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# **WAGGIN' TALES**



# **AWARDS NIGHT SHOWTIME**

A Special Thanks' to Brenda Rivera & Will Short for helping out with the 2006 Awards. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Jan Schomer - Awards Chair

Heather Memorial Award - Given to the club member whose dog earned the three highest scores in Novice A.

Kanosak Kennel Award—Given to the handler whose dog received the three highest scores in Utility A.

Ed Kneip Award - Given to the handler whose dog earned the highest combined score in Open B and Utility A or B at the same trial.

**Founders Award - Given to the handler whose dog** earned the three highest scores.

**Dorothy Dimond Memorial Trophy - Given to** the club member whose dog receives the highest average score with all trials, including NQ's counted.

**Debbie Orr Memorial Award -** Given to the club member whose dog or dogs earned the highest number of AKC, UKC and CKC titles during the year.

Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club Award - Given to a club member to acknowledge them and their contributions to the club

Sandy Davis & Holly

Loretta Lazzara & Satin

**Brenda Rivera & Pilot** 

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Carol Swenson & Jonah

**Cathy Fleury** 

Will Short

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High Qualifying Sandy Davis & Holly Average – Novice A

High Qualifying Brenda Rivera & Pilot Average – Novice B

High Qualifying Brenda Rivera & Pilot Average - Open

High Qualifying
Average – Utility

Brenda Rivera & Jaz

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# **NEW CLUB TITLES**

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Catherine Fleury Can. MOTCH.X Tealaska Valiant Highlander VCD3, UDX6,TDX,RE,OAP, OJP Duncan - Rottweiler Titles Earned CKC MOTCH CKC OTCH X	Spirit - Rottweiler Titles Earned CKC CD AKC CD CDX	Catherine Fleury Kanosaks Gamble With My Heart CDX MX OAP MXJ OJP Vegas - Golden Retriever Titles Earned NAP NJP OAP OJP
Catherine Fleury CH Barr's I Am Woman CDX RA OA OAJ Beka - Rottweiler Titles Earned OA	tion TDX UDX NAP NJP VCD 1 VST RE CGC TDI	Ingrid Hamburger Riesenrad's Special Wheel AM/Can CD VCD1 TDX AXP AJP RE CGC TDI Pally - Giant Schnauzer Titles Earned RA RE
Kent Hildebrand Cabin Creek Hilde's Busy Izzy Izzy - Labrador Retriever Titles Earned TD	Hilde's Rubber Buddy Max Max Labrador Petriaver	Marietta Huber CH MACH 11 Stabuck Torbay Rave On, OD ADCH,NATCH, U ACHX Squiggles - Beagle Titles Earned MACH 11
Marietta Huber MACH Ramapo's Indian Sweet Corn UD, JH U UD MAD NATCH U ACHX Popcorn - Labrador Retriever Titles Earned NAP NJP OJP	Folklaur Command Performance, MX	Colleen Kent Daimler's Raja Ancksunamun UD RA Onyx - Belgian Sheepdog Titles Earned AKC UD RA
Shelly Kellums CH Journey Toujors Jeune CD,MX, MXJ,CGC,TDI Journey - Belgian Tervuren Titles Earned CD CGC TDI MX MXJ	CH Travailler's Midnight Ride Rev - Belgian Tervuren Titles Earned CH	Loretta Lazzara INT/CAN/UKC CH U-CDX Two J's Satin Sash UD RN CKC UDX Satin - Shetland Sheepdog Titles Earned UD RN
Vera Nyberg V's Little Bit of Chocolate AX NPJ Bitsy - Cocker Spaniel Titles Earned AX NJP	Otch Wildfire Pilot's License To Fly UDX Pilot - Border Collie	William & Shirley Short CH Victory Blacksnow Ghost Rider UD CKC CDX MX MXJ AXP MXJP Ghost - Flat-Coated Retriever Titles Earned AKC UD
William & Shirley Short CH Joyous Gard Chase A Running Shadow CDX AX AXJ OAP OJP CGC Shadow - Flat-Coated Retriever Titles Earned AKC OJP	William & Shirley Short CH Songdog Eastwind Al Fresco JH WC Al Fresco - Flat-Coated Retriever Titles Earned AKC CH	Carol Swenson CH U-CDX Waltrons Jonah Whale Ofa Dog CD OA AXJ Jonah – Havanese Titles Earned U-CDX AKC CD CDX OA OAJ AXJ
Heidy Terlizzi CH Cantifs Beauty In The Eye CD Tommy - Standard Poodle Titles Earned CD	CH Dreams Remembering Sweetness RN CGC TDI Payton - English Springer Spaniel	Paulette Zecca U-CD Ballykin Commando Cody CDX RD CGC CKC CD Cody - Pomeranian Titles Earned RN

