

FVDTC

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WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

It is with incredible sadness that we announce the passing of our friend and fellow club member, Vera Nyberg. Since Vera joined FVDTC in 1999, she has been a staple at most club events, including obedience, rally and agility trials, membership meetings, and training nights. She served as a puppy class instructor for many years, and has been invaluable to multiple committees including trial stewards and the Annual Dinner.

Memorial service details have not yet been announced, but we will pass that information along to the membership when it is available.

We, and Vera's beloved Papillons – Autumn, Lincoln and Chance – will miss her.

Calendar

October 2023

05 Thu Regular Training
10 **Tue** Regular Training
14 Sat Board Meeting (Zoom)
19 Thu Fun Match
21 Sat Mat Cleaning
26 Thu Regular Training
OFA Eye Exam
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

November 2023

02 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
08 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)
09 Thu Regular Training
14 **Tue** Regular Training
16 Thu Fun Match
17 Fri Trial Setup
18 Sat Obedience/Rally Trials
19 Sun Obedience/Rally Trials & Teardown
21 **Tue** Regular Training
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
30 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)

OFA Eye Clinic at FVDTC -- October 26, 2023.

Date: Thursday, October 26th, 2023,

Time: Starting at 4:40 pm, the last appointment will be at 7:00 pm

Location: Kane County Fairgrounds 525 Randall Rd, St Charles, IL in the Robertson Building

Test performed by: Denise M. Lindley of Animal Eye Consultants

Cost: \$50 per dog

YOU MUST PRE-PAY & PRE-REGISTER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN THIS CLINIC

Send Check, payable to FVDTC to:

Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Drive
Campton Hills, IL 60175

Along with your payment, please include your preferred time for arrival. Also, please include your dog's name and breed. The exam will take place approximately a half hour after your arrival time. Upon arrival, dilation drops will be placed in your dog's eyes to ensure a thorough examination. On the night of the exam, please bring your AKC registration information, if your dog is registered with the AKC.

Best efforts will be made to fulfill arrival time requests. This clinic will most likely fill, if you want to participate in this clinic, please reserve your spot ASAP!

*There will be no refunds of pre-registered examinations fees 2 weeks prior to the clinic date, if you are not able to attend for any reason.

IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so that we can contact you.

If you are bringing more than 1 dog, please try to bring a helper to hold your dogs during the examinations.

Any questions, email Wendy at director@fvdtc.org

Membership Report

Valerie Walker
Campton Hills, IL
Completed Puppy class
Rhodesian Ridgebacks & Westies

Justin Hauser
South Elgin, IL
Completed Puppy class
Golden Retriever

Sylvia Sohst
Batavia, IL
Completed Beginner class
Cavalier King Charles, Rottweiler

Amanda Anderson
Montgomery, IL
Guest trained 8 times
Pointer

Alyssa Mish & Joseph Stycznski
Burlington, IL
Completed Beginner class
Golden Retriever

Laina Schei
St. Charles, IL
Completed Beginner class
Mixed Breed

Barbara Klosowski
St. Charles, IL
Completed Puppy class
Sheltie

Margaret Gigous
Addison, IL
Cavalier King Charles
Completed Beginner class

Mikayla & Deborah Rabick
Oswego, IL
Completed Beginner class

Fun Match Updates

The Match Committee had a meeting recently, discussing multiple topics, not the least of which was how we can make the night more seamless for everyone. We acknowledge that things may seem pretty haphazard from the exhibitor's and judge's side of things, and even though we have a plan, gate entries can (and generally do) change all of that at the last minute.

Entrants: We will generally have one, dated, gate entry sheet for each ring.

- If entries for a specific class are growing, we will divvy the entries up and make 2 sheets, for two rings and two judges. Remember, these sheets will be dated. That way we will know we're looking at current info.
- Sheets will be held at the check in table until 7PM, then distributed to their rings. Exhibitors, please check yourselves in upon arriving by placing a check by your name. If you're a gate entrant, sign your name and dog (with jump height where applicable), and again place a check mark by your name.

Stewards, we know you have a super tough job.

- We appreciate you answering the call month after month!
- Please do your best to take exhibitors in the order they appear on your gate entry sheet. People will often either be tied up, or not present after having signed up (in which case there will not be a check by their name). Just begin at the first entrant. If they're not available, move on to the second entrant. Word to the wise: we'd caution against planning too far ahead. Line up one or two consecutive exhibitors and hold there. Getting too far ahead will just cause problems, and that way if you have to skip over someone because they're busy in another ring, you'll be able to bounce back more quickly to pick them up. Promising someone exactly when they'll be in, unless it's "next", is a recipe for trouble!
- Please return gate entry sheets to the front table at the end of the night.

