

BATTLE OF THE BEARDS! THE PVSSC 2019 BARN HUNT!

By Jeremy Holden

The movable span of the James River Bridge rose early Sunday morning slowing traffic, and the Virginia sun battled the threat of rain throughout the weekend, but nothing could stop the October PVSSC Barn Hunt Trial at Isle of Calais Healthy Outdoors from being a smashing success. Festivities kicked off with rigorous training overseen by Elizabeth Staley on Friday, October 11, which also gave folks a first glimpse at the adorable and feisty Naughty Nine. Since the trial entries were 70% schnauzers (133 of 191 total runs!) this weekend was deemed **“The Battle of the Beards”!** (See The **“Beards”** photo next page.)

The Battle commenced Saturday and the fierce competition continued deep into Sunday afternoon. Special awards were presented to Crazy Ratters, who amassed the most collective points throughout 4 Crazy 8s heats; Turtles, who completed the slowest qualifying rounds of the weekend; and Speed Racers, who raced through the fastest qualifying rounds.

A hearty thanks are due to Trial Secretary Michelle Bell and Judge Elizabeth Staley for this great event! And to all the straw bale heavers, rat wranglers and other workers who kept things running smoothly. Special thanks as well to ace photograopher Lisa Klepp for all the great action shots – go to her page at www.lisarenevisions.com to view!

We also want to extend an additional special thank you to Lauren Keltos for conducting Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog Novice, and Community Canine Advanced Good Citizen assessments. Together, we raised \$170 for the 2021 Agility Trial! Winners of evaluation titles follow top schnauzer specialty award winners below.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Hunt a great weekend!

SS BARN HUNT WINNERS

Crazy Ratter

- Cagney – 250 points
- Grayce – 230 points
- Hero – 220 points

Turtle

- Grayce -- Master 1
- Dylan -- Senior 1
- Grimm -- Open 2

Speed Racer

[Saturday]

Hero -- Master
Herbie -- Senior
Grimm -- Open
Erne -- Novice

[Sunday]

Angel -- Novice
Willow -- Open
Cagney -- Master

EVALUATION TITLES

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

- Piglet and Pam Minnich
- Willow and Joy Becker
- Kipper and Christina Baker and Angelina Lynchesky

Trick Dog Novice (TKN)

- Millie and Gail Pfeiffer

Community Canine Advanced Canine Good Citizen (CGCA)

- Grimm and Ben Blanks
- Dylan and Michelle Bell
- Kipper and Christina Baker and Angelina Lynchesky
- Herbie and Lisa Klepp
- Sophie and Abbie Holden
- Grayce and Melissa Dimeler
- Hero and Michelle Bell

Lauren writes:

What a nice bunch of schnauzers!
Thanks for inviting me to do evaluations.
Thanks to everyone that helped with the evaluations.
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ALERT! We are doing a ReOrder of The 2019 Battle of the Beards T-Shirt! See Order Form on Page 17!

BARN HUNT PHOTOS!



Photos by Lisa Klepp