

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

Instructor Needed



FVDTC will be adding a 4th Beginner time slot for the session following the completion of the 4-H program. A 6pm Beginner class will be offered starting on August 9th. We already have a volunteer for the assistant position. We are still in need of a Primary instructor for that session. Please consider helping your club. Those who are interested may contact Nancy Pederson (class registrar) or Joan Mazat (Director of Training) as soon as possible. Current instructors and the DOT will be available to help you get started. There are guidelines to follow. Keep in mind, 3 work credits are available for each session that a primary instructor teaches a Puppy or Beginner class. 2 work credits are available for assistant instructors during each session.

In addition to the above position, we will also need an 8pm Beginner Primary and Assistant instructor. We are always looking for substitute instructors which can be called on from time to time to teach or assist in the Puppy, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice Ring Ready, Open, Utility, and Conformation classes when the regular instructor knows ahead of time that they will be absent. One work credit is available for anyone that subs in 4 classes.

Special Presentation! May 16th at 7pm

What are the benefits of Animal Chiropractic?

By Dr. Erin O'Connor AVCA Certified Animal Chiropractor

Topics to be covered are:

- Spinal Health
- Posture and Gait
- Chiropractic Effects on Agility Performance
- Questions Welcome!

30 minute presentation just prior to the Membership Meeting

Location: Extension Center on Randall Road in St. Charles

SALLY COMPTON AWARD BALLOT

THIS AWARD BEGAN IN 1995, TO ACKNOWLEDGE SALLY COMPTON AND HER MANY, MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB WHICH EPITOMIZED THE TRUE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM. WHEN VOTING FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR THE SALLY COMPTON AWARD, PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE VOTING FOR THE MEMBER WHO CONSISTENTLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE CLUB. IT SHOULD BE ANY MEMBER WHO FREQUENTLY GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY. AS SALLY HERSELF SAID IN HER THANK-YOU NOTE, 'I HOPE THAT THE FUTURE RECIPIENTS OF THIS AWARD WILL FEEL HONORED TO BE NOTICED NOT ONLY FOR THE DUTIES REQUIRED BUT THOSE "EXTRAS" THAT MAKE NEWCOMERS WELCOME, AND THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CLUB.'

In order to have your vote counted, you MUST sign your name on this ballot and only place a mark in one box.

Signature: _____

Please return by: April 26, 2012 to:

Sandy Davis
 P.O. Box 1141
 Batavia, IL 60510

Your Vote	NOMINATIONS AS SUBMITTED
	<p>Sandy Davis Always promoting the club, teaching all year and continues to volunteer for other needed positions. Truly a member with the club's interests at heart.</p> <p>Sandy Davis Sandy Davis has been a member of this club for several years now. She teaches all of us how to have well behaved dogs. In her class she teaches and encourages her students to work towards their obedience goals by introducing them to Novice obedience, grad novice and rally moves (commands) in her class. She shares her life experiences which are very helpful for her students to relate that no dog or person is perfect and to never ever give up. NQ to Sandy has always meant NEVER QUIT. She makes you feel welcome in her class and always has time to answer any question(s) you might have. Sandy also volunteers her time with the club as being a Rally judge on Correction Clinic Nights. You will also find her helping out at the agility trials we have. This is why I believe Sandy Davis deserves this award for her loyalty and continuous effort to make the dog world a better place.</p>
	<p>Ed Herdes Mister Herdes deserves this award for his unfailing assistance to the club. Ed is on the Board of Directors, he is an instructor, he lays tracks for the tracking trial, he handles mat cleaning day, he opens the building and keeps track of the shed. He works with the fairground management as needed for repairs, etc. There are numerous other jobs and tasks that Ed does when needed. He is very friendly and helpful to EVERYONE.</p> <p>Ed Herdes Ed is AMAZING. In addition to the many jobs and tasks he performs in an official capacity for the club, he has been personally mentoring club members who are new to the obedience world. He works with them each week to help them learn how to handle their dogs in the obedience trial ring, but also helps them understand the rules. Not only does he help them weekly, he continues his encouragement by being ringside at the trials. He also encourages club members to become instructors, by personally inviting them to learn as his assistant while he teaches the Beginner's classes. He is doing his best to continue the sport of obedience.</p>
	<p>Dave Lewis Dave has been involved with the FVDTC for many years and during this time he has been Club President, Director at Large (currently), Editor of Waggin' Tales and Web Master. He has helped the club grow and develop over the past 10 years. His strong computer and web knowledge has moved the club into the 21st century. Not only does Dave volunteer many hours to the club, his wife and children do too. And yet with all his help and dedication to the club he has never earned the Sally Compton Award. So please consider Dave Lewis for the Sally Compton Award.</p>
	<p>Will Short He single handedly got everything done, all the judges and all the committees together for Fox Valley to have our 2011 trial. All since July or August. Also – he was a forerunner and run thru instructor of the now very popular rally run thru class. No one took any initiative to do this last year like Will did.</p>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Roll the Dice!

