



# WAGGIN' TALES

## 2008 FVDTC "SMILES" DINNER and AWARDS

The **2008 FVDTC Smiles Dinner** is over but the **SMILES** remain as attendees recall their night of fun, spirited humor and camaraderie.

Cheryl Hettinger, the Dinner Chair, received a standing ovation for doing a superb job of finding a place that was affordable with great food and just plain putting together a fabulous event. Her collection of raffle items was overwhelming and no one went home empty handed. Everyone was a winner.

Of course, always thinking ahead, Cheryl was quick to start rounding up a committee for next year's dinner while their guard was down having a good time. In case you are interested, the first meeting is June 1 at Francene's home. Contact Cheryl if you would like to join the group. It's looking to be a lot of fun.

Rick Cox was the Master of Ceremony. As always he gave the presentations an extra touch of class.

Check out some of the photos and see pages 2 and 3 for a complete listing of all the 2008 Special Award Winners.

To everyone who came to the dinner and those who helped, Thank You, for making this year's dinner a great success.

The 2008 Dinner Committee



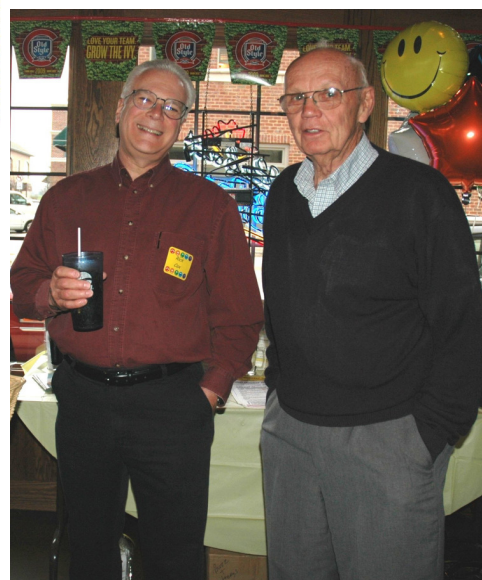
**Cheryl Hettinger  
Dinner Chairperson**



**Look at all those smiling happy  
Fox Valley Dog Training Dogs!**



**Cookies and Cupcakes - Yummy  
Below: Rick Cox and Ed Herdes**



**Left: Bill Clark & The Boner Award**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FROM FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

**High Qualifying Average - Novice A**      **VERA NYBERG & TRICK**

**High Qualifying Average – Novice B**      **NANCY PEDERSON & CHASE**

**High Qualifying Average - Open**      **BRENDA RIVERA & PILOT**

**High Qualifying Average – Utility**      **BRENDA RIVERA & PILOT**

**Kanosak Kennel Award:** Given to the handler whose dog received the three highest Utility A scores. No award given.

**Ed Kneip Award**      **BRENDA RIVERA & PILOT**

Given to the handler whose dog earned the highest combined score in Open B and Utility A or B at the same trial.

**Founders Award**      **BRENDA RIVERA & PILOT**

Given to the handler whose dog earned the three highest scores.

**Dorothy Dimond Memorial Trophy**      **NANCY PEDERSON & CHASE**

Given to the club member whose dog receives the highest average score with all trials, including NQ's counted.

**Debbie Orr Memorial Award:**      **KENT HILDEBRAND**

Given to the club member whose dog or dogs earned the highest number of AKC, UKC and CKC titles during the year.

**Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club Award**      **NANCY PEDERSON**

Given to a club member to acknowledge them and their contributions to the club.

**Heather Memorial Award**      **VERA NYBERG & TRICK**

Offered by Nancy Gillum, in memory of Briarwood's Heather Miss AM/CAN CD. It is given to the handler whose dog earned the 3 highest scores in Novice A at AKC trials.



