A Note From the President

Hi All,

Our annual Fall Obedience/Rally Trials have ended. I would like to give a huge thank you to Taffy Wille for all her hard work organizing every aspect of these trials. It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to put our trials together; thank you, Taffy, for all your hard work! Thank you, also, to Bob Boeke who

Ingrid

It is with incredible sadness that we announce the passing of long-time friend and FVDTC members Ingrid Hamburger. Details for a January memorial will be announced at a later time. We will miss you, Ingrid.

helped me early on Friday to get everything out of the shed, and who did many other tasks throughout the weekend, including helping with the take down of all the heavy mats and every other aspect of the building needs. Thanks, also, to Cathy Fleury and Nancy Pederson for taping off the crating areas, and to Cheryl Hettinger for taping up the windows and Nancy Lee for putting up her really nice custom window coverings. A big thank you to Sue MacPherson for feeding everyone with her famous, yummy grilled cheese sandwiches and other goodies, plus everyone that helped Sue in the kitchen. We had lots of cookies to offer all; thank you to all that brought their goodies to share with everyone! Thank you to our raffle chairperson, Kathy Bianchetti, for organizing and running our raffles both days. And thanks to everyone that donated baskets or items for our raffle. Your donations help offset some of the costs for running our trials. Also, thank you to our hospitality team of Holly Szpara and Carolyn Pearson who kept all our judges happy and took care of all their needs. Thank you, Pat Senne, who ordered all of our rosettes and ribbons, and made sure all the rings had the ribbons and rosettes they needed. Thank you to Candy Ellis, Barb Misch and Pat Senne for the beautiful selfie-station used by exhibitors to commemorate their weekend at FVDTC.

A big thank you to everyone that helped set up and especially to everyone that helped take everything down and then to rearrange the rings for classes later in the week. It's a big job to do all this; thank you all! Thank you to everyone that helped steward during the trials. We could not run our trials without each of you! I wish I could personally thank every single person who was involved in making these trials run smoothly, but there are just too many people to thank. Please know that we appreciate everyone that helped in any way they could. A big thank you to everyone that helped! It was fantastic to see so many club members working together to make these trials run so well. It also seemed like everyone had a great time at our trials. Congratulations to everyone that got new obedience. or rally legs, and any new titles!

I would also like to thank Nancy Lee for organizing and running the Heart Clinic during the trials. She had over 101 dogs come through for heart exams. This is the most dogs that have ever been tested during this clinic. Thank you, Nancy, for all your hard work and efforts so everyone that wanted to could take advantage of the heart clinic. Nancy worked from start

to past finish each day during the trials, thanks so much for all you did, Nancy!

For those of you who didn't attend the November Membership Meeting you may not have heard about our new, upcoming online Fun Match Sign up that will be live starting with the January 2023 Fun Match. Members and guest will be able to register and pay for our Fun Matches online via the FVDTC's website thanks to the tremendously generous and hard work of our own Woofmaster. Dave Lewis. Dave has created a fantastic new online sign up system for all who want to sign up online. Mail-in entries will still be taken, as well. This took a ton of hard work and effort to put together. The Match Committee has been able to preview this new online system recently and all were very happy and impressed by what Dave has created. We can't thank you enough, Dave, for all you did to make this happen, thank you!!

I think that covers it for this month, thank you for all you do for your club.

See you at training, Wendy

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Three times doesn't seem like enough times to thank everyone, now that the trials are over. Everything seemed to run very smoothly. This couldn't have happened without the hard work of all the volunteers and our hard working trial secretary, Bob Olson.

Carolyn Pearson and Holly Sparza took great care of the judges, as usual. This is such an important part of attracting the judges we'd like to see come back to judge again in the future.

Sue MacPherson and her kitchen staff kept everyone happy and fed. Our members donated delicious treats for dessert that were delicious and a perfect ending to a warm and yummy meal.

Cheryl Hettinger was able to find a few wonderful vendors to rent space to help offset some of our cost. She also got some leads on new vendors for next year.

Nancy Lee worked so hard organizing the heart clinic. She not only had hours of preparation time invested, she stayed both days until late in the afternoon.