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# Board Meeting Highlights February 23, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:54 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The August Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read. In response to the receipt of a survey from AKC regarding an International Invitational, it was decided that as Obedience Trial Chair, Ronnie Bizer would best be suited to respond from the club.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) announced that a sale will be conducted this spring to eliminate unnecessary equipment from the club's inventory.

Dale Swanson (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but sent his report via e-mail. An update for the Guillory lawsuit was sent to all Board members via e-mail. An updated financial report will be sent to the board within the next couple of weeks, but the summary is "We've still got money..."

Dale asked the Board to investigate the possibility of having the club's taxes prepared professionally due to his lack of experience in preparing taxes for a non-profit organization. He stated that Amy Ford prepared our taxes last year and she suggested that we have the taxes prepared professionally. Dale estimated that it would cost between \$300.00 and \$500.00. Carolyn stated that she knew of a couple of current club members that were CPA's and we should consider asking them whether they would be available to prepare our taxes. If they agreed, we would need to discuss the cost with them. Carolyn volunteered to contact those club members.

Sandy Davis (Public Education Coordinator) distributed a timeline she developed for 2007 events that she would organize as the Public Education Coordinator. It was suggested that she and Margi work together for press releases for those events. Taffy Wille provided Sandy with the club's AKC number which will allow Sandy to request and receive free information from AKC. Sandy announced that information for the 2007 Responsible Dog Ownership Week will be available from AKC after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ronnie Bizer (Obedience Trial Chairperson) announced that the Obedience Trial Committee positions are currently being filled. The entry fees for the 2007 Obedience Trial will be \$22.00 for the first entry and \$15.00 for the second entry of the same dog.

Ronnie reported that she and Taffy will have the current judges conflicts and complications resolved within a week.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the Tracking Test is awaiting AKC approval after the paperwork was resubmitted with a club officer's signature.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that she would be returning from her tour of Sweden with their new puppy on the date of the meeting and would not be attending. Helen provided her report via e-mail. The Agility trial entries opened on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and are coming in "fast and furious." The draw will occur on February 28th. The following help was still needed for anyone who wished to volunteer.

- Friday, March 30, Set-up beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending probably around 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 31, all types of workers beginning 7:00 a.m. and ending probably around 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 1, all types of workers beginning 7:00 a.m. and ending probably around 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 1, tear down and clean up workers starting immediately after the trial ends, probably around 5:00 p.m.

# **Old Business**

# • Rally Ring Equipment Purchase

Via an e-mail message, Loretta Lazzara asked the-Board for guidance regarding the motion approved at the January 3, 2007 Membership Meeting allowing her to purchase the AKC Rally signs and cardboard number signs for \$55.00 to be used during the monthly correction clinics. She stated that due to the fact that the club is hosting the first annual Rally Trial during the November 11<sup>th</sup> Obedience Trial, Ronnie Bizer suggested, based on the preferences of different Rally judges, that in addition to the signs and cardboard number signs we also purchase the numbered ring cones.

Loretta requested that this purchase now be handled by the Obedience Trial Chair. The Board members agreed and that it should be included in the obedience trial budget to be discussed during the April Board Meeting. Continued on pg. 4 Feb. Board Mtg. Cont'd from pg 2

# • Lifetime Membership Renewal Process

Taffy asked the Board to re-address the lifetime membership renewal procedure due to some recent communication she had with lifetime members. After much discussion, the following process was developed and approved by the Board.

