



# Waggin' Tales

## Note from the President:

*Greetings Fellow Club Members!*

"Oh what a difference in my dog, I never thought I'd be able to show him!" As I walked out of training last night this is what one stranger told me. We, FVDTC, made this happen and I was so proud of our club. We don't always hear the difference we make in someone's life and I wanted you to share in that pride. We are doing good work!

Thinking about the man's comments made me reflect on my last year of training at FVDTC. Parker and I have ventured through Vera's Puppy class, David's Beginner class, Loretta's Beginner 2 and Rally/Obedience foundations, Will/Joyce/Barb's Rally class, the many of instructors of Conformation and last but not least Nancy's Ring Ready. Between Ellie and Parker I can safely say I've checked out almost all classes at one time or another. Always, without fail, the class is greeted with a welcoming smile and a willingness to help. Our teachers and assistants have an agenda, are professional and are knowledgeable. And they are all volunteers! Many are retired teachers so they understand how to run a class and it shows. These people are the backbone of the Club. What are we without dedicated teachers each Thursday night? So a huge thanks to our instructors and assistants from me and that man in the hallway.

Wednesday night was our annual election and many brave souls came out in the cold to cast their votes. Thank you for your vote of confidence as I will remain your President for 2014. As we close 2013 a huge thank you to the outgoing Board. Our Board meetings were a pleasure to attend as people were open and willing to work together for the betterment of the club. Not all Boards can say that and it is one of the biggest reasons I was willing to run again. If each meeting was a battle and minds were closed I would not have stayed on. So my thanks for a great year and I look forward to working with you in 2014!

We have a big change coming for our fall Obedience trial as it now TWO days long. Carolyn Pearson, our master negotiator, worked with the Car-Dun-AI club to figure out a schedule and then she and Will Short confirmed dates with AKC. Ever since CDA moved to Huntley we have talked about possible changes. Neither club was happy with the entries because people tended to go to one location or the other. Now they can settle in for the weekend and hopefully boost entries for both clubs. Thanks go out to Carolyn and Will. Happy day!

We are working on ways to add more content to our newsletter. If you find a great training article, have news or pictures to share please send them along to our editor David Thornell ([davemt24@aim.com](mailto:davemt24@aim.com)), we welcome your ideas.

Donna Bihner - President FVDTC

## It's 4H Time....



Its time to start thinking about classes for our 4H junior handlers again!

We need primary instructors and assistants for several classes which is held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM, on regular training nights.

I'd like to add a Rally class for the kids. It will not be a State eligible class at their show but it would be a great way to get kids interested in further obedience work!

Please email me at [terribyerly@aol.com](mailto:terribyerly@aol.com) and me know if you can help out with this year's classes.

# **Help Wanted!**

**\*No Experience Required,  
(well, in most cases)\***

*Earn your Work Credits...Socialize...Get involved....Learn...Support your Club!*

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
2/20/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	<b>Stewards:</b> on-line sign up (below) or contact Ingrid Hamburger. <b>Judges</b> (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
3/16/14	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	<b>Earn an easy work credit!</b> (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues)	1
3/27/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	<b>Stewards:</b> On-line signup (below) or contact Ingrid Hamburger <b>Judges</b> (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1

If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)

Clinic Steward signup: [http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics\\_2014](http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014)

## A Therapy Dog International (TDI) Tale By Dawn Root



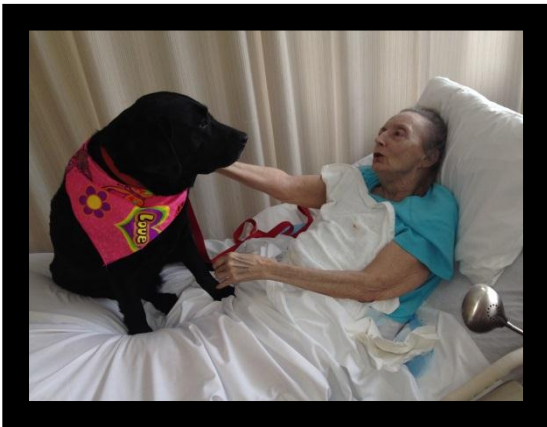
At my retirement party last May (having taught for 30 years) Nancy Pederson, a fellow Kaneland teacher and friend, broached the subject of having my Black Labrador Retriever become a therapy dog. Nancy has had many wonderful experiences with her Goldens in this capacity and thought it would be a good fit for me.

