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Christmas Edition Newsletter



Thanks to everyone who has provided comments and outstanding photos for this special Christmas edition. Please keep sending me any Bouvier information that you feel may be useful for our newsletter. Without you, we simply have no news!

Do let me know where you feel improvements can be made. We are planning all sorts 'happenings' in 2015 and thanks to your support we'll make it the best yet.

Watch out for news of our regular events. We all look forward to seeing you and your Bouv family soon.

Cheers Sammy

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Margo's beautiful puppy
Arya 7months old "Can't wait for Christmas"



**Welcome all
new
members**
also a reminder to all
that subscriptions
are due.

Here we see John (fingers) and Brian
Comparing notes on all things Bouvier at the
Annual General Meeting

Oh what a lovely Summer



A quick, reflective look back
at a wonderful 2014
Here's a collage of super
images of Bouvier's and
their families

Starvin, come on we are
hungry, can't hold this
pose any longer

Here's Rod at our get together during
the summer for the Annual General
Meeting. We both managed to 'take 5'
together for a chat with his fine beasties.
I'm guessing Clara and Hugo....
don't sue me if I'm wrong OK?)



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Here's a lovely story from a Bouvier lover from Alaska. Thanks to Christine Howe for sending me this.



I own 2 male Bouviers, living in Alaska has exposed them to many unique environments. Naboo was our first Bouvier soon followed by Jango Fett a year later. We lived on a military base before we retired last year. They get to hike mountains, beaches, mossy forests and tundra. They have been exposed to earthquakes, blizzards, loud planes, guns and fishing boats.

They are also skilled rabbit and ptarmigan hunters and have learned to follow hand signals when we are in the woods. It really didn't take much to train them, they watch my body language for any signs of caution. A couple of years ago when we lived on Kodiak Island, a bear started to charge me.



I had my gun out but there was no time to even fire it. They both ran in front of me and stood their ground, snarling and barking so deep I felt it in my chest. I yelled, "back march!" and they slowly walked backwards! They never stopped barking and growling, looking behind every so often to make sure I was steadily walking backwards as well. It took me almost an hour to get back to the end of the trail to my car.

The bear still followed but just ambled along slowly getting farther and farther away. I was so scared but kept calm so Naboo and Jango would not feel the need to chase the bear. It took me months to be able to go hiking in the woods again.



Do you mind, a young lady needs a little privacy !

I later found out from Fish and Game, that by them standing in front of me it made us appear like a larger intimidating object and that's what kept the bear back. I would never put my dogs in harm's way intentionally but living here there is always a chance for a dangerous encounter.

We live on the mainland now and have a new set of dangers they have adapted to. Moose occasionally wander through our yard and Naboo and Jango make sure their presence is known throughout our property. We still hunt and fish even go berry picking together. The Bouvier is such a brave, devoted, loving and caring dog I will love them forever. **Lyn Lounsbery**



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Important Announcement..... one for your Calendar



Our annual rally will take place again on Aug bank Holiday week end, stand by for further announcements, suffice to say, we have our very own singing star operatic star, Margo. The Dirty Beards will be performing old and new sing-a-long tunes. We'll also have comedian to ensure you have a few chuckles. Stay tuned for further early bird specials.



Have a Great Christmas folks

I've been dashing trying to get this edition of our newsletter out to you all. Here's one thing that you can do to help us build a great Newsletter.

Make sure I've got your email address so you can get a copy sent directly to your inbox.

Send me stuff ☑ Photos, stories, anecdotes, dog jokes, video clips.....anything that will either educate our club members....or make them chuckle.

Now look here,
I know you need a power nap,
But I need to be
comfy too you know



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Well, there's no prizes for guessing who Superman is and his partner. Geoff in his usual weekend wear taking a stroll around the farm

Quick heads up.....next Aug Bank Holiday Rally has only limited 'hook ups'. They can Be pre-brooked by sending a £5 deposit to Geoff Evans 171 Roman Road, Blackburn vizegevas@virginmedia.com