**Left: Vera Nyberg**

**Right: Nancy Pederson**

**Below: Scenes from Dinner**



### Special Thanks to Brenda Rivera for her help with the Awards. Jan Schomer

ABRAHAM	VICTORIA	Sophia	Standard Poodle	AKC RA, AKC RE
BONNER	BARB	Krafty	Wire Fox Terrier	AKC CDX , UKC CDX
BYERLY	TERRI	Abby	Labrador Retriever	AKC CD,RA,RE
CASTELLANO	HELEN	Jazz	Australian Shepherd	AKC NA,NAJ,OA,OAJ
DAVIS	SANDY	Holly	Brittany	AKC RAE
DAVIS	SANDY	Rudy	Bichon Frise	AKC CGC
FLEURY	CATHY	Spirit	Rottweiler	AKC UDX
FLEURY	CATHY	Becka	Rottweiler	AKC UD MX MXJ
FLEURY	CATHY	Seeker	Rottweiler	AKC RN, CKC CD
FLEURY CATHY & TOMKO,BONNIE		Axel	Rottweiler	AKC NAP NJP
HAMBURGER	INGRID	Pally	Giant Schnauzer	AKC MJP, VST
HILDEBRAND	KENT	Countess	Labrador Retriever	AKC TD, TDX
HILDEBRAND	KENT	Izzy	Labrador Retriever	AKC TDX RA CD CDX CKC RA CD CDX
HILDEBRAND	KENT	Max	Labrador Retriever	AKC RA RE
HUBER	MARIETTA	Pilot	Labrador Retriever	AKC MACH, CDX, UKC SHR
KELLUMS	SHELLY	Rev	Belgion Tervurn	AKCOA,NAJ
LAZZARA	LORETTA	Satin	Shetland Sheepdog	
MAZAT	JOAN	Breezy	Rottweiler	AKC CD, RA
NYBERG	VERA	Trick	Papillon	AKC CD
NYBERG	VERA	Bitsy	Cocker Spaniel	AKC OAJ, OJP
PEDERSON	NANCY	Shani	Golden Retriever	AKC RAE,
PEDERSON	NANCY	Chase	Golden Retriever	AKC CD,RA,RE
RUNKLE	BARBARA	Jack	German Shepherd	CGC,TDI
SCHOMER	JAN	Trooper	Golden Retriever	AKC CD
SCHULTZ	SYLVIA	Toby	Rough Collie	AKC UD
SCHULTZ	SYLVIA	Ryan	Rough Collie	AKC TD
SHORT	WILLIAM	Jack Sparrow	Flat Coat Retriever	AKC CH,CDX,NA,NAJ AXJ,
SHORT	WILLIAM	Running Shadow	Flat Coat Retriever	AJP
STEPHENSON	SANDI	Bumper	American Staffordshire Terrier	AKC RE
WEBER	KAY	Rider	Labrador Retriever	RL3X,RL1X2,RL2X3,ARCHX
WEBER	KAY	Baker	Labrador Retriever	ARCH,RL1X,ARCHX,RL2X
WEBER	KAY	Luci	Labrador Retriever	ARCH,RL1X, RL2X
WEBER	KAY	Sailor	Labrador Retriever	RLP
WEBER	KAY	Nexus	Labrador Retriever	RLP
WILLE	TAFFY	Payton	English Springer Spaniel	AKC CD,RE
ZECCA	PAULETTE	Cody	Pomeranian	AKC RAE
ZECCA	PAULETTE	Tyler	Pomeranian	AKC CDX , RN



Left: Vera Nyberg & Bitsy



Right: Taffy Wille & Payton



### Letter From the Editor

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing this letter to all of you. For the past several years I have been the Editor of Waggin' Tales and have truly enjoyed the opportunity. It has certainly been a wonderful learning experience.

Recently, however, I have come to the realization that I need to take some time off as Editor and devote more time to other commitments and to recharge my batteries.

Therefore, it is time for me to resign from the position of Editor. I will still be around doing other things for the club and look forward to helping out when I can, as needed.

Thank you for all the support you have shown me. It is truly appreciated.

