



# BADGER BITS

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Dates to Remember:

*BKC Obedience/Rally  
Trials*

*March 19 & 20, 2016*

*BKC Dog Show*

*May 6-8, 2016*

Thursday, FEB. 18 – 7 p.m.

Meeting and Program

Program: Coyote Talk

*Details inside the Bits*



*Lucy on the Loose!!*



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## BKC President's Report

February 2016

Valentine's Day, time to express our love – to our dogs! Sign up for a fun class, attend the general meeting and learn something that will help you love your dogs more, take a walk or do some fun training, make homemade dog biscuits, meet with other members for a dog movie night. Below are some fun doggie Valentines for you and those you love. Come to the meeting Thursday February 18 7:00pm if you know what the corgi is trying to say. We have Cooking for Fido cookbooks available too if you need a biscuit recipe or two.

Not much for events at BKC in February but get ready to Bring in Spring for the March Obedience and Rally Trial on the 19th and 20th. Sign your dog up to compete if you're ready. If you're not quite there, Missi Roland is offering another 6 week session of advanced obedience classes to begin early March. Catch her if you can, her classes have been popular! And if you're not competing in the trial, consider stewarding or attending to watch smart dogs and their hard working owners showin' the LOVE!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Lynda Nelson  
BKC President



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## About *Badger Bits*

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## Treasurer's Report

### Badger Treasurer Report Jan 2016



#### Happy New Year!

- Here is some information for the membership –
- Our deposit for the 2016 Agility trial has been paid
  - 1099 Tax forms have been mailed
  - In this week alone, we have earned just over \$1,000 from PayPal for classes
  - Deposits have been made for Dog Fair and Dog Show events
  - AKC membership has been paid for 2016
  - Paid the Director/Board insurance bond



#### Here are some comparisons between Jan 2015 and Jan 2016...

- We are 22% in class income from last year (2016 - \$26,160 compared to \$21,306). Keep up the good work! Increased interest in Beginning Family Dog and good response to Missi Roland's classes.
- Received \$75 more in JR scholarships compared to last year
- We are down 6% in fundraising income
- We are back to paying just over \$4,000 in our rent
- We are down in Run Thrus due to having no agility run thrus
- We saw increase of vendor income from Dog Fair- up 30%
- Our personal property tax was \$196.58
- Our gas and electric bill was down \$544.23 from last year (warmer winter)

## BKC Programs – *Plan to Attend!*

**February 18 - The Program will be Coyote Talk by David Drake of UW Extension - What we need to know more about this urban canine and keeping or canines safe.**

**David Drake, Extension Wildlife Specialist / Professor  
Dept. of Forest and Wildlife Ecology, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> - Alzheimer's**

**April 21- Dog Show Prep**



## "Leash on Life" Announcement

Astro, an 18 month old Entelbucher mix, is in training at the Ferris Center and in need of a new home. His ideal home will work with him on continuing his training and socializing. He is a strong dog, around 85 pounds but is happy and playful. Older kids that know how to behave around dogs might work, but no young children. Application for his adoption is at Rock County Humane Society. Ask Lynda for more information

## **BKC March Obedience and Rally Trials**

The dates for the March Obedience and Rally Trials are Saturday March 19, 2016 and Sunday March 20, 2016.

Kari Kenefick is trial chair and Barb Duren is trial secretary. The Chief Steward for Rally is Sue Anderson, and the Chief Steward for Obedience is Susan Banovez.

The Judges are Phillip Rustad and Charles Kline.

Classes offered are: all regular obedience, all preferred classes and the optional titling classes of Beginner Novice (A & B) Graduate Novice and Graduate Open.

There will also be a "C" match (a.k.a. 5-for-5) on Friday evening, March 18.

## **BKC Dog Show – May 6-8, 2016**

Looking for a few good dog people to help with our May 6th and 8th Dog show.

Contact any board member or Betty Grotophorst [bggrotop@wisc.edu](mailto:bggrotop@wisc.edu)

Thank you in advance....

## **December Agility Trial Report**

**We did it! Our first agility trial in over ten years is in the books! We had a full two days of dogs running, that is over 660 agility runs and 16 course changes in two days!**

**I want to take a moment to thank all the people who invested so much time and effort to make this a successful event.**

**Thank you to Wes and Jone Brown, Carrie Knutson, Karen Albright, Denine Acebauer, Dawn Christenson and Michelle Ambrose. Without you helping with the planning and organizing we could not have done it!**

**I also want to thank all the Badger Members who made the trek out to Canine Sport Zone to help with the trial and donate cookies (they were yummy). A special Thank You to Canine Sport Zone and Blue Stem agility! Fiona Thompson was a great help with the course building and helping us keep things run smoothly. With Lorah Marquart in charge I never had to worry about any of the secretary work. We have scheduled our 2016 trial for December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the new Canine Sport Zone location in Middleton. So mark your calendars to spend some time with the awesome agility group! If you have interest in helping with the planning or organizing please contact me.**

**Kelly White, The Ever Grateful Agility Trial Chair**



## CGC Training Report

We are currently going on week 4 of classes, and have 20 people enrolled. The next CGC test is coming up on Sunday February 21st at noon. Registration is required to test.

