

# FVDTC WAGG IN' TALES

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## A Note From the President

Hi All,

I'm so proud of all the FVDTC members that came together and worked so hard to make this year's Obedience and Rally trials such wonderful events. There are so many people that I would like to thank and recognize, like Pat Senne; I can't thank her enough for taking on the role of trial chair. Pat took on this job with little experience, but she dove right in and did a fantastic job of organizing all the many details that go into holding this event. She also added many little details throughout the building that made our show really stand out. Great job Pat! I also want to thank Ed Herdes for all his hard work as equipment set up and tear down chair. Ed is always there for FVDTC, year after year. He is such an important part of our club and we owe him a great deal of gratitude. Thank you Ed; I appreciate all you do for our club! Along with Ed, Barb Misch took care of our grounds, another important job. Thanks Barb! Another key person that I would like to thank is Carolyn Pearson. She is such an integral part of FVDTC. She was our hospitality chair making sure all our judges were taken care of, but she also was the go-to person for so many other aspects of our trial. She made sure everything ran smoothly. A huge thank you to Carolyn for all she did! Thanks also goes to Loretta Lazzara and Cathy Fleury for their help in coordinating all the stewards. Thank you both for a job well done! I also want to thank Robert Olsen our trial secretary. Year after year, Bob does an amazing job of handling our entries and trial catalog. He also sends each exhibitor their scores promptly after the show. I think FVDTC is one of the few club's that do this. Many people commented about how much they appreciate this.

Maybe you received one of our trial ribbons or rosettes? We were able to offer these beautiful ribbons and rosettes thanks to the efforts of Holly Cass. I was only there to help advise and help her along the way. Holly did an outstanding job of making sure that FVDTC had the best to offer our exhibitors. We also offered a new OTCH rosette. I overheard many wishing and wondering how to obtain it! Lots of people told me they tried to plan finishing their dog's titles at our show in the hopes of obtaining one of our New Title rosettes. Great job Holly, thank you for all you did to make our awards so fantastic!

Another huge thank you goes to Sue MacPherson and all her kitchen helpers. They kept our judges, stewards and exhibitors well fed with yummy food and treats. Thank you so much for all your home cooked food, time and hard work. It was greatly appreciated by all!

I was truly amazed by all the great raffle baskets that were donated on very short notice. We owe Kathy Bianchetti and Sharon Shimko a big thank you for stepping forward and volunteering to do the raffle this year. Without them and all the basket donations we would not have had a raffle this year. The raffle helps offset some of the cost of the trial, plus it's

something people look forward to. Another popular thing at our show was the beautiful selfie photo station set up by Donna Bihner, Nancy Pederson and Pat Senne. The fall scene they created was a busy spot for taking photos of our dogs with all the fantastic ribbons they earned. This is one of my favorite unique features at our trial. Another unique thing at our show were the amazing handmade window covers that Nancy Lee made. So many people commented on them and asked who made them. Thanks so much to Nancy Lee for these great window covers! They helped make the show site look inviting and welcoming.

Another big thank you goes to Cheryl Hettinger and Cathy Fleury for coming early Friday afternoon to put up all the window coverings and marking the crating areas. For those of us that came Friday night to set up, we were pleasantly surprised when we walked in the door and found so much had already been done. I also really appreciated all who came out to help set up and those that stayed Sunday to take down! Cheryl also spent the weekend selling FVDTC gear, selling any lost-and-found items that have not been claimed for a long time, and generally helping out any way needed. Thank you both!

I could go on and on thanking all who stewarded or helped at our trial. It takes a great deal of time, effort and work to put on our yearly trials. We couldn't do this without you! Thank you to all!

See you at training,

Wendy Waddick

## **Another Great Trial!**

We just finished our 67th and 68th Annual Obedience and Rally Trial this past weekend!

**Saturday:**

102 dogs in obedience  
49 dogs in rally  
137 obedience entries  
52 rally entries  
189 total entries.

A great time was had by all that attended. A huge thanks to all of our volunteer members that helped to make this trial a great SUCCESS! A special thanks to our Stewards and our Grounds Crew and to Ed Herdes as a Fairgrounds coordinator. Without all of you, and your precious time that you shared with us, we wouldn't be able to have this trial.

**Sunday:**

95 dogs in obedience  
45 dogs in rally  
128 obedience entries  
55 rally entries  
183 total entries.

Our wonderful Trial Secretary, Robert Olsen was professional and accurate, as always, for our event and we so appreciate everything he does for us.

We had a wonderful raffle that so many of our members contributed to, which we were all so pleasantly surprised to see. People look forward to winning baskets and other items as nice gifts to be able

to take home! A big thank you to Kathy Bianchetti and Sharon Shimko for stepping up to handle the Raffle which made \$792 for the club!

We had some vendors that came and offered their products and services for us during the weekend. Pam from Dogwares, Nicole Berkhout from The Barking Spot and Donna from Pawduke treats.

**Highlights:**  
224 Qualifiers across all events!  
30 Golden Retrievers  
14 Border Collies  
12 German Shepherds

We had the wonderful crew from Amber Leaf Animal hospital to help us out in the Kitchen, led by Sue MacPherson, with the help of Jennifer, Amanda, Jackie and Dr. Jason and his family all participated in making wonderful breakfast and lunch treats for the workers and the exhibitors on both days.

