

FVDTC

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ELECTION 2016

Thanks to everybody who voted for our 2016 Board of Directors at FVDTC's Annual Meeting. Congratulations, and thanks for volunteering, to our election winners:

President:	Wendy Waddick	Membership Chair:	Sue MacPherson
First Vice-President:	Ed Herdes	Agility Trial Chair:	Cathy Fleury
Second Vice-President:	David Lewis	Obedience Trial Chair:	Pat Senne
Secretary:	Carolyn Pearson	Tracking Chair:	Ingrid Hamburger
Treasurer:	Phil Nuger	Public Education Coordinator:	Barb Runkle
Director of Training:	Will Short	Director at Large:	Donna Bihner

In addition, a new slate of committee chairs assumed their positions as of now. The entire list can be found on the club web site, <http://www.fvdtc.org/vips.html>

A Note from the (New) President

As the newly elected President of the Fox Valley Dog Training Club I want to start out by thanking everyone that helps to make this club such a wonderful and active club. Most importantly, I would like to thank Donna Bihner for her outstanding job during the last three years as President of FVDTC. Donna was so good at bringing us all together as a club with her kindness and leadership skills. We truly appreciate all your hard work and dedication to FVDTC! I have very big shoes to fill in succeeding Donna as President but I will try my best to uphold all she did for the club.

I would also like to thank all of new committee chairs and board members who so kindly volunteered; a big thank you to all. We can't accomplish all that needs to be done throughout the year without all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers.

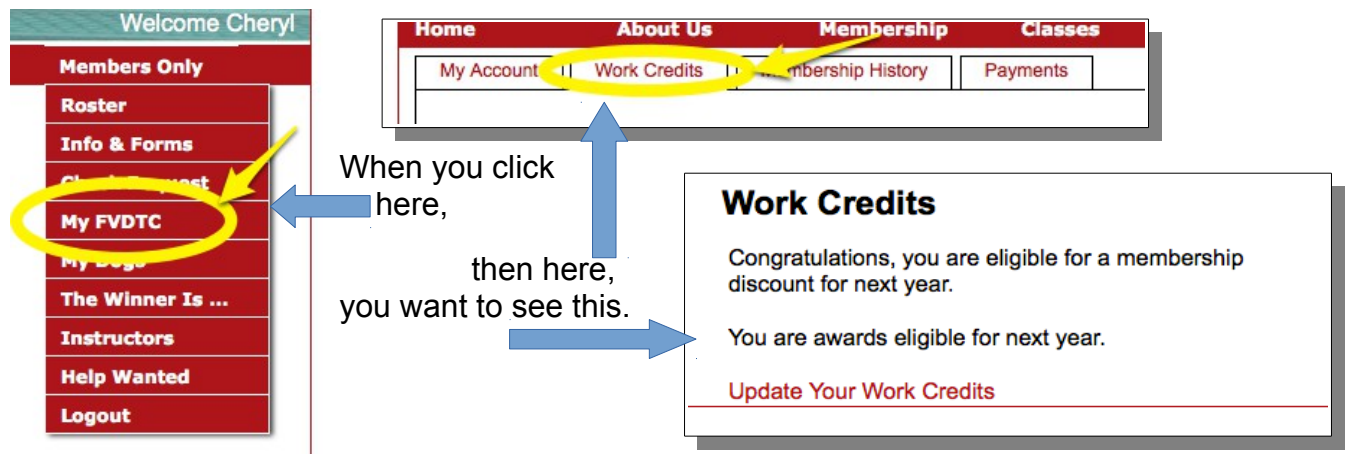
Speaking of volunteers, have you thought of how you might like to volunteer this year to help out your club? There are so many ways to help out and volunteer. Not only to earn work credits towards your dues and club awards, but volunteering helps you get involved in your club and you get to meet a lot of great people that are the fabric of the Fox Valley Dog Training Club. Don't worry about not knowing what to do, the committee chairs are here to help you. It's a great way to learn new skills and gain knowledge about all the fun things you can do with your dogs.

