

The Bella Vista Times: 2016 Edition

It's hard to believe but it once again time to reflect on another year! 2016 brought a few changes and 2017 will bring even more! We are very thankful for the help and support that we have received from our instructors, students, event participants and friends. Many thanks and happy holidays to all of you!

This was the 16th year that Terry Rowe photographed our holiday family portrait. Time sure flies when you are playing with the dogs. This year's gang includes Can-Ya?! and Detour are in front of the sleigh, Lena is in the box, Violet, Joyce & Logan are in the sleigh, Rob is holding Toby and Steph has Hazel in her arm (yes, they were the bad Westies that could not sit still for the photo).



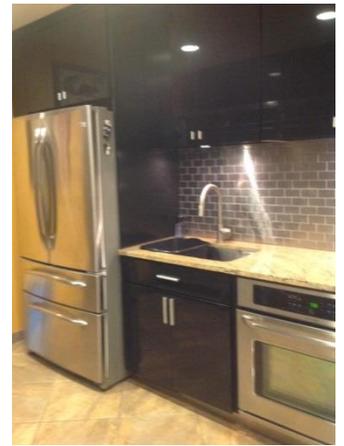
More Bella Vista Improvement and Upgrades:

Each year brings changes and improvements! This year we had the 5 RV parking spots paved and added 2 more hookups so we can now take reservations for 7 RVs. We also expanded the parking lot (lots less mud in the spring!) and the new storage shed arrived in January (yes, behind schedule). The big project was the



update to the dog room in the house—new crates, cabinets and an extra sink and oven for the big dinner parties!

The biggest news is that the deposit has been put down for a new heater and **AIR CONDITIONING** system for the Arena. We don't have an installation date yet but we are working with the electric company and contractors so that hopefully we can have this in place for 2017. Please see the website for updates on this major project.



Events & Trial Secretary Services: BVTC continues to offer a wide variety of

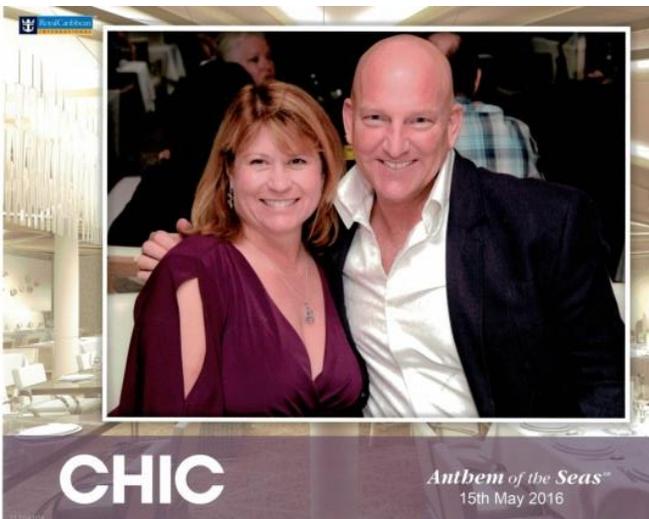
classes, seminars, workshops, and events. Plans for 2017 include AKC, CPE, USDAA & TDAA League Play/Agility Trials, CDSP Obedience Trials, WCRL and AKC Rally Obedience Trials, & Barn Hunt Trials. Licensed trial secretary services are available for all types of events. Also coming in 2017 are OneMind Dog Agility Seminars, Workshops and Agility Sessions with Paula Goss, Judy Kolva, Claudia Bates & Donna Brown.

Travels

Rob and Steph continue to travel for judging assignments. This year the states included Oregon, South Carolina, Missouri (Rob is pictured judging at Purina Farms near St. Louis), Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In May, Steph and Rob and Steph's mom and her friend, Jean took a cruise to Bermuda. Somehow in October, we managed to find time to go to a Penn State Football Game (here is Steph with her friend Karen at the tailgate-yes, it rained). Of course there were a few short trips to



Atlantic City and a December trip is planned for Las Vegas! There will be no report on that trip since what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!





