

# Columbia Bouvier des Flandres Club

October 2016

## President's Message

October 31, 2016

We are finishing our current Club year and have our 2017 slate of candidates for the officer and board positions for declaration at our **November Annual Meeting, which is scheduled as a teleconference on November 19 at 6:30 p.m.** I encourage each of you to call in to the teleconference—details as to call in number will be provided by email blast to all members closer to the November 19 date.

This has been an exciting year for our Club. We have added several new members, and we welcome each and every one of you. As part of our Nov. 19 teleconference, the Board would like to hear from anyone who has suggestions for Club activities in 2017. The Club is here to serve our members' needs. Aside from the love we all share for our Bouviers, there are many voices in the Club who have differing interests. And our Board wants to hear about them.

Some of us are into showing our new young dogs in the conformation rings. Others are venturing out into all sorts of sports with their Bouvs—basic obedience training, rally, nosework, herding, carting, etc. Whether it is just getting a CGC on your Bouv or some higher competitive endeavor, I encourage each of you to think about setting some goal or plan for you and your Bouv for 2017.

The new Board will meet in December to make plans for 2017. We will establish Club meeting dates at that time. We hope to have at least one opportunity/event for most of us to get together with our Bouvs. I know we cover a large geographic area, and that makes a get together difficult for many of us to attend. But we at least want to try to get as many of us together as possible, at least once so that we can put a face to a name so to speak and enjoy the company of other members with their Bouvs.

The Greater Portland/Vancouver area is central to most of us from Oregon, Washington, and Northern Idaho. We have the big 4 day dog show in January in Portland, and we will host our Club's annual specialty in Portland in July at that 2 day dog show. In addition, we plan to run carting tests again at Willamette Mission State Park north of Salem (alongside the Portland area Bernese Mountain Dog club) at the end of May and also in the Spokane area sometime in August.

Those events at least represent four opportunities to see what other members are doing—and to come out and say “hello”. Your Board is here to serve you—we would like to hear from each of you at the Annual Meeting teleconference on November 19.

David Herndon, President  
And Hunter says Woof

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Information about membership is available at our website <http://www.cbdfc.org/membership.html>. Membership renewal will be coming in December.

**Greater Clark County  
Kennel Club's  
2nd Annual Performance  
Dog Extravaganza is  
December 3 & 4**

It runs from 9 am to 4pm at the Clark County Fair Center in Ridgefield, WA. A pdf of the events schedule is attached. It is an opportunity to try out nosework, lure coursing, weight pull, farm dog certification, and lots more, plus vendors with dog goodies.

**If you're interested in helping with meet the Bouvier breed,** contact Judy Brock at [judy0429@msn.com](mailto:judy0429@msn.com).

Their All Breed conformation dog show is the following weekend (plus Saturday Ugly Christmas Sweater contest). See [Onofrio.com](http://Onofrio.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1803015206608185/> for more information.

## Why I Love Herding by Jane Baugh

My first introduction to herding was in 1996. It all started when I was at an agility class with my new Bouvier puppy "Sadie." Sadie seemed to be enjoying going through the tunnels and doing the dog walk when she ditched the equipment and decided she wanted to herd the horse in the field next to us. My instructor said "I think you have a herding dog." I was curious about herding and decided to test Sadie's herding instinct. Well from that day forward I was hooked! Turns out Sadie was a dog of a lifetime in many ways. She had a sound temperament, was confident, loved to show in the conformation ring and was a good honest herding dog. If I only knew then what I know now...

Twenty years later, I am enjoying this sport even more with Sadie's grandson Trey. I've been lucky to work with some wonderful herding clinicians and have access to sheep and cattle. Several years ago I was at a clinic where sheep and cattle were offered, the clinician and my friend who was hosting the clinic convinced me to run Trey on cattle. Of course I was scared to death but decided it was worth a try. Once I got over the fear of working cattle I really enjoyed it, and so did Trey. Cattle do not "flock" like sheep so the dog has to work harder to keep the cows together. They also move slower than sheep, and there is more time for the handler to think about the next command.

