

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

Summer and warmer weather means it's 4-H time, with classes and then the annual 4-H show at the fairgrounds on June 20th. If you would like to help steward or judge at the show, please contact Terri Vaira. It's a great way to help encourage our youngest trainers, plus – hopefully – they will continue to train and show their dogs. They are our future handlers!

We had another TDI Therapy Dog test along with the May Fun Match. Thank you to Jan Winters for organizing this test and to evaluator John Grosse for evaluating the latest teams. All the teams that tested passed, so congratulations to all our new Therapy Dog Teams! A big thank you to Jan, John and all who helped! I'm so happy that we offer this kind of testing at FV; it's such an important and rewarding endeavor.

Have you noticed the new Beginner Novice/Novice run-throughs that Bill Abraham is doing at 7:00? He is doing a great job helping some of our new trainers and their dogs get started on their training journey. Bill is giving some training tips as well. Thank you, Bill, this is a huge help to those just starting out!

It will soon be annual eye exam time at FVDTC. On Thursday evening, October 4th, Dr. Denise Lindley from Animal Eye Consultants will be coming back for

our annual eye clinic. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined for its yearly OFA exam, or to just have your dog's eyes examined. FVDTC and Dr. Lindley offer this event at a greatly reduced rate. The cost is only \$35 per dog, but you must prepay to reserve a spot at this clinic. Send your checks to me, made payable to FVDTC, see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

One last thing, it's not too early to start working on earning work credits. There are so many ways you can help your club and maybe even learn some new skills. See any committee head for details. You need just 3 credits to avoid paying much higher annual dues and just 10 credits to apply for our fantastic Volunteer or New Title awards. Speaking of work credits, we need two new people for the FV Awards Committee, this is best done by a team of two. This is a vital role for the club. Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson have been doing this for several years now and need a much deserved break, but they are willing to help train their replacements. Please consider taking on this important role and helping your club! Contact me if you want to volunteer or have any questions.

Thanks for all you do, see you at training!

Wendy Waddick

HELP WANTED!!

We need two people to take over for Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson for the FVDTC Awards Committee. Donna and Nancy have been doing this for several years and need a much deserved break, they are willing to train their replacements. This is an important role for FVDTC and a great way to help you earn your work credits! Donna and Nancy have a great list of vendors to work with for our annual trophies.

Please consider helping out, this is a much needed job that needs to be filled!
Please contact Wendy Waddick to volunteer or for any questions at president@fvdtc.org

OFA Eye Exam

This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined at a greatly reduced fee! It is highly recommended that you get your dog's eyes examined yearly. Exams will be performed the evening of October 4th, 2018 at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Exact times will be determined once we know how many dogs sign up.

Denise M Lindley, DVM of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing OFA eye exams. The cost is \$35 per dog.

You must prepay to reserve your spot. Send payment, made payable to FVDTC, to:

Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Drive
St Charles, IL 60175

Please include the preferred time that you would like for your exam/exams.

You need to arrive half an hour before your exam time in order to get eye drops in to dilate your dog's eyes and to fill out paperwork. Please indicate the preferred time that you would like to arrive, I will do my best to fulfill your request. Get your spot reserved early to get your preferred time! *There will be no refunds of examine fees after September 20th.*

IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so I can contact you easily!

Any questions, email Wendy at president@fvdtc.org

Membership Report

Ren & Karen Stewart

Labrador Retriever, Min Amer. Shepherd
Guest trained 8 times

John & Nancy Miner

Golden Retrievers
Guest trained 8 times

Ken & Joan Damron

Golden Retriever
Completes puppy class 5/24

Braggs

Cris Ballenger reports that Jesse earned her MX at the Lyons Township Dog Training Club Agility trial May 12.

Carolyn Pearson, Secretary of FVDTC

Meet Carolyn Pearson, Secretary of Fox Valley Dog Training Club. Many of us know her, or have seen her around the club. Carolyn has been with Fox Valley since 1987 and Secretary since 1991. I asked Carolyn who approached her about the position? She said according to her recollection, because it was only a “few” years ago! Carolyn believes Cindy Pakenas, Secretary at the time, approached her about the position. Some of the many secretarial duties that she is responsible for are supporting Fox Valley’s President, Wendy Waddick and the other committee members, taking minutes and many other things. I believe she is being modest. Without her help at Fox Valley the club wouldn’t run as smoothly. I have seen Carolyn at many of the different events Fox Valley has held. She volunteers a lot of her time.



