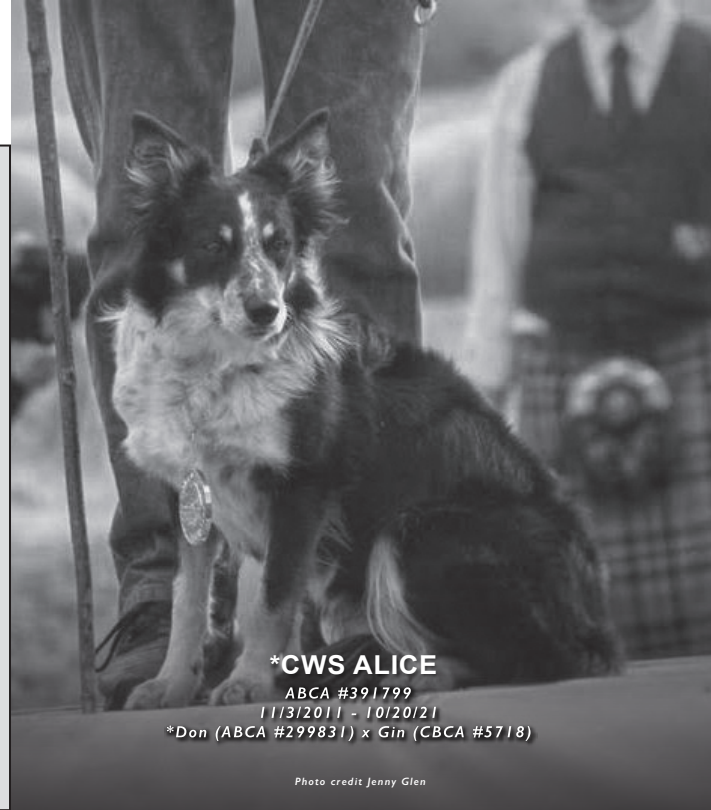
Alice's Record Highlights:

- USBCCHA National Nursery Champion (2013) and Reserve Nursery Champion (2014)
- Canadian Champion (2018) and Canadian Reserve Champion (2015)
- Western Canadian Champion (2016, 2017, 2020) and Reserve Champion (2021)
- Kentucky Bluegrass Classic Champion (2018, 2019) and Reserve Champion (2021)
- Solider Hollow Gold Medalist (2018) and Silver Medalist (2019)
- Meeker Classic Champion (2021)
- *USBCCHA National Champion (2016, 2017 and 2019)
- Numerous Open Trial wins throughout the years

PROGENY - Alice produced four litters (13 pups total).

All working and a majority have a number of accomplishments, highlights include:

- Grit- Table Top Double Lift, Multiple Open trial winner, Meeker Biggest Heart Award
- Kell- USBCCHA Nursery National Finals 4th place (2019)
- Roy- Canadian Nursery Champion (2022)
- Tim- Canadian Open Champion (2022), Canadian Cattle Dog Reserve Champ (2022), multiple Open Trials winner
- Granddaughter Mist 2½ years old (Tim x Jeb), USBCCHA National Finals 2023 Reserve Open Champion, Multi Nursery Trial Winner, Hotchkiss Open, Hotchkiss Open Overall, Table Top Open Overall, Ranch Masters Open Overall and World Trial Competitor.



*CWS ALICE

ABCA #391799

11/3/2011 - 10/20/21

*Don (ABCA #299831) x Gin (CBCA #5718)

Photo credit Jenny Glen



Scott & Jenny Glen

Photo credit Nancy Penley

The presentation was made by Jenny Glen following the introduction of the 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee- *CWS Alice #391799.

"When I learned Alice had been named to the ABCA Hall of Fame, I asked if I could do her speech. It's easy enough to find her accomplishments...but none of those stats tell Alice's story.

Her proud papa was Scott's Don a two-time national champion who was the son of Star, a three-time national champion. Her mother was Wendy Schmalz's Gin. Gin could work both sheep and cattle. In 2010 she won National Reserve Champion Cattle dog, third place in the Sheep Nationals winning the All Around Stockdog Award.