In the early days, Bouviers were used on farms to herd cattle. The "Bouvier," meaning cow herder or ox drover, was well known for their abilities as a cattle drover. The Bouvier is without question one of the finest of the European cattle dogs that were found driving herds of beef from the grazing grounds to butchers pens - just as sheepdogs once escorted flocks. Well into the last century, a cattle drover walked his animals to the slaughterhouse along lonely country roads, assisted only by his droving dog. The drive often took days in miserable weather, and it was the Bouvier that took on this grueling work. The drover depended on his dogs, and they rarely let him down. With instinctive initiative the Bouvier went about its tasks without waiting for orders from its master. It would even work alone if the drover went away for a short time. Using its bulk and strength to redirect straying animals it would nudge them back onto the road and prod them towards the rest of the herd without having to nip at their heels. Bouviers are also known to throw "body blocks"

at the front end of a cow when necessary.

Bouviers require a fair amount of training, more so than the smaller herding breeds because of their power and presence. The overwhelming impression given by a Bouvier is one of power. They tend to work close to the livestock and have to be taught to work farther off as to not upset the livestock. All this takes training time and patience. Once Bouviers understand the stock will move when they are at a distance they are more willing to stay farther off the stock.



Trey doing a body block.

There are many rules in herding and the dog needs to understand the rules and follow them to have a successful outcome. It is important that the dog and handler have a good working relationship, and there is mutual trust and respect. The training will go much smoother if the dog truly views his handler as the pack leader. One quote I heard many years ago that has stuck in my mind is "the handler must own the game." I can't emphasize this enough. You do not want the dog working for himself. The dog's job is to listen to the handler and execute the task at hand. And the handler is always right - even if they give a wrong command. It's important to follow through with all commands. Like most herding breeds Bouviers tend to be independent and choose to do things their way, they can be stubborn and

willful. However I've seen some biddable Bouviers that are willing to please their owner, this trait will make the sport much more enjoyable in the beginning stages of training.

I enjoy herding because it is challenging and fun. Most Bouviers are happiest when they have a job to do. I got involved in the sport of herding because it requires teamwork; the handler and the dog must read each other continuously. Also I believe herding is probably the most difficult of all the performance events. In all the other performance events, there is the dog, inanimate equipment and/or possibly another human (aside from the handler). All of these things can be controlled by the trainer to teach the dog and handler in a logical and controlled fashion. All that goes out the window in herding. There is the dog, the handler, the obstacles or course, and the livestock. The dog and handler have worked out a relationship and have commands down well. And the livestock have their own agenda and have refused to follow the script - any script. That's where the fun starts. It's now the handler's job to remember the course, control the dog, read the livestock, move at the correct time (sometimes backwards and at top speed), remain upright no matter what and assist your dog if needed. Herding is a multi-tasking sport and that can make it very challenging for some people, me included!!



Trey the cow herder.

Trey is a multiple conformation champion and has earned herding titles in AKC and ASCA on sheep and cattle. His breeders/owners are James and Jane Baugh, co-owned by Ed and Arlene Koetje. He is trained exclusively by Jane Baugh, and he was the first recipient of the ABdFC Tammy White Memorial Herding Trophy.



*Editor's note:* I met Jane and Trey when I went to watch a herding workshop. They inspired us to try herding, and we are working at it.

## Want to Try Herding?

If you're interested in trying herding, feel free to contact Jane for resources and additional information at [jane.baugh@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.baugh@yahoo.com).



Cathy Longworth and Mina learning herding.



Febe had high drive on her instinct test, and she is learning to listen and control from a distance.

## Club Carting is Rolling Right Along

The Club, under the skilled work of Cathy Longworth, had a great turn out for the ABdFC carting tests and NAWBA carting trials held on September 17 and 18, 2016 in Nine Mile Falls, WA. An ABdFC carting test and a NAWBA carting trial were offered each day. We had 12 entries for both tests one day and 11 entries the other day--7 Bouviers competed--they truly represented a broad geographic region as they came from Montana, northern California, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Also competing were 2 Tervurens, an English Shepherd, a Samoyed, a Newfie, and a Leonberger.

