



Waggin' Tales

Note from the President:

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

Is it ever going to be Spring? I walked the dogs yesterday because it felt warmer, it was a balmy 13 degrees! Now if that is not a depressing statement. It can't last much longer, can it?

Well enough of that topic – let's look forward to some fun things! Have you signed up to go to the Annual Dinner yet? Our theme this year is the Pawscars and we will have the red carpet rolled out for our members – as you are all stars of course! The dinner is open to all members and is a fun way to get in some socialization time – without our dogs. Yes, we really can get together for some fun without the dogs once in a while. ☺ You will find more information later in the newsletter.

Another fun topic is our Spring Agility trial. Hundreds of dogs and people all kept under control by our intrepid team of Cathy Fleury, Vera Nyberg, Taffy Wille and myself. A huge thanks to the team for pulling this off twice a year. Our trials are a great place to earn some work credits while cheering on your friends. If you are interested in agility, or are in agility training this is also a great opportunity to learn. Bar setting, for example, may not be ultra-exciting but a lot can be learned by watching the teams work the course.

A special thanks to Sue MacPherson and Carolyn Pearson for organizing our two spring wellness nights. These clinics save members both time and money. What more can we ask for?

Our last CGC test was in January (pictures later in the newsletter) just after the last newsletter was published. A huge thanks to Willie Santiago, for organizing, and Rick Cox, for judging. It was another successful event. Sadly, it was the last event that Willie will organize for us, as he has now moved to the East Coast to be closer to his family. We know that he really wanted to be closer to his family, but we will miss Willie!

A final note, have you noticed that the Waggin Tales has been a wee bit thicker? Several people made suggestions and have offered to help make our newsletter – well more newsy. Nancy Pederson has started a monthly biography of members; Loretta is gathering 'brags' from members and others have submitted articles and pictures. If you have newsworthy information don't be afraid to share. Send it to David or myself. Thanks to the many who are working to make Waggin Tales more meaningful.

See you soon

Donna Bihner, FVDTC – President

Help Wanted!

***No Experience Required,
(well, in most cases)***

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

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
3/19/14	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	Earn an easy work credit! (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues)	1
3/27/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: On-line signup (below) or contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
3/28/14	Agility Trial Setup	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Evening set-up work. Contact Cathy Fleury - agility@fvdtc.org	1
3/29/14	Agility Trial	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Multiple jobs contact Cathy Fleury	1 - 2
3/30/14	Agility Trial	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Multiple jobs contact Cathy Fleury	1 - 2

If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org

Clinic Steward signup: http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014

The link is also in the home page of the web site.

It's 4H Time....

It's time to start thinking about classes for our 4H junior handlers again! We need primary instructors and assistants for several classes which are held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM, on regular training nights. This year, classes start on Thursday, April 3 and the show is on Wednesday, June 25. Please email David Thornell at davemt24@aim.com, to let him know if you can help out this year.



This year we would like to add a Rally class for the kids. It will not be a State eligible class at their show but it would be a great way to get kids interested in further obedience work! Contact Terri at terribyerly@aol.com about this new class.

COME ONE - COME ALL TO THE MARCH 19TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**DR. VIVIAN GRANT, DVM of AUTUMN GREEN ANIMAL HOSPITAL in GENEVA will be
our GUEST SPEAKER starting at 7:00 P.M.**

Dr. Grant will present a program on Nutrition and the best types of food to feed our dogs. She will also discuss the benefits of feeding a Grain free diet.

Dr. Grant incorporates an integrated approach in the care of small animals and exotics at her clinic. She combines both Western and Holistic medicine at her practice, which includes Acupuncture, Chinese Herbs, Massage, Reiki, Essential Oils and Chiropractic Care. She is certified in Veterinary Acupuncture through The Chi Institute.