Francene Andresen

### MORE SCENES FROM THE 2008 "SMILES" DINNER AND AWARDS



**Membership Meeting Highlights**  
**May 6, 2009**

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The March Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the first quarter financial reports. There was no discussion about the reports.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was unable to attend but sent the following report. Joan reported that all current primary instructors and assistant instructors will return for the next session of classes. Joan stated that we continue to need more volunteers to be assistants. Lack of assistant teachers is an ongoing issue. Assistants are essential to running successful classes, and receive on-the-job training, so no member should feel unqualified to volunteer

Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported (after she was officially elected following the special election) that things are moving along and going well. She has a signed contract for the fairgrounds and provided the fairgrounds a copy of our insurance policy, as required for the lease. Nancy stated that our judges panel has been approved by AKC. She also stated that according to the AKC, the Rally Trial will be approved once the Obedience Trial is approved. The Obedience Trial will be approved once the officer signed Disaster Plan have been received and reviewed. The final approval should correct the trials' incorrect event information on the AKC's Website.

Nancy also reported that she has received the software purchased by the club to assist in running the trial.

Terri reiterated how excited she is to have Nancy as the Obedience Trial Chair.

Carolyn Pearson (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that the following club members have volunteered to be committee chairs for the Obedience Trial. Anyone interested in serving on any of those committees, should contact the chairs using the contact information provided here. Denise Schiele (Trophy Chair) is seeking volunteers to join her on the trophy committee.

Catalog Advertising	Cheryl Hettinger	(630) 557-9310	basenjipatch@att.net
Equipment	Ed Herdes	(630) 232-9191	edherdes@aol.com
Grounds	Bill Clarke	(630) 377-3512	britneydoglovr@sbcglobal.net
Hospitality	Carolyn Pearson	(630) 231-5658	divegold@core.com
Publicity	Kent Hildebrand	(847) 464-5074	kentdh@sbcglobal.net
Raffle	Francene Andresen	(630) 365-0905	rescents@yahoo.com
	Barb Misch	(630) 761-0823	itsallaboutthedog@hotmail.com
Ring Stewards	Cathy Fleury	(847) 812-1505	cathyschance@cs.com
Scoring	Taffy Wille	(630) 365-0423	taffywille@mchsi.com
Tear Down	Ed Herdes	(630) 232-9191	edherdes@aol.com
Trophy Chair	Denise Schiele	(630) 971-0861	2goalies@comcast.net

However, two chair positions remain to be filled. ANYONE who is interested in chairing these committees should contact Carolyn Pearson at training, or via e-mail at [secretary@fvdtc.org](mailto:secretary@fvdtc.org), or the really old fashioned way of calling her at (630) 231-5658.

*Kitchen* – Mary Szczurek and Loretta Lazzara have both said that they would be more than willing to help the new committee chair as consultants.

*Booths* – Chris and Dana Weller have also said that they would be more than willing to help the new committee chair.

Denise Schiele (Trophy Chair) is seeking volunteers to join her on the trophy committee.

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Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 15 new applicants, who were published in recent Waggin' Tales. None were present at the meeting. Francene Andresen made a motion to approve the list as read. Ingrid Hamburger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining. WELCOME to our newest club members!

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Co-Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report via e-mail for the March 28th and 29th 2009 Agility Trials. She reported that she was uncertain about the amount of the deposit paid for the equipment rental. Therefore, she used the amount of \$250.00 which had been paid in previous years.

### **INCOME**

Entries	25,070.00
Refunds	-314.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>24,756.00</i>

### **EXPENSES**

Sportsplex rental	7,475.00
Sportsplex food vendor	834.71
Judges fees and expenses	2,440.67
Ribbons and MACH bars	543.56
Toys/Treats for exhibitors	355.87
Equipment Rental	863.00
Trial Secretary fees and expense	2,891.42
Hospitality	257.96
Miscellaneous	100.00
<u>AKC fees</u>	<u>3,963.00</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>19,725.19</i>

**Total Net Income 5030.81**

Shelly Kellums (Head Worker Captain, Agility Trial) sent the following report regarding the workers. She reported that approximately 105 workers are needed each day to operate the trial. Of the 103 workers for the March 2009 trials, 14 were FVDTC members, four of whom were children. Additionally, Cathy Fleury's two nieces and a 4-H participant were workers at the trial. All of the children worked both days from 7:30 a.m. until the end of the trial. The following FVDTC members worked tirelessly to run this trial smoothly beyond belief. Shelly apologized ahead of time if anyone was inadvertently omitted.