On both Saturday and Sunday, David Herndon and Hunter took the NAWBA Bouvier-High in Trial award with scores of 199.0 and 199.5. On Saturday, they were followed by Judith Allen with Robbie from B.C., who took 2nd place, and Cathy Longworth with Dasha, who took the 3rd place award--all were Advanced dogs. Fiona and Russell Foote from Montana took the Novice Bouvier 1st place award.

On Sunday, David and Hunter were followed by Judith with Robbie for 2nd and Ed Hobby Sr. with Miles from Coeur d'Alene in 3rd in the Advanced class. Cathy Longworth with Mina took Novice Bouvier 1st place. And Cathy also earned a Novice Brace Draft Dog award on her two girls, Dasha and Mina.

As outlined in the Club meeting minutes, the event made the Club about \$200! **Thank you Cathy!**

Miles cheking out sleeping Storm



Judith hitching Robbie



Russell and Fiona



Malcolm was camera shy



Carting line-up



Judge Ruth Nielsen awarded Dasha's final leg of her Carting Championship



David and Hunter



## Interested in Carting?

Carting requires a harness, cart and someone to help you fit your dog and begin training. The Club has resources in Cathy and David, and there is a Facebook community (Pacific Northwest Carting Canines). The Bernese Mt Dog Club and other carting clubs will begin clinics in the spring, well in time to be ready for the Club's June match near Salem (see [www.bmdco.org/activities.html](http://www.bmdco.org/activities.html)).

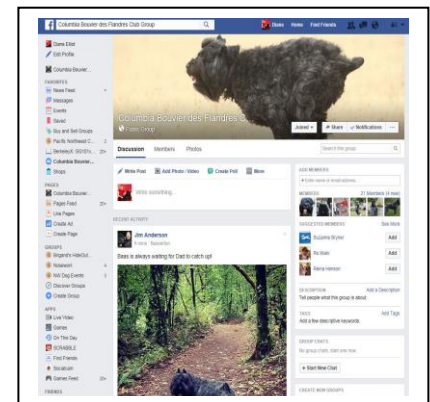
Here are some websites, if you want to check out gear:

- Fido Gear - [www.fidogear.com/store/carting-harness-p-34.html](http://www.fidogear.com/store/carting-harness-p-34.html)
- Helmbold's Woodworks - [www.helmboldwoodworks.com/home.html](http://www.helmboldwoodworks.com/home.html)
- Wilczek Woodworks - <http://wilczekwoodworksstore.com/>
- Dog Works - <http://dogworks.com/store/wagon.html>

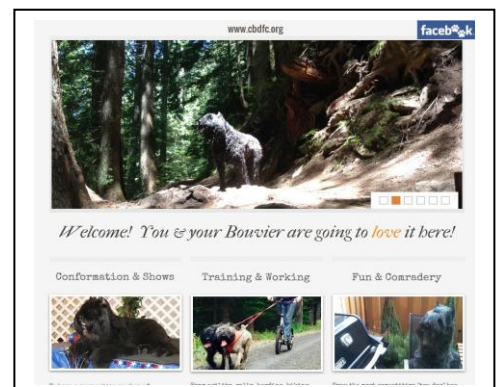
## The CBdFC Group Facebook Page Needs You

The Club has a group Facebook page, and it is a place to post pictures with your Bouv, events, and information of interest to Club members. **Help make it a fun and interesting site for Bouv lovers.** It is almost time to share your favorite gift ideas for dog lovers and holiday treat recipes.

Search Facebook for **Columbia Bouvier des Flandres Club group** page (it will have the running Bouv on the page) **and get busy posting.** The link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1202873106410669/>.