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And the Winner is .....



| <u>Club Member</u> | <u>Dog</u> | <u>Breed</u>     | <u>Show / Kennel Club &amp;<br/>Date</u>      | <u>Win</u>                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Taffy Wille        | Taxi       | Golden Retriever | K-9 Petiquette (UKC)<br>Feb. 1, 2014          | Winners Dog, Best of Breed<br>Group 2                                                                          |
| Taffy Wille        | Taxi       | Golden Retriever | K-9 Petiquette (UKC)<br>Feb. 2, 2014 - Show 2 | Winners Dog                                                                                                    |
| Taffy Wille        | Taxi       | Golden Retriever | K-9 Petiquette (UKC)<br>Feb. 2, 2014 - Show 1 | Winners Dog, Best of Breed<br>Group 1, Best In Show - <b>New U-Ch</b>                                          |
| Marian Lazzara     | Erin       | Pomeranian       | Car-Dun-Al O.D.T.C (UKC)<br>Feb. 1, 2014      | Beginning Novice - 1st Place<br>Score - 198, 1st BN Leg                                                        |
| Marian Lazzara     | Erin       | Pomeranian       | Car-Dun-Al O.D.T.C (UKC)<br>Feb. 2, 2014      | Beginning Novice - 1st Place<br>Score - 199, 2nd BN Leg                                                        |
| Barb Bonner        | Kona       | Wire Fox Terrier | Car-Dun-Al O.D.T.C (UKC)<br>Jan. 11, 2014     | UKC Rally Novice B<br>Score - 99, 2nd Place 1st Leg                                                            |
| Barb Bonner        | Krafty     | Wire Fox Terrier | Car-Dun-Al O.D.T.C (UKC)<br>Jan. 11, 2014     | UKC Rally Novice B<br>Score - 100 - 1st Place, 1st Leg<br>UKC Rally Novice B<br>Score - 97, 3rd Place, 2nd Leg |



## Fox Valley Dog Training Club

# Annual Dinner

The festivities will be held at the Geneva Historical Society  
113 South Third Street  
Geneva, IL

### Saturday, April 12th 2014

The party will begin at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:00

RSVP no later than March 29th

#### **Menu:**

Mixed Green Salad and Rolls

London Broil & Cranberry Stuffed Pork Loin

Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Wild Rice Blend

Green Beans with Bacon & Onion & Baby Carrots in Dill Sauce

*Vegetarian upon request*

*You may bring wine or beer, but  
none will be available for sale.*

Drop your form off at the front table on training nights or send the completed form along with your check (made out to FVDTDC) to:

Candy Ellis  
27W359 Beecher Ave  
Winfield, IL 60190

Questions? Contact Donna at  
[president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) or 630-802-2743

YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

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## MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS

### William Short Current Director of Training Rally Instructor



My wife, Shirley, and I began training at FV in the mid-eighties with our Golden Retrievers. We took the Beginner class and everything that was offered after that. We have both competed in AKC and CKC Agility, Obedience, Rally, Conformation, and Field. I can't imagine how many miles we have driven and how many classes we have taken since we started. Our dog activities have taken us all over the country. I credit them with now being able to navigate to a show and home without getting lost. Before showing dogs, I spent most of my out of town driving asking for directions--after I got us lost.

Prior to all of this, I was content to just have dogs, walk them, and play with them. Then something eventful happened that forever changed our lives. One of our Goldens, Wooley, destroyed Shirley's grade book. He stole it right off of the table when she wasn't looking. At that moment she announced, "WE are going to start obedience training." She even had a location picked out--FVDTC. I said NO, I wasn't interested. Well, she dragged me screaming and resisting all the way. That was the start of our obedience careers.

Later I got the same story, "We are going to start field training." And then later it was agility classes. Well, I did field stuff and really disliked it, but I got hooked on the other venues very quickly. I'm still at it, and Shirley is too! The only thing I actually dove into by myself was Rally, and I'm really glad that I did.



I have shown Goldens and Flat-Coats in AKC events since the 80s. Not long after that, I started showing in Canada with the Goldens. Shirley and I made several trips there for trials. When we got our first Flat-Coat many things changed. All of a sudden we were both showing in Conformation as well as the previous venues. In the late 90s we started Agility classes with Flat-Coats and have been doing that since. Unfortunately none of our Goldens got to do it--they would have loved it too.

