

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Cheers!

I'm sorry that I wasn't able to attend the March membership meeting, I would like to thank Dave Lewis for running the meeting in my absence. I was in England to see the 125th Crufts Dog Show. It was amazing to see this huge show with over 22,000 dogs entered in so many different venues such as conformation, obedience, agility, heel work to music, freestyle dancing, flyball and trail-running, which is basically strapping your dog to your waist and running as fast as you can, plus so much more. It was 4 days of non-stop events. I wasn't able to see it all, but what I did see was incredible! The heeling to music and freestyle dancing was beautiful, such teamwork between dog and handler. The obedience in England is quite different then what we do here and qualifying and showing at Crufts in obedience is the highlight of the year for these competitors. They have 3 different levels, as we do, but they call it Novice A, Novice B and Novice C. Novice C is the hardest level and is quite involved, the dog and handler need to pass this level on three separate occasions & place no lower than 3rd place to get a Championship Title in Obedience. There is lots of heeling in all three of these levels and the heeling is a very long pattern. Each level also has three judges in the ring with the dog and handler, one is a caller who calls out the pattern and directions, one is a scribe for the judge (they write down all the deductions that the judge sees) and the third person is the main judge

who scores the team. It was fascinating to see. I have videos of all three levels plus some from heel work to music and freestyle dancing. I hope to share it with those that want to see them at some point. I could go on and on but back to FVDTC.....

First, I would like to thank Holly Cass for coming up with a great idea to get new people involved in doing correction clinics and hopefully one day showing their dogs in obedience. She came up with an idea of introducing our advanced puppy and beginner graduates to our correction clinics by offering these graduates one free run in the beginner novice ring. Plus, there was a half hour talk before the clinic to explain the beginner novice ring and what a correction clinic is all about. Thanks to Holly who assisted and David Thornell, who is our mentor and judge for this ring, we had 8 new students try this for the first time at the March correction clinic. Hopefully some will come back and try it again and maybe even get hooked. I can't thank Holly and David enough for helping our newest students get a start! We need to encourage our new people as much as we can. We will be offering this special beginner novice ring at the conclusion of each of these two classes. Thanks to all who made this event happen, it was a team effort between the instructors of the advanced puppy and beginners classes, the correction clinic team and Will Short, our DOT. Thanks All!

Speaking of new events at FV, we have a new four week trick class that will be taught by Terri Vaira. It will start on June 23, after the 4-H classes finish. This class will teach you to do some fun new tricks with your dog. We plan to offer this class at other times throughout the year too. We will limit the class size to 8 students per class, sign up is going on now for this class.

Also back at FV by popular demand, we are bringing Rally back to our correction clinics starting in April. The format has changed some for this class. We will be having a multi-level course and each person will be allowed two runs for each entry. We will do a walk thru at 7:00 and again at 7:30. Nancy Pederson has kindly agreed to be the judge for April. I will make copies of some rally courses so we can have easy access to a variety of courses. So please sign up to judge or steward for the rally ring and don't forget to enter too!

We are also trying something new in our open and utility classes. Instead of doing just run-thrus on regular training nights we will be offering instruction. Each person can choose three of the exercises to work on with the instructor. Marietta will be teaching the Open class at 8:00 and Marian will be teaching the Utility class at 7:00. Give these classes a try and let us know what you think. These classes are a work-in-progress, your feedback is welcome. Contact the DOT or any of the DOTs with your thoughts on these classes. We are trying several new things and classes at FVDTC which means we need your help to make them run smoothly.

I know it is the beginning of the year but it's not too early to start thinking about getting your work credits done. There are so many ways you can volunteer and earn your work credits. Feel free to ask any of the Committee heads how you can help and volunteer.

See you at training,
Wendy Waddick



Paw-Olympics
The FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER!

Celebrating the thrill of competition!

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Festivities to be held at the Geneva History Museum

113 S. Third St, Geneva, IL

Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. / Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Roast Pork Tenderloin, Turkey Tetrazzini, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green beans almondine, Vegetable primavera, Fresh Green salad, Assorted desserts!

Reservations due by March 28, 2016

Send checks or money orders to:

Candy Ellis
27W359 Beecher Ave
Winfield, IL 60190

Or drop at the front desk at training night!

YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$24 per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

Membership Report

Anne & Scott Fitzgerald
St Charles, IL 60175
Akita & Miniature Poodle

Julie Hoover
North Aurora, IL
Bernese Mountain Dog

Steve Mills
St Charles, IL
Cairn Terrier

Amy & Jason Rudigier
Geneva, IL
Lab Mix

Liz Marchiori
Batavia, IL
Goldendoodle

Julie Huddleston
Batavia, IL
Lab Mix

Mary Szczurek
Yorkville, IL
Shelties

Cathy LaBash
Aurora, IL
Tibetan Terrier

Jackie & Tim Hovious
St Charles, IL
Rottweiler Mix

Anita & Brian Kuhn
Streamwood, IL
Rough Collie

Calendar

April

01	Fri	Agility Trial Setup
02	Sat	Agility Trial
03	Sun	Agility Trial
07	Thu	Regular Training
09	Sat	Annual Dinner
14	Thu	Regular Training
20	Wed	Board Meeting
21	Thu	CGC Test Correction Clinic
28	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

May

05	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
12	Thu	Regular Training
18	Wed	Membership Meeting
19	Thu	Sanctioned Match Correction Clinic
26	Thu	Regular Training Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Ends (7:00pm) Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Membership Meeting Highlights

(March 16, 2016)

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m. by Dave Lewis, due to Wendy Waddick's absence.

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

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that the new session starts on March 24th. Nancy Pederson provided the following number of students for Session 2. She also stated that she expects the three Beginner classes to be either full or nearly full, with the maximum number of students being twelve.

Time	Class	Enrolled
6:00 p.m.	Beginner	8
7:00 p.m.	Puppy	12
7:00 p.m.	Beginner	10
8:00 p.m.	Beginner	10 or 11
8:00 p.m.	Advanced Puppy	8
9:00 p.m.	Beginner	0

Additionally, we will be offering a four-week long Tricks and Games class. Terri Vaira will be the instructor for this class. It will start June 23rd at 6:00 p.m., after the 4-H classes have finished. The cost is \$20.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that she is working with the Judges Committee to select and contract judges for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Obedience and Rally trials.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 12 new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Kathy Bianchetti made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that she is awaiting approval and posting on the AKC website for the 2016 Tracking Tests.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reported that we have accepted an invitation to do a 10:30 a.m. demonstration at "CSBark" event on Sunday, September 18th, in Carol Stream.

Barb stated that 4-H starts next week. We only have 14 students this year and only two are return students. Terri Vaira and David Thornell will be the instructors. Barb also stated that she will need volunteers to judge and steward at the 4-H Show on Wednesday, June 22nd. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact her at education@fvdtc.org or at training.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that as of today, 24 people have sent in their dinner reservations for our Awards Dinner. March 28th is the FIRM (no exceptions) deadline for reservations!! The Awards Committee has sent us their completed list of earned awards and we are starting on their video presentation. Candy reported that everything is coming along nicely!! Thanks to the efforts of Sue and Jennifer, there should be a nice raffle. Candy also stated that we will be able to enter the room at 5:00 p.m. to set up the awards.

Additionally, Candy said that we need Boner Award nominations!!!!!! In response to Mike Donovan's question, we explained that the Boner Award is awarded to an individual who has done something embarrassing or silly. Carolyn reported that she has received it twice for her 'excellent' dumbbell throwing skills and another club member received it when his dog chose to substitute performing the heeling pattern at our Obedience trial with humping the handler's leg.

Donna Bihner (Awards Co-Chairperson) asked that club members let her know if they see any vendor at a show offering wares that could be offered as an award for next year. Donna reported that there are a total of 62 title and volunteer awards for 2015.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, but it was reported that the next CGC Test is scheduled for April 21st and applications are available on the website.

Holly Cass (Graduation Chairperson) stated that she is looking for a club member who would help her redesign the Graduation certificates. She was looking for an individual who has some graphic arts experience who would be willing to help her, specifically with choosing fonts and font sizes. She said that she will need to order new certificates by the end of the year and would like to make the certificates more consistent with the club's colors. Sue MacPherson stated that she would review membership applications to see if anyone had stated that as a way of helping the club. Carolyn also volunteered and it was also suggested that Holly contact Cheryl Hettinger as a possible volunteer. Dave Lewis volunteered his daughter who does calligraphy and has the 'eye' for designs.