A new series of classes will be starting on Sunday March 13th with classes at both 12pm and 1:05pm. There are still many spots available for these.

Challenging adolescent canine class will also be starting back up on March 13th at 2:30pm.

Thanks,  
Samantha Dennison ABC-DT  
CGC Evaluator  
AKC Ambassador  
[\(815\) 904-9737](tel:8159049737)

## Training Management Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the classes by Polly Cisco and Lynda Nelson. Big Thanks to all the Instructors and Assistants. We have had many classes this past year. The Sunday classes have been popular. If anyone is willing to teach week days I think we should try that too.

I have had inquiries from members wanting a nose work class. Do any members feel like they can teach a nose work class or know anyone outside the membership who could teach it?

Other activities: Barn Hunt, Lure coursing, flyball, our club is guided by what the members are willing to work on.

Any other suggestions for classes? Welcome all suggestions/critiques/etc.

Attached is the flyer for Missi Rowland's obedience classes and the BKC Training Schedule.

Karen Albright [kjalbrig@wisc.edu](mailto:kjalbrig@wisc.edu)





## In the Ribbons:



From Michelle Ambrose:

HQ MW Wild-Eyed And Wicked Times RN AX AXJ NF  
RATO ("Isis", 21 mo. doberman) completed her  
Excellent Jumpers (AXJ) title on 1/24/16 and looks  
forward to her next 2 for 2 day counting as a QQ  
towards her MACH. To celebrate her new title she  
enjoyed the forbidden McDonald's drive through!



From Denine Ackerbauer:

Sometimes lemons turn into lemonade. ET injured himself and  
had to be pulled from agility competition the weekend of January  
16. Fortunately, UKC has same day entries so Ibsen got to debut  
on agility contacts at WWCDTC. He earned his UAGI title with 4  
first placements and his UAGII title with 1 first, 2 2nds (and one  
NQ – oh, well).



**Beginning February 29 or later, 2016**

Agility classes and those noted are 45 minutes. All other classes are one hour.

**Monday**

Advanced Obedience Classes by Missi Roland 2/29-4/4/16

Ring 1,2,3 3:00 Competition Novice

Ring 1,2,3 4-6:00 Private lessons w/Missi (45 min)

Ring 1,2,3 6:00 Introduction to Open

Ring 1,2,3 7:00 problem solving Open/Utility

Contact Ellen Blitz [esblitz@att.net](mailto:esblitz@att.net) to register for Missi R.

**Tuesday Night**

Ring 1 7:00 Beginning Conformation-3/15/16

Ring 2,3 7:00 Puppy Agility I 3/1/16 start

Ring 2,3 8:00 Puppy Agility II

Ring 1 8:00 Advanced Handlers – guest Instructor 3/15

Ring 4 7:00 Therapy Dog – Stephanie Smith (2/2 to 3/15/16)

**Wednesday Night – 3/2- 4/6**

Ring 2-3 7:00 Novice Agility 1

Ring 4 7:00 Puppy Basics

Ring 4 8:00 AKC Star Puppy – 4/6 -5/7

Advanced Obedience Classes by Missi Roland

Ring 1,2,3 3-5:00 Private Lessons w/ Missi

Ring 1 5:00 Tricks for Training

Ring 1 6:00 Intro to Novice Competition

**Thursday Night**

2<sup>nd</sup> week 7:00 Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Week 7:00 General Meeting

Ring 2-3 7:00 Fundamentals Agility (3/24-5/5)

Ring 2-3 8:00 Basic Agility skips 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Friday Night**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday's 6:30 **Obedience Run-Throughs** - Novice, Open, Utility, Rally

**Saturday Morning**

Ring 4 10:00 AKC Star Puppy (3/5 to 4/16)

Ring 4 9:00 Puppy Basics (4/2 to 5/7)

**Sunday, skips 3/20, 27**

Ring 1 12:00 pm CGC/BFDT-S. Dennison 3/13 – 5/1

Ring 1 1:05 CGC/BFDT- M. Kushner

Ring 1 2:30 Challenging Adolescent Canines

Ring 2-3 12:30 Rally 1 & 2 Combined-K. Albright, S.Hartjes, C.

Esposito, start April 3 – May 15 Skip 5/8 Dairyland Classic trial

**Spring Session Feb 29, 2016**

**\* Please check the website**

[www.badgerkennelclub.com](http://www.badgerkennelclub.com)

**for added classes, changes in dates and times**

**MEMBER TRAINING TIME**

Member time will be available to key holders between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM. If you do not have a key and wish to get one, you must comply with the BKC training Center Access Policy. You will need to help with the club programs and sign a key agreement. Please contact Bryan Conrad (608-354-2681) for a key or any building access questions.

