

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I have several upcoming events to mention this month. First is our agility trails scheduled on March 30th & 31st at Car-Dun-AI in Huntley. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help, please contact Taffy Wille. Thank you Taffy for doing the workers sign up, once again!

Our Annual Dinner will be on Sunday, April 7th starting at 6:30 pm at Riverside Receptions in Geneva. It's a beautiful location along the river and the food is always delicious! Candy Ellis and her assistants have been hard at work to make this year's dinner another great event for all. This year's theme is Take A Bow, to honor all of our dog handlers. The Dinner Committee stated that they have honored our dogs many times over the years, this year they wanted to honor all the dog handlers. The Annual Dinner is for all FVDTC members so please plan to attend. You must get your reservation to Candy no later than March 29th. Please contact Candy Ellis for any questions.

We will be having another Wellness Clinic on Thursday, April 11th during regular training at the club. This is a great opportunity to get your dog/dogs up to date on any needed vaccines and/or heart worm testing. Microchipping is also available thru Home Again. Please contact Sue MacPherson to set up an appointment. Amber Leaf Animal Hospital is doing this clinic for us.

FVDTC is also having another Canine Good Citizen test on April 18th in conjunction with our April Fun Match. Please contact Cris Ballenger if you have any questions or to sign-up. There is NO day of event sign up, so do not delay if you want to participate.

I would like to thank Jennifer Cornele for volunteering as the New Member Liaison and to Ren Stewart as the Therapy Dog Testing Coordinator. Thank you both for volunteering to help your club with these important positions! And Thank You to Taffy Wille and Jan Winters for doing those positions in the past.

Do not forget about your work credits for 2019, it is time to start accumulating them. You need only 3 work credits to get a 50% reduction in your annual dues. Ten work credits qualifies for either a new title award or a volunteer award at next year's Annual Dinner. If you do not know how to volunteer and help out your club, check out the VIP section on the website and contact the Committee Chair listed for anything that you may be interested in to see how you can help.

Thank you for all you do for FVDTC!

Happy Spring and see you at training,

Wendy Waddick

Calendar

April 2019

04 Thu Regular Training
07 Sun Annual Dinner
11 Thu Regular Training
Health Clinic
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
17 Wed Board Meeting
18 Thu Fun Match
CGC Test
25 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

May 2019

02 Thu Regular Training
09 Thu Regular Training
15 Wed Membership Meeting
16 Thu Fun Match
23 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
30 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

Membership Report

Sharon Flanigan
Completed puppy class
Standard Poodle

Nicolle McCullough
Completed puppy class
Goldendoodle & Lab mix

Bob Casey
Completed puppy class
Goldendoodle

Coming Soon!

2019 Wellness Clinic

Amber Leaf Animal Hospital will be joining us April 11 to offer vaccinations and rabies tags. Get all the details on the club web site (<https://www.fvdtc.org>), including costs and details on making appointments. Don't miss this opportunity!

CGC Evaluation

FVDTC's next CGC evaluation will be on Thursday, April 18 at the Fairgrounds. Registration forms are on the web site; contact Cris Ballenger if you need more details.

Cathy Fleury, Agility Trial Chair

Cathy Fleury has been a member of Fox Valley Dog Training Club since the early to mid-90's. She was training at a private facility in Rockford when she found the club. Cathy paid for the drop-in classes before becoming a member. Sally Compton, who volunteered at the guest table then, suggested she become a member. She told Cathy that she had already guest trained more than the membership costs would be.

She has been on the Board since the early 2000s, starting off as Treasurer before co-chairing with Vera Nyberg as the Agility Trial Chair in late 2000 before taking over the position.

Cathy started doing agility as a way to just play with her dog. It was not an AKC event then. Cathy enjoys competing and training in agility so much that she:

- trains and competes with her own dogs, earning many titles
- competes with dogs trained by her agility students. Cathy started when Vera Nyberg asked her to trial Bitsy
- competes with other's dogs that she trains and trials.



Currently she is competing with 8 to 11 dogs. Cathy said, "Running multiple breeds and sizes gives me a better understanding of the challenges that they bring. They make me a better instructor. I am always looking for solutions that will benefit their training." She loves the teamwork and watching the dogs learn.

Rottweilers are Cathy's breed of choice. Her brother and his wife started with the first Rottweilers in the family. Cathy obtained her first Rott from her sister in-law, pick of the litter. And she has been "hooked" ever since. Cathy co-breeds with Ronnie Bizer when she is interested in keeping a puppy. Cathy said, "We call ourselves breeders of merit."

