

FVDTC

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Coming Soon: 2015 Obedience & Rally Trials

Come and make some memories for you and your dog at FVDTC's Nov 14th – 15th Obedience and Rally trials. Record those memories with a photo in the selfie-booth, in the kitchen area! There will also be a raffle in the area of the rings. Things not go as well as you liked Saturday? Stay around for the rent a ring opportunity to train in the ring in which you will compete again on Sunday.

Members, there are still opportunities to earn work credits by stewarding, setting up on Friday (after 5 pm), cleaning up on Sunday, or working in the kitchen. Sue MacPherson is preparing a delicious lunch both days for stewards and judges. There will also be a raffle for 2 gas cards on both Saturday and

Sunday. Vicki Wilder and Jan Winter are working hard on an enticing raffle; donations would be appreciated and may be brought to training nights. Desserts of cookies would also be appreciated, and can be dropped off at the kitchen on Saturday or Sunday morning. Thanks so much to Barb Runkle and Cheryl Hettinger for making badges for our stewards. Stewards, these will not only identify you but serve as your lunch tickets. Stewards may also pick up and deposit tickets for the gas card raffle at the front table.

Send any questions or concerns to Cindy Pakenas at obedience@fvdtc.org. Thanks so much to all who are working to make our trials a success.

Mat Cleaning Thank You

A HUGE thank you to the many members who, armed with their own power washers and squeegees, cleaned the mats used at training each week. This is the second year that it was done on a Monday and the number of club members who volunteered was fantastic. The next time you see one of these individuals please thank them for making our training mats look beautiful for another year!

Ed Herdes, the head honcho for the fun event!

Chris Ball

Rose Ball

Jackie Coleman

Rick Cox

Mike Donavon

Roger Fick

Hermann Hamburger

Cheryl Hettinger

Kent Hildebrand

Rob Read

Paul Rogers

Tom Stephenson

Thanks to you all!

New Date



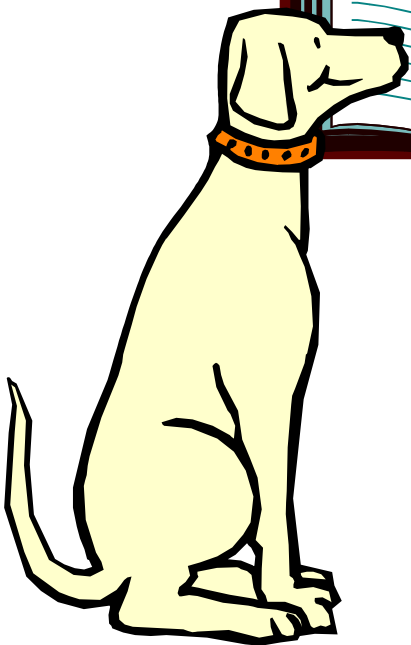
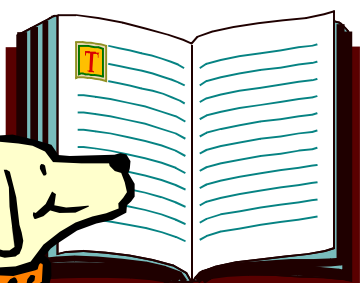
COME TO THE NOVEMBER **4th**
MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 7:00 PM

KANE COUNTY EXTENSION BUILDING
535 RANDALL ROAD,

Fox Valley Dog Training Club's
own resident obedience Judge

Loretta Lazzara

will talk about the American Kennel Club's
new obedience rules
that will take effect on December 1, 2015



Come learn about the new AKC obedience rules and how they will effect you & your dog. Learn what new training techniques you might need to prepare your dog. Find out what you will need to do to get yourself & your dog prepared for upcoming shows in December



From the President

Dear Members,

Our fall Obedience and Rally trials are coming fast...have you entered??? Have you volunteered to help??? This is a fun two-day event that runs from 8am to around 2pm and if you volunteer you earn up to two credits each day. This is your one opportunity to trial on "home turf" so please don't let it pass by. One other way to help is to donate to the raffle. This is a great way to give back and to help the club.

I hate to nag at all of you about your work credits, so please bear with me when I do. It has been my mission to make sure you know of work opportunities so that no one pays double their dues in January! I also want to see as many of you as possible send in your award forms. We have such wonderful awards that anyone with 10 credits can apply for – no titling on your dogs is necessary. Of course if you do earn dog titles then you MUST apply! So many wonderful custom items to commemorate you and your dog's achievement. My portraits of Ellie and Parker are treasured items and I would probably have never thought to get them done on my own. As I look at them over the years I will

always thank the Club for offering these great items to celebrate those titles. So if you do have titles then earn those credits – help at the trial, and the remaining clinics. Go to meetings. Remember, anyone in the family can help earn the 10 credits. Ok, I'm off my soap box.