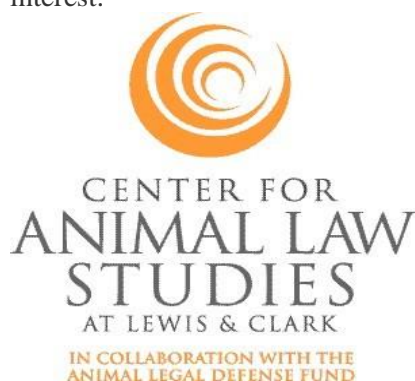
We have a Club website too. However, it is more a place to find information - documents, pdfs for entering events and membership information. It just can't be as dynamic as the Facebook page. You can check it out at [www.cbdfc.org/](http://www.cbdfc.org/).



**You are welcome to submit articles of interest and news items to the newsletter. Email them to [dlelliot@aol.com](mailto:dlelliot@aol.com) or text pictures to 503-799-5598.**

## Follow-up on Last Issue's 'If You Die Before Your Pet'

Check the Club's website for the August newsletter if you missed the August issue article (<http://www.cbdfc.org/>). After the issue went out, we heard back from Kathy Hessler, J.D., LL.M.; Clinical Professor & Director, Animal Law Clinic at the Center for Animal Law Studies of Lewis & Clark Law School. They sent a document on the topic, and it is attached for your interest.



## Upcoming November Events

Saturday, November 5 and 6  
**Naughty or Nice Photos with Santa**  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm Portland, OR - The first of many dog and Santa photo ops. This one benefits the pugs at Pacific Pug Rescue. \$10/2 digital copies perfect for holiday cards, details [PacificPugRescue.org](http://PacificPugRescue.org)

Wednesday, November 9  
**Animal Energy Healing - BYOD**  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Portland, OR - Learn basic techniques of Pranic Healing for treating acute or chronic conditions,

recovery from surgery, and overall wellness. Beginner-friendly class, \$10; well-behaved dogs welcome (bring comfortable bed for the dog). At The Friendly House; details/register [Heart-to-HeartHealing.com](http://Heart-to-HeartHealing.com).

Friday, November 11  
**9th Annual Art for Animals**  
Friday, November 11, 2016  
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Eugene, OR Join Greenhill Humane Society in helping homeless animals and celebrating local artists with live/silent auction and art of love fundraiser. At Ninkasi Brewing Company; tickets/details [GreenHill.org](http://GreenHill.org).

Sunday, November 13  
**Massage Class for Dog Owners**  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Portland, OR - Learn massage techniques you can start using right away from Rubi of Heal NW. At Synergy Behavior Solutions - \$45/dog includes handouts and gift bag. Space limited; register [rubi@healnw.com](mailto:rubi@healnw.com) or 503-380-4487.

Sunday, November 13  
**Journey of Souls - What Animals Teach Us about Aging, Illness & Death**  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Portland, OR - Workshop exploring the emotional impact as your pet approaches their golden years and what animals can teach us about aging, illness and death. At New Renaissance Bookshop - \$30/register at [NewRenBooks.com](http://NewRenBooks.com), more info [Pets-Point-of-View.com](http://Pets-Point-of-View.com).

**Check the Furry Fun Planner of the Spot Magazine website at <http://spotmagazine.net/events/> for other November and December events.**

## What about Washington Events?

You are correct, what about the Seattle area and eastern Washington? If any Club member from those areas would like to submit upcoming events, please let me know. In the meantime, check the [www.seattledogspot.com/](http://www.seattledogspot.com/) and [www.facebook.com/spokanepetevents/](http://www.facebook.com/spokanepetevents/)

**Mark your calendars for the November Annual Meeting – a conference call at 6:30 pm, November 19. All Club members are invited to call in. The number is 1-800-920-7487, and your participant pass code is 4562377. We want your suggestions for activities that you'd enjoy.**

## Just for Fun

Inspired by Philip Scott Johnson's "Women in Art" video and in honor of all the dogs who have stirred great art for more than 5,000 years, check out the 60 works of dog art in Moira McLaughlin's 2008 three minute video on YouTube "Dogs in Art" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpIp0Ebao8k>.

## Attachments:

- Minutes general meeting
- Minutes Board meeting
- Pdf schedule for December 3 & 4 events
- Pdf from Lewis and Clark Law School