I enrolled in the beginner class at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club and felt extremely good about the instruction that my dog Stone received there. Terri Byerly was phenomenal in her intuitive reaction to every dog's individual needs and to their trainers.

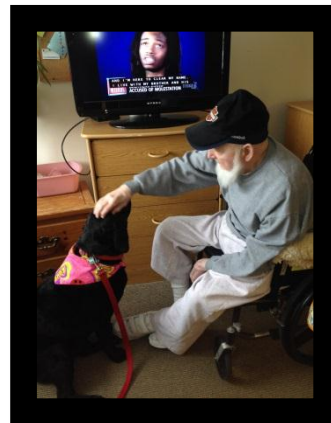
Jan Winters held a preliminary mini-class for those interested in acquiring the Therapy Dog International (TDI) certification. It was extremely informative as to what the test would require for the dogs and their handlers.

When Stone and I took the TDI test at the Kane County Fairgrounds, I felt confident that I knew what was expected of my dog and me. We passed, and I was excited about the possibilities that that would ensue.

After applying for and being accepted for a TDI endorsement, I believe that Stone and I have made a positive impact at the Batavia Rehabilitation Center, The Holmstad (a nondenominational retirement center) and currently we are in the process of interacting with profound special needs adults at Marklund, a residential home in Batavia. Studies have shown that severe special needs adults and children positively react to having a dog sit on their lap or being with them to bring them out of their inner consciousness and into the present.

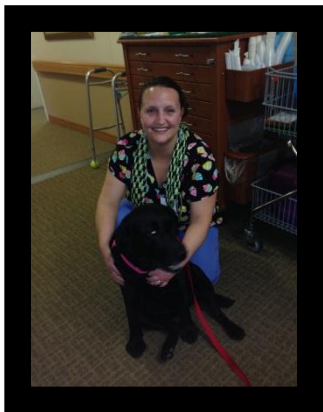


My dog Stone has made a REAL difference in many people's lives. An RN at one facility told me that a resident smiled for the first time in 4 months after Stone got up on his bed to visit. That one experience blew the gentleman's IET goals out of the water! Patients have refused to be taken out of their rooms for other activities because they are "seeing their dog Stone." Many residents anticipate our visit and reach out to us when we arrive. One resident who cannot walk simply stroking ears for a very long time. Several nurses told me response to children. need of a relaxation to the Therapy through the Fox Valley Dog experience



that many Alzheimer's patients, who show little or no outside stimulus, react and connect with dogs and It also seems that those who care for others are in 'doggy break.' Visiting Therapy Dogs also bring joy and the staff at these facilities.

Being able to participate in Dog International Program training that I received from Training Club has led to an that has enhanced not only my life but countless others. Hopefully others may experience the satisfaction that I have had. I believe Stone and I have had a positive impact on the lives of many people through the TDI program.



**2014 Calendar Is Available on our WebSite!!!**



**Sandra Ladwig's**  
**"Straight Talkin' Training" Presents**

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A THREE Day Philosophy & Problem Solving Workshop

**April 4, 5 & 6, 2014**

And a TWO Day Problem Solving Workshop **August 2 & 3, 2014**

Both Held at Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club Ixonia, WI

**What the Workshops Will Cover**

**Three Day Workshop**/All phases of competitive obedience training (puppy thru utility) while learning the trainer's philosophy behind the method. Learn how to use treats effectively and not have the dog depend on them to perform. Find out the importance of keeping the dog and handler connected while working, along with maintaining an "up" and happy attitude for both. There will be a lot of problem solving with individual attention given to handlers and their dogs.

**Cost for the Three Day Workshop \$350 per person/2nd family member \$150.**

**A \$50 non-refundable deposit due by 2-24-14 and balance due by 3-24-14.**

**The Two Day Workshop** is strictly problem solving. The handlers decide what they would like to work on with their dogs. Everyone is worked on an individual basis. All levels of training are covered.