Anthony Byerly	Helen Castellano	Cathy Fleury
Kent Hildebrand	Marietta Huber	Alyssa Kellums
Devon Kellums	Colleen Kent	Denise Schiele
Will Short	Carol Swenson	Taffy Wille

This trial ran incredibly smooth thanks to everyone who helped make it a success! Thanks again!

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) extended thanks to the club members, and guests, who attended the dinner and signed the thank-you cards and allowed her to take the pictures to send with the thank you cards which were sent to the individuals providing the raffle prizes.

Rick Cox, who is the best Master of Ceremony.

Barb and Rich Runkle, whose last minute help was really appreciated.

Francene Andresen, who took all the photographs of the event.

Ingrid and Herman Hamburger, who helped and especially for moral support.

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Cheryl stated that a photo album with pictures and a CD will be available at the front table on training nights.

Cheryl invited club members to consider joining the committee for the next year's event. The committee will begin with a brief meeting in the next couple of weeks. Cheryl also asked whether any club member had a copy of 2007 Publisher that she could use.

Colleen Kent (CGC & TDI Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, but sent the following report via e-mail. The final CGC/TDI test for 2009 will be on Thursday, May 14th. The March test was full, as is the May 14th test. Colleen stated that she feels that these tests would fill every month if offered! She reported that the TDI test is about twice as popular as the CGC. The club is doing the community a good service offering this popular test. Colleen extended thanks to Tom Stephenson, Rick Cox and Terri Byerly who were the evaluators for 2009.

Colleen also reported that this would be her last year as the CGC/TDI chairperson. Colleen stated that she learned a lot and thanked the club for the opportunity to serve on its' behalf. Volunteers who are interested in learning more about the position should contact Colleen. Additionally Carolyn suggested that since the next test was next week, interested individuals would benefit from contacting Colleen and assisting her during the test.

Terri asked the club members to consider hosting more than just the three tests each year. However she also stated that TDI evaluators are required to pass all dogs who perform the exercises. She expressed concern that if we offered more frequent testing, although we would earn more money, we might dilute the level of quality of dogs passing. Peggy Sue Seehafer agreed with Terri's assessment due to a personal experience at a recent test.

In response to Barb Misch's question about offering some type of prep class or a practice test for the CGC test, Terri stated that per AKC rules, clubs cannot require potential testers to prove that they are qualified to pass the test. Cheryl Hettinger stated that when guest trainers ask at the front table, she recommends that the quest trainers ask their instructors to practice some of the test items during the advanced level classes they are attending. Carolyn Pearson stated that she has done exactly that when any students in the 8:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner's class request the opportunities.

Dana Weller suggested that since we currently only offer the tests in the first half of the year, we consider offering another test. Carolyn stated that initially the test was conducted during AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Week in September. Then it was moved to the months of the correction clinics which were typically not as full as other months. During the discussion it was suggested that we host another test in August to determine whether it would be as well attended as the ones currently scheduled. Carolyn stated that she would check with Colleen to see if she would be able to offer it in August.