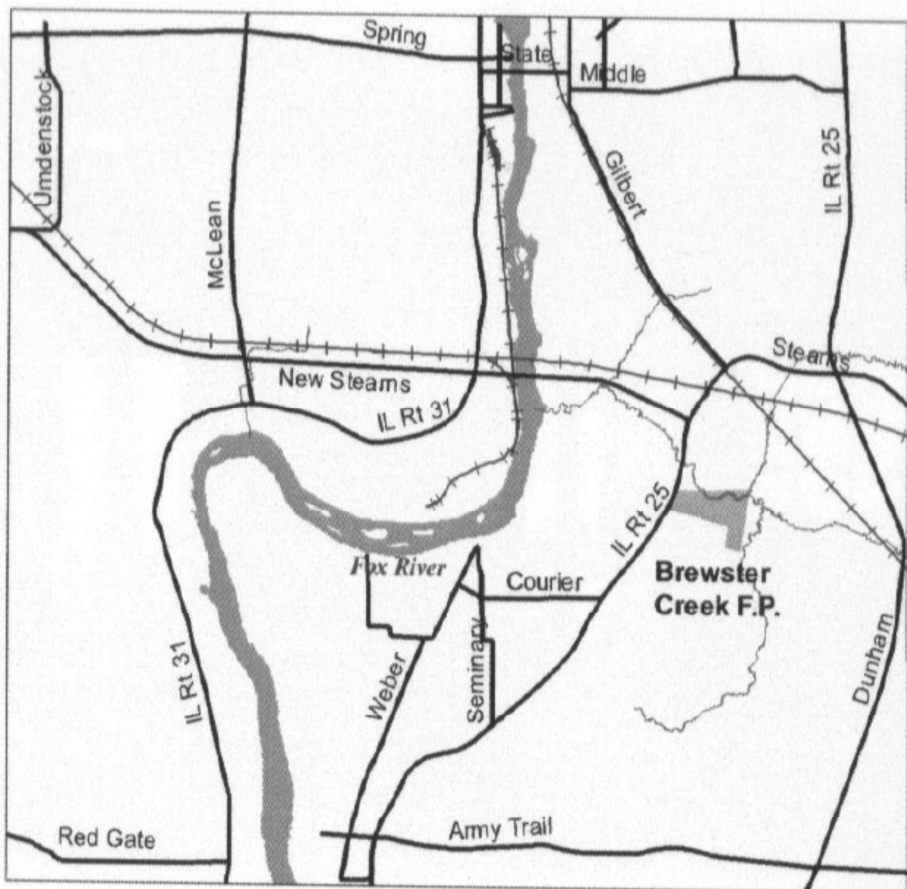
Fox Valley Dog Training Club's K9 Casino Royale could just be your lucky night! With laughter, raffle excitement and awards celebrations, everyone is sure to have a good time.

Reserve your spot at a winning table!

May 12th

Brewster Creek Lodge
 6N921 Route 25, St. Charles

6:30 Cocktail - 7:00 Dinner
 Brewster Creek Lodge
 6N921 Route 25. St. Charles



Deadline to RSVP: May 3rd

Barb Runkle, 381 Turner Rd, Aurora IL 60505

of guests attending: _____ \$15 per guest

Total: \$ _____

check payable to FVDTC

Name: _____

(as it should appear on name tag)

Name: _____

(as it should appear on name tag)

Name: _____

(as it should appear on name tag)

for additional names use back of sheet

Help Wanted! No Experience Required!