- The annual Membership Renewal Form will be published in the April, May and June Waggin' Tales.
- The Membership Chair will mail an 'invitation' letter (encouraging the member to return an updated renewal form) and a copy of the annual Membership Renewal Form to all lifetime members. This will be sent to existing and new lifetime members (i.e. those who are becoming a lifetime member during that year).
- A sign will be posted in the training building encouraging existing members to complete the Membership Renewal Form (available at training).

Additionally, it was suggested that the club host a raffle to receive a year's free membership. The first 100 club members who submit a renewal form will participate in a drawing to receive the free membership.

### **New Business**

# • Set-Up and Break-Down Compensation

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to increase the compensation we offer for the set-up and the break-down of the training equipment by \$10.00 per week effective on January 1, 2007. This would increase the set-up from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per week. This would increase the break-down from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per week. Carolyn stated that the last increase was effective in January 2002. Ronnie Bizer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

# • Health Clinic

Sue MacPherson stated that she would check to see with the Amberleaf Animal Hospital about conducting a Health Clinic in April. She will also check with Dr. Gerding about conducting a CERF Clinic at some time in the future.

Motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT SUE MACPHERSON

**New Members** 

Sharon Henryson 40W785 Bowes Bend Drive Elgin, IL 0123 (847) 464-5761 bluebarn40@fastmail.fm Pembrook Welsh Corgi Completed Beginners Class

Barbara Rask 6N385 Essex Avenue St. Charles, IL 601174 (630) 377-5792 brask60@SBCGlobal.net Brichon Completed Beginners Class

# **ADDRESS CHANGE**:

Sue & Monty Torres 413 Kincaid Street Maple Park, IL 60151-9150

# From Helen Castellano

# Two Titles in One Weekend!

Not bad for an 11 year old dog. Jesse earned her AKC Agility Open Standard Preferred and Open Jumpers Preferred titles at our agility trials on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jesse is now retired from the show ring after earning eight AKC agility titles.

Thank you Jesse, for coming alive and running your heart out for me one last time. You were fantastic! That weekend was a highlight of our career together.

Love you, Mom

Jenasee After Midnight, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP

# FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

# THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2007 DUES FOR THE 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **JUNE 30, 2007**

Your name will be omitted from the 2007-2008 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-9-07

Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.

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# PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

**REGULAR TRAINING:** \$90.00\*\*

**REGULAR NON-TRAINING:** \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00\*\*

LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: FREE

INSTRUCTORS: Earn 1/4 Credit Towards Dues Per Quarter Or Class Taught (Max 4)
Your Teaching Status Must Be Confirmed By The Director Of Training

\*\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's banquet, be sure that you select a Training membership.

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ENCLOSED</b>	*

\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-9-07

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

(630) 584-1002

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Sue MacPherson 4N791 Chaffield Dr St. Charles, IL 60175

membership@fvdtc.org

# POSITIVELY SPEAKING, PART 5 MAKING SOMETHING POSITIVE OUT OF SOMETHING NEGATIVE by Will Short

A friend of mine remarked that when we are doing obedience training we aren't supposed to have fun. And if that is true, then your dog certainly will not have fun. She was joking, of course, but I don't think that she is far off in her assessment. All you have to do is look around at any fun match or obedience trial and try to pick out the people and dogs who are having fun. If they look like they are enjoying their work as a team, then chances are there has been quite a lot of positive reinforcement training that has taken place. The following are several positive things that a handler can do for his dog and their partnership.

When you are practicing or teaching heeling to your dog have your treat and your voice ready when you come to any turn. In the beginning use your treat to help him make any turn—use your voice as a marker to let him know that he has done the correct thing and that you are pleased. The treats and your encouraging voice will let him know that doing these turns gets him something that he likes—treats. Clickers are highly effective doing this and all of the following. If you do decide that a clicker is for you and your dog, you would click when he does what you like, praise him, and then deliver the cookie.

We often ask our puppies to do things that they might not be ready for, such as the formal obedience exercises. I think that it is extremely important to begin working with your puppy by doing things that let him know that doing stuff with you and being close to you are fun and rewarding. By using a liberal supply of treats and praise, you can get your dog to do many things, like walk on a loose lead close to you, sit, down, stand, come, stay, you know, all of the things that we want all of our dogs to know.