We had a very festive and fun photo shoot exhibit set up, with the help of Donna Bihner, Nancy Pederson and Pat Senne. So many exhibitors took advantage of that and took really great pictures of their dogs with their winning ribbons!

I received many compliments from exhibitors as to the great show we put on and this is something we as a club should all be very proud to hear!

A special heartfelt thanks to our Club Secretary Carolyn Pearson, who was my right hand person from day one until the bitter end on preparing for the Trial. And of course our newly elected President Wendy Waddick who helped to keep me on track. Our awards ribbons committee Holly Cass and Wendy Waddick did a fantastic job as well.

**Congratulations:**  
Obedience High Combined – Saturday & Sunday: Brigit Carlson  
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Rally High in Combined – Saturday: David Thornell with Kobe  
Rally High Combined – Sunday: Sherri Russo with her German Shepherd Quantor vom Eichen Platz.

and

Great Job everyone! You all made my job as Trial Chair a breeze

Pat Senne

## **Membership Report**

**Sharon Youngren**  
Batavia, IL  
Bichon Frise

**Lynn Templeton**  
St Charles, IL  
Golden Retriever

**Kerry Freedman**  
St Charles, IL

**Kasi Smith & Trey Hemming**  
Wayne, IL  
GSMD, Mix

## Board Meeting Highlights October 19, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:39 p.m.

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

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** presented the following reports:

- Statement of Activity, January 1st through October 19th.
- Payment Transactions from June 1st through October 19th. Phil explained that the highlighted check in the report was to be used as the security check which was not needed.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that the list of Conformation instructors has been filled for the rest of the year. There will be a 4-week workshop that discusses and trains only the Rally Novice signs. Cindy Pakenas has volunteered to teach a Rally Advance and Excellent workshop. Will stated that he is going to determine whether there is a level of interest and if there is, he will ask Cindy Pakenas and David Thornell to co-teach that workshop.

Will stated that there are already six of a maximum of eight students signed-up for the next Trick class which begins on November 10th and have classes on December 1, 8, 15 and 22nd.

Will also reported that all instructors have been confirmed for Session 5.

**Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that although no one has volunteered to solicit for the Raffle, Kathy Bianchetti and Sharon Shimko have volunteered to set up the donated ready-to-affle "baskets" on Friday night, to sell the tickets on Saturday and to draw the winners. Pat stated that we will encourage club members who wish to donate items to put together their own 'basket' with gift cards or new or slightly used items. The items can be brought to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Sally Read also volunteered to help with the raffle.

**Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson)** was not in attendance, but sent the following report. She has applied to the Kane County Forest Preserve to reserve the pavilion for our next tracking test on September 9 and 10th, 2017. She anticipates that the request will be approved; however it must be confirmed by the Kane County Forest Preserve Board in January.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** was not in attendance, but sent the following report. The AKC applications for the Spring 2017 Agility Trials in Huntley have been submitted. Additionally, the contract has been signed and the deposit check provided to Lifezone in West Dundee for the Fall 2017 trial. Cathy still needs to contact AKC to get Lifezone listed as our new trial location.

**Donna Bihner (Director at Large)** reported that the awards to be offered in the Volunteer Awards for 2016 will be as it was 2-years ago.

### Old Business

- Awards Dinner Update – Pat Senne reported that Candy Ellis, Awards Dinner Chair, and the rest of the committee are working on a theme and are checking into venues.
- Correction Clinic Stewards - Ingrid reminded the members who sign up to steward at a correction clinic to PLEASE remember to remove themselves from the list if they cannot fulfill their commitment. Even if it is on the last day, it is helpful to know that the extra volunteers will be needed.

### New Business

- *Fall Correction Clinics*  
Pat Senne reported that due to the larger entries at this time of year, the Correction Clinic Committee is requesting that CGC Tests or TDI Evaluations NOT be scheduled during the September, October and November correction clinics after this year. There is not enough space to accommodate the test/evaluation and the correction clinic entries. It is the committee's recommendation

that those events be scheduled for any of the first seven monthly correction clinics (i.e. January through August). This recommendation also applies to the special Beginner's Novice class offered to the graduating Advanced Puppy and Beginner class students of Session 4 (which concludes the end of October).

- Pat Senne also reported that she, Wendy Waddick and Sandi Stephenson recently formally documented the club's guidelines for the duties of the Judges, Stewards and Table people during Correction Clinics.
- *Graduation Diploma Redesign*  
Wendy Waddick reported that Holly Cass has reviewed the existing design of the current

diplomas for the Beginner's classes. Holly reported that the number of diplomas printed stock is getting low and will need to be replaced soon. Wendy presented the different suggestions that Holly had provided. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that a new design should be developed for our diplomas, however it was the consensus that none of the designs were set for duplication. Carolyn volunteered to work with Holly about a new design and to modify the wording on the diplomas itself. Carolyn stated she will contact Barb Misch regarding whether Barb might have the electronic file of the existing diploma.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

## Calendar

### December

01	Thu	Regular Training
07	Wed	Board Meeting
08	Thu	Regular Training
15	Thu	Regular Training
22	Thu	Regular Training
		Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
		Puppy Ends (7:00)
		Junior Handler Ends (6:00pm)
		Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
29	Thu	Christmas Party
		No Training

### January

**Coming Soon!**