Earn your Work Credits..Socialize..Get involved...Learn..Support your Club!

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
4/19/2012	Correction Clinic	Fairgrounds	Stewards (No experience required), contact Ingrid Hamburger (tracking@fvdtc.org) and Judges, (experience required), contact Sandi Stephenson (mydogs1st@hotmail.com) Free run-thru for volunteers!	1
5/16/2012	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension Office	7pm: special presentation on Chiropractic benefits for dogs. 7:30 membership meeting	1
5/17/2012	Correction Clinic	Fairgrounds	Stewards, (No experience required) contact Ingrid Hamburger (tracking@fvdtc.org) and Judges, (experience required), contact Sandi Stephenson (mydogs1st@hotmail.com) Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
6/20/2012	4-H Show	Fairgrounds	Stewards (No experience required)/helpers needed for the 4-H show. Contact Terri Byerly (president@fvdtc.org)	1
6/21/2012	FVDTC Sanctioned Match	Fairgrounds	Stewards. (No experience required) Contact Ingrid Hamburger (tracking@fvdtc.org)	1

This listing will be included in each issue of Waggin Tales. If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at VP2@fvdtc.org

***Membership Meeting Highlights
March 21, 2012***

Meeting brought to order at 7:47 p.m.

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

Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President) reported that she has the following guest speakers scheduled for upcoming membership meetings. All presentations will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Kane County Extension Center. The regular membership meeting will follow the programs.

- May 16 – Chiropractor Dr. Erin O'Connor will discuss canine chiropractics.
- September 19 – A lawyer will provide information about creating a trust for our pets.

Donna also reported that the Rally workshop held on February 23rd went very well. Donna thanked the following club members for volunteering to conduct the workshop: Rick Cox, Loretta Lazzara and Nancy Pederson.

Sandi Stephenson (Assistant Director of Training) reported that we will need a new 7:00 p.m. puppy class instructor to replace Joan as she gets closer to delivering/whelping her baby in August.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. However it was reported that the November 11th Obedience and Rally Trial has been fully approved by AKC. Mr. Robert Olson is this year's trial secretary.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that the new rosters are available for club members to take. Terri Byerly volunteered to bring the rosters to the training building on March 22. After that, Sue will mail any uncollected rosters to the club members. She also stated that she has discovered Will Short and Kay Weber were not in the new roster. Sue stated that when she spoke to Will Short about the situation, he good naturedly laughed. Sue read the list of the 13 new member applicants who had been published in the January and February Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Barb Runkle made a motion to accept the list as read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, Francene Andresen reported that the plans for the Fall Tracking Test are going well.

Cheryl Lewis (Public Education Coordinator) was not in attendance. However, Dave Lewis stated that she is currently working on obtaining names of contacts.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. However Carolyn Pearson reported that the next club-hosted Agility Trial will be on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1st. Carolyn also stated that anyone who wished to volunteer to help should contact Cathy.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) stated that "all is good".

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that the Annual Dinner is scheduled for May 12 at the Brewster Creek Lodge, starting with cocktails cash bar with beer and wine at 6:30 p.m. and dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. Cheryl is purchasing the liquor for our consumption. The Dram insurance (basically the liquor license) is \$200.00 for the event and the bartender is another \$200.00. The menu consists of baked and fried chicken, mostaccioli, Italian beef, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, salads and brownies.

She also stated that, although Garmin will not locate the building using the street address, it will find it using the longitude and latitude coordinates. Rick Cox is once again the Master of Ceremonies. Cheryl encouraged club members are to turn in their money and RSVPs as soon as possible.

Sandy Davis (Awards Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that she is working on getting the awards.