**We have met so many people since we became involved in all of these dog activities. My highlights from all of these years of showing are endless. I will always remember every dog and every event we entered. I do have some standouts, however--CH s on several FCRs, Utility titles on Golden and FCRs, AKC BIS and CKC BISS on one of our FCRs, and a MACH.**



**I started teaching as an assistant instructor with Linda Benson in her Open class--and that began my instructing career. I have since taught all levels, except for puppy classes. I was ADOT many years ago when Judy Anderson was DOT. I have served several terms as the Obedience Trial Chairman both in the late 90s and again over the last 3 years. One night while teaching my Advanced Beginner class I decided that starting a Rally class might be fun. I luckily found Joyce Conway and Barb Runkle who had the same vision, and the Rally Run-Thru class began. It's been a riot ever since. I have met even more of our members because of this class. What I most like about Rally is the fact that you can talk to your dog when you are in the ring doing all of those fun things.**

**My goals for the future are all centered around my two Pirate Flat-Coats. My older one will continue to be shown in Obedience, Rally, Conformation, and Agility. My younger one has no idea yet what's in store for him. But, he's already been to FV and seems quite at home.**

**In January I was elected as your Director of Training.  
My fingers are crossed for a smooth tenure.**



**"WALKER"**

# New Members

Dan & Jan Hoffman  
South Elgin, IL 60177  
Golden Retriever  
Completed Puppy Class

Jennifer Jones  
Streamwood, IL 60107  
Pit Bull Mix  
Completed Puppy class

Amanda & Mike Wigder  
Batavia, IL 60510  
Golden Retriever  
Completed Puppy class

## January CGC Test Pictures Congratulations!!



**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**February 19, 2014**

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that he repaired the flat cart used to move the equipment for set-up and break-down. Thanks!

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that she is attempting to come up with some new and hopefully interesting programs for the year. She is currently working to confirm Dr. Grant (from Autumn Green Animal Hospital) to speak about general nutrition for dogs at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting. Additionally, Wendy stated that she is considering the following possible programs for membership meetings and other training night workshops.

- **Learning How to Do Massage for Dogs** - This would be presented by Sue Olmos, CTPM (Canine Trigger Point Myotherapist), MEd. Sue provided presentation at the November 20, 2013 Membership meeting about Essential Oils for Dogs.
- **Chinese Herbs** - This would be presented by a vet who is very well versed in the use of herbs for dogs.
- **Ask a Judge** - The concept would be to have a panel of our own FV judges representing the various performance events (Obedience, Conformation, Rally and Agility) available to answer club members questions.
- **Trupanion Pet Health Insurance** - Wendy stated that she has done a significant amount of research for pet health insurance and determined that Trupanion is highly regarded.
- **Dr. M. Rogers** - Topic to be determined.
- **Introduction to Rally Signs** - This training night workshop would demonstrate the activity indicated by each sign.
- **Pet Partners Therapy Dog Test** - Wendy continues to work with Jan Winters about having a Pet Partners Therapy Dog test held at the club. Wendy stated that she has an evaluator already set up, but needs board approval and a date.

Wendy also stated that she welcomes other suggestions for other program/workshop ideas. She can be contacted via e-mail at [vp2@fvdtc.org](mailto:vp2@fvdtc.org). Carolyn suggested that topic interest could be determined by using the survey feature on the club's web site.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the Income and Spending Report as of February 18, 2014, for review. There were no questions from anyone present.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that a club member has volunteered to assist Vera Nyberg for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy Class.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) was in attendance, and had nothing to report. It was determined that the membership roster submitted to AKC will be as of December 31 of the year prior to the submission.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that she has received the AKC letters of approval for the judging panel for the November 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> Obedience/Rally Trials. Additionally, she confirmed that she will ask each Committee Chair from the 2013 Obedience Trial is willing to perform the same job for the 2014 trials.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that she has received the corrected official AKC approval letter for the TD and TDX tests for September 7, 2014. She reported that originally AKC had approved the tests as incorrectly accepting all-american breeds. The event approval is only for purebred dogs.



Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that the Agility trials are scheduled for March 29 and 30. She stated that club members who wish to get in their work credits completed early in the year, can contact her at [agility@fvdtc.org](mailto:agility@fvdtc.org). Additionally, volunteers will be able to sign up on-line using [mysignup.com](https://mysignup.com).

#### **Old Business**

none

#### **New Business**

- **Honorary Membership Clarification**

During the last by-laws modification for membership changes, the definition of the “Honorary Membership” type was reviewed for clarity. According to the by-laws, “Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, but shall not be entitled to a vote. They shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall be confirmed by vote of the Club members present. The term of an Honorary member shall be one year or for life”. Following the discussion, it was confirmed that further clarification was not necessary.

- **Membership Fee Reduction for Instructors Clarification**

Currently, the policy states instructors for classes receive a discount on their membership dues. The Membership Renewal application states: “INSTRUCTORS: Reduce Membership Dues by 25% for each Quarter or Session Taught (Max of 4).” However, it was unclear whether that pertained to Primary Instructors AND Assistant Instructors, or just Primary Instructors.

Sue MacPherson suggested that we modify the renewal membership application to state the following: “**PRIMARY** INSTRUCTORS: Reduce Membership Dues by 25% for each Quarter or Session Taught (Max of 4).” Primary instructors continue to receive a reduction of their annual membership dues by 25% per quarter/session, to a maximum of four quarters/sessions each year. This eliminates any confusion about whether Assistant Instructors receives a reduction of their membership dues.

There is no impact to the work credits earned by the Primary Instructors (4) or the Assistant Instructors (3).

- **New Check Request Form Functionality**

Dana stated that there are now two methods available to the club members to obtain a Check Request Form when submitting for reimbursement of expenses. The online version is located on the password protected “members only” Web page. The online version allows the club member to select the appropriate category for the expense and enter the amount to be reimbursed. This functionality enables the club member to submit multiple requests on a single form. Following completion, the club member must print the completed form, attach the receipts and submit it to the Treasurer.

Additionally, there are updated paper forms available from the volunteer (usually Cheryl Hettinger) at the Information Table. The updated paper form is to be hand completed and submitted to the Treasurer with the receipts attached.

Carolyn stated that she would send an e-mail message to ALL Board Members and Committee Chairs letting them know about this new functionality and form.

- **Information Table Volunteers**

Although we appreciate the help, due to the type of job this is, this work opportunity is not conducive to ‘drop-in volunteerism’ (money and information). Therefore, this will be considered a ‘sign-up’ job. Cheryl will be conducting several sessions in the future for those individuals who would like to volunteer for the job. Additionally, this will enable a list of substitutes to be created in the event that Sue or Cheryl are unable to work.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**NEWS from the AKC regarding rule changes.....**



# Obedience & Rally

February 25, 2014

Dear AKC Obedience Club Officer:

The following recommendations were presented to the AKC Board of Directors at the February 2014 meeting and were to address the concerns of dog-on-dog attacks in the Group Exercises. Incidences of this nature are rare in obedience group exercises – there have been two in the past three years. Nevertheless, the situation is quite disturbing for the sport. Many owners are naturally concerned. The Companion Events Department felt it was prudent to review the Regulations and Guidelines to insure that all reasonable steps were being taken to minimize this type of occurrence.