A friend of Scott's, a Colorado sheepdog competitor, Bill Money had passed and his daughter, Alice, came with her mother to the trial to spectate. Scott didn't think she would remember him, but her mother assured him that Alice had been asking if Scott would be there. Scott didn't win that year but when he got the best shed trophy, he was thrilled to hear little Alice's voice cheering for him in the crowd. That night he said he wanted to name the pup we got from this Gin x Don cross, Alice after Alice Money.

What they learn first they learn best, right? Well, I turned Alice on to sheep when she was 10 weeks old. Alice followed me around while I did chores. When we had lambs, I was hoping to get one of those cute, puppy and lamb photographs, but neither Alice or the lamb would have anything to do with each other or even stay on the same straw bale so I gave up on the picture and went to grab the lamb to put it back. I missed my catch and as the lamb took off so did this little fuzzy speckled pup. Alice immediately got around the lamb, pushed it back towards me and laid down. I wondered if I had just seen what I thought I had seen and walked away from the lamb. Alice had no plans of letting it escape and flanked around and balanced it to me again. She was balancing a single lamb to me at only 10 weeks old. A couple weeks later I was in the field with her while Scott was working the flock. He told me to be careful that pup didn't chase off the sheep. I told him not to worry, look what she could do and showed him how she would go

around the whole flock both ways without splitting any off. That was the last time I ever got my hands on Alice as a working dog.

Scott took over and by the time she was 10 months old he could rough out a course with her. She was 22 months old when we went to the 2013 Nationals in Virginia. It was a difficult nursery course but Alice had the magic touch winning the Nursery Nationals before she was two years old, the same year Don won the Open Nationals. The next year she was the Reserve Nursery Champion, moved up to Open and won her first Open trial 2015. It was onward and upward as she won most of the major trials in North America.

Alice had four litters, a total of 13 pups. She loved her pups, but not as a mother, she loved them as playmates. Grit was her favorite and it didn't matter that he wasn't into playing with dogs, she would stalk him as he tried to ignore her, and then pounce on him and drag him by his scruff until he would agree to pay attention to her.

In 2021 when she was 9, we figured she would be ready to be retired, but Alice had other plans and we were torn about whether it was actually time to or not. As Meeker, the last major trial that she had not won, approached we kept saying, wouldn't it be nice... if only she could go out on top... Alice did not disappoint. In the double lift she did a flawless turn back, a quick shed and then, just to keep us all on the edge of our seats, used almost all of 10 minutes to get that pen saving it until the clock was near to running out. When it was done, it was clear she had won it and it was the last jewel in the crown for the Queen.

Just two weeks later, just a few days before the Nationals would start, Alice had a grand mal seizure. The likely diagnosis was brain tumor. We hoped it would be slow growing and she could still run at her last Nationals. We were blown away that she could win Meeker, one of the hardest trials anywhere, just two weeks before the tumor started affecting her. The day before her scheduled Nationals run, she seemed normal so we took her to a practice field to make sure she was going to be able to compete. She needed a few redirects to find the sheep on her outrun but once she was on them, she worked them perfectly. Scott sent her on another outrun but she still needed help which was odd, she fetched and drove them with the same finesse as always. He called her in on the shed and she ended up hitting a panel and that's when we realized she was almost blind. She had no idea where those sheep were or even what kind of ground she was running on. She went out on those outruns on faith. Scott asked her to, so she did. They were so connected that it was hard to tell she was running in darkness. We scratched her from the Finals and were tearfully honored when they stopped the National Finals on the Open and Nursery field during the spot she would have run in to pay tribute to her. We were given a beautiful painting of Alice by Peggy Wilkenson.

After the Nationals we drove cross country to one more trial in Washington before we headed home. Alice rode in the truck with us as always. When we arrived, we could tell she had deteriorated even more. We agreed that when we got home in a couple days, it would be time to put her to sleep.

On the last day of the trial, I wanted to tape Scott's run with Pip in the double lift. I had Alice out of the camper to go for a short walk when I realized the trial was going much faster than anticipated and Scott was next. I had no time to put Alice away, so she went with me to the field. As we came up to spectate, the sheep from the previous run ran past us and Alice lifted up her nose and smelled them. We continued on and I asked a friend who was a veterinary technician to hold her leash while I videoed the run and if Alice got agitated, I would stop and take her back. While the run was going on, Alice was quiet as she got a soothing massage, but when Scott and Pip got to the pen, his commands got more urgent. Alice heard them and started to get frantic. She was blind and barely knew who she was anymore because of dementia- she didn't really even know who I was anymore, but when she heard Scott's voice, and realized he needed help, she wanted to go. The only thing left in that brain was Scott and sheep.