**Cost for the Two Day Workshop \$230 per person. 2nd family member \$75**

**A \$50 non-refundable deposit due by 6-2-14 and balance due by 7-1-14.**

**NEW THIS YEAR. AUDITING SPOTS APRIL CAMP/ \$75 PER DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
AUGUST CAMP/ \$50 PER DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**About the Trainer**

Sandy's career in competitive obedience, has earned her **240 HIT's** , **182 HC's** , **4 perfect scores** and **eight Obedience Trial Champions**. Her students have earned **50 OTCH's**, **Multiple perfect scores**, **numerous HIT's and HC's**. Author of the video series **"Straight Talkin' Training"**, Sandy will show you how to work for a happy attitude, tailoring the method to fit the individual dog or to solve problems. **Sandy also has an on line "Training Ring" that includes a weekly Training Lesson and Monthly Training Video.**

**More info at: [www.straighttalkintraining.com](http://www.straighttalkintraining.com)**

**Enrollment Form**

April Workshop: Work\_\_\_\_\_ Audit\_\_\_\_\_ August Workshop: Work\_\_\_\_\_ Audit\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Please return the enrollment portion by February 24, 2014 along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to:  
Sandra Ladwig, N4480 Hwy W, Juneau, WI 53039 Phone 920-386-9339 Email- [mlsrnch@wildblue.net](mailto:mlsrnch@wildblue.net)  
Directions, Motel, & Workshop Info will be sent upon receipt of deposit



Fox Valley Dog Training Club

## Annual Dinner

The festivities will be held at the Geneva Historical Society  
113 South Third Street  
Geneva, IL

**Saturday, April 12th 2014**

**The party will begin at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:00**

**RSVP no later than March 29th**

Drop your form off at the front table on training nights or send the completed form along with your money to:

**Candy Ellis**  
27W359 Beecher Ave  
Winfield, IL 60190

Questions? Contact Donna at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) or 630-802-2743

YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

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## ***F.V.D.T.C. 2014 Officers and Committee Chairs***

### **Board Members**

President	Donna Bihner
First Vice-President	Ed Herdes
Second Vice-President	Wendy Waddick
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Dana Weller
Director of Training	Will Short
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Obedience Trial Chair	Cindy Pakenas
Tracking Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Public Education Coordinator	Barb Runkle
Director at Large	Dave Lewis

### **Committee Chairs**

Assistant Director of Training	Loretta Lazzara / Sandi Stephenson
Annual Dinner Chair	SEEKING A VOLUNTEER
Awards	Carol Nightingale / Nancy Einwich
CGC Coordinator	Francene Andresen
Graduation Chair	Holly Cass
Historian	Sally Boeke
Match Chair (Coordinator)	Pat Senne
Match Chair (Entries)	Marian Lazzara
Match Chair (Judges)	Sandi Stephenson
Match Chair (Stewards)	Ingrid Hamburger
Obedience Trial Secretary	Robert Olson
Publicity	Sue MacPherson
Scholarship	Barb Misch
Statistician	Sue MacPherson
Sunshine	Penny Brcich
Therapy Dog Testing	Jan Winters
Waggin' Tales Editor	David Thornell

### **Other Important People**

Class Registrar	Nancy Pederson
WoofMaster	Dave Lewis



FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB will be hosting

# WELLNESS CLINICS

at the Kane County Fairgrounds

on...

THURSDAY February 27, 2014 Services provided by <i>Sutton Road Animal Clinic</i> Contact Sutton Road at (847) 742-8298		and	TUESDAY March 13, 2014 Services provided by <i>Amber Leaf Animal Hospital</i> Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 207-4039	
Bordetella	\$18.00		Bordetella	\$18.00
DHLPP	\$25.00		DHLPPC	\$25.00
DHPP	\$20.00		DHPPC	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50		Fecal Check	\$17.50
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$19.50		Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$19.50
Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00		Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$15.00		Rabies - one year without tag**	\$15.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$25.00		Rabies - three year without tag**	\$25.00
			HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$45.00
			Canine Vaccine Titer	\$86.00
			Lepto	\$18.00
			Corona	\$17.00
*tags available for DuPage, Kane and Cook County			**tags available for DuPage and Kane County	

