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ANNUAL DINNER 2001

From Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar

Annual Dinner Party - March 10

We have some exciting news to share about the Annual Dinner Party. We are honored to have two very special and talented club members willing to share their vast knowledge and experiences with us. Our speakers are Ronnie Bizer and Marietta Huber!

Marietta and her Beagle, Squiggles, represented the United States at the World Agility Championships! She will share with us what it was like to be selected for the United States team and to represent the red, white, and blue in Europe.

Ronnie and her Rottweiler, Packer, competed in the AKC National Obedience Championships! This event is by invitation only. Ronnie will tell us what it was like to be at the obedience nationals and how it differs from the local trials.

The Fishermen's Inn dinner will be family style. We will have roast beef, ham, fried chicken, salad, popovers, vegetables, potatoes, and dessert. **Reservations are due by February 17!** The form was mailed in the January WagginTales, and is also available on the club web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org/>).

The committee is busy preparing for an evening we truly hope you enjoy. I'd like to thank the people who are working toward that goal. Nina and Ed Herdes are again putting much time into making the spectacular decorations. Suzan Scott accepted all the award nominations and is working to obtain the awards. Peggy Sue Seehafer is adding her creative ideas and assisting in many areas. Carolyn Pearson organized the list of 2000 instructors. Rick Cox is working with us to finalize the program and will again be the capable master of ceremonies. We need a couple volunteers to help set up on March 10 at about 4:00 pm.

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A well-trained dog is a
happy dog

From Jan Schomer

ATTENTION: CORRECTION MATCH JUDGES!!