We took her home two days later and I kissed her and told her I would love her forever, as I sent them off to the vet. I felt that her last moments needed to be spent with just Scott as he was her heart and soul.

I consider myself privileged to have known a great dog like her so well. To have shared a home and a life with her and cheered her on in all her accomplishments and I'm grateful that she and Scott are in the Hall of Fame together as their partnership was beautiful to watch. She didn't leave us empty handed. Her legacy lives on in her granddaughter, Mist, who is Alice in attitude and work and hopefully, the freckles I see on her great grandson, Butch are a hint of greatness to come."

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
September 28, 2023

Minutes

Jamie Spring, ABCA President, welcomed everyone to Carbondale, CO and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,523 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 6 ballots returned ineligible. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 321 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. Debbie thanked the out-going Directors for their service; Kathy Knox, Eileen Stein, Bridget Strang and Jamie Spring. The result of the election: Four Directors were elected for three-year terms; Warren Mick, Peg Anderson, Bob Salmon, Nancy Penley and one Director was elected for a one-year term; Linda Tesdahl.

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members. A motion was made by Bridget Strang to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Minor made the second and the motion was approved. Jamie Spring opened the President's Report by thanking the out-going directors. Jamie stated that ABCA registered 15,804 dogs, and recorded 2,228 transfers in 2022.

The ABCA contributed \$29,843 to support the 2022 National Sheepdog Finals and the 2022 National Cattledog Finals. The Board voted to increase the prize money and Breeder awards for both sheep and cattle, totaling \$27,900 in 2022. ABCA is the longest tenured sponsor of both events.

ABCA offered its support to the US World Trial Team with a stipend of \$1,000 per competing dog, for a total award of \$11,000.

In 2022, ABCA distributed \$43,500 in promotional and educational funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collie events. This included the support for livestream webcasts of both Meeker Classic and The Bluegrass.

The Board voted to form a committee to begin the long-term rewrite for our registry software. The current software has and continues to serve the registry well but is no longer easy to service. We feel this is a proactive response to changes in computing systems as software and programming evolve.

The ABCA Board voted to provide \$200,000 to the ABCA Health & Education Foundation in 2022. The Board also voted to consider a stipend of \$25,000 per year to the Foundation, to be reviewed by the Board each year during the spring meeting. The \$25,000 stipend was approved for 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.

The Directors took disciplinary action in 2023 voting to suspend Travis Basham of Bowling Green, KY, indefinitely, from membership in the ABCA. This was following his arrest in 2023 for alleged animal cruelty, and the confiscation of his dogs by law enforcement authorities.



"Alice"

Photo credit Jenny Glen

Jamie Spring provided the highlights of the report provided by ABCA Health & Education Foundation. The Foundation also sponsored a two-day free BAER testing clinic at the Finals this year for ABCA and CBCA registered dogs. The complete report can be found in the newsletter.

Debbie Bailey presented the 2022 Financial Statement. Matt Walker moved to accept the report. Marianna Schreeder made the second, motion approved.

Jamie Spring reported that Scott Glen has been named to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Debbie Bailey made the presentation sharing his accomplishments and contributions. Jamie also reported that ABCA # 391799 CWS Alice, a dog that captured our admiration and hearts, was named to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Jenny Glen made the presentation, giving her heartfelt thoughts and Alice's story. At the conclusion the crowd rose to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of Scott Glen and Alice. Highlights of both presentations can be found in the newsletter.

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

Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2024

Annual Memberships expire on December 31st of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2024 elections, your membership must be paid **prior** to January 1, 2024. Annual Membership fees are \$15. Lifetime Memberships are \$150.

Both Annual and Lifetime Memberships offer the same benefits.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Due To ABCA by June 15, 2024

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

ABCA HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.



An update provided by Eileen Stein, President, ABCA Health & Education Foundation, Inc.

