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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

VENUE: ZOOM MEETING

DATE: Thursday 25th January 2024

TIME: 7 pm

BUSINESS:

1. President to open the meeting.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
4. Business arising from the minutes.
5. Confirmation and adoption of the minutes.
6. Committee's Recommendations.
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. Correspondence (inwards & outwards).
9. Election of New Members.
10. Show Business.
11. General Business.
12. President to Close the Meeting.

The British Bulldog Club Of NSW Inc.

“Easter Championship Show”

DATE: **Sunday 24th March 2024**

TIME: **10.am**

VENUE: Ring 12, Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs
44 Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills

JUDGE: **Mr Howard Randell (NSW)**

CLASSES: **1,2,3,4,5,8,10,11, 18 Dogs and Bitches**

VETERAN: Dogs and Bitches 7 years and over.

PROPERTY CLASSES: Best Head, including Ears & Jaw. Best Body, including Best Front & Feet. Movement including Hindquarters with Action. Best Show Condition, Best Parent & Offspring, Fancy Dress Challenge & Reserve Challenge Winners are not eligible to compete.

HANDLERS CLASSES: Best Lady Handler, Best Gentleman Handler, Novice Handler, Fun Classes (learning classes) for Children to be held during Lunch break. Tiny Tots (children 6 years and under) must be assisted by an Adult. Child 7-9 years (can be assisted by an Adult) Child 10-12 years, Child 13-17 years

SASH or TROPHY where donated: All Class Winners
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SASH & TROPHY where donated: All Property Class Winners
SASH & TROPHY where donated: All Handlers Classes

Trophy Donors will be acknowledged in the Catalogue

ENTRY FEE: \$15 first entry including catalogue, \$12 subsequent entries, Neuter Classes, \$12. Baby Puppies \$5. extra catalogues \$3 each

PROPERTY CLASSES: \$2 for one or all, to be entered on a separate entry form, Easter Bonnet is Free

Entries Close: **Monday 18th March, 2024**

Entries and all enquiries to: Cataloguer
c/o 3 Jean Street
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Phone: 02-9642-7142 no calls after 9pm please
Extreme weather Ph., 0429 642 714




Show Manager: Mr Chris Small **Assist. S/M:** Mr Hayden Smith
Trophy Steward: Mrs Courtney Smith **Assist T/S:** Mrs Tracey Smith
DogsNSW Rep: Mrs Trudy Dive **Ring Steward:** T.B.A.

Free Bar-B-Que lunch for members showing will be supplied, Drinks are a gold coin donation, *This show will conducted under the rules & regulations of DogsNSW, a copy of which may be perused at the Secretary's table.*



Meeting Minutes 24th November 2023

The purpose of the draft meeting minutes (not yet passed) to be distributed in draft form is for members to be aware of what was discussed and what items and action is required prior to the next meeting. From this we hope to create more productive and positive interactions for members and the club as a whole.

Notes	Action Required
1. Meeting Opened by President at 7.00pm Apologies	
Apologies as per book.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting Read. Confirmation & Adoption of Minutes Minutes read By Courtney Smith. Moved by Ann Small. Seconded by Mario Pace.	
3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes Discussion on Judges for March show. Both judges were unavailable/un-interested. Ann contacted Howard Randal who was delighted to accept.	
4. Committee Recommendations None.	
5. Presidents Report / Treasurers Report Treasurers Report tabled in absence of treasurer. Moved Courtney Smith. Seconded Mario Pace.	
6. Correspondence Incoming: Discussion on royal breed stand – not enough volunteers.	
7. Election of New Members None.	
8. Show Business Discussion on open show. Still no trainees available due to re-assessments. Discussion on September show judges, to be voted on at next show.	
9. General Business Discussion on zoom meetings in future. To trial for January meeting. January meeting scheduled for Australia day. Move meeting to the day prior, the 25 th of Jan 2024. Zoom link by request only. Members to email or call Courtney Smith for link. 0406 928 105 or smith.court@hotmail.com	
10. Meeting Closed at 7.40pm	

Bunny Kelley is a Borzoi breeder, this is so true to all breeders, no matter what breed.

A woman once contacted me looking for a puppy. But she kept saying she was hesitant because the borzoi has such a short life span. I've had a few who have lived to be over 14 and a more recent one who died at under five months. I felt that she was not connected to reality and was probably not someone I needed to get involved with because there would always be some problem.