**TRAINING CONTACTS**

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**CGC Tests:** Samantha Dennison

[samdennison18@yahoo.com](mailto:samdennison18@yahoo.com)

**Sunday February 21 @ Noon**

**CLASS FEES**

(non-members/members)

1<sup>st</sup> enrollment: 8 weeks \$110/\$55

Continuing dog (non-members) \$10.00 discount

Early application (non-members) \$10.00 discount

One class drop-in fee \$20.00/\$10.00

Puppy: 6 weeks \$110/\$55.50

Agility: 6 weeks \$110/\$55.50

AKC CGC Evaluations:

Free with class-\$10 if no class

**OBEDIENCE/RALLY RUN-THRUS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Month: 6:30 Obedience - Novice,  
Open, Utility, Rally – Ellen Blitz 608-698-8812

Joan Provencher 608-334-5151 for information

---Contact Kelly White: 608-220-5324 for

advance registration & weather cancellation

1<sup>st</sup> Run Though \$6/\$5

2<sup>nd</sup> Run Through with same dog \$3/\$3

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**Badger Kennel Club**  
**Missi Roland Competition Obedience Classes**

**February through April, 2016**

**Six Weeks**  
**\$120**

Mondays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2016  
Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2016

Novice, Competition Novice, Intro to Open, Utility, Tricks for Training

**Class Times: Mondays**

3:00-4:00 pm, Competition Novice

4:00-6:00 pm, Private One-Hour Lessons

6:00-7:00 pm, Introduction to Open

7:00-8:00 pm, Utility

**Class Times: Wednesdays**

3:00-5:00 pm, One-Hour Private Lessons

5:00-6:00 pm, Tricks for Training

6:00-7:00 pm, Intro to Novice Competition

Missi Roland has been involved in competitive obedience for almost 40 years. She achieved her first CD at age 9 with a Sheltie. She has titled her own dogs and those of her clients with great success. Missi has competed in multiple dog sports including Barn Hunt, Tracking, Freestyle Dancing, Flyball, Hunt Tests, Agility, and Herding, thus providing her with alternate approaches for training obedience. Missi's titles include three AKC OTCh's, three UKC OTCh's and a CKC OTCh. Her high scores include a '200' score in Open B as well as many 199.5's in Open & Utility, and multiple High In Trial/High Combined awards with happy driven to work dogs who are not robots! "I prefer the attitude to the accuracy but feel you can train to get both! My dogs and methods are most successful because I form a relationship then mold a thinking dog by use of Operant Conditioning." She has taught at BKC in the past and was highly regarded. She has competed in the AKC Optional Titling classes earning those titles as well.



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## Description of Classes

**Competition Novice:** This class is for dogs preparing to compete for Novice titles and handlers who wish to bring out the best in their dogs. Dogs should be able to perform all of the novice exercises, including stays and recall, without the aid of leashes or other training aids. This is not a how-to class.

**Introduction to Open:** A how-to class, step-by-step instruction on training AKC Open. Dogs should be proficient in all novice exercises but need not be titled. It is preferable to have some preliminary retrieve work.

**Utility:** A how-to class, step-by-step instruction on training AKC Utility and also for proofing dogs that are preparing for competition.

**Tricks for Training:** All dogs over six months old are eligible. Class will utilize fun tricks to enhance the training relationship. Dogs will learn movements to strengthen the core and enhance body awareness.

**Intro to Novice Competition:** Focus is on teaching proper heeling skills and introduces all novice exercises from the start. Dogs should have beginner skills with stays. This class is geared toward beginning novice teams who want to compete. **Dogs should have had at least one obedience or CGC class at Badger Kennel Club.**

**Private Lessons:** For any level team wanting one-on-one attention or that doesn't fit into class structure. One hour lesson. Fee: \$50

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## **Registration Form**

### **Missi Roland Competition Obedience Classes**

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Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2016  
Novice, Comp Novice, Intro to Open, Utility, Tricks for Training

#### **Class Times: Mondays**

3:00-4:00 pm, Competition Novice

6:00-7:00 pm, Introduction to Open

7:00-8:00 pm, Utility

#### **Class Time: Wednesdays**

5:00-6:00 pm, Tricks for Training

6:00-7:00 pm, Intro to Novice Competition

**Fee: \$120 per six-week session, no fee reduction for BKC members**

**Please make checks payable to: Badger Kennel Club**

**Send completed registration form & check to:**

Ellen Blitz, 3044 Oak Leaf Circle, Fitchburg, WI 53711  
For questions, please email: [esblitz@att.net](mailto:esblitz@att.net) phone: 608-698-8812, 608-274-9923

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name & Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Monday: Comp Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Intro to Open \_\_\_\_\_ Utility \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday: Tricks for Training \_\_\_\_\_ Intro to Novice \_\_\_\_\_