One of the most positive things that a handler can do is to make the decision to use either a plain buckle collar or an Easy Walker harness. Your dog can learn if you use either one, but if you have a really large and active dog, the Easy Walker will give you almost instant control in handling your dog. These are used in conjunction with the continued liberal use of treats.

If your dog has something that he is not supposed to have or you just need to take something from him, the quickest and easiest thing to do is to take him gently by the collar, pull him very close to your knee, take the object in your other hand being careful not to pull it, and just wait. He will release it; it only takes time and patience. You can also negotiate a trade with him by offering a really high value treat as a trade. He gives up the object, he gets the

neat treat.

During a sit or down stay, your dog repeatedly gets up. You are frustrated, anxious, and embarrassed, but you shouldn't be. Chances are the situation your dog finds himself in is too hard for him, so you could just back up a few steps. Return your dog to the desired position and stay close to him. Use your clicker, praise, and treats as long as he remains where you want him. If he moves, just reposition him but he gets no treats. Gradually increase the amount of time, then start working on distance. When you have that part licked, add the distractions. Each time something is added, lower your expectations for the other elements.

When you and your dog approach another dog and handler, you can easily see that your dog looks like he wants to go visit the other dog—and you don't want him to do that. All you have to do is stop your forward progress, back up, call your dog to you, ask him to sit, and then deliver a treat to him. By doing this you make yourself far more attractive than anyone else because you have treats and he likes them. Plus he is doing something that you asked—sitting.

Getting a reliable recall is probably at the top of most lists of behaviors that we would like our dogs to learn. I start by doing lots of on-lead recalls—walking with my dog, stopping and then backing up, and then I call my dog. When he comes, he gets a click, praise, and a treat. I do a lot of these before I attempt to ask him to come from a sit/stay. In fact I don't expect him to do a recall from a sit/stay until he has a pretty good stay. If he won't sit and wait, there is no point in my trying to do regular recalls with him. Once his sit/stay is pretty solid, I can start adding a little time and distance before I turn, face hi m, and call. When he does come, I ask for a sit in front, he gets a click, praise, and treat.

Using positive reinforcement is great fun for you and your dog. I believe that it takes less effort to be positive toward my dogs and their training than it does to inject any negatives. I don't get angry and take any mistake personally; I just try to figure out some other way to help them all the while trying to have them enjoy the work. Patti Ruzzo said that if you have a problem in training put a cookie on it. I am currently training one of my dogs in utility. The journey has not been smooth and easy, but I am determined that all of his experiences will be positive no matter the outcome.

# WAGGIN TALES BULLETINBOARD

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

GENEVAS LADY HOLLY and SANDY DAVIS for receiving the American Red Cross Hometown Hero Nomination. Way to go you two!!

# THANK YOU SANDY DAVIS

Sandy graciously gave of her personal spare time and vacation time to assist me with WT for both the March and April issues.

In March, I was learning the process of working the computer program. Sandy came to the house for two evenings to help me learn the ropes.

I have been working on this issue while at my mother's bedside in ICU, at Delnor Hospital. Sandy literally took time out of her vacation to come to my rescue, here at the hospital, when I was stuck.

If Sandy hadn't been willing to assist me, it would have been a much more difficult task.

Thanks again, Sandy, for all your help.

Dear Members,

The fall trial is underway in the planning department. As Trophy person, I would like to request you let me know if you will be sponsoring the classes you sponsored in the past. Or maybe you might like to sponsor a different class. That would be great too.

I will keep the fees the same as they were last year and as you may know that pricing has not changed in many years past. So that is a good thing.

If you are offering an award that you are purchasing, please inform me as we have to list that item. If you want the prize to be cash, you need to inform me of that.

Thanks for all your continued support of this organization. It is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peggy Sue

### **CGC/TDI INFORMATION**

**CGC** and **TDI** testing will be held on May 17 during our Correction Clinic. Please contact Colleen Kent for space availability and additional information

### JUST A REMINDER

"A gentle reminder that the bulletin board at training should be used only for club business, and not for personal items. If we started allowing personal postings and photos on the board, there wouldn't be any space left for club related items. Thanks for your understanding..."