The problem is that when people pay you for a puppy, they act like they are buying a designer handbag or something. Authenticity, exclusivity, and that it will last forever and be in the Met. The reality is that it is a living, breathing being and it does not come with spare parts, any real guarantee as to what will happen to it or how long it will last. There is no expiration date.

Like all things with dogs, it is a gamble. You go to a show, it is a gamble. You breed a litter, it is a gamble. You place a puppy, it is a gamble. There is no way to know what will happen along the way.

I placed a puppy in a home I took a chance on. There wasn't enough yard there but there was a huge park nearby and she went to work with her owner every day. Never did we see a fungal infection in her future.

I placed a puppy in a home in Mexico at the beach. Perfect. Never in a million years did we think she could escape and while harassing pelicans on the cliff, it would give way and she would fall to her death.

How did that dog eat an entire box of fire starter cubes? What is really in those that blood was shooting out his butt? And then he was gone.

Not being a man and never having had male children, I had no idea testicles could torsion. Had I not shaved D'Argo down and got all that hair off of him I would have never noticed that giant shiny black ball under his tail.

I've always known how dangerous foxtails are. But you just don't think about them all the time. Until your dog crashes and they show you the track on X-ray of that "foreign body" heading for his kidney.

I'm sure no one ever thinks about them smacking into each other. Or missing a turn and hitting a fence post. Pneumothorax or simply a broken neck.

And whatever had caused that intussusceptions was never found but it took out his whole gut all the same.

There are also the freak accidents. The coyote that ran across the trail and the dog who jerked out of his owner's hands. The driver just missed hitting the coyote and while watching it, he slammed right into the borzoi. Then there was the silly borzoi who ran out to do his borzoi dance in the middle of the busy street. He didn't make it to the vet either. And then there was the borzoi I bred that took off through the only open gate at their local high school and their other borzoi ran after her. Again, the car just missed the first one, slammed right into the second one.

So when breeders offer you the chic # of their dog as if it is some sort of bulletproof guarantee that your little puppy is going to make it to 14 and still be able to hike and pee and poop on its own, please realize, that testing covers such a teeny tiny little piece of all the possible problems you might face along the way. We spend hundreds of dollars testing for stuff, less on structural analysis, but none of it will prepare you for the myriad ways the universe can take that puppy out.

As a breeder, I deal with up to ten times the number of deaths an individual will face. I have my own dogs and I have all of yours. I have all the ones someone else bred where my dog was used at stud. Each and every death I absorb. Each heartbreak of yours I carry with me. Each litter that doesn't happen, hopes dashed. Each neonate that doesn't make it. I have a deep well of sadness. It is so deep I can no longer see the bottom.

What they die from and when, we cannot possibly know that. And if all this testing proved something, it would be that it doesn't mean what you think because we have to keep testing. It is a way to track trends over time. It is no guarantee for your puppy. And really, since we have yet for one to die of thyroid or heart issues or be born blind or lose their eyesight, or fall down at four or five from degenerative disease, I'm not sure that I can make you any guarantee other than this is a living breathing bundle of love and you will have it for as long as you have it and not a second more.

MEMORIAL PAGE

DELITEABULL ANN'S JOY
"ELSA"

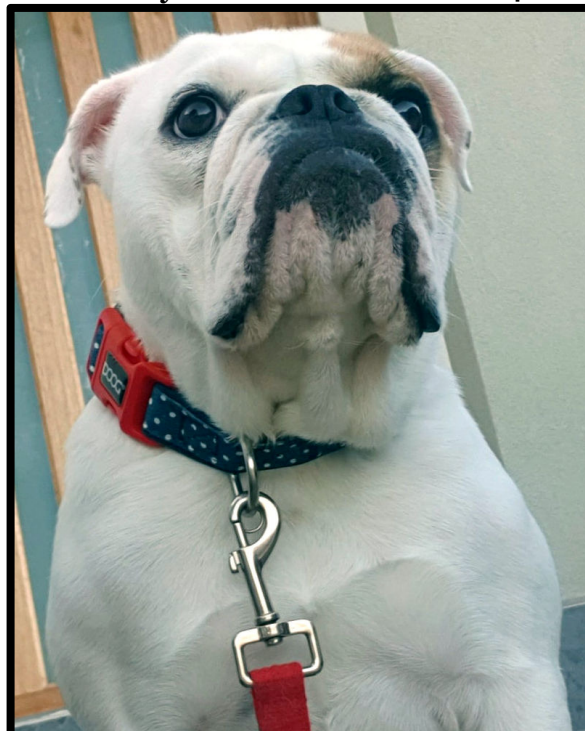
13 Aug 2015 – 11 Jan 2024



owned by Ann Small

BULLMAJESTY BULLIONAIRE BELLA
"BELLA"