In response to Terri's request for a volunteer for this CGC Test Coordinator committee chair, Donna Bihner stated that she might know of someone willing to volunteer.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) stated that she is ordering some new Graduation certificates from Kwik Kopy to replenish the club's supply.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chair) stated that due to the confusion that occurred during the March correction clinic regarding who was judging, the committee will determine a new method for club members to sign-up for judging. Carolyn stated that it was totally her fault that a judge was missing for a ring. Carolyn reported that she had encouraged several of her advanced beginner's students who were qualified to judge to volunteer. Unfortunately the schedule was modified and then was modified again and she did not confirm with one of the volunteers that they were officially scheduled to judge. Carolyn apologized for inadvertently causing so much confusion at the correction clinic.

Sandi stated that the match committee chairs agreed that our judges must meet some criteria in order to present a knowledgeable and positive appearance to the exhibitors. The committee will determine the criteria and a standard way for club members to sign-up for judging. That information will be communicated to the club, when it becomes finalized by the committee.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, everyone was reminded that we ALWAYS need volunteers to steward at the correction clinics.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) asked that ALL committee chairs send her their list of club members who worked during the first quarter (i.e. January through March) of 2012. She encourages all committee chairs to automatically provide her with that information at the end of each quarter. This would reduce the mad rush at the end of the year for the committee chairs and for her.

In response to the announcement that Bernie Ziegler had recently lost his wife, Wanda, Carolyn Pearson stated that she would check with Penny Brcich (Sunshine) to determine whether the club had extended our sympathy to him.

David Thornell (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance. Carolyn stated that the Waggin' Tales deadline schedule had not been finalized.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$5.00 is Sue MacPherson as drawn by club member, Donna Bihner. In addition to the remaining \$5.00 donated to the tracking test fundraising effort, Sue also donated her winnings to the tracking test fundraising effort

Old Business

- Carolyn stated that the remaining items in the Library's inventory continues to be available for purchase. The last day that items will be available will be April 12. After that all the remaining items will be donated to the St. Charles Public Library Used Book Sale.

- Cheryl Hettinger reported that the club will be planting a tree on the property of the Kane County Fairgrounds, as a memorial to club member Rick Runkle, who died last year. She is working with Chris Unger, Kane County Fairgrounds Manager to determine the location on the fairgrounds and logistics for its care. Cheryl asked for contact names or places of individuals who we could work with to obtain an appropriate tree at a reasonable price. Donna Bihner said that there was a place in Elburn that was very reasonable. Additionally, Dave Lewis said that he knows a local landscape designer that would be helpful in determining the type of tree to plant. Cheryl stated that she would keep us posted as this project progresses.
- **New Business**
- Cheryl Hettinger offered the following reminders to the club members.
 - Please do NOT put 'stuff' on the information table, as it makes it very difficult for her to assist our guests.
 - We have long and short sleeved t-shirts with the club logo for sale, which can be purchased from her at training.
- Terri Byerly announced that based on the suggestion of Nancy Pederson, our beloved Class Registrar, the club should consider hosting a Beginner's Class at 6:00 p.m. on a **trial basis**, to see how it works for the club members currently using the training building at that time and students signing up for classes. The 6:00 p.m. Beginner's Class will be offered in Session #4 (August 30-October 25) and Session #5 (November 1-December 20). Joan is attempting to find a volunteer to instruct the class.

This additional class would NOT replace the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class. The 9:00 p.m. class would still be offered and Ed stated that he is still available to instruct the class.
- Terri Byerly also announced that effective May 31, 2012, the non-members fee for the Puppy **and** the Beginner's classes will be \$95.00 per session. The current fees have been in effect since June 1, 2006.
- Terri Byerly stated that 4-H starts tomorrow (March 22) and ends with the Kane County Fair Dog Show on June 20th. She reminded club members that 4-H participants are children and as such should be welcomed and encouraged. She also asked for anyone interested in helping with teaching 4H classes or helping at the 4H Show itself to contact her.
- In response to Terri's statement, passed along to her from Joan Mazat (got that?), that two of the Rally signs included in the recent Waggin' Tales and at the Rally Workshop were not correct, Donna Bihner stated that she will review the information for accuracy. Any corrections necessary will be published.
- The less than stellar condition of the giant cork board used to post club related information was addressed by Carolyn being volunteered to buy a new one at Hobby Lobby. Ed stated that he could provide her with a 40% off discount coupon.
- Barb Misch suggested that the club consider sponsoring two scholarships to college level students in the local region. One would be to reward Service for the Club and could perhaps be offered in memory of Jan Schomer. The second one would be for children who volunteer for animal related activities. Barb suggested that each scholarship be offered at \$500.00 per scholarship, with the money going directly to the recipients' school, the preferred method of handling scholarships and reduces the chance that the money is misused. Barb stated that a committee of club members would be responsible for reviewing the applications and determining the winners of the scholarships. The applications would be developed to enable the decision committee to compare 'apples to apples'.

