

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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Mary Bradley

The following is an excerpt from the Waggin' Tales' "Meet Your Fellow Club Members", March, 2014:

I, Mary Bradley, the Beginner Utility instructor hold the record for being the longest "still active" FVDTC member and instructor. I do not currently have any dogs, but I enjoy my time at FV helping others work with their dogs. FVDTC has meant a great deal to me over the years. I go back a long long way in this club.

My "dog saga" began back in 1965. In May of that year, my first wild and crazy Samoyed, Snowflake, graduated 1st from a Glenbard Beginner Class. The following year, Snowflake and I took a Beginner Class with Fox Valley. By 1969, I had joined the club and finished Whitey's CD at our November Trial. She finished in 3 trials with 2 class placements and 3 High Scoring Samoyed awards. That's all it took for my addiction to showing to begin.

I earned the following titles on 4 Samoyeds and 2 Shelties between 1969 and 1987: 1 Canadian and 2 American Championships, 4 Am and 4 Canadian CD's, 5Am & 1 Canadian CDX, 3UD's, 3TD's, 1TDX, 1 Obedience Champion, 1 Am and 2 Canadian Dog World's (title earned with 3 consecutive 195's or higher). All of our CD's were finished in 3 trials. Most CDX's were also finished in 3 trials. The UD's took a few more tries, but were earned with 9 or fewer trials. Two of my Samoyeds were retired after earning CDX's because they were diagnosed with hip problems, and I needed the dogs more than the titles.

At that time [1973], my mother and son Samoyeds (Whitey and Snoopy) each needed one qualifying score to finish a UD and a CD. So, I entered both in that November trial. Snoopy had serious social issues, and we all thought he would NQ. Instead, he astonished everyone by overcoming the issues and finishing his CD title with a 199 1/2 HIT! He was the 2nd FV trained dog, the first breeder /owner /handler, Highest scoring club dog to win High in Trial at a FV trial. He brought home 5 awards that day. I was sure the judge had made a mistake, but he didn't. Snoopy had a great day!

Snoopy's mother, Whitey, had a 196 going in Utility, but took down the bar for an NQ. She did finish her UD the very next trial with a 194 1st place, finishing 4 whole points ahead of the 2nd place dog. The FV members were so impressed with how my dogs showed; they gave me the responsibility of instructing both the Open and Utility classes. Up to that point, FVDTC was only a Beginner Class program. Our club has come a long way since then.

Mary D. Bradley (1939 - 2016)

Mary D. Bradley, age 76, of Kaneville went to be with her lord on May 4, 2016.

Mary's birth had an inauspicious beginning during a major snow storm on Christmas Day in 1939. Mary's father had to pick up the doctor in his horse and buggy and race to the family farm in Ebensburg, PA where Edward L. and Helen Randall received the best gift that Christmas, a healthy baby girl.

She leaves behind one son, Patrick (Kelly) Bradley; one sister, Helen Vansteen; a brother, William (Dorothy) Randall; 5 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

She now joins her parents, step-father, Russell Springer; son, Michael; and one brother, Edward.

Memorials may be sent to the Fox Valley Dog Training Club (F.V.D.T.C.), P.O. Box 992, St. Charles, IL 60174 or Paws with a Cause, 4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348.

(Excerpted from legacy.com)

In early 1974, I began sharing the lessons my 3 great Samoyeds had learned under instructors at FV and Glenbard. Soon, FV was offering Beginner/Advanced Open Classes. When qualified instructors became available for the Open Classes, I began instructing at the Beginner/ Advanced Utility levels.

Although Utility has always been my favorite class, I did take some "time outs" to help format and instruct 3 Puppy Class sessions and raise my two young boys.

In addition to developing new training programs, I have been President, Trial Chair, on the Trial Awards Committee (since 1974), kitchen committee, hospitality committee, steward for matches and trials, judge for matches and graduation, match worker, conducted run-throughs, publicity demos, member of a tracking group for years, track layer, "Waggin' Tales" editor, and a member of the FV Drill Team for parades (One team was all Samoyeds, all FV members, but not all Samoyed owners.) FVDTC achieved worldwide fame when a photo of the drill team was published in 1984 in "The Samoyed Book". One of our past Presidents and members (Debbie Orr) wrote the article in which this picture is found.

After 40 years of instructing dog training classes, I am still learning new training methods, and confirming the fact that I love being part of our training program. YOUR dogs are teaching me new tricks. Many of them volunteer each week to be my Therapy Dogs, and I love them all dearly. Thanks to Nancy, my chauffeur [*sic*], I am able to enjoy participating on our training nights. I would also like to give a thank you to my close friend, Debbie Orr, (who started the FV Conformation Class) for all of the support and friendship she shared with me and other club members throughout her life.