Shelly Kellums (Demonstrations) was not in attendance, but sent the following report via e-mail: She participated in a TDI demonstration at Wredling Middle School with two of our TDI dogs. She stated that it was a last minute request for TDI dogs, not a request through FVDTC. However, the program was on Health and Safety and went incredibly well. There were groups of up to 40 children at a time. The children were incredibly respectful, followed directions well, were awesome listeners, asked many questions and were interested in training and the services that TDI dogs provide. Shelly also reported that if this type of program is requested again next year, she will contact other FVDTC members with TDI dogs to attend. She requested that anyone interested in participating in this event next year, to contact her at (847) 608-8549 so she has a list prepared in advance.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reminded the instructors who would like her to generate graduation certificates for their class, to provide her with the names of the students and the dog, no later than Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson) sent the following report via e-mail on behalf of the Match Committee. The April Correction Clinic "survived" in spite of the fact that most of the committee members could not attend. When the reliable Marian Lazzara and Loretta Lazzara had to withdraw from their judging

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assignments, Joan Mazat and Sandi Stephenson had planned on stepping in for them. However, when Tom was struck with his illness followed by emergency surgery, Sandi was unable to work at the match. Poor Barb Misch, who volunteered to help in Ingrid's absence, and Joan, who helped in so many ways, had to handle a very short-handed situation. Sandi apologized and expressed her heartfelt thanks to these hardworking members. Sandi also thanked Kay Weber, who at the last minute judged Novice. Kay had been scheduled to steward, and her willingness to "change hats" at the last minute was appreciated.

This club has the BEST members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that stewards are needed for our next match on May 14th!!!!

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, May 10th. She asked that information for publication to be sent to her as soon as possible. She also reminded club members that information for Waggin' Tales can be sent to her at any time prior to the deadline.

### **Monthly Dollar Bucket**

...and the winner of \$5.50 is Francene Andresen, as drawn by club member, Nancy Einwich. In addition to the other \$5.50 going to the Tracking Test committee, Francene donated her portion.

### **Old Business**

#### **Tracking Committee Fundraiser Status**

Cheryl Hettinger stated that due to the amount of time necessary to coordinate the dinner, she was not as diligent as normal with this effort. However, she did state that she return to promoting the event more now that the dinner is over.

#### **Special Election for Obedience Trial Chair**

Terri announced that as published in the April 2009 Waggin' Tales that tonight's would include a special election for Nancy Einwich as the Obedience Trail Chair for the 2009 trial. There was no discussion and Nancy's was elected unanimously. THANK YOU AGAIN Nancy and Welcome to the Board!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **New Business**

#### **Front Table Reminder**

Cheryl Hettinger reminded everyone that anyone wishing to display items of interest to send her an e-mail or to call her to inform her. She stated that in the past, she has been asked questions by individuals reviewing the items but was unable to provide assistance. She said that due to the chaotic atmosphere of the front table, she cannot always read the items when they are put on the table and it makes her feel bad that she cannot provide assistance. She also stated that she is looking into purchasing more plastic holders to allow easy display. She is looking into containers that possibly can be collapsed to allow easy storage in our equipment cabinet. She said that, worse case scenario, she would take the containers home to keep them "safe".

#### **Bill Clarke's Surgery Update**

Ed Herdes reported that during Bill Clarke's pre-operative testing for his scheduled knee replacement surgery, the doctors discovered a suspicious spot on his lung. Bill was released from the hospital on Saturday, May 2, following the lung surgery, which replaced the knee surgery. Ed stated that Bill had an appointment scheduled for Friday, May 8 with an oncologist.

#### **American Temperament Test Society (ATTS) Temperament Test**

Terri Byerly reported that the Northeastern Illinois Bouvier Des Flandres Club is hosting an American Temperament Test Society (ATTS) Temperament Test at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. She invited any one interested to contact her regarding details. She stated that AKC recognizes this test by allowing the ATTS certification to be used as part of the dogs registered name, similar to the performance titles, such as CD, CDX, etc.

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### Handicapped Parking Space Reminder

Terri Byerly stated that she has noticed in the recent weeks that some individuals have been parking in the spots allocated as handicapped parking, both on the west and north sides of the building, with either expired or no handicap tags or licenses. Terri expressed her disappointment that not only were the handicapped parking signs ignored, but the sign on the west side was deliberately turned to face away from the driveway, despite starting the evening facing drivers. She said that she observed this over several weeks and on more than one occasion.