Thanks to all,

Wendy Waddick
President, FVDTC

Work Credits, Work Credits, Work Credits

It's that time of year again: your membership renewal is due, and your awards forms are due. You need to have earned 3 work credits in 2015 in order to get your 2016 membership dues discount, and you need an additional 7 (10 total credits) in order to be awards eligible. In either case, you need to document your work with downloadable forms, or with the new online tracking system:



Membership Report

Tom & Margaret Trogdon
St Charles, IL
Golden Retrievers

Tom Kmiotek
Naperville, IL
All American dogs

Anna Cooper
St Charles, IL
Jack Russell mix

Sandra Nobles-Risola
German Shepherd

Al & Nancy Wolff
Aurora, IL
English Springer Spaniel

Annette Baker
Elgin, IL

Rita & Andrew Feuerborn
Batavia, IL
Lab mix

Bev & Robert Morris
St Charles, IL
Beagle

From the DOT

The past year was a very fun one at Fox Valley. We started a class for Juniors early on prior to the beginning of 4-H, advanced puppy started and continues, most sign-up classes start with dogs or puppies on the first night, there is a passing period between class end times and next class start times, and team teaching has been tried and in a lot of instances it is doing well.

However, none of this could have happened without the help of our volunteer members who are teaching, assisting, or subbing. I am extremely grateful for each of those who have stepped up over the last year – and 2014 also. Thank you all very much.

The following list recognizes all of those volunteers:

Sally Boeke, Lois Banovz, Gina Post, Donna Nuger, Barb Misch, Carol Nightingale, Terri Vaira, Loretta Lazarra, Marian Lazzara, Candy Ellis, Sally Read, Vera Nyberg, Phil Nuger, Jan Winters, Leslie Bower, Peggy Covey, Marietta Huber, Pat Senne, Angie Schmidt, Noelle Dupasquier, Carolyn Pearson, Barb Runkle, Joyce Conway, Brenda Rivera, Mary Bradley, Joannie Wisniewski, Cris Ballenger, Kathie Stang, Steven Timm, Sandi Stephenson, Terri Sidell, Nancy Pederson.

I hope very much that I didn't omit anyone; if I did it's because of my record keeping. It's just not quite as good as when I was a classroom teacher.

Thank you again to each of you. Keep up the good work.

Correction Clinic Rally Ends In February

Due to a lack of participation in the Rally classes at our correction clinics and the time it takes to set up all the courses, it has been decided to discontinue offering rally run-throughs after the February Correction Clinic. If we find that a lot of people really want us to offer these classes again, we will revisit this decision.

Need Some Sunshine?

Do you know of someone who needs some Sunshine? If you know of any club member who has had one of the following events?

☐ Birth; Illness, surgery or hospitalization of a club member; Death of a club member or family member; Death of club member's dog

Please contact our Sunshine Chair, Francene Andresen (sunshine@fvdtc.org or 630-365-0905)

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB will be hosting
WELLNESS CLINICS
 at the Kane County Fairgrounds
 on...

THURSDAY March 3, 2016 Services provided by <i>Sutton Road Animal Clinic</i> Contact Sutton Road at (847) 742-8298		and	THURSDAY March 10, 2016 Services provided by <i>Amber Leaf Animal Hospital</i> Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 207-4039	
Bordetella	\$18.00		Bordetella	\$19.00
DHLPP	\$25.00		DHLPPC	\$25.00
DHPP	\$20.00		DHPPC (3 year)	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50		Fecal Check	\$18.00
Fecal Check / Giardia Antigen	\$30.00		Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$20.00
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$19.50		Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00
Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00		Rabies - one year without tag**	\$16.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$15.00		Rabies - three year without tag**	\$26.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$25.00		HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$45.00
Datamars ID Microchip	\$45.00		Canine Vaccine Titer	\$86.00
			Lepto	\$20.00
			Corona	\$17.00
<i>*tags available for DuPage, Kane and Cook County</i>			<i>**tags available for DuPage and Kane County</i>	

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

Can I Park Here?

Please do not park in the designated Handicapped Parking Spots unless you have a legal handicapped license plate or handicapped placard. There are many times that cars without these handicapped designations are parked in the reserved handicapped spots.

