

FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

Happy 70th FVDTC! Can you believe we have been a Club for this long? That is quite a milestone for the club and for fantastic members like you that have made FVDTC such a wonderful and successful organization! Thank you for being a part of this and for all that you do for your club. It's an accomplishment of which to be proud.

To help us celebrate this milestone, we had our Annual Dinner recently at Riverside Banquet in Geneva. This year's theme was "70 years strong for the love of dogs". Our Dinner Committee, Candy Ellis, Pat Senne, Vera Nyberg and Sharon Shimko once again did a fantastic job organizing this year's event and making our 70th year celebration special. It was so great to see so many members attend this year. It was a fun-filled night, with lots of great raffle baskets with items donated by local businesses. As always, Pat made beautiful flower arrangements for each table. Yummy home-made desserts were baked by the Dinner Committee and a few members. There was also a fun, dog themed trivia questionnaire that stumped a lot of us. We enjoyed good food, great views of the river and lots of fun with friends. Thanks to all that helped make this night so special and a huge thank you to our Dinner Committee!



Along with dinner, we presented our annual Volunteer Awards, New Title Awards and our Special FV Awards. Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson did a fantastic job coordinating this effort and the awards turned out fabulous! I know I love my new pink butterfly articles, they are unique works of arts. Congratulations to all that received awards this year. And a big congratulations to Angie Schmidt for receiving the "Rookie Of The Year Award" this year! This is a special recognition that we give to one of our newest members who goes above and beyond for the club. On a personal note, I wanted to say that I was very honored and humbled to receive the "Sally Compton Award" this year, thank you very much I truly appreciate it.

On another note, when is Spring weather going to start? We had a few days that fooled us into thinking it was finally here. But regardless of this unpredictable weather we had our annual Spring Agility Trials that were held at Car-Dun-Al. It's a lot of work organizing these shows and each year Cathy Fleury and Taffy Wille take on this task. We owe them both a huge thank you! Without their hard work and greatly-appreciated efforts, we couldn't hold these events. Plus, we had lots of members who came out support our Agility Trials by volunteering. Thank you to each and everyone that worked one or both days. It takes a lot of people to put on this event and once again Fox Valley members came together to help out and put on another successful trial.

I hope this year's awards made you think about next year's possibilities. In order to get one of these great awards you need to get your Work Credits for 2018. There are so many ways to earn your work credits, if you have any questions contact me or speak to any Committee Chairperson. You need only 10 work credits to get a volunteer or new title award and you need only 3 work credits in order to get your dues reduced by 50%. Please don't wait till December to complete your work credits!

Thanks for all you do and see you at training,

Wendy Waddick

Annual Dinner 2018

Fox Valley Dog Training club hosted it's Annual Dinner this past weekend, April 8th at the Riverside Receptions in Geneva, Illinois.

That was a great turnout of 64 people who all had great time. Thanks to all who were able to attend. The food and facility were fantastic. The dinner was hosted by Candy Ellis, Pat Senne, Vera Nyberg and Sharon Shimko.

Pat prepared a PowerPoint presentation that featured great photos of all of our award winners from 2017, as well as noting new titles that members earned this past year. Pat and John Senne created lovely Centerpieces to grace the tables. The Dinner Committee and a few members prepared homemade desserts, and some members brought some goodies too. We had Raffle baskets from generous donors, put together by Sue MacPherson and Jennifer Cornele.



The theme of the dinner celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the club! The Awards committee – Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson – organized and presented some really outstanding prizes this year.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the club's two most prestigious awards. Angie Schmidt won Rookie of the Year, and our President, Wendy Waddick, won the Sally Compton Service Award. Both of these award are voted on by the membership and awarded to the club member whose contributions go above and beyond. Congratulations to Angie and Wendy!



Keep Up To Date With Constant Contact

We are looking to update our Constant Contact email list, I have talked to a few of you about getting the Constant Contact emails that our Club sends out and many of you that I talked to, have said that you are not getting this email message.

Miriam Zarate monitors and sends these message; she just needs your email address and she can add you to the list of members who get the email messages. This is important club information and reminders that get sent out and it is a venue for any of you to use to make announcements if you need to as well for the different things you are all involved and do for the Club.

Get added to the list by going to <https://www.fvdtc.org/contactUs.html>.

Awards Survey

FVDTC offers many wonderful awards for its training members, but some of these are not being given out because eligible trainers don't apply for them. We want to know why that is happening, because we want the club to reflect the values and priorities of its members. You can participate in the online survey by going to <https://www.fvdtc.org/survey> Thank you for your input.