Judges, we thank you for your dedication and hard work!

- Your efforts help keep the match down to a controlled level of chaos, and we know sometimes you have to guide new stewards. We appreciate the on the job training.
- A request from the equipment folks: to help keep the mats clean we're going to ask you to use painters tape or stickers to mark anything you need to on the mats. Supplies will be provided. The chalk is very hard to remove and it requires spray cleaner, and not just the sweeping the mats get weekly. If you use chalk, please get the spray cleaner and clean it up before you leave.
- Also, we're going to start labeling the rings specifically by judge name so there won't be any confusion about which ring you're working in.

Exhibitors, we know this night can be stressful whether it's because you're new, you're rushing from work, or you're entered multiple times.

- Please be patient with all the workers as they're largely volunteers doing the best they can on any given night. If you're having a problem, ask one of the Match Committee members and we will help sort it out. You might just get a long and complicated explanation that will make you see the situation is more convoluted than you thought! The Match Committee is Pat Senne (match), Sandi Stephenson (judges), Barb Misch (stewards) and Anne Stuessy (entries).

We are sure that if everyone can work together with patience and understanding, Match night can be fun for everyone!!

Membership Meeting Highlights - September 13, 2023

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) reported that the annual mat cleaning event is Saturday, October 21st. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact him, Cheryl Hettinger or Carolyn Pearson. Will Short thanked Bob Boeke for replacing the grooming table legs and painting all of the jumps.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) stated that as of July, the club is showing a \$5,000 profit. He reported that class revenue is up about 75%. He reported that although our investment account value is not quite as high as the maximum, it has recovered significantly from last year.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that an assistant instructor is needed for the 6:00 PM Beginner's class; he will send the information to Dave and Miriam for publication.

Candy Ellis (Co-Assistant Director of Training) reported that training continues to run smoothly.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that none of the recent applicants' names had been published in Waggin' Tales; however, they will be published in the next newsletter.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the three new TD and two new TDX title earners enjoyed near perfect weather the weekend of the 2023 Tracking Test.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that volunteers are needed for Sunday afternoon's Agility Trials, both during the trial and for the post-trial breakdown.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that she placed a deposit at Riverside Receptions to book the 2024 Annual Dinner for April 21, 2024.

Sally Boeke (CGC Test Coordinator) stated that there were nine teams entered for the CGC Test, five actually took the test and all five passed.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges)) reported that once the number of entries are a little more accurate, she will finalize the judges' assignment list for this month's match. She stated that, thus far, the entry numbers appears that attendance will be good if not full.

Additionally, Anne Stuessy has kindly offered her home for a match committee meeting. Any FVDTC members who wish to have concerns or suggestions regarding fun matches addressed, should contact any of the committee members to bring up at the committee's meeting. They are happy to address any thoughts or issues.

Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards)) reported that there are several volunteer opportunities for next week's match, particularly in the Open and Utility rings. Barb reminded members that volunteers get free run-throughs and would be a wonderful way of practicing prior to the upcoming local trials starting shortly.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) reported that things have been quiet on the Sunshine front.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that next deadline is Monday the 18th.

Nancy Pederson (Workshop Coordinator) reported that the second Rally Novice Intro Workshop for 2023 (6-week sessions) is finishing this week. Nancy stated that she is attempting to host the workshops twice a year;

one before 4-H begins and one after the Kane County Fair.

The workshop introduces the Novice signs, discusses rules, regulations and ring procedure. The last two sessions are "Mock Trials" to help students know what to expect at a real trial. Nancy's goal is to help people get started in Rally and encourage them to participate in our Rally run-through class, as well as to enter our November trials. Nancy reported that 11 individuals registered for the workshop, one dropped; but there were consistently nine students in attendance week-to-week.

Donna Nuger (Youth Program Chairperson) reported that she is scheduling the first committee meeting of the new youth program via Zoom on Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 pm. She invited anyone who is interested in working on this committee to email her.

50/50 Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$3.50 is Bob Boeke as drawn by club member, Carolyn. Bob donated his winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Kent Hildebrand received a donation of \$7.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- Candy Ellis complimented Dr. Cheryl Lewis for the great job that she does keeping the volunteers nourished during the recent events.

New Business

- Wendy reported that we are hosting an OFA Eye Clinic on October 26th. All participants must pre-register and pre-pay to reserve their exam time by submitting a \$50.00/dog, check payable to FVDTC, to Wendy Waddick. Details are on the club's homepage. There probably will not be walk-in allowed during the clinic.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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