Most people may not even realize they are parking in the handicapped area. The handicapped parking is located just beyond the front doors of the building at the concrete barriers. There are two small blue handicapped signs and you are not allowed to park along any area of the concrete barriers where these signs are unless you have a legal handicapped license plate or placard.

Please pay attention to where you are parking and look for these signs, you may just think you got lucky to find spots right near the door when in actuality these are the reserved handicapped spots.

Thanks!



Calendar

February

04	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
11	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
17	Wed	Board Meeting
18	Thu	Correction Clinic
25	Thu	Regular Training

March

03	Thu	Regular Training
10	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)
16	Wed	Membership Meeting
17	Thu	Correction Clinic
24	Thu	Regular Training 4H Begins Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Begins (7:00pm) Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
31	Thu	Regular Training

Membership Meeting Highlights

January 20, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) announced that the "barricade mystery" has been solved. Every year at this time, those parking spot blocking barricades appear. At last, we have the reason for them. The fairgrounds puts them around the water shut-off valves in the parking lot to protect them from the snow plows. Although they seem to be annoyance to us, they are extremely valuable and we will have to accept that as a "it is what it is".

Additionally, Ed stated that thanks to Scott Pearson (Carolyn's husband) we have a new metal pin for the bar jump.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed copies of the Financial Summary for 2015 to the members present. There was no discussion about the information.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated most of the registered classes are in the second week and are going well. Will also reported that he will continue to offer the rotating instructors for the conformation, as that has been well received by the exhibitors.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however Donna reported that Cindy has begun providing Pat Senne with the following trial related materials and information.

- contracts for the 2016 judges,
- rental contract for the fairgrounds,

- list of recommended judges for the 2017 trials which the board discussed with a slight modification; Ronnie Bizer was substituted for Loretta Lazzara as Loretta would rather exhibit than judge.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 14 new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Ingrid Hamburger seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Beth Bitner who was present at the meeting.

Sue stated that due to the timing of some applications received last year and when they were voted on, she needs to contact them as they must now submit their membership renewal forms for 2016.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the 2016 Tracking Test Judges are Wally O'Brien and Lois Leidahl-Marsh. Ingrid stated that she is expecting to have the written confirmation on January 21 to secure the use of the Burnidge Forest Preserve Pavilion. However, the Forest Preserve District representatives appear to be backlogged with the facility rental approval. Once she has the confirmation, she will submit her request for the Proof of Liability Insurance paperwork.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not present, however Donna reported that the Premium list for the April 2nd and 3rd Agility

Trials are on the club's website.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the committee is selecting one of the two local caterers provided to her by Vanessa Quillinan from the Geneva History Museum. The committee is working diligently to provide a wonderful meal for approximately \$23.00 per person. The dinner's theme is the "Thrill of Competition" with an Olympic motif. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at in the Geneva History Museum in downtown Geneva.

Candy stated that Wendy Waddick will present the Natalie Award to the recipient at the dinner. Additionally, Candy will contact Ronnie Bizer to ask whether she would present the Kanosak Kennel Award to the recipient at the dinner.

Donna Bihner / Nancy Pederson (Awards Co-Chairs) Donna reminded everyone that the Award forms **MUST** be turned in by February 1st. There will be no extensions given.

Donna announced that due to a couple of inconsistencies with the forms, the Awards Committee proposed making the following two changes for the award year of 2015, for this year

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson) offered a "loud" Thank You to Barb Runkle and Joyce Conway for their service as our Rally judges at every match for the last few years. They have resigned effective immediately. With the dwindling number of entries for the Rally classes, the Match Committee feels that we should no longer offer Rally. Sandi stated that although some of the members she spoke with appeared to want it continued, getting competent judges was very difficult. Additionally, the time and effort to design and set-up the courses did not seem justified for the five to ten people who participated. Marian Lazzara reported that she generally receives three or four pre-entries and maybe another handful on the night of the match. Donna suggested that perhaps we offer the handler the chance to run the course twice for a single entry fee. Following some more discussion, the consensus of the members present at the meeting was to discontinue offering the Rally class at our corrections clinics after the February Correction Clinic. Signs will be posted at the January Correction Clinic, announcements will be sent out in Constant Contact and in the Waggin' Tales and the entry form will be updated.