****BAER Testing.** The HEF is sponsoring a two-day free BAER testing clinic at the finals this year for ABCA and CBCA registered dogs. We are grateful to Lori Chamberlain, who generously volunteered to coordinate this clinic.

****EAOD.** Nothing new to report on the Early Adult-Onset Deafness research, which is ongoing. We continue to urge Dr. Lohi to publish the data he has so far.

****Cystinuria.** The Board is reviewing a grant proposal from Drs. Paula Henthorn and Margret Casal at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, which would underwrite research into the genetic causes of Cystinuria in Border Collies. Cystinuria is a hereditary disease caused by a mutation which prevents the amino acid cystine from being reabsorbed by the kidneys. It accumulates in the urine, leading to the formation of urinary tract stones which, in the absence of emergency surgery, can prove fatal.

Cystinuria has shown up in 2 of 5 working Border Collie brothers imported in the northeast. Three types of the disorder have been identified in other

breeds, and Dr. Henthorn believes this one will prove to be Type III, which is thought to be autosomal dominant. It is testosterone dependent and affects only intact adult males, although females also carry the gene. The gene location for Types I and II have been found (one of them--in Newfs--by Dr. Henthorn). The proposal under review is aimed at finding the gene location for the version found in Border Collies, resulting in a genetic test for the disorder.

The two symptomatic dogs from this family have since been castrated, but the other three are good working trial dogs who have been bred several times with more breedings planned. Given that the numbers of related dogs are small, and owners are anxious to cooperate in giving blood and urine samples, it seems the odds are good of locating the mutation relatively quickly, before it is spread more widely in the breed.

****Financials.** Thanks mainly to generous support from the ABCA, plus other donations from individuals, the HEF is in a good position to continue carrying out its mission. To see our financial reports online, go to <https://bordercolliefoundation.org/about/financial-reports/>.

Thanks to our Treasurer Cy Peterson, and our Directors Mark Billadeau, Warren Mick, Mike Neary, Tracee Treadwell and Bob Wagner.

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.

The HEF's mission is to support research into border collie genetics, diseases, disease prevention and treatment, and to disseminate educational information regarding Border Collies, including their use and value as working stock dogs, and their genetics, diseases, and proper breeding.

The HEF is still in its infancy. Programs and activities are being formulated. The work to create an education section on this website is just beginning. The HEF will need support from the working Border Collie community with all aspects of operation – in generating ideas, carrying out programs and activities, or simply recommending what would be most useful or what could be done differently. The HEF hopes to improve the future of the Border Collie and needs your help and input to do so.

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**AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

REVENUES	2022
Annual Memberships	\$ 31,140
Duplicates and Corrections	6,950
Lifetime Memberships	35,535
Registration Fees	236,680
Transfer Fees	31,356
Miscellaneous	2,765
Investment Income	57,295
Total Revenues	<u>401,721</u>

EXPENSES	
Program Services	
Grants	200,000
Prize monies awarded	27,900
Promotional support to members	43,500
Trials sponsorship	32,980
Total Program Services	<u>304,380</u>

Supporting Services	
Advertising	-
Annual meeting expenses	2,019
Computer expense, technical support, and web expense	5,637
Credit card processing fees	9,230
Depreciation and amortization	1,824
File storage and maintenance	1,403
Insurance	1,773
Investment fees	18,006
Office supplies	2,075
Miscellaneous	361
Postage and delivery	15,606
Printing and reproduction	8,025
Professional fees	4,245
Office manager/registrar fees	90,128
Telephone	2,429
Travel	2,007
Total Supporting Services	<u>164,768</u>
Total Expenses	<u>469,148</u>

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	(3,697)
Realized gain (loss) on investments	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(71,124)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,114,412
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,043,288</u>

ABCA'S PROMOTIONAL MONEY PROGRAM

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. Three dollars from each dog registration is reserved for redistribution to member-run events which promote the Border Collie throughout the United States and Canada. Typically, these events are stockdog trials (sheep and cattle), but they can also include demonstrations, training clinics, and other educational initiatives.

Requests are reviewed and awarded in the same year the event is held. 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 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/

Prize Monies Paid at the National Finals Each Year

**Dogs must be ABCA registered to collect ABCA prize monies.*

**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.*

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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"Andy"

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"Star"

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"Cort"

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"Sis"

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