Although the signs are movable, where ever they are present, they should be respected by the individuals who are lucky enough not to need them. She reminded everyone that FVDTC does have multiple wheelchair bound students and members who are left with no alternative but to park illegally in the fire lane.

### Grounds Clean-Up Reminder

Terri Byerly asked that instructors remind their students to please pick-up after their dogs and themselves.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



### EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR INFORMATION

**Ian Dunbar will be giving a 3 day seminar in July (10, 11, 12) in Lisle, IL. Here is the link with all of the information. Thanks**

[www.jamesandkenneth.com/store/show/ECH-001](http://www.jamesandkenneth.com/store/show/ECH-001)



### BRAGS AND WAGS

Just had to brag about Tahoe. He was in his first VST test in East Lansing, MI, today and passed. It surprised me since he hasn't been tracking well since we returned from Arizona this year. The track was 742 yards with a lot more concrete, asphalt, & blacktop than I was expecting. There was even a train running along one leg of the track which didn't seem to bother Tahoe until the vortex at the end pushed the scent all over the place. It took a while but he figured it out and got back on track and found the last two articles. We did stop for his favorite ice cream on the way home.

Suzan and the Retrievers

Tahoe - Chocolate Lab - (SHR UCD UAGII CT Black Forest Trouble'N Tahoe JH UD MX MXJ XF NAC NGC TN-N)

Loki - Chocolate Lab - (Black Forest Loki In Valhalla)

**Suzan, FVDTC congratulates you on your wonderful achievement. I know that some of us are jealous!**

**Editor's Note:** For those that don't know Suzan Scott. She has been a long time member of FVDTC. She and her husband plus dogs have moved to a remote area of Michigan. She was a very active member in our club and did a lot of work for the club. We still miss her being around the area and I miss being able to track with her.

**Friends,**

**There has been a disturbing trend regarding the handicapped signs on the west side of the training building. The signs are being turned to face away from the building and vehicles without handicap stickers or tags are parking in those spots.**

**We've monitored the moving of the signs to see if it is coincidence or accident and unfortunately it's been no accident.**

**Please be mindful that we have multiple wheelchair bound members and students who need those spots.**

**Also if you do have handicap tags on your car, please be sure they are not expired!**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

## **WANTED**

**We need help at all the Correction Matches. Please check the bulletin board and sign up to help steward or judge at the Correction Matches. If you have any questions please contact Ingrid Hamburger through the FVDTC website.**

## **IS THERE SOME LUCK COMING YOUR WAY?**

**Do you have a large dog? Are you tired of bending over the tub to scrub your little guy? Can you only wash your dog outside with the hose? If any of these fit, we have the solution...Booster Bath! The FVDTC Tracking Test Committee is raffling a NEW, never used Booster Bath. All proceeds are going to help support the Tracking Test.**

**As you may or may not know, our Tracking Test is one of the few trials held here in Illinois. It is a very labor intensive trial to produce. Only 8 tracks are laid, and only one handler/dog team can run each track. Judges are hard to come by sometimes creating further expense.**

**The opportunity to win this Booster Bath (valued at \$180) for just \$5.00 a ticket is open to everyone! Tickets will be sold at FVDTC training nights, correction clinics, and other FVDTC events through September 6, 2009. On September 6, 2009 three names will be drawn; winner, 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up. The winner and runners up will be notified via phone call and do not need to be present to win. The prize winner will have until October 15, 2009 to collect their prize. The Booster Bath is available to view any training night if you make arrangements with Cheryl Hettinger, 630-557-9310 or [dinner@FVDTC.org](mailto:dinner@FVDTC.org). Information and pictures will also be available for viewing, and you can also check out [www.boosterbath.com](http://www.boosterbath.com) for the bath description.**

**If you would like to participate in our drawing stop by the front table for a ticket or two. You can purchase as many tickets as you like in hopes of winning this great prize! Please support your Tracking Test...and a cleaner dog, too!**

**PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

**REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00**

**REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00**

**LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00\*\***

**LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: FREE**

INSTRUCTORS: Earn 1/4 Credit Towards Dues Per Quarter Or Class Taught (Max 4)  
Your Teaching Status Must Be Confirmed By The Director Of Training

\*\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's banquet, be sure that you select a Training membership.\*\*

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ \*

***\*In accordance with our By-laws,  
a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged  
for dues not received by 7-10-09***

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below.