Additionally, Sandi announced that the following club members have generously volunteered to judge during the January 21st correction clinic.

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- Allow all of the volunteer awards to be personalized (this is due to having one listed as being able to be personalized and not the others). There is no additional cost to the club to do this.
- Add the GCH (Grand Champion) title to the Level 2 awards. Although it was not listed, it was discovered that it was given out at it at level 2 for last year's awards.

The members present at the meeting agreed that both of those suggestions were appropriate.

Donna stated that after this award season, the Award Committee will review all of the forms and levels and will bring a recommendation for changes to the Board to consider. Concerns or suggestions can be given to Donna or Nancy, no later than May 15th, for consideration. Lynn Weis offered thanks to Donna and Nancy for all the hard work that goes with the awards.

Holly Cass (Graduation Chairperson) verified that the ribbons used for the class graduations, can be any color.

Novice Candy Ellis

Open 1 Sandi Stephenson

Open 2 Will Short

Utility 1 Marian Lazzara

Utility 2 Loretta Lazzara

Rally Penny Brcich

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that when signing-up on-line to work at the correction clinic, volunteers should include their last names. In response to Ingrid's request for more volunteers, Beth Bitner volunteered, as long as she would be able to receive on-the-job training, which everyone at the meeting assured her is always available.

In response to the discussion of discontinuing Rally, Ingrid stated that she would contact the volunteers for the future Rally classes to let them know that a new selection will need to be made.

Francene Andresen (Sunshine) asked that club members contact her when they hear of someone who is ill, having surgery, lost a family member or lost a dog. She stated that she would rather hear the news multiple times, than not at all. Carolyn stated that she will include a list of the events to be published in the Waggin' Tales and posted on the website.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) Jan

Winters was not in attendance, and did not send a report.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the deadline is "real soon".

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$8.00 is Pat Senne as drawn by new club member, Beth Bitner. Ingrid accepted that other \$7.00 for the Tracking Test fundraising fund, AND gratefully accepted Pat's donation, of her winnings, to the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- **Updated AKC Rule Books for Obedience and Rally**
Donna announced that updated AKC Rules and Regulations Books are available for purchase at training for \$4.00 each. Anyone wishing to buy one or both of the books can see Sue or Cheryl at the information table on training nights.

Voting for 2016 Board of Directors

Donna extended a HUGE thank you to all of club members who served a Board Members and Committee chairs for 2015.

Prior to distributing the ballots, Donna thanked the nominating committee (Carolyn Pearson, Barb Misch and Francene Andresen) for their hard work obtaining the slate of Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs. Donna read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2016 Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Donna collected and counted the ballots. Donna announced the following individuals were elected as the Board of Directors for 2016.

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First Vice President	Ed Herdes	Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Second Vice President	Dave Lewis	Public Education	Barb Runkle
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New Business

- **ADOT Ratification**
Will Short, DOT, made a motion to approve Loretta Lazzara, Sandi Stephenson, Brenda Rivera and Candy Ellis as Co-Assistant Directors of Training for 2016. The motion was seconded by Francene Andresen. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.
- **Committee Chair Appointments**
Wendy, our newly elected President, announced that the following is a list of the Committee Chairs for 2016.

Annual Dinner Chair	Candy Ellis	Match Chair (Judges)	Sandi Stephenson
Awards	Donna Bihner/Nancy Pederson	Match Chair (Stewards)	Ingrid Hamburger
CGC Coordinator	Cris Ballenger	Publicity	Sue MacPherson
Graduation Chair	Holly Cass	Statistician	Sue MacPherson
Historian	Sally Boeke	Sunshine	Francene Andresen
Match Chair (Coordinator)	Pat Senne	Therapy Dog Evaluation	Jan Winters
Match Chair (Entries)	Marian Lazzara	Waggin' Tales Editor	Dave Lewis

- **4-H Classes**
Wendy Waddick announced that the 4-H classes will begin on March 24th.
- **Christmas Party**
Candy stated that the Christmas party went very well, food was plentiful and the games were enjoyed by many.

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

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