

# FVDTC

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# WAGGIN' TALES

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## A Note From the President

It's almost June, which means we're almost half-way through the year, which means it's time to start pestering you about getting your work credits. For 2023, 86 of you submitted your 2022 credits and received a 50% discount on your membership dues, which still leaves a few of you paying the full \$180.

So, let's talk work credits. What are they? Why do you want them? How do you get them?

A club like FVDTC lives and dies based on the effort put in by its members. No training can occur without instructors, assistants and behind-the-scenes administrators. No trial or test can occur without a myriad of jobs being completed. The club recognizes these efforts by using Work Credits. The club also recognizes that some of these jobs are inherently more difficult, or more time-consuming, than others by assigning different values to each job. For example a primary instructor earns 4 credits per quarter, while a worker at the Christmas party earns 1.

Why do you care about work credits? There are a few reasons, some more altruistic than others. First, the club needs your time and effort to be successful. Secondly, with 3 credits, you get that 50% discount on your dues for the following year. With 10 credits, you're eligible for end-of-year awards.

With the recognition that work credits are good for both the club as a whole, and you as an individual, how do you get them? Cheryl Hettinger has put together a one-page synopsis of opportunities, and the full detail is on the club web site, under "Members Only" then "My FVDTC". Pick something that looks interesting to you, and contact the person in charge. Who's in charge? That's online as well, on the VIP page (<https://www.fvdtc.org/vips.html>). You can also sign up to fill a specific position on the Volunteer page (<https://www.fvdtc.org/volunteer>). By the way, we need a Public Education Coordinator, a board position (4 credits) mandated by the AKC.

Last work credit thing: If you are a board member or committee chair, your job is not to do all the work. Your job is to make sure all the work gets done. The best way to do that is to get help. Recruit some help, preferably from somebody who doesn't already have a trove of credits. Make it easy for people to find you by getting your opportunities on the Volunteer page. (Contact me for details).

For those of you already contributing: thank you, thank you, thank you.

See you at training,

*Dave Lewis*

## Calendar

### June 2023

- 01 Thu Regular Training  
4-H Classes  
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)  
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 08 Thu Regular Training
- 12 Mon Board Meeting
- 15 Thu Fun Match  
Therapy Dog Testing
- 22 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
- 29 Thu Regular Training

### July 2023

- 06 Thu No Training (Kane County Fair)
- 12 Wed Membership Meeting
- 13 Thu No Training (Kane County Fair)
- 20 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
- 27 Thu Regular Training

# FVDTC Members We Want You!

## How to get work credits after becoming a FVDTC member

No experience needed for any of our volunteer events, we train on the spot

### Easy Peasy -

Attend a membership meeting (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)

7:30 pm UIC Extension Office - right next door

Steward Fun Match (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs except Jul & Dec)

Sign up on line –red calendar tab, click “fun match”, click “volunteer”, click “volunteer with green check mark, add your name to any open position

### Next level of commitment – Work an event –

Before an event watch the website, facebook and front table for information about volunteering OR contact the trial chairperson

Earn up to **5 work credits** in one weekend

Positions vary: setup, takedown, stewarding, driving, kitchen, raffles, etc

Agility Trial – spring & fall

4-H Dog Show - June

Obedience Trial – November

Tracking Test – September

### Club Necessities –

Mat Cleaning -yearly

CGC & TDI stewarding – 1 or 2 times yearly

Judges: 4H, Fun Match

Evaluator – CGC, TDI

### Team Player –

If you are interested in long term volunteering

Instructors: primary & assistant, conformation, 4-H

Chair and committee positions

Board Member positions

FVDTC is an all volunteer club which means we can not do what we do without you volunteering



## Membership Meeting Highlights - May 10, 2023

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** was not in attendance but reported that due to a heavier than usual workload, he was unable to update the year-to-date financial reports. He expects to have more to report at the next meeting.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** stated that the 2023 4-H session has three more weeks of classes prior to their annual dog show. He stated Mary Beth Seymour is very organized and has been doing a wonderful job.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read a list of 6 new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members; none were present at the meeting.

Dave stated that if anyone is interested in volunteering for the **Public Education Coordinator** Board position to contact him, Carolyn Pearson or Wendy Waddick.

**In Candy Ellis' (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** absence, Dave reported that the evening appeared to be successful and many thanks to the hard working Annual Dinner committee chaired by Candy.

**Sally Boeke (Awards Chairperson)** is looking for feedback from members who received any of the awards, especially from the new vendors.

Sally Boeke volunteered for the **CGC Test Coordinator** position.

**Anne Stuessy (Match Chair (Entries))** reported that as of tonight the following fun match entries have been received.

- Beginner Novice – 3 dogs
- Novice – 4 dogs (walk ins happened last month)
- Open - 4 dogs

- Utility - 7 dogs
- Rally - 3 dogs

**Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges))** reported that the final judging assignments were not finalized at this time.

**Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards))** reported that there are currently four volunteer slots available (two in Open and two in Utility) for the May Fun Match. Many hands make light work!

**Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine)** reported that Sally Read's mother died on Sunday, May 7th. There will not be any services, but the club will send her flowers.

**Dianne Herold (Therapy Dog Evaluation)** reported that the Therapy Dog International (TDI) test is scheduled for June 15th at 7:00 p.m. More information is available on the website and Facebook. The volunteer sign-up site is ready to accept volunteers

**Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)** reported that the next deadline is May 14.

### Dollar Bucket

Carolyn Pearson announced that thanks to Sally Boeke's idea, we would like to offer the "dollar bucket" during regular training nights. Anyone can participate by donating a dollar and providing their name (first and last, NOT a dog's name), a phone number and an email address on the entry slip. We will accept the entries and draw the winner's name during the next Membership meeting. The amount collected will be split 50/50 with the winner and the Tracking Committee to help offset the Tracking Test expenses. Meeting attendance is not required.

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- None

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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