Membership Report

Cara Smith
Plainfield, IL
Labrador Retriever
Completed Beginner class

Mark & Julie Bradbury
Elburn, IL
Labrador Retriever
Completed Puppy class

Kristina Pomagier
Crystal Lake, IL
Boxer & German Shepherd
Completed Puppy, Beginner & guest trained

Canine Good Citizen Test April 19, 2018



Congratulations to our newest Canine Good Citizen award earners! At our April 19th test, all of the following nine participating teams passed:

Liz Cardello and Autumn, Jacqui Fountain and Mika, Donna Hartwig and JJ, Liz Hixon and Teagan, Carla Tsores and Theodora, Del

Lydon and Cash, Sandi Stephenson and Secret, Gayle Wede and Cooper, and Phyllis Wendell and Zorro.

A big thank you to Angie Schmidt who filled in as our evaluator at the last minute when Terri Vaira had a family emergency and became unavailable. Thank you, Angie, you made everything run smoothly and quickly and thanks also to Beth Bitner, Angi Glidewell, Liz Marchiori, Paul and Robin Elson, and Joan Lester who volunteered the whole evening helping with the dogs, acting as the "crowd," handling, and paper work. We also had Kristin Hardin, a non-member volunteer, who was a big help all evening. The club will host another CGC test on August 16, 2018. The registration form for this test will be available soon on the website.



Calendar

May 2018

- 03 Thu Regular Training
- 10 Thu Regular Training
- 16 Wed Membership Meeting
- 17 Thu Therapy Dog Testing
Correction Clinic
- 24 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 31 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Starts (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Starts (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Starts (8:00pm)

June 2018

- 07 Thu Regular Training
- 14 Thu Regular Training
- 20 Wed Board Meeting
- 21 Thu Correction Clinic
- 28 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Board Meeting Highlights - April 11, 2018

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) The February Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that the newly introduced 7:00 p.m. Beginner Novice/Novice Run-throughs has been drawing a nice number of participants. He also stated that the demand for Rally run-throughs has slightly decreased recently, however there is usually about 20 to 30 run-throughs done each week.

Will Short reported that Marietta Huber will be leading the 7:00 p.m. Open Run-Throughs, which allows the handlers to pick their own exercises to work on during their time in the ring, on the nights that Denise is not running the class. Handlers have a choice of three to five exercises. Denise Schiele will continue to do the 7:00 p.m. Open run-throughs on the first Thursday of each month.

Will also stated that he has been asked by an ADOT to re-address the use of pinch collars by students. In response, the majority of the Board members stated that using the pinch collar is a training tool just like any other collar and that there was no reason not to address them as an option to their students during their 'collar' discussion in their classes. In response to Will's suggestion that we also include halters, it was stated that many of the halters are physically harmful to the dog's back, neck and other areas of their bodies. It was also reiterated that we do provide a service to the individuals wishing to use pinch collars, by making sure that they are fitted correctly and that they are not fitted with an inappropriate link size, as we often see when the individuals purchase the collars at other locations.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the following judges for our 2017 Obedience and Rally Trials will be receiving their contracts shortly:

- ◆ Karen Anderson
- ◆ Julianne Cepulis
- ◆ Rick Cox
- ◆ Edree Olson
- ◆ Deb Steinberger

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that Kent Hildebrand is obtaining volunteers

for tracklayers and cross-tracklayers. The AKC event submission paperwork has been completed.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) stated that he will review the recently received notification from Google regarding their data retention policy changes.

Old Business

None

New Business

- ◆ Carolyn recommended that Dave, Wendy and her create a sub-committee to review the style and wording of our Class Graduation Certificates. That sub-committee will bring their recommendations to the full Board for their review and approval.
- ◆ Wendy related that Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson (Awards Co-Chairs) have asked the Board to review and consider some changes to the Special Awards. Wendy reported that the committee was wondering why club members do not apply for many of the special awards. During conversations with club members, the committee was told that they did not apply for the awards due to their assumption that they were not eligible or it was useless because the awards were awarded to the same people year after year. The committee suggested that we consider changing the special awards eligibility so that the same person could not earn it two years in a row. The committee reported that there were only a couple of club member who applied for the special awards this year and with encouragement from the committee, a couple more applications were submitted.
- ◆ It was agreed that we should solicit the club members for their reasons and opinions using a survey. The survey will be created on the club's website, included in the newsletter and passed out during the May Membership meeting. Once the surveys have been completed, the Board will address the results and determine any changes during the June Board Meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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