In 2007 Carolyn received the Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club Award. So how did this make her feel? She said, “Truly humbled and very very honored that my fellow club members felt that I deserved to be nominated and then to earn the award. So much so, that I was speechless when I heard my name at the dinner. Yes, ask anyone who was there – no one could believe that it was possible to render me speechless!”

Growing up, Carolyn mostly had mixed breed dogs. Her family did have a German Shepherd, King, that Carolyn was quite fond of. When she married, she asked her husband what breed of dog he preferred. She asked if he would prefer a German Shepherd or a Golden Retriever. He chose the Golden Retriever. Remington was her first Golden Retriever, her first dog she owned on her own.

She first heard of Fox Valley Dog Training Club when the lady she purchased Remington from recommended the club as a good place to take classes. And as Carolyn said, “the rest is history.” She soon came to find out that Remington was stubborn, dominant aggressive and had some health issues. She learned that she needed to draw on her own German and Polish lineage stubbornness to set the limits that Remington needed so desperately. She met Ronnie Bizer and took private lessons with her. Ronnie then encouraged Carolyn to enter him in competitions.

Then Carolyn got the bug. She entered her first obedience trial with Remington, earned her first CD and took placements in all 3 trials and most of the subsequent trials. What she loved most was they had become a team and were good at competing. Carolyn has added to the team over the years. The titles they have earned are AKC & CKC CDX with Remington, UDX with Brady, AKC CDX with Phoenix, AKC UD with Beacon, AKC UD, RA & CKC OTCH, RA with Largo, BN & RN with Blazer. Lastly a personal “cutie pitutie” title for Hunter. Her team currently consists of Largo, Blazer and Hunter. And of course her number one fan, her husband. Carolyn said, “As nice as the placements are, I would rather go into the ring and have FUN!”

Carolyn has been an obedience instructor at least since 1997 or earlier. Currently she is the instructor for the 8:30 pm Advanced Beginner Obedience class. Her goal as an instructor is to help the members have fun, but have them learn to become a team with their dog. And having fun is what her class consists of. From your

standard heeling pattern to using hula hoops for different training techniques, Carolyn encourages you and your dog to have a good time. At the end of her class you are tired but smiling as you leave the ring. If you are not sure what ring her class is in, just stop and listen. You'll hear her! Unless she has laryngitis, then the class is teasingly yelling "WHAT!"

Some of the things she enjoys outside of Fox Valley are getting together with her friends on the weekends and taking her dogs for walks. Since this is a year-round hobby for her, she tried cross-country skiing. Let's just say that ended quickly. It had to do with a dog and a tree, enough said! So now she snow shoes in the winter. Other interesting things she enjoys is traveling. She has been to Paris twice (ooh la la), and Italy where she attended mass that the Pope was giving. Carolyn also enjoys coming up with unique show names for dogs.

I asked Carolyn was she was looking forward to the most this spring. She said, "Yard work, being outside and walking the boys in daylight."

So why the Golden Retriever? When I think of a Golden Retriever, I picture a fun, loving, goofy dog with a giant personality. Loyal and eager to give you everything. That is Carolyn in a nutshell.

Membership Meeting Highlights (May 16, 2018)

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

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

Candy Ellis (Co-Assistant Director of Training) reminded all club members to encourage anyone standing in the doorway, especially with their dogs, to move into the building so they are not blocking the entrance.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance; however Carolyn reported that contracts have gone out to all judges and four of the five have been signed and returned. The judging panel is: Rick Cox, Karen Anderson, Deb Schneider, Edree Olson and Julianne Cepulis.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of five new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Candy Ellis made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Sandy Stephenson seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, none who were present at the meeting.

Wendy thanked Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson), Vera Nyberg and Sharon Shimko for hosting a lovely evening during the recent Annual Dinner. Wendy stated that the 64 attendees was the largest number of guests that we have had recently. Candy reported that our deposit has already been paid to the Riverside Receptions in Geneva for Sunday, April 7, 2019 (save the date!).