Make checks payable to:

**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

(630) 584-1002	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Sue MacPherson 4N791 Chaffield Dr St. Charles, IL 60175	membership@fvdtc.org
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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2009**

**DUES FOR THE 2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2009.**

Your name will be omitted from the 2008-2009 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-10-09

**Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.**

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You must include your e-mail address if you select the "Via e-mail" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Mailed to my house \_\_\_\_\_ Via e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Do not want to get at all \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

FVDTC continues to believe that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

**I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## A LOVING FAREWELL TO A SPECIAL COMPANION

SONNENSCHNEIN DAZZLIN' KRISTA  
AM/CAN CD, TD, RE, TDI, CGC

AUGUST 16, 1999 – APRIL 25, 2009



(Photo: Courtesy of Peggy Sue Seehafer)

Krista was first described as a “pistol” by her breeder. It was a perfect description for the little bundle we brought home from Texas. “Don’t Mess With Texas” was the motto that she lived by throughout her life. She never let our big boy, Xan, or anyone else push her around. She had attitude with class.

Krista’s show career actually began in 2005 when I decided, in May, to start Krista in obedience with the idea of going to the Giant Schnauzer National Specialty dog show in Colorado.

Her first 2 shows were in Wisconsin on a weekend in August just 2 weeks before the Specialty. She gained her first 2 legs, with placements, toward her CD title.

Two weeks later, at the National Specialty she showed me that she had the potential for a very rewarding obedience career. She acquired her CD title and the High In Trial Award at the 2005 Giant Schnauzer National Specialty and High Scoring Giant Schnauzer at the 2005 Western Giant Schnauzer Specialty shows.

Krista and I then went to Canada where she acquired her Canadian CD title qualifying with placements at 4 shows in 2 days and was awarded High Scoring Schnauzer for her achievements.

Krista’s year finished with her being honored by FVDTC; the “Number One Working Giant Schnauzer” in Canada; and among the Top 10 working dogs in the Giant Schnauzer Club of America.

The year of 2006 brought Krista her Tracking Dog Title, 2 legs toward her Canadian CDX title, 1 leg toward her AKC CDX title and several Rally Titles. Unfortunately, Krista was plagued by a chronic shoulder problem she had acquired as a pup playing with Xan. It ended her show career.

Krista remained a “pistol” throughout her life. She could be demanding especially when she was bored and wanted to work. She was one of those true working dogs. She always needed a job to do or she was not happy. Thus, the saying, “When one door closes another one opens.” certainly was true in Krista’s case. When her showing career ended, she became a Therapy Dog. She entertained the elderly in nursing homes, worked at Delnor Hospital and participated in community events.

Krista’s favorite time was spent sharing a popsicle with Jeff every night at bedtime. It was a ritual for them. She had Jeff wrapped around her paw and took advantage of her status with him.

From the time she was a young dog, Krista had the ability to detect medical problems within the family. She proved this on numerous occasions.

Krista was multi talented, extremely smart, spirited, loyal, a fierce protector, clever, warm and loving.

Krista, we love you, miss you, and will always have a special place in our hearts for you. You will always be our “pistol”.