I want to single someone out for a huge thank you and that is Will Short, our Director of Training. For the past two years we have added classes, changed classes and in general tried hard to mix things up to make our training more effective and useful. That of course makes life difficult for him as he needs to find instructors and assistants for every class. He has risen to that challenge and we keep moving forward. Thanks Will for making it all happen. In addition, we also must thank our assistant directors of training Loretta Lazzara and Sandi Stephenson. Each week I see the all three of them at training, making sure things go well. As we are primarily a training club, we owe a lot to these great people.

See you at training!

Donna Bihner
FVDTC President

Board Meeting Highlights – October 21

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The April 22 Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the fairgrounds have ordered new doors for the main entrance. At this time, there is no confirmed installation date, so it is not known whether there will be any impact on a training night or for the trial.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) reported that the program for the November 4th (NOT the 18th) Membership meeting will be about the new AKC rules which go into effect December 1, 2015 and will be presented by Loretta Lazzara.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) presented the income/revenue financial report as of August 31. Additionally, he presented a Comparison by Category report for January 1st through October 21st, of 2014 and 2015. He stated that two of the club's CD's rolled over. Prior to another CD's maturation in November, he will discuss options with his personal financial advisor. Carolyn will contact the bank to determine what the new interest rates are on the CDs which rolled over.

Dave Lewis and Carolyn Pearson volunteered to perform the audit as discussed in a recent membership meeting.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that with the exception of a Co-Instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's Class, the following instructors for Session 5 have been confirmed.

- 7:00 Puppy - Barb Runkle and Joanie Wisniewski
- 6:00 Beginner - Sally Boeke and Gina Post
- 7:00 Beginner - Lynn Weis
- 8:00 Beginner - Candy Ellis

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reviewed the ring layout for the 2015 trial. It is slightly different than what has been used in the past years.

- **Obedience Trial Award Committee Report**

Wendy, from the Awards Committee, reported that the committee had to re-order the HIT, High Combined, and High Combined Rally Rosettes due to verbiage that did not meet AKC requirements. The committee was able to negotiate the replacement cost of \$185.00 down to \$155.00. Additionally, the committee is creating detailed instructions for future committees to make them

aware of the AKC requirements for correct wording and rules required for all ribbons and rosettes.

- **Obedience Trial Kitchen Committee Report**

Sue MacPherson reported that she has the menu confirmed for Saturday and Sunday for the judges and volunteers. Additionally, she will put a sign-up sheet at training to enable club members to volunteer to bring cookies and/or bar cookies for the exhibitors to enjoy while showing.

- **Old Business**

- **Weather Related Emergency Procedures**

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that in the event of an emergency, trainers and their dogs should be directed to the washrooms and not the hallway as previously suggested. Therefore it is not necessary for Ed to ask the fairgrounds for a key to the door to the hallway going to the kitchen.

- **New Business**

- **Investigating Possible Use of Online Applications**

During a discussion of simplifying the class registration process, Phil Nuger suggested that we look into the application called dogbizpro (<http://www.dogbizpro.com/faqs.aspx>) for our online registration needs. He stated that it is currently used throughout the Chicago area including Lyons Township Dog Training Club. He stated that when LTDTTC started using it several years ago, it was approximately \$350.00 for the initial set-up and a monthly fee of \$30.00 for the on-line registration module, although our specific cost may vary, depending on options we choose.

Donna stated that although Dave Lewis has offered to build an application for us to use for online registration, it would not be available to use in the

very near future. By using an existing software application, we could review and evaluate the functionality to determine how to best proceed.

Additionally, Dave has suggested that we look into the way to eliminate (or at least reduce) the use of individual computers for club business. For example, Dave said that there are two online applications, Quickbooks and Zoho, which can be used by the Treasurer. Phil stated that he would look at both of them and report back at the next Board meeting. Dave is also working with Carolyn

to look at the Dropbox application to maintain the club's records and paperwork.

- **PAWSitive Therapy Troupe's Holiday Fundraiser**

Wendy Waddick asked the Board to once again provide a donation to the PAWSitive Therapy Troupe's Holiday Fundraiser of the "Nutcracker, Canine Style". Dave Lewis made a motion to donate \$75.00 (Nutcracker Level) to the troupe. Sue MacPherson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Calendar

November

04	Wed	Membership Meeting
05	Thu	Regular Training Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Begins (7:00pm) Junior Handler Begins (6:00pm)
10	Tue	Regular Training
12	Thu	Correction Clinic
14	Sat	Obedience/Rally Trials
15	Sun	Obedience/Rally Trials
19	Thu	Regular Training
24	Tue	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

December

01	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
06	Tue	Regular Training
15	Thu	Correction Clinic
21	Wed	Board Meeting
22	Thu	Regular Training
29	Thu	Regular Training Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Ends (7:00pm) Junior Handler Ends (6:00pm) Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

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