Donna Bihner nor Nancy Pederson (Awards Co-Chairs) were in attendance and did not send a report. Wendy thanked them for all their hard work in obtaining the awards and continuing to seek out other items to offer a variety of gifts. Wendy also reported that this was the last year that they planned to volunteer for the position and that anyone interested in the job can contact her at training or via email at president@fvdtc.org.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, however, Wendy reported that all participants in the April CGC test passed.

Carla Tsois (Graduation Chairperson) provided the new format of the class completion certificate. The wording on the certificate will be updated by Wendy, Dave and Carolyn.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chair) stated that she may consider offering a separate class for Beginner's Novice during the matches as there appears to be a lot of entries on the night of the matches.

Jennifer Cornele (Publicity) reported that she is writing the "Get to Know Board Member, Carolyn Pearson" now that she finally received Carolyn's response. Next Board Member to be featured is Phil Nuger.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is May 21.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Jennifer Cornele (the second membership meeting in a row) as drawn by club member, Leslie Bower. Jennifer donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger will receive a donation of \$7.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

None

New Business

- **2018 Eye Clinic**

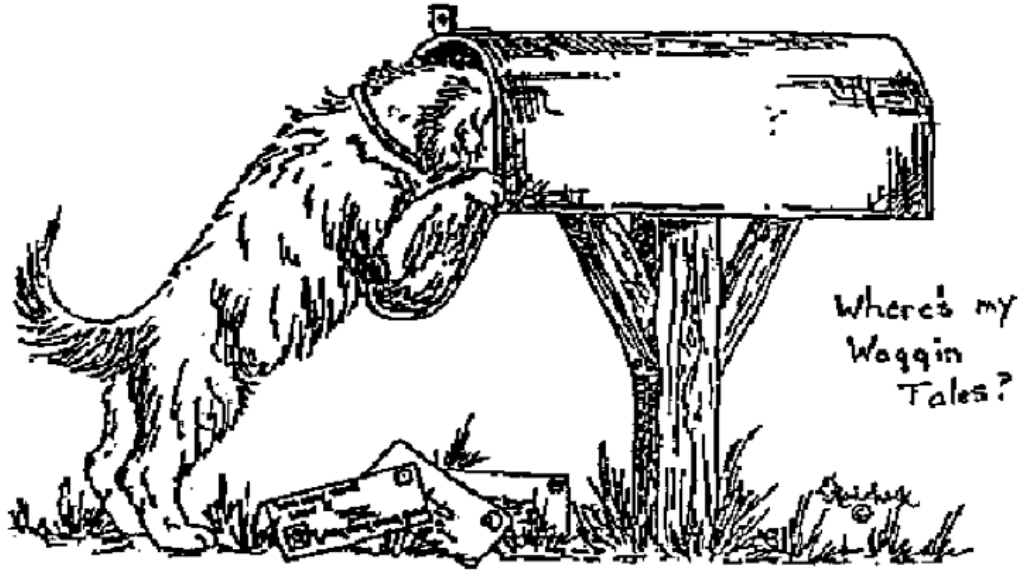
Wendy reported that she has set up the eye clinic for this year. She has negotiated a contract in which the club does not owe a deposit fee or is required to have a minimum of 50 dogs. The clinic will be conducted on Thursday, October 4th, starting at approximately 5:00 p.m. with Dr. Lindley from Animal Eye Consultants. The cost is \$35.00 per dog and the fee is required to be paid in full to Wendy at the time of your sign-up. Cash or Checks (made payable to FVDTC) are accepted. The club will issue a single check to Dr. Lindley that night. There will be no refunds of fees for cancellations after September 20th.

Ed will check with the fairgrounds to verify that we will be able to use the kitchen that night for the exams which must be performed in darkness. Carolyn suggested that we also bring some sort of small portable lamps to enable participants to complete the required paperwork, prior to the exam. Sharon Shimko volunteered to assist Wendy with the event.

- **Special Awards Surveys**

Carolyn distributed several copies of the Special Awards Surveys to club members who had not completed theirs on the club's website. All responses were given to Dave Lewis to tally and include with the electronic results.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.



Calendar

June 2018

- 07 Thu Regular Training
- 14 Thu Regular Training
- 20 Wed Board Meeting
- 21 Thu Fun Match
- 28 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

July 2018

- 05 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 10 **Tue** Regular Training
- 11 Wed Membership Meeting
- 26 Thu Regular Training