The Dog Diary:

Detour: Once again, Rob's boy was busy earning titles. In AKC Agility, Detour earned the Master Gold Jumper Title. Unfortunately, Detour had an on-going shoulder injury that limited his participation in agility this year. He was the first dog at Bella Vista to get the

RATCH, the Barn Hunt Championship Title and he just loves beating all the terriers to this title. Detour also competed in rally where he earned his first AKC Rally Title (RN) in July and occasionally competes in WCRL earning the RL1X3 Title. Detour's first love in dog sports is lure coursing. Detour earn his the Coursing Ability Dog Title from the AKC with very fast runs!



Joyce: As always, Joyce has been a busy Westie earning titles and competing in several dog sports. This year's list of activities includes: AKC agility with the Master Bronze FAST Preferred, MJP8, MJP9, MJP10, Master Century Jumper Preferred, MXP8, MXP9, MXP10,

Master Century Agility Preferred, TQXP & PAX3. Joyce's favorite sport continues to be Barn Hunt and although she is a great hunter she is not always a great listener since she often will not go through the tunnel (when asked/told/bribed by Steph). Joyce did earn her RATM Title in 2016 and is now working towards her RATCH,



Logan: Logan has had a busy year and as a result has 12 new titles! In AKC Agility he earned the Time 2 Beat Title, Agility Excellent Title, and Agility FAST Excellent Title. He currently has 2 double Q's and over 100 points towards his MACH (our goal for 2017!). Logan completed the USDAA Starters Performance Gambler Title. In TDAA Agility he earned the Teacup Intermediate Agility Dog (TIAD) and the Teacup Games III (TG3) Titles. He also earned 3 Level 3 agility titles from CPE (Fun, Strategy & Standard). In June, Logan earned the World Cynosport Rally Level 1 title and the next month he earned his first AKC Rally Title (RN). Logan also participates at the Senior Level and in Crazy 8 Classes in Barn Hunt.



Hazel: Barn Hunt continues to be Hazel's favorite sport and she has earned 2 legs towards the Master Title. She also earned the Level 1 Fun CPE agility title. What really kept her busy this year is having 5 puppies in May. In August, she got dyed purple (so she was known as Purple Haze). It has since grown out and she is white again. Hazel was bred in November so puppies are due in mid-January.

Flo: Flo has been placed in a pet home. As you can see from the photo, she is quite white and very spoiled! She is so spoiled that she got to visit Santa. Flo will be bred in 2017.



Violet: Violet has joined the Bella Vista Gang in competing in WCRL Rally Events. She earned the Rally Puppy Rally Title with an Award of Excellence. In Barn Hunt, she earned the Instinct, Novice and Open Titles and has one leg towards her Senior Title. She has just started competing in AKC Agility and so far has earned 2 Novice FAST legs—now the goal is to teach her how to weave!

Can-ya?!: Can-ya?! has started earning titles. She was awarded the Novice Trick Dog Title by Do More with Your Dog in June. She completed the Rally Level 1 Title requirements for World Cynosport Rally. In October, she earned the AKC Coursing Ability Dog Title. Although Can-ya?! does not like the rats as much as the terriers, she earned both the Barn Hunt Instinct and Novice Titles in 2016. Can-Ya?! is busy training in agility and will make her AKC debut in 2017 with Rob.



Toby: Toby is the newest addition to BVTC. He is Violet's littermate and came back to BVTC in April. His owner returned him due to medical issues (it turned out that he had Lyme Disease—we got him treatment and he is doing just great!). Although Toby's registered name is now Bella Vista's How Do U Like Me Now?!, he is often called "Toby Keith Urban sprawl on the couch potato pancake house of cards shark tank". A very big name for a very cute little boy! With no training—just lots of natural instinct, he earned the Barn Hunt Instinct and Novice Titles. He is currently enrolled in agility classes and he is loving it! Toby is all boy and often a dirty white boy, a very dirty white boy!



The Puppy Report: On May 22, 2016, Hazel gave birth to 5 puppies (4 boys and a girl). All are doing well in their new homes.

Hazel has been bred again and is due in mid-January. Violet was bred in mid-December so she should be due in late February. Please see Steph's Facebook page (Stephanie Capkovic) for updates.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Steph, Rob, Joyce, Detour, Lena, Logan, Hazel, Can-ya?!, Toby & Violet