In 2018 Cathy placed over 20 titles on her dogs for obedience, rally, tracking and agility. She has traveled to National Rottweiler specialties, the Florida Classic and Agility Invitational. Later this year she will be traveling to Colorado for a specialty. She has been to Texas, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Minnesota, and Maine, all for specialties and to the surrounding states for trials. In fact, Cathy had the first Rottweiler in history to earn the VCD4 title. "Spirit was a blessing," said Cathy. Spirit was her first breed Champion and Tracking Champion. She also had 2 other Rott's that earned their VCD4 title and 3 with the VCD3 title.

Currently Cathy is an instructor at Kanosak Canine

Training. She also belongs to the Greater DeKalb Kennel Club and American Rottweiler Club. She instructs at Kanosak three days a week and has one day of lessons and class with her own dogs.

If that isn't enough, she goes horseback riding a couple times a week at her mother in-law's. Cathy was a bookkeeper for over 30 years, and now works part time in accounting where her husband works. This allows her to show on Fridays or travel for obedience and specialties. This year she is looking forward to the 2019 NAC in Tulsa, National Specialty in CO and hopefully back to Florida for the Classic and Invitational. Cathy is also hoping for some new tracking titles, obedience, rally and agility. Along with trying for a VCD4 title on her dog, Touché. She also has two younger dogs that she added to her pack in 2017 and 2018 to enjoy future endeavors.

Good luck Cathy to the future fun I'm sure you'll have. Thank you for all that you do at FVDTC.

Membership Meeting Highlights - March 20, 2019

Meeting brought to order at 7:37 p.m.

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

Carla Tsois (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance, but reported that she is working with Barb Misch to host an informative presentation on the different classes the club has to offer and where to go after Puppy class. The tentative date for this presentation is the May 15th Membership Meeting. As an incentive, she will host a drawing for all members who attend. She will provide more information in the near future. She thought that the newer members would find that helpful.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance but he reported that class and membership revenue are down slightly from the previous year. However, class registrations are strong. The difference is most likely a timing issue as to when new class sessions began last year versus this year.

Additionally several expenses are lower, such as the cost of insurance is down 10% and the annual recognition award expense is down slightly. Although it is likely there are still a few invoices to pay and he does not know if members earned fewer awards in 2018 as compared to previous years. The Breakdown expense is up, due to a delayed check request submission.

In general, it is still early in the year and it appears that revenues and expenses are tracking closely to previous years. Therefore, no changes in direction are recommended at this time.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that there are volunteers signed-up until the end of June for the Beginner Novice/Novice run-throughs. Will stated that there are currently six instructors doing the rotation. Additionally, a new session started last week, and he is pleased to report that he has not been made aware of any issues.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of five new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Sandi Stephenson made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Joyce Conway seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Brian Bourdeau who was present at the meeting. □

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however, she reported that the Spring Agility Trial is all set and that a significant number of members signed up to work.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the theme for this year's annual dinner is "Take a Bow Wow" as a tribute to our trainers, rather than our pups. Party starts at 6:30, the dinner will start at 7:00 pm. The dessert table will be provided by the committee members and anyone else who would like to donate something sweet.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) announced that we have six or seven teams signed up to participate in the CGC test on Thursday, April 18th. The final date to sign-up is Tuesday, April 16th, there will be no test day sign-up. During the meeting, Cris requested and received three volunteers to assist during the test. Volunteers should be there by 6:30 p.m. and the test begins at 7:00 p.m. and test participants should be there between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Cris stated that she has an unexpected trip starting on April 18th, therefore Gina Post will be the host for evening.

Carla Tsois (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that we have started using the new graduation certificates and so far all is going well. These are now signed by Wendy (president), Will (DOT) and the class instructors. A little more work to lock down signatures before the instructors sign and pass them out on the last day of class.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair Judges) reported that our star judges for the March match are:

- Rally.....Carol Schmidt
- Novice, Beginner NoviceCandy Ellis
- Open 1.....Taffy Wille
- Open 2.....Marietta Huber
- Utility 1.....Will Short
- Utility 2.....Loretta Lazzara

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Chair Stewards) was not in attendance, however she reported that she is planning to be at the match for a short while to make sure that there are enough stewards, per the sign-up list.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is Sunday, March 24th or sooner.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Sandi Stephenson as drawn by club member, Brian Bourdeau. Sandi donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger received a total donation of \$14.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

none

New Business

Cris Ballenger asked whether we could offer awards for other AKC titles such as Nosework, Barn Hunt, etc. Wendy stated that our awards policy is that we only offer awards for events that we either train for or host. However, the Awards Committee could possibly look into the question.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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