Holly also reported that we will be offering all graduates of the advanced puppy and beginner classes a free run in the Beginner Novice ring at the Correction Clinic immediately following their graduation. In addition to the run-through, the students will also receive a 30-minute tutorial prior to the start of the judging to explain what is involved in the Beginner Novice class and if there is time, what the advanced classes are all about. David Thornell has volunteered to be the mentor and judge for this new group during the March Correction Clinic. There will be a separate ring for the Beginner Novice runs to reduce interference with the more experienced exhibitors in the Novice ring.

Holly expressed her thanks to all those involved in supporting the 'RING PASS' idea for our new graduates. The March 17th Correction Clinic will be the first time the club will be doing this and we expect some fine tuning may be required for future classes. Holly also reminded everyone that this is a work-in-progress and she will welcome any suggestions to improve upon this idea. Pat Senne will direct the Beginner Novice exhibitors to sign in with Holly at the ring. Candy reported that all of her graduates took a ring pass and she looked forward to see how many were present at the Correction Clinic.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson)

reported that the Match Committee had received a petition requesting that Rally be offered again at our correction clinics. She stated that the committee was happy that, in spite of the consistently low entries, many people did want it offered. She said that the committee encourages everyone to send in entries or volunteer to steward or judge, especially the individuals who signed the petition.

It was reported that the one judge and the two stewards for the Rally class at the Correction Clinic will need to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to make sure all is set up and ready to go at 7:00 p.m.

The fee will be the same as all the other classes except we will offer two run-throughs for the price. We will be doing walk-throughs approximately five to ten minutes prior to the start of judging and again at 7:30 for those who couldn't make the first walk. The course(s) will be multi-levels to reduce delays due to ring set-up in the run-throughs. Additionally, Wendy Waddick volunteered to provide course maps that she had received during her recent Rally show entries to help the ring be set-up correctly and easily.

Our judges for the St. Patrick's Day match are:

- Beginner Novice - David Thornell
- Novice - Candy Ellis
- Open 1 - Loretta Lazzara
- Open 2 - Marian Lazzara
- Utility 1 - Sandi Stephenson
- Utility 2 - Will Short

Thanks to all who make our clinics such a success!

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance. In response to Carolyn's question, one club member present at the meeting stated that she would be interested in participating in a May 19th TDI test, if one were held.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the deadline is Sunday, March 20th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.50 is Ingrid Hamburger as drawn by club member, Donna Bihner. Therefore, the entire \$13.00 dollar bucket collected was donated to Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- Updated AKC Rule Books for Obedience and Rally
Dave announced that updated AKC Rules and Regulations Books are still available for purchase at training for \$4.00 each. Anyone wishing to buy one or both of the books can see Sue or Cheryl at the information table on training nights.

New Business

- Mike Donovan stated that he originally was a member back in the 1980's and 90's and noticed upon his recent return that the class structure has changed considerably. He stated that as an obedience club, it seemed that we had gotten away from teaching the basic competition skills for entering in an Open or Utility class at a trial. Many of the club members present agreed that the club should offer more formalized training for those levels. In the past, we had offered drop-in classes for Open and Utility, however, they

had evolved into the "run-throughs" and "run-throughs with instruction" format, which many felt were not as helpful for the individuals who are just starting out in their training.

Nancy Einwich suggested that we should offer the Open class as a "session" class with a start date and an end date. The instructor would then be able to know who would be in the class and what needed to be taught each week. That suggestion led to a lot of discussion about the logistics of having an 8-week Open class, or an 8-week Utility class, or whether a group Utility class was even possible. We currently designate those rings as "class" or "run-through", therefore we do have ring space available. Previously, when we were having actual classes, the Utility class was at 7:00 p.m. and the Open class was at 8:00 p.m. The run-throughs were offered at 8:00 p.m. for Utility and 7:00 p.m. for Open.

It was agreed that Will Short and the Board would discuss all of the suggestions offered, at the next Board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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