Flyers for both clinics will be available at Training and on the club's website

## MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS - NANCY PEDERSON

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Nancy Pederson. I have been a member of FVDTC since 1979. That makes me one of the “oldest” active training members in the club. Since I have been around for such a long time, I have been able to finish quite a few titles on my 8 Golden Retrievers. I have 24 Obedience titles, 1 AKC Championship—I must confess, I did use handlers for this title, a UKC Championship, and 13 AKC Rally titles including 3 RAE’s. Chase is now going for his RAE2 because we wanted to be out socializing with our friends at local trials. In addition to that, Chase and I are currently enrolled in an Agility Foundations class. I don’t know if we will ever trial, but we are having FUN trying something new! I guess you can teach an old dog new tricks! That goes for both of us.

My first Golden, Whiskey, and I did not start training classes with showing in mind. I merely wanted her to walk beside me without gagging and pulling on the leash. But soon, the show bug bite me as it does with many of us doggie people and the rest is history. Below you will see some “blasts from the past” of me and a few of my dogs. The two most recent are also represented below.



As a retired elementary teacher, I get my “teaching fix” every training night in the 7pm Novice Ring Ready Class. I like nothing better than to see my students begin showing their dogs and enjoy their success along with them. Many of those students have moved on to Open, Utility, Agility, Hunt Tests, and other venues, but I still enjoy following their careers and keeping in touch.

Over the years, I have taught Beginner, Advanced Beginner, and most recently, the Ring Ready Class. I have been the Club Historian, a member of the following committees--Obedience Trial committee, the new web site committee, on the spring banquet awards dinner committee, one of the administrators on the club Facebook page, and the photographer for the annual Christmas Party Santa Pictures for the past 3 years. I am currently the Class Registrar and have been for 10+ years. So, some of you may have had contact with me when you signed up for our Puppy or Beginner classes. Stop by my class and say “hi” if we haven’t already met.

Happy Heeling!



# New Members

Kevin Borek Bartlett, IL 60103 Vizsla Completed Beginner class	Roger & Deb Conley Geneva, IL 60134 Boxers Completed Puppy class	Robert & Amanda Downs Batavia, IL 60510 German Shepherd Dog Completed Beginner class	Vicki & Dennis Kuntzman Sugar Grove, IL 60554 German Shepherd Completed Beginner class
Nancy Lee Bartlett, IL 60103 Rottweiler Completed Beginner class	Jean Noethlich Geneva, IL 60134 Australian Shepherd Completed Puppy class	Bob & Mary Scarlett St Charles, IL 60174 Beagle Completed Beginner class	Julie Schokora Geneva, IL 60134 Labrador Retriever Completed Beginner class

## Breed Spotlight Golden Retriever



*The Golden Retriever Club of America describes this happy dog as:*

*The Golden Retriever is a very versatile cheerful dog that enjoys participating in many activities and events. Our responsibility is to promote the temperament, appearance, soundness, natural retrieving and hunting abilities of the Golden Retriever. Our members are dedicated to the responsible breeding and ownership of the Golden Retriever. We advance and protect the interests of the breed through events, education, The Golden Retriever Foundation, research and Golden Rescue.*

*From FVDTC club members and longtime Golden owners.*

*Jan Winters: "The first thing you may fall in love with when you see a Golden is that beautiful glistening coat. Then you will see the sweet sincerity in their big brown eyes! Soon you will notice how close they want to be to your body and before you know it you are hooked! They possess a "Golden Heart", which makes them hard to resist!"*

*Nancy Pederson: "Goldens are a very outgoing breed. They not only love their own families, but they love nearly every stranger they have ever met."*

*Susan Keller: "Golden Retriever seeks human companionship. Loves fine dining. Looks forward to long walks by the beach with my human. Heavily into sporting activities. Enjoys communing with wildlife. Translation — A golden retriever's world revolves around its human owner. Will eat anything in five seconds flat. Needs exercise. A great hunting companion."*

*Info from AKC [http://www.akc.org/breeds/golden\\_retriever/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/breeds/golden_retriever/index.cfm)*

*Info from GRCA <http://www.grca.org/>*

*Golden Rescue: Good As Gold <http://asgoodasgold.org/>, Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin <http://www.grrrow.org/>*

*Submitted by Terri Byerly*

# PICture Perfect Party

**Position, Position, Position!**







**I DON'T  
like Santa!**





And the Winner is .....