Barb Misch made a motion to offer two scholarships annually to college level students in the local region at a value of \$500.00 each with recipients to be chosen by a committee comprised of neutral club members. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. During the discussion, the following items were addressed.

- Donna Bihner asked where the money would come from, i.e. from the general membership funds, or some other means of funding the scholarships.
- Peggy Sue Seehafer asked whether the purpose of offering these scholarships would be to extend good will to the community.
- Carolyn Pearson asked whether these scholarships would be offered every year or for a specified amount of time.

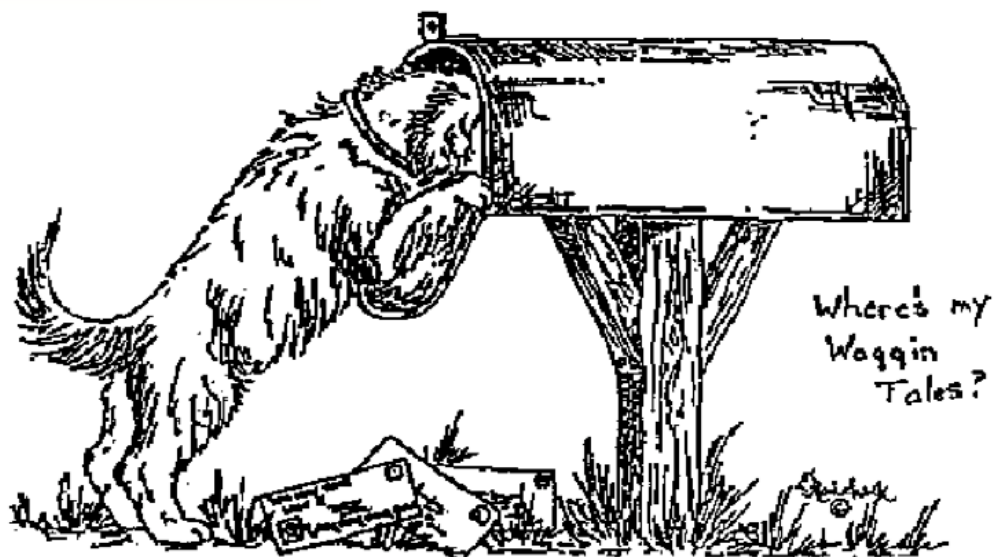
Due to the amount of discussion and detail requested that did not have specific answers, Barb retracted her motion.

Barb then made a motion to form a committee to present the parameters of the scholarship to the Board to decide whether the scholarships are offered or not. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed by all members present, without any opposed or abstentions. Terri Byerly and Dave Lewis volunteered to be on the committee with Barb.

- Donna Bihner announced that she and Nancy Pederson recently provided updates to information about our classes, which Dave Lewis uploaded to our Website.
- Additionally, Donna stated that the club has a new position named "New Member Liaison" and that Taffy Wille has volunteered to perform the role. The New Member Liaison will work in tandem with the Membership Chair to make sure that new members are welcomed and provided with a way of obtaining club information from a single source. The process will include Taffy sending new members an email introducing her as the liaison. This process will begin immediately and will include new members who have joined within the past nine months.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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April 2012

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| 1 | Sunday | Spring Agility Trial |
| 5 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 12 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 19 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 26 | Thursday | Regular Training
End Puppy Session |

May 2012

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| 3 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 10 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 12 | Saturday | Annual Dinner |
| 16 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 17 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 24 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 31 | Thursday | Regular Training |

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