1. If a dog has non-qualified in an individual exercise and, in the opinion of the judge the dog demonstrated uncontrolled behavior, the judge must release the dog from performing the group exercises. (Chapter 3, Section 12 and Guidelines Chapter 3)
2. Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of 4 feet between each dog. (Chapter 3, Section 12)
3. Require that dogs be under control while entering and exiting the ring. (Chapter 3, Section 12)
4. Judges must stand with their full attention on the dogs and remain alert for potential problems. (Guidelines, Chapter 3)
5. In Novice group exercises, the judge must promptly instruct the handler to remove a dog that interferes. (Chapter 3, Section 12 & Guidelines, Chapter 3)
6. In Graduate Novice and Open classes, if a dog leaves the place where it was left during the group exercise, the judge has the option of either asking that the handler be recalled to remove the dog or promptly instructing the steward to remove the dog, depending on the nature of the occurrence. The judge's decision shall be guided by consideration for the safety of all involved. Two stewards must assist the judge and both stewards must be provided slip leads to remove a dog. (Chapter 4, Section 15 & Guidelines, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3)
7. At the conclusion of a group exercise, the judge will state: "Exercise finished. Put your leash on your dog. Maintain control of your dog." (Chapter 3, Section 12)
8. If a judge observes any signs of aggression or potential problems with the dogs as they are assembling for the group exercise, the judge must excuse the dog. (Guidelines, Chapter 3)

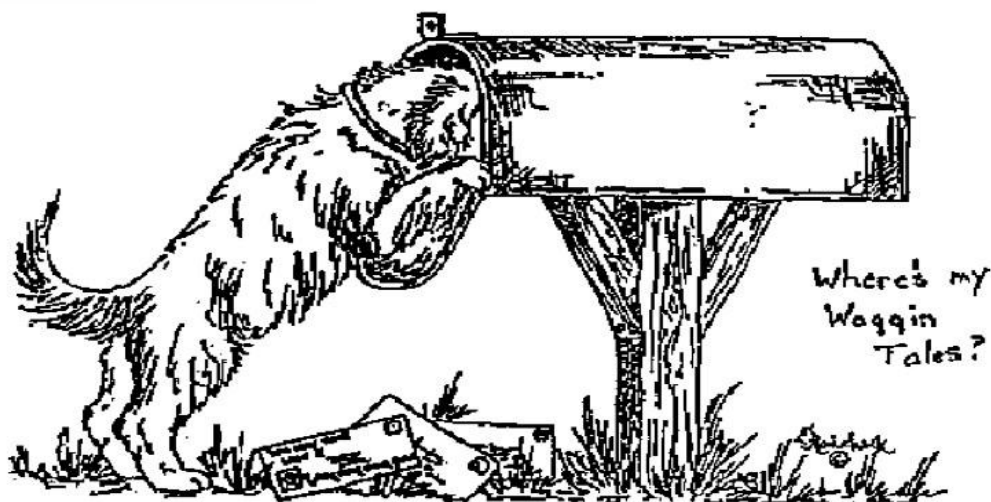
As a result, the *Obedience Regulations and Judges' Guidelines* have been amended by the AKC Board of Directors. These changes are meant to increase the safety of dogs participating in Obedience Group Exercises and are **effective May 1, 2014**. Please view the regulation changes on AKC's website.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton

Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

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## March 2014

|    |                |                                                                   |
|----|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6  | Thursday       | Regular Training<br>End Session 1                                 |
| 13 | Thursday       | Regular Training<br>Start Session 2<br>Health Clinic - Amber Leaf |
| 18 | <b>Tuesday</b> | Regular Training                                                  |
| 19 | Wednesday      | Membership Meeting                                                |
| 20 | Thursday       | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                            |
| 27 | Thursday       | Correction Clinic                                                 |
| 28 | Friday         | Spring Agility Trial Set-Up                                       |
| 29 | Saturday       | Spring Agility Trial                                              |
| 30 | Sunday         | Spring Agility Trial                                              |

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## April 2014

|    |           |                                                      |
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| 3  | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Animal Chiropractic<br>4H Starts |
| 10 | Thursday  | Regular Training                                     |
| 12 | Saturday  | Annual Dinner                                        |
| 16 | Wednesday | Board Meeting                                        |
| 17 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic                                    |
| 20 | Sunday    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                               |
| 24 | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Puppy Ends (8:00 p.m.)           |