Are you out and about? Been to a dog show lately? Are you on the Agility trail? If so, let's hear about it. Time to boast and brag a little....or a lot.

If you have shown in any venue – Obedience, Rally, Conformation, Agility, Tracking, Nose Work, etc., we want to hear about it. Even if you did something wonderful at a fun match. It can be AKC, UKC, CKC, ADPT, CPE, ABC, XYZ etc., etc.

Send your information by email with the subject line of: “and the winner is.....” or fill out the form below, available at the information table. All submitted information will be printed in the next issue of Waggin' Tales. This will be a monthly column, so – keep those scores and titles coming. We will start in February, so send in those entries, shake the “cabin fever,” brave the “great outdoors,” and WIN, PLACE and SHOW.

Loretta

[driftwoodsheltys@aol.com](mailto:driftwoodsheltys@aol.com)



(THE FOLLOWING FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION TABLE)



### WIN- PLACE- SHOW

**NAME OF OWNER** \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL NAME OF DOG:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BREED OF DOG:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS ENTERED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE LEG:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACEMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER BRAGGING INFO:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**December 11, 2013**

Meeting brought to order at 8:02 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The July Meeting minutes were approved as published. Carolyn asked Dave to put the link to the AKC Eukanuba Invitational live stream on our website, since club members Ronnie Bizer and Cathy Fleury were invited to, and were participating, in the December 14th and 15th event. Additionally, Francene Andresen was invited, but was unable to attend.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report through December 10, 2013. Additionally, she asked that anyone with outstanding 2013 bills to submit them to her as soon as possible before December 31. In response to a question, she stated that she does not track donations made to the Tracking Test event when the money is given directly to Ingrid Hamburger, Tracking Test Chairperson. Dana stated that she will review the expenses submitted for the Tracking Test to determine whether the money is recorded.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) asked for clarification regarding the timing of a NEW membership application and the work credit requirement. Following some discussion, Sue made the following motion: Effective October 1, 2013, when the application date for a new member application is October 1<sup>st</sup> or after, the applicant is exempt from earning work credits prior to the next renewal time. This exemption applies ONLY to the members first year. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Additionally, Sue asked for clarification regarding the information published in the Waggin' Tales for potential member. It was agreed that unless otherwise requested by the applicant, we will only include the name, city, state, ZIP code and breed.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that there are either signed contracts or pending contracts for judges for all classes for the Obedience Trials for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Pending contracts refer to contracts that we have sent out and are waiting for return with a signature.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

• **Hosting a Two Day Obedience Trial**

Carolyn reported that after much discussion with club members and other clubs, we would be able to host a two-day trial with some modifications to our traditional weekend. The biggest change was the date, previously, our trial was scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. During discussions with the Car-Dun-Al club, they stated that they would prefer to keep the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. During previous discussions with the Glenbard Club, they also stated that they would prefer to maintain their weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With that information, all of the Board members agreed that we should seek approval by AKC for a trial date of November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. It was felt that by hosting a two-day trial, we would be more appealing to vendors, we would eliminate the possibility of the building not being available for set-up until Sunday morning and we would be able to offer additional opportunities to earn work credits to our club members.

It was agreed that Will and Carolyn would begin the process by contacting AKC to determine what steps were necessary. Following tentative approval by AKC, Will would contact the judges contracted for the 2014 trial to determine whether this change would impact their ability to hold to their contract.

