

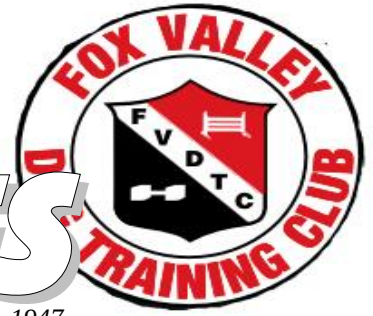
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WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I want to start this month's note with a huge thank you to Taffy Wille for all she did organizing and working at our Fall Rally/Obedience Trials. It takes a lot of hard work and organizational skills to make all aspects of this trial work. Taffy did a fantastic job! Thanks, Taffy, for all you did to make our shows a success. We greatly appreciate all that you did for the club's fall Rally/Obedience Trials!

I would also like to thank everyone that helped in so many different ways. Thank you to all the Show Committee Chairs: Loretta Lazzara and Cathy Fleury, who were in charge of getting Stewards; Pat Senne, who organized our awards; Carolyn Pearson and Holly Szpara, who were our Hospitality Co-Chairs and took great care of all our Judges; Kathy Bianchetti and Cheryl Hettinger, who organized our Raffles (which made close to \$800 to offset some of the costs of our trials; Sue MacPherson and Jennifer Cornele, who fed our Judges and all the workers during the long weekend. Thank you to Bob Boeke and Carolyn Pearson, who spent several hours getting all the mats out of the shed for the Rally Ring and for all their hard work setting up all the mats and the rings ahead of time. Thank you to all the people that came to help set up, Cathy Fleury, who taped off the crating area; Cheryl Hettinger and Barb Misch, who put up the window coverings and helped during the setup. Kathy Bianchetti and Cheryl Hettinger were there to set up the Raffle table. A big thank you to Donna Hartwig and Loretta Lazzara who came early Friday afternoon to help me get all the show items out of our shed, and then stayed to help set things up. Thanks to Taffy and others, who came later that evening to finish setting up. Thank you to everyone that came to work as Stewards during our trials; it takes many people to keep the rings running smoothly. I don't have the full Steward list, but please know that I greatly appreciate all your hard work! Thank you to Gayle Wede and Vera Nyberg, who ran the front table during the trials handing out armbands and helping answer any questions. Gayle also brought all the poinsettia plants for each of the judges' tables. I also really want to thank everyone that stayed after the show on Sunday afternoon to take everything down, rearranged the rings for our regular training night and put things away in the shed till next year. It was a lot of hard physical labor. A really big thank you to Bob and Sally Boeke, Cheryl Lewis, Candy Ellis, Loretta Lazzara, Taffy Wille, Donna Hartwig and her friend, Karen, who all stayed and helped do this major task. Bob personally carried the 21 mats from the Rally Ring back to the shed; thank you, Bob, for all your hard work during set up and take down! I truly appreciate everyone that helped in any way that they could at our Trials. Thank you all!

During our trial on Saturday we also hosted another Heart Clinic. A total of 28 dogs were examined during this popular event. Thank you, Nancy Lee, for organizing and working this event all day long. This was the second time we have hosted this great health clinic.

Last month, we also hosted our annual OFA Eye Clinic, which filled with more people wanting to get in than spots available. I would like to thank Donna Hartwig and Sharon Madrigan for helping me out the night of the clinic. This clinic went on for almost 5 hours, mostly in the dark so that Dr Lindley could do the exams effectively. It's always a busy event. I very much appreciate Donna and Sharon's help, thank you both!

Thank you for all you do, and see you at training, Wendy

Obedience Trial Recap

Well, another obedience/rally trial weekend has come to a close. This would have been an impossible task had it not been for the help I had prior to and during the trial.

Carolyn Pearson was not only head of hospitality, but was also the first person I reached out to the moment anything unusual happened. Our judges are always so happy with the attention they get from our hospitality crew, Carolyn and Holly Szpara.

Thank you to my kitchen chair, Sue MacPherson, who, because of COVID, was required to change years of a traditional hot lunch and provide pre-wrapped cold items to our workers and judges. This decision was made months in advance as we had no idea what the current status of COVID restrictions were going to be. Hopefully, next year, we will be back on track with a full service kitchen.

Thank you to the people who came on Friday to get everything set up. From covering windows, to marking off the crating area, to bringing items in from the shed and making everything look the way it needs to for Saturday morning. Bob Boeke was head of my Equipment and Tear Down group, so he was there to help us complete this task.

Nancy Pederson handled pre-show publicity and took some great candid photos during the weekend to put out on our Facebook page.

During show hours, the biggest thanks go to all the stewards who committed to working classes in advance but also to those who signed up as floaters to help fill in when workers needed a break or needed to show their dog. Keeping the rings running smoothly certainly helped the success of the trial and Loretta Lazzara and Cathy Fleury were behind that success. Cheryl Lewis, our grounds committee chair, was on

top of policing the grounds for clean-up and paying attention to needs inside the building. Pat Senne had stepped in to do ribbons and, although we all learned a few lessons regarding this job, she handled things smoothly and made everyone happy.