A Note from Wendy

Hello All,

Many of you may already know this sad news, long time FV club member Mary Bradley died recently. She was a staple at the awards table at our obedience trials plus she could usually be found on training nights doing run-thrus for the utility ring. It might have taken you a bit longer than normal to get through your utility runs, as Mary always had lots of stories to tell plus she had lots of great advice for all her "students". But, we all knew how much she cared for each of us and how much she really wanted our dogs to succeed. Mary will be deeply missed and we most certainly will miss her big, bright friendly smile.

4-H has started and soon they will have their show, it is Wednesday, June 22. We need help with stewards at this show. If you would

like to help out please contact Barb Runkle to sign up. It's so great to see these young exhibitors in the obedience ring with their dogs. Hopefully they will continue to show in the future!

We had our monthly correction clinic recently and I noticed that we had lots of help and quite a few entries. I would really like to thank everyone who either judged or help steward at the May correction clinic. Your help is greatly appreciated! Also, remember we have reinstated the rally ring so sign up and check out the new rally ring set up.

Speaking of rally, we have noticed that some of the rally signs have gone missing. If you have any of these signs or know where any of the missing signs are, please put them back in the rally box. We have a shortage of some

of the signs and really need them.

I want to remind everyone to contact our Sunshine chairperson, Francene Andresen, if you know of any club member that needs a little cheering up. If you know of a club member who is in the hospital, has had surgery, or is maybe going through an extended illness, or has had a death in the family please contact Francene. We can't send a card and such if we don't know there is a need. We don't want to miss any of our members in their time of need.

Recently I took my registered therapy dogs to their annual free eye exam for service and therapy dogs offered by ACVO. They each had an extensive eye exam, which is important to make sure their eyes are in good health. This exam reminded me that it has been a year since we had a CERF Eye Clinic for FVDTC. So, I talked to the doctors at Animal Eye Consultants in Elgin, where they did the free eye exams for therapy and

service dogs. They are willing to do a CERF Eye Clinic for FV club members. If you would like to get your dogs' eyes examined and registered, please contact me right away so that I can set this up with them. I don't have a date yet; I wanted to see if we have enough interest before I set up a date. I also don't know the price yet as they charge based on the number of dogs they examine. It is important to get your dogs eyes examined yearly. So contact me ASAP to let me know if you would like to participate!

Thanks everyone for all you do for Fox Valley Dog Training Club! We really do appreciate it! Remember to sign up to volunteer to get your work credits, there are so many ways you can help and get involved, you just might learn a new skill and meet some new like minded dog friends!

See you at training,
Wendy Waddick

Membership Report

Pamela Raver
Elburn, IL
Golden Retriever, Terrier mix

Terina Erb
St Charles, IL
German Shepherd

Lois & Randy Drumhiller
Geneva, IL
Coonhound

Nelson & Elizabeth Searles
North Aurora, IL
German Shepherd

A Gentle Reminder

Ingrid asks us to remember: When you sign up online to steward at a correction clinic, make sure you include your last name. If you need to back out, please remove your name from the online list. And no, Ingrid cannot tell you your password.

Membership Meeting Highlights – May 18, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:49 p.m. following a presentation by Wendy Waddick of her recent trip to England to see the Crufts Dog Show.

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

Dave Lewis (Second Vice-President) thanked Wendy for her wonderful presentation of the Crufts Dog Show. He stated that he will put the Crufts video that was not able to be seen due to technical difficulties on the club's website.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but reported that the financial report presented at the April Board meeting could be distributed at the meeting. Unfortunately, Carolyn was not able to make copies for distribution prior to the meeting.

Will Short (Director of Training) was not in attendance. However Nancy Pederson, Class Registrar extraordinaire, sent the following report for the session which begins on June 2nd.

- 7:00 p.m. Puppy class is almost filled.
- 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Beginner classes all have openings available.
- 8:00 p.m. Advanced Puppy class has openings available.

The June 23rd 6:00 p.m. Tricks class, with a limit of eight participants, filled almost immediately. The Trick class will also be offered in August. Individuals who were unable to participate in the June class will have priority for the August class.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance and did not send a report. In response to a question regarding whether we were going to be seeking vendors, it was agreed that in order to encourage vendors, the booth space 'fee' would be a request to provide an item valued at approximately \$25.00 for the raffle. Cheryl Hettinger stated she would contact Pat Senne regarding the vendors.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 12 new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Barb Runkle made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Collette Ansley-Treonis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she has received volunteers for the 10:30 a.m. demonstration at "CSBark" event on Sunday, September 18th, in Carol Stream.