• **Budgets**

In response to Donna's question regarding committee budgets, it was stated that determining budgets were attempted in the past.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**Membership Meeting Highlights**  
**January 22, 2014**

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The November Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that no program was scheduled for tonight's meeting due to the annual elections.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) provided and distributed the preliminary financial report for end of 2013. There were no questions regarding the information provided.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that "NEW FOR 2014 – FVDTC will be hosting a 2-day Obedience and Rally Trial!!!!!!!" The dates are November 15 and 16 – so put it on your calendars now. Lots of volunteers are needed, so this is a great way of getting some of your work credits for the year. The following is our fantastic Judging Panel:

Sandy Forneris	Novice
Randy Capsel	Open-A, Utility-A, Graduate Open, Versatility
Rick Cox	Open-B, Pre-Open
Diane Propst	Utility-B, Pre-Utility
Donna Darland	Rally

Additionally, Car-Dun-AI will be hosting a 2-day Obedience and Rally Trial on November 8 and 9. Two additional LOCAL opportunities to get legs towards a title!! Spread the word.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the names of eight new applicants for membership which were published in the November and December Waggin' Tales. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as read. Ingrid Hamburger seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

In response to Carolyn's request for a copy of the roster as an Excel spreadsheet to submit to AKC, it was stated that the new web site formatting enables her to obtain the list with the proper access rites.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the Burnidge Forest Preserve tracking test site has been reserved for the weekend of September 6th and 7th. The judges for the 2014 test are Pam German and Donna Kircher. Ingrid also reported that the applications for the Tracking tests have been submitted to AKC. Ingrid stated that she will begin requesting volunteers for laying tracks on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however it was reported that the premium lists for the Fall trials will be available in the near future.

Donna Bihner (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that the invitations for the "Pawscars" themed annual dinner will be available EVERYWHERE. Cheryl Hettinger reported that, unfortunately, she is getting a lot of negative responses from local vendors when asking for raffle items.

Carol Nightingale & Nancy Einwich (Awards Co-Chairs) were not in attendance. Donna reported that the Awards forms are available on the club's web site as well as at the Information table at training. Donna briefly explained some of the awards and suggested that prior to selecting an award, club members should look at the web site for pictures and other information.

Willie Santiago (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that all candidates passed the CGC test on January 16th. Special thanks to Rick Cox for being the evaluator. Willie stated that all of the dog and handler teams handled themselves exceptionally well. Since April 2013, FVDTC has qualified 25 dogs for their CGC Award/Title.



Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that the electronic method of signing up to steward at the correction clinic was working well, and therefore will continue utilizing it. Donna stated that all correction clinics can accept volunteers at this time. Additionally, Ingrid stated that for those who do not have access to the internet can contact her either at training or on the phone at (630) 365-3248, to sign-up.

Barb Misch (Scholarship) was not in attendance, but reported that the promotion for our Scholarship program continues.

David Thornell (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that January issue of the Waggin' Tales would be coming out soon.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.50 is Ed Herdes as drawn by club member, Lois Banovz. Ed donated his winnings to the Tracking Test fundraising effort.

### Old Business

none

### Voting for 2014 Board of Directors

Donna extended a HUGE thank you to all of club members who served a Board Members and Committee chairs for 2013.

Prior to distributing the ballots, Donna thanked the nominating committee for their hard work obtaining the slate of Board of Directors and chairs for committees. Donna read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2014 Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Cheryl Hettinger and Willie Santiago collected and counted the ballots. Donna announced the following individuals were elected as the Board of Directors for 2014.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
President .....	Donna Bihner
First Vice President.....	Ed Herdes
Second Vice President.....	Wendy Waddick
Secretary.....	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer .....	Dana Weller
Director of Training .....	Will Short
Obedience Trial Chair .....	Cindy Pakenas
Membership Chair.....	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator.....	Barb Runkle
Tracking Test Chair .....	Ingrid Hamburger
Agility Trial Chair .....	Cathy Fleury
Director at Large.....	Dave Lewis

### New Business

#### • Health Clinic Events Scheduled

It was announced that the following dates have been scheduled for health clinics. Flyers are available at the front table.

- Thursday, February 27, services provided by Sutton Rd Animal Clinic.
- Thursday, March 13, services provided by Amberleaf Veterinary Clinic.

#### • 4-H Classes

Terri Byerly announced that the 4-H classes will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and is in need of primary and assistant instructors.