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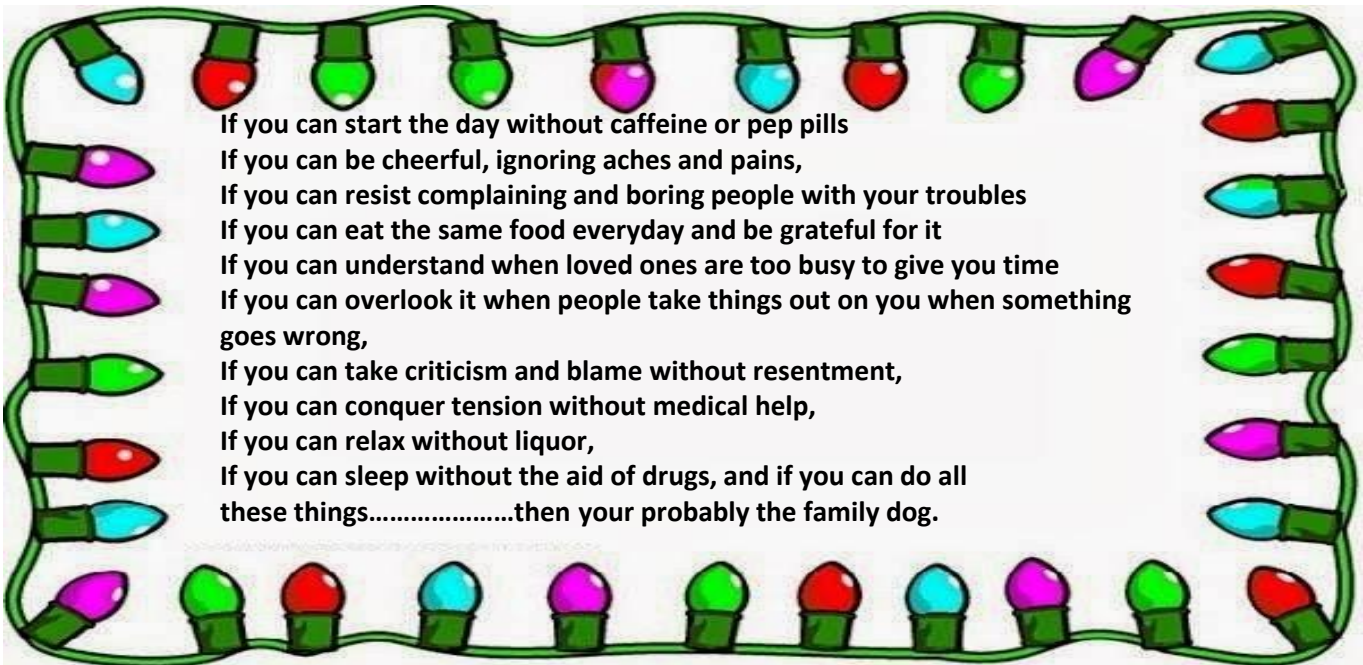
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If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time
If you can overlook it when people take things out on you when something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs, and if you can do all these things.....then your probably the family dog.

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Can't beat a cosy fire and several Bouv's draped over you for a little extra warmth!



Now I know Marj is tactile but not sure if Tom was aware just how tactile ! Totally innocent



Dave tests out his new braces for the the summer event held at their farm. Can't wait for the 2015 event....it'll be epic. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT !!!!!

Oh, go on then it's an ice cream treat.....Mmm, don't fancy that beard when it gets crispy Chris



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Wow, I like a certificate!

Huge congratulations to Geoff Evans for picking up this prestigious award from the USA indicating that one of his Avice line has reached Grand Champion status. Well done Geoff.



**The Legendary
'Dirty Beards' in concert
Don't miss them this year
At the Bouvier Rally Aug Bank Holiday**



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Bouvier Des Flandres Photo of the Year Competition 2015



So, get out your camera, get some images sent in. Let's see who can win the National Bouvier Club Award for best Bouv photo. They don't have to be 'in the ring' shots.

They can be anywhere, just like one of my favourite's above.

More details to follow.

Images to sammy1951@me.com



Ohh, lovely all this bed to myself

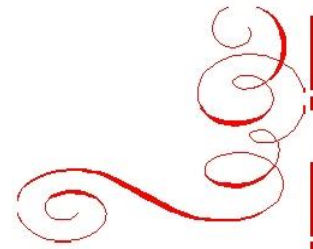
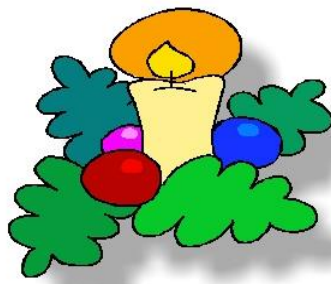
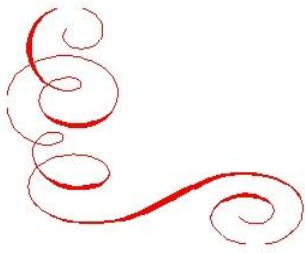


Debbie brings her experience to bear



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Merry Christmas

An article by our Secretary Brian Everill

Memories.

Although there has been a Bouvier in our household since 1982, we only started showing in 1996, starting with the Limited Members shows and open show circuit, where we served our “apprenticeship”, and developed to the Championship shows. During the last 18 years we’ve had some wonderful times and seen some of the finest Bouviers, and met some wonderful people.

Dogs such as CH. Nikolaev Ace of Spades owned and bred by Lee Nicholls, a lovely powerful dog, that many of you owners will recognise on your pedigrees.