Additionally, Barb thanked the individuals who have volunteered to judge and steward at the 4-H Show on Wednesday, June 22nd. The show lasts from approximately 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to volunteer to steward should contact her at education@fvdtc.org or at training.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) thanked her fantastic committee members:

Vera Nyberg, Pat Senne and Sharon Shimko. Candy stated that an informal survey of attendees netted a general opinion of the caterers of "not that thrilled". Candy stated that the Dinner Committee were able to keep the dinner at \$69.54 under budget, expenses were \$1,928.46 and the revenue was \$1998.00.

In response to Candy's question, the party favors were well received by most members who were at the meeting and also attended the dinner. Candy stated that she is already looking for locations that would offer more room but still keep the cost in a reasonable range. She welcomes ALL suggestions from EVERYONE!!! In response to a question, it was announced that checks provided to Candy for payment of the dinner were not given to Phil (Treasurer) until after the dinner.

Donna Bihner (Awards Co-chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: The Awards are finished for 2015! They are currently looking for new vendors and ideas for 2016 to keep the awards offered fresh. Donna stated that the custom portrait vendor and one of the embroidery vendors will not be used for next year's awards, due to the following reasons.

- They were difficult with which to work.
- They raised their costs without warning.

Donna invited anyone with ideas for new items to contact either Nancy Pederson or her.

Additionally, the committee will be reviewing the list of titles and their correspondence to the different awards levels. Once the review

has been completed, they will provide any recommendations on changes to the club members.

Gina Post thanked Donna and Nancy for their hard work and the wonderful items that they offered and stated that she loved the item she received.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) announced that 11 teams passed during the April test. She stated that she has already received one application for the September 29th CGC test. She also reported that she is ordering additional ribbons that are distributed to the teams who earn their CGC certification/title.

Holly Cass (Graduation Chairperson) reported that we will be offering a "free Beginner Novice run-through" during the June 16th Correction Clinic for the students who will be graduating from the Advanced Puppy and Beginner's classes on May 26th. Due to the timing of the correction clinic and the session end date, instructors were encouraged to contact their graduates some time during the first full week of June to remind them of the opportunity. The ring layout for the June Correction Clinic will include a separate ring for the Beginner Novice class. This enables all of the Beginner Novice exhibitors to participate in a brief explanation of the class prior to their run-through. David Thornell had previously agreed to judge the ring and provide the guidance. Wendy Waddick volunteered to confirm with David that he is still able to do that. Holly stated that he did a fantastic job during the first event. Holly reported that eight students from the first class session participated during the March event and will continue to be offered as long as there

remains interest.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairperson – Judges) was not in attendance, but did send the following list of judges for the May 19th Correction Clinic:

- Rally – David Thornell
- Novice / Beginner Novice – Candy Ellis
- Open 1 / Graduate Open – Marietta Huber
- Open 2 – Sandi Stephenson
- Utility 1 – Will Short
- Utility 2 – Lynn Weiss

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that there are currently enough stewards for the May Correction Clinic. She also is extremely happy with the club members who have signed up for correction clinics for the rest of the year. HOWEVER, she reminded all volunteers that WHEN you are unable to fulfill your responsibility for time you signed up, to PLEASE remove your name from the list. This allows other club members to volunteer and prevents a shortage of workers.

Ingrid reminded all club members to remember their passwords, so they can remove their own names. She is not able to remove names from the list.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) encouraged all committee chairs to send her a list of volunteers each quarter. This helps her avoid the year-end chaos of reporting the information to the Awards Committee.

Francene Andresen (Sunshine) was not in attendance, and did not send a report. However, Wendy reminded everyone should

feel free to contact Francene in the event of a club member who needed some club sunshine.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, May 21.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$9.00 is Joyce Conway as drawn by club member, Gina Post. Joyce donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger received a donation of \$18.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Mary Bradley Memorial Fund**
Cindy Pakenas made a motion that money which is received as a result of Mary Bradley request for memorials to be sent to the club, should be used to commemorate her many years of service to the club. The Board will determine how much is collected and will bring ideas to the membership for membership review and approval. Cheryl Hettinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.
- **Lost and Found Sale**
Cheryl Hettinger stated that all of the items which were shown in our Lost and Found list on our website and in the Waggin' Tales would be available

for sale, starting on June 2nd. Any items not collected by their owners by June 1st, will be available to anyone who wants to make any offer.

- **CERF Clinic**
Wendy stated that she is looking for the interest level of participating in a CERF clinic, to be hosted by Animal Eye Care. Anyone who is interested, should contact Wendy at training or at president@fvdtc.org.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Calendar

June

01	Wed	Board Meeting
02	Thu	Regular Training Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Begins (7:00pm) Adv. Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
09	Thu	Regular Training 4H Ends
16	Thu	Correction Clinic
22	Wed	4H Show
23	Thu	Regular Training Trick Class Begins (6:00pm)
30	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

July

07	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
12	Thu	Regular Training Trick Class Ends (6:00pm)
20	Wed	Membership Meeting
28	Thu	Regular Training

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