- **Committee Chair Appointments**

Donna announced that with the exception of still needing to appoint an Annual Dinner Chair, the following is a list of committee chairs for 2014.

Annual Dinner Chair .....	<b>SEEKING A VOLUNTEER</b>
Awards.....	Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich
CGC Coordinator.....	Francene Andresen
Graduation Chair .....	Holly Cass
Historian .....	Sally Boeke
Match Chair (Coordinator) .....	Pat Senne
Match Chair (Entries).....	Marian Lazzara
Match Chair (Judges).....	Sandi Stephenson
Match Chair (Stewards).....	Ingrid Hamburger
Publicity .....	Sue MacPherson
Scholarship .....	Barb Misch
Statistician .....	Sue MacPherson
Sunshine .....	Penny Brcich
Therapy Dog Test .....	Jan Winters
Waggin' Tales Editor.....	David Thornell

- **ADOT Ratification**

Will Short, DOT, made a motion to approve Loretta Lazzara and Sandi Stephenson as Co-Assistant Directors of Training for 2014. The motion was seconded by Terri Byerly. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

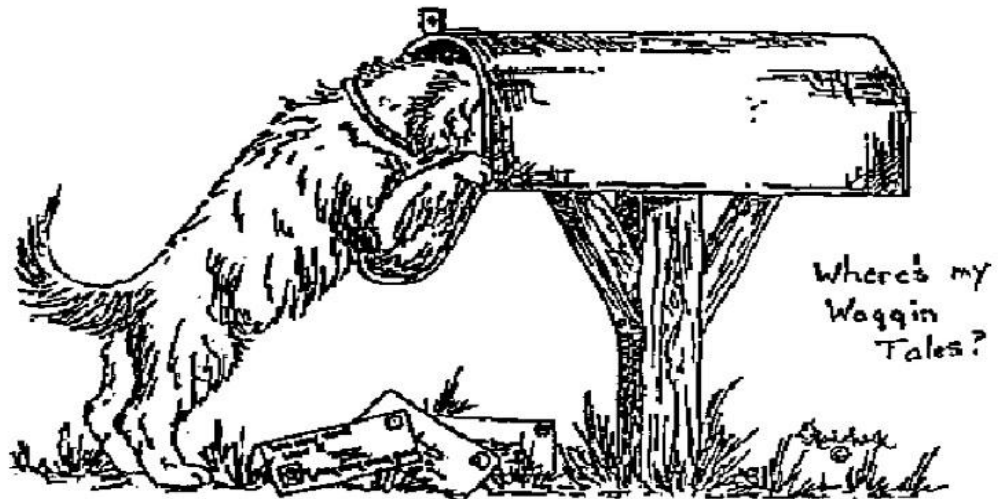
- **Waggin' Tales Content Additions**

Nancy Pederson announced that starting with the next issue of Waggin' Tales the newsletter will feature an article about an instructor. She stated that as the Ring-Ready class instructor, she will be the first in the series. All instructors will be asked to provide an article at some time in the future. In response to Carolyn's question about the type of information within the article, Nancy suggested that the instructors use her article as a starting point for ideas. In addition to the instructors, the Board members would also be asked to provide an article introducing themselves. Additionally, article regarding conformation, agility, obedience and tracking will be included.

Loretta Lazzara stated that other clubs also publishes results of the show results attended by club members. Loretta volunteered to compile the information for the Waggin' Tales, as sent to her by club members.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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## February 2014

6	Thursday	Regular Training End Puppy (8:00 p.m.) Chiropractic Night
13	Thursday	Regular Training Start Puppy (8:00 p.m.)
19	Wednesday	Board Meeting
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic Waggin' Tales Deadline
27	Thursday	Regular Training Health Clinic - Sutton Rd

## March 2014

6	Thursday	Regular Training End Session 1
13	Thursday	Regular Training Start Session 2 Health Clinic - Amber Leaf
18	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training
19	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
20	Thursday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
27	<b>Thursday</b>	Correction Clinic
28	Friday	Spring Agility Trial Set-Up
29	Saturday	Spring Agility Trial
30	Sunday	Spring Agility Trial

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