**Krista & Francene**

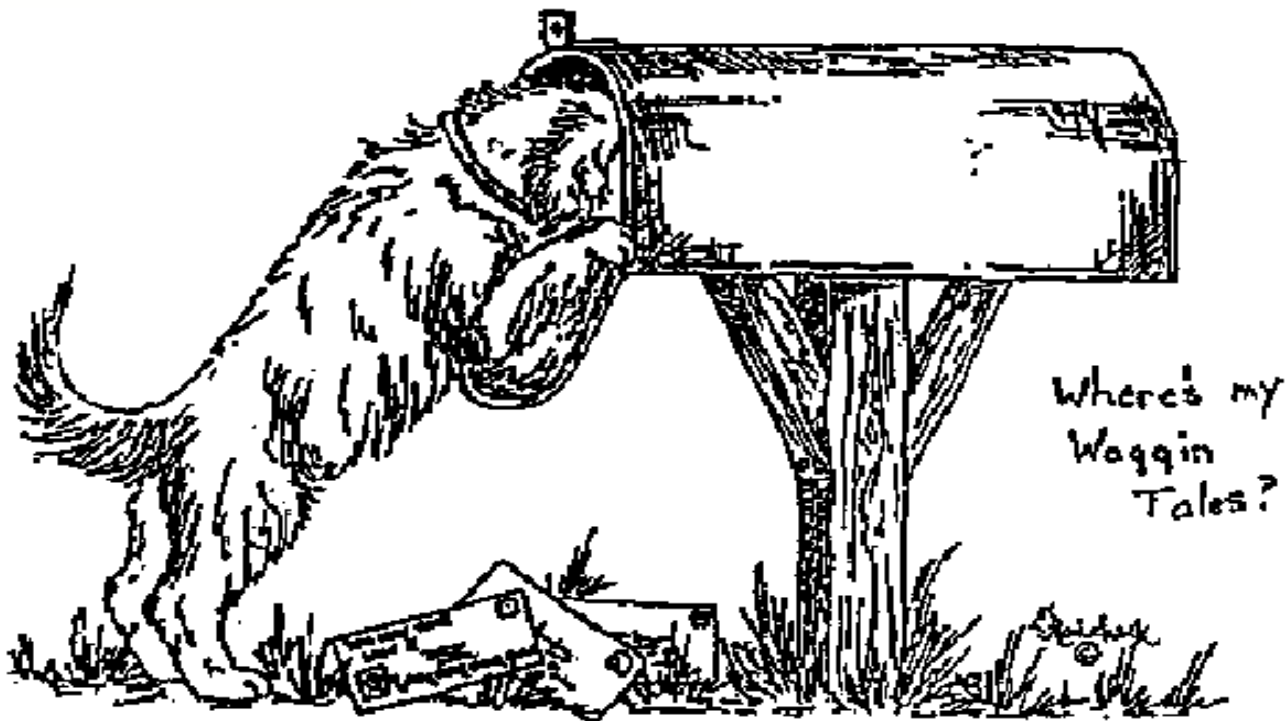
Left: GSCA National Specialty 2005  
AKC CD Title and  
High In Trial

Right: CKC CD Title  
and  
High Scoring  
Schnauzer In Trials

Below: Krista is  
Tracking



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| JUNE |           |                                                                |
|------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4    | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Start Session 3-Puppy<br>(7:00) & Beginner |
| 5    | Friday    | Board Meeting                                                  |
| 7    | Sunday    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                         |
| 11   | Thursday  | Regular Training                                               |
| 18   | Thursday  | AKC SANCTIONED<br>MATCH                                        |
| 24   | Wednesday | 4-H Classes End                                                |
| 25   | Thursday  | Regular Training                                               |

| JULY |          |                                            |
|------|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2    | Thursday | Regular Training<br>End Puppy (8:00)       |
| 3    | Friday   | Board Meeting                              |
| 5    | Sunday   | Waggin' Tales Deadline                     |
| 7    | Tuesday  | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy (8:00)     |
| 16   | Thursday | NO Training/NO Classes<br>KANE COUNTY FAIR |
| 23   | Thursday | Regular Training                           |
| 30   | Thursday | Regular Training                           |