8 May 2021 – 16 Jan 2024



owned by Gautam Sehgal



Edna Clyne-Rekhy, 82

Author of The Rainbow Bridge written when she was 19 and her dog Major died.

It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors.
Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows,
hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place.
There is always food and water and warm spring weather.
The old and frail pets are made young again.
Those who are maimed are made whole again and they play all day.

There is only one thing missing.
They are not with their special person who loved them on earth.
So each day they run and play until the day comes
when one suddenly looks up.
The nose twitches! The ears are up!
The eyes are staring! And this one suddenly runs from the group!

You have been seen and when you and your special friend meet,
you take them in your arms and embrace.
Your face is kissed again and again,
and you look once more into the eyes of your trusted friend.

And you cross the Rainbow Bridge together,
never again to be separated

TODAY IS A GOOD DAY
TO HAVE A GREAT DAY
TO SMILE MORE
WORRY LESS
TO BE THE VERY
BEST VERSION OF
YOU

TO DO MORE OF WHAT
MAKES YOU HAPPY
EVERY DAY

TO BE POSITIVE
AND REGRET NOTHING
TO BE HUMBLE AND WORK HARD
EVERY DAY MAY NOT BE GOOD BUT
FIND SOMETHING
GOOD IN EVERY DAY

LAUGH
LOVE
LIVE

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS
BELIEVE IN

YOURSELF
AND REMEMBER TO BE
AWESOME





"BiLLiE JEAN"

TRI. CH. (T) (TS) TS GRAND CH. SNOBUL RING A DING DING (AI) RN. SWN.

May 25, 2015 to Present

Bred, owned and handled by [Salina Chan](#)

Salina talks about this amazing girl who is one of the few Bulldogs titled in the sport of tracking--as well as what is involved in this sport in Australia below:

"Billie Jean's introduction to performance sports began in 2017 with Rally Trials and then joined her brother "Benny" into Tracking. In 2018 she attained her Australian Championship before squeezing in a conformation Best In Show. My girl "Billie Jean" was the second Bulldog to gain a Tracking Champion title in Australia in 2021. Her Tracking journey began with her Tracking Dog Title (TD) she had to pass 3 Tracking Tests (TD1, TD2 & TD3) for her Tracking Dog Excellent Title another 3 Tests (TDX4, TDX5 & TDX6) and finally for Tracking Champion 2 more tests ((TCH7 & TCH8) With each test the degree of difficulty increases (Refer to the Dogs Australia Website for the complete Tracking and Track & Search rules).

From January 2024 Australia is introducing 2 more Tracking tests and these are for Tracking Grand Champion (in line with Track & Search Grand Champion) TGRCH9 & TGRCH10 of which "Billie Jean" will attempt in 2024. "Billie Jean" also commenced Track & Search Trials in 2019. (where Tracking is rural and Track & Search is Urban). For Track & Search Dog again 3 Track & Search tests (TSD1, TSD2 and TSD3) For Track & Search Excellent, tests (TSDX4, TSDX5 & TSDX6) for Track & Search Champion, tests (TSCH7 & TSCH8) and finally for Track & Search Grand Champion, tests (TSGRCH9 & TSGRCH10) and as with Tracking Trials Track & Search Trials each level has an increased level of difficulty. When "Billie Jean" gained her Track & Search Grand Championship in 2023 I believe it was a world first for a Bulldog, not only that but she passed Tests 1-10 with no fails.

"Billie Jean" is currently enjoying Scent Work Trials and is competing at Advanced level. When "Billie Jean" was born there were not a lot of health tests available in Australia apart from our vets general health check today there are more extensive tests. My Bulldogs are kept at working performance weight and are exercised regularly.

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