# ANOTHER REMINDER

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** are due by June 30th. Send renewals to Sue MacPherson. The forms may be obtained from various Waggin Tales issues this Spring or the FVDTC website or the information bulletin board by the front desk at training.

### **HELP WANTED**

Substitutes are needed to cover the puppy, beginner and advance beginner classes. Can you help? Please see Sandi Stephenson for more information.

Thank you.

# **ATTENTION!**

Anyone interested in learning how to instruct or help assist classes, contact the Director of Training,

Sandi Stephenson.



#### Club Members in Action

Below are two wonderful examples of some of the fine contributions our club members are making to various communities throughout the country.

# Elburn Library's "Reading to the Dog"

Pally and his reading partner take a break from their "Reading to the Dog" session, at the Elburn Library, for a brief photo session. Children benefit from this program by having a non-threatening environment and a captive audience. Pally looks like he enjoys these sessions as much as his partner does.

Photo submitted by Ingrid Hamburger



# Therapy Dogs Reach Out To Wichita, Kansas

04/23/07 Sandy Davis and Nadine Conner on a TDI visit at St. Mary's Convent. Wichita, KS

Photo submitted by Nadine Conner



# **IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED!**

If you are interested in attending the CERF CLINIC on May 17, contact SueMacPherson NOW at (630) 584-1002. She needs people to register immediately or she will be forced to call Dr. Gerding to cancel the clinic.

# **Exhibitors heaven!**

The exhibitors at our indoor **Spring Agility Trials** just love our show site. Many of them provided positive comments to the committee and expressed the hopes that we will be able to do this again next year. The agility trial committee was concerned that we might not fill due to the AKC Agility Nationals being held the same weekend in Ohio. Well, we did lose some of our strongest competitors but we still filled our show and had some great competition. We received some excellent press coverage from at least three of the local newspapers. One of which, got her article in Sunday's paper and probably helped with the number of visitors to the site that day.

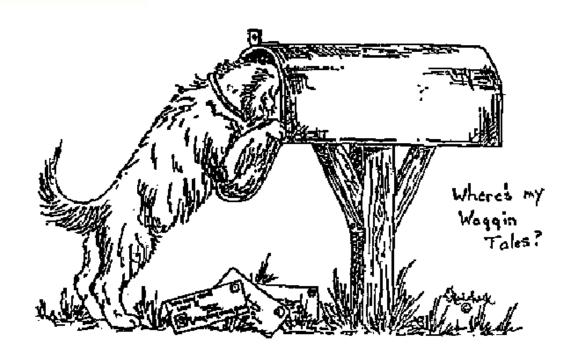
We had two superior judges, **Annette Narel and Deb Auer**, who were wonderful to work with and appreciated all of the volunteers who assisted. Cathy Fleury accomplished the difficult and complicated job of organizing our many volunteers to support an abundance of work areas.

I personally would like to thank my trial committee which included **Cathy Fleury**, **Vera Nyberg**, **Molly Stadler**, **and Shirley Short**. All of us worked very hard on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Some of us even ran multiple dogs. We volunteered over 22 hours to make this weekend a success and that figure does not even begin to include the additional amount of work and effort which goes into the preplanning stages of these trials.

To all those club members and non-members who volunteered to work with us, you have my sincere appreciation. All of us pulled together and gave our all to make these trials successful. I look forward to your continued support next year.

With gratitude,

Helen Castellano Agility Trial Chairperson Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. Francene Andresen 5N240 Foxmoor Drive St. Charles, IL 60175 www.fvdtc.org



APRIL	,		MAY		
1	Sunday	Spring Agility Trial	2	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
5	Thursday	Regular Training	3	Thursday	Regular Training
6	Friday	Board Meeting	6	Sunday	WT Deadline
8	Sunday	WT Deadline	10	Thursday	Regular Training
12	Thursday	Regular Training & End 8 p.m. Puppy	17	Thursday	Correction & Cerf Clinics CGC & TDI Tests
14	Saturday	Awards Night	22	Tuesday	Regular Training End Session 2 Puppy 7 p.m. & Beginner
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic	31	Thursday	Regular Training Start Session 3 Puppy 7 p.m. & Beginner
24	Tuesday	Regular Training & Start 8 p.m. Puppy			