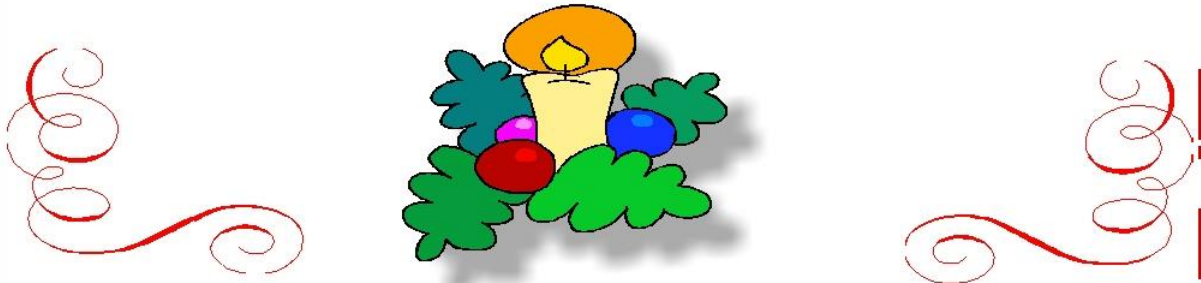
A favourite of mine was Trapwood Marius, owned and bred by Mike Oliver, who was the sire of our first litter, the well known “classy” litter, not the biggest of dogs but everything you wanted in a Bouvier. I still have the photo of Mike and Mario in the group line-up at Manchester where he was second in the working group. I don’t know who looks the prouder Mike or Mario.

CH. Kanix Zulu, owned and bred by Kari Wilberg in partnership with Fiona Lambert, was probably the “daddy” of them all, the breed record holder, he was a fine specimen of the breed, always presented immaculately, so well groomed and trimmed. I was privileged to be at the ringside when he went Best In Show at Manchester. Lets not forget his litter sister, CH. Kanix Zena, a stunning bitch who went on to grace the Best In Show ring at Crufts.

A dog I really enjoyed competing with was CH. Chepham Nelson, owned and bred by Cheryl Pierpoint, such a well-balanced, imposing dog who could move with the best. And of course the great Mo, CH. I’m Special Inessence Movado at Kanix, bred by Pat Murray and owned in partnership with Fiona Lambert and Janet Hughes.

Handled superbly by Dave Killilea, he had multiple group wins both here and on the continent, a real powerhouse of a bouvier and certainly one you wouldn’t like to meet on a dark night. Another dog I admired was Storm van’t Megadam at Surfside, a Belgian import who was owned by Pam and Keith Bonos, very lightly shown, but a real brute of a dog, superbly muscled, fabulous head and a real athlete. (cont’d on next page).....

May The Lord Be The Light That Leads Your Way.



Merry Christmas

(cont'd).....The list cannot be complete without Shepshadow Adam, bred by Sue Rowe-Dunworth and owned by Geoff Evans, a quiet unassuming dog with character and super temperament, there was nobody more pleased than Susan and myself when he won the CC under Ann Arch at Birmingham.

We have on our travels met some wonderful people, the aforementioned Mike Oliver, with whom we have spent many a happy hour with at Trapwood Lodge along with his wife Doreen, and Kari Wilberg are so knowledgeable in every aspect of the breed and will gladly pass on any advice to help you on your way. Some of the people are unfortunately no longer with us and some of you will probably not recognise their names but to Susan and myself they remain unforgettable.

Mr. John Kornelis, who along with his wife Dorothy had the Silenrok kennel. One of our foremost breed specialists John was an unassuming man, and I remember getting my first first place at a championship show from John at Scotland, many years ago.

Mr. Alan Maclachlan, a tremendous character, the "del boy" of the bouvier world as I liked to call him, a real larger than life character who is sadly missed. I remember well the many times we were welcomed into their home and had a handling class from Lindsay.

Mrs. Helen Irving of the famous Farleycross kennel, from whom we got Lacey (Farleycross Phoenix), The dam of the "classy" litter. Helen was one of our foremost breed specialists, and I will always remember her critiques, you could close your eyes and just picture the dog, she was so good at it.
Mrs. Eleanor Oliver, who showed her dogs under the "Amberglen" affix even though she was well into her 80's, and still as bright as a button. Another who is sadly missed at the ringside.

And lets not forget the late, great Harry Baxter, a former officer of the committee, another larger than life character who loved judging the breed, and loved his dogs.
The above is just a quick glimpse through the mists of time and if we have missed anyone who should be there then accept our apologies.

We have certainly up to now enjoyed our time in the world of dogs.

It just remains for us to wish you all a merry Christmas and a very prosperous 2015.

Brian and Sue Everill.

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