The raffle items ended up being a great fundraiser which helped offset some of the expenses of the weekend. Thank you to Kathy Bianchetti for setting up the raffle on Friday night and arranging for her own committee to help her the day of the trial.

Those who stayed for tear down and rearranging the rings were amazing. This is a huge, painful and somewhat thankless job. Everyone wants to get home after a long weekend, but getting things back in the shed and rearranging the rings is a necessity in order to have training the following week. Next year, I would love more help on Sunday after the trial is over.

Next year we are planning to add a second obedience trial on Saturday. We will need more members to come and help. I'd also like to have someone who can handle the raffle prior to the weekend of the trial – soliciting items and collecting and storing them. I'm sure Kathy will love to help again with set up and the day of the trial duties. I would also love to have a person in charge of finding more vendors for next year. We had two this year who both seemed to have a good weekend with us and who had some wonderful items to offer our exhibitors.

If I missed anyone, I truly apologize. The weekend went by smoothly and quickly and you all know I couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for helping make the trial of 2021 a successful one.

Taffy Wille, Obedience Chairperson

Membership Report

Rachel Bitmingham Hoel & Nikolas Hoel
Portuguese Water Dog
Completed Beginner class

Cindy Lochmann
Boxer
Completed Puppy class

Calendar

December 2021

02 Thu Regular Training
06 Mon Board Meeting (Zoom)
09 Thu Regular Training
16 Thu Regular Training
21 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
30 Thu Christmas Party

January 2022

*The 2022 Calendar is under construction.
Check the club web site for latest, most accurate
information.*

News from the AKC

A set of arbitrary and harmful federal breeder bills ([H.R. 2840 /S. 1385](#)) that would mandate new requirements for certain hobby and professional dog breeders are gaining support in Congress. We urge all responsible dog owners, breeders and enthusiasts to contact their lawmakers about the harmful consequences of the bills.

While certain aspects of this feel-good measure, called the "Puppy Protection Act", codify general good practices, other parts establish arbitrary, one-size-fits all mandates that are not in the best interests of all dogs.

We urge all responsible dog owners, breeders and enthusiasts to take a moment to contact your members of Congress to ask them not to support this ... measure and the one-size fits all mandates that can harm responsible breeders.

Requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This creates a potentially dangerous environment for dogs.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided ... the screening

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please contact your member of Congress and your U.S. Senators today.

Excerpted from the AKC web site: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-congress-harmful-arbitrary-breeder-mandates-bill-advancing-contact-representatives/>

Membership Meeting Highlights - November 10, 2021

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that the Fall 2021 Agility Trial unofficial financial results showed a \$14,000 profit. The club's net YTD profit is approximately \$4,000. The significant differences appear to be related to the COVID impacts to last year's registered class attendees, membership dues collected, awards distributed and breakdown/setup expenses. The investment accounts are up about \$43,000, and our net assets are just over \$350,000.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that classes are doing well and the next 8:00 pm Puppy class starts on Tuesday, November 23.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) provided the final counts for the November Obedience and Rally trials:

Trial	Saturday	Sunday
Obedience	84	86
Rally I	50	51
Rally II	47	n/a

Taffy also stated that we still need workers for the trial. The obedience trial does not look like it will go much past noon. We could use more people floating so that the rings have help.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of three new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Will Short 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, especially Sandra Anderson who was present at the meeting.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that Riverside Receptions is still holding our deposit and is looking forward to hosting our next annual dinner on the future date selected.

Sue MacPherson (Awards Co-Chairperson) reported that most of the awards were picked up but the perpetual awards still needs to be updated.

In response to Cris Ballenger's (CGC Test Coordinator) question, Wendy reported that, as promised, the Board discussed her questions during the October Board meeting. However, it was determined that we did not have enough information to make an informed decision and tabled the discussion until the December Board meeting.

Pat Senne (Match Chair - Coordinator) reported that as of November 1st, there were 21 handlers entered with 24 dogs and that we would just need one ring in all events. Pat also reported that Cheryl Hettinger offered to do the Gate Entry Table, in the event that we get a rush of gate entries, such as what happened during last month's match, when the gate entries almost doubled the number of pre-entered handlers.

Wendy announced that in response to the Match Committee's request to consider increasing the entries fees, the Board determined that effective January 1, 2022 the Fun Match Entry Fees of the "first dog" would increase

by \$2.00 and the “second dog” entry fee would increase by \$1.00. Therefore, the entry fees are as follows:

	First Entry / Dog	Additional Entry of the Same Dog
Non-FVDTC Member:	\$8.00	\$5.00
FVDTC Member:	\$6.00	\$3.00

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair - Judges) stated that she is working on scheduling the number of judges for the November fun match based on the number of entries received and an educated guess of how many number gate entries. Sandi reminded the judges that they should be willing to assist any other ring that needs help.

Barb Misch (Match Chair - Stewards) stated we still could use three more Stewards.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) reported that sadly Sunshine is busier than normal.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is after the trial.

Old Business

- Dave confirmed that Pay Pal does charge the club a fee of 3.49% of the amount plus a \$0.49 flat fee per transaction. For example, the club’s cost of accepting an online fun match entry for one non-club member’s dog will be \$0.77.

New Business

- none

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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