Pat Senne made sure we had all our ribbons and prizes for our exhibitors. The Novice A gift bags are always such a nice way to welcome the new exhibitors to the sport.

Kathy Bianchetti was there both days managing the basket raffle and the 50/50. It's great that we can offer this fun activity to help with some of our expenses.

Cheryl Lewis and the grounds crew maintained our venue so we can make sure we're welcome back in the future.

I heard nothing but positive remarks from the judges about their stewards. Having the right amount of help keeps the ring moving smoothly. We even had non-members step in this year to make sure we were able to function without a hitch. Cathy Fleury made sure anyone who was also showing had time to prepare for their own ring time.

Friday setup happens all day on Friday. Many club members chipped in to help cover windows, move equipment out of the shed and tape out the crating areas. We ended up with a beautiful looking trial site.

Teardown and rearranging was done in record time this year since we had so many people willing to stay and help. My back thanks those of you who stayed.

Thank you to everyone for helping make our 2022 trials such a success.

Taffy Wille, Trial Chair

Calendar

December 2022

01 Thu Regular Training

05 Mon Board meeting (via Zoom)

08 Thu Regular Training15 Thu Regular Training20 **Tue** Regular Training

Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm) Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

29 Thu Christmas Party

January 2023

05 Thu Regular Training

Puppy Starts (8:00pm)

Advanced Puppy Starts (6:00pm) Beginner Starts (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

12 Thu Regular Training

18 Wed Membership Meeting

19 Thu Fun Match

26 Thu Regular Training

Registered Therapy Teams Needed

Bria of Geneva at 1101 E State Street, Geneva IL, 60134 would love to have therapy dog teams visit their residents. Bria is a memory care facility. Preferred times are during the day, and preferably during the week. But weekend and nights could work as well. Please contact Wendy Waddick for more information or to volunteer.

Membership Meeting Highlights - November 09, 2022

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 10 new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Candy Ellis made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Will Short seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) stated that he had no updates since last month's board meeting. He anticipates having more to report after the trials.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) provided the following number of entries and start times for the Obedience/Rally trials.

	Saturday	Sunday			
	Entries	Start Time		Entries	Start Time
Rally Trial I	full at 50	8:00 a.m.	Rally	62	8:00 a.m.
Rally Trial II	full at 50	noon	Obedience	88	9:00 a.m.
Obedience Trial I	82	9:00 a.m.			
Obedience Trial II	60	12:30 p.m.			

Taffy stated that workers must be at ringside at least 30 minutes before judging begins to help set up the ring. We still need workers for the trial and people to stay Sunday to help rearrange the building and clean up.

Prepared raffle items may be dropped off at the correction clinic Thursday, 11/17, or Friday during set up.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) asked whether anyone knew about the whereabouts of the Boner award trophy.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges)) thanked the following club members for volunteering to judge at our pre-trial match. She said that although the utility class was full, the pre-entries for the other classes were surprisingly light this month. However, that could change quickly and we may get swamped with walk-ins, too. She encouraged the non-utility judges to provide back up to other judges if possible. Even though other rings are not set-up for the directed jumping exercises, other exercises can be performed and would be a tremendous help.

- Rally Pat Senne
- Novice Candy Ellis Penny Brcich
- Open Loretta Lazzara and Candy Ellis
- Utility Sandi Stephenson and Will Short

Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards)) reported that stewards are needed for the November match.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) reported that Sunshine sent flowers for the passing of Hermann Hamburger on September 26th. Things since then have been quiet.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is November is 21st after the trial.

Old Business

Fun Match Online Entry Project Demonstration

Dave Lewis described the soon to be released on-line Fun Match Entry function. He stated that the system is currently being tested by the Match Committee members and several other club members. Wendy announced that testing will continue until for the next month or so. The function will be available mid to late December to use for the January 2023 Fun Match.

Dog Training Classes Offered by St. Charles Park District

Carolyn reported that she talked to DePaw Canine about working in partnership for the advanced classes that are not offered by their facility and by encouraging their students to check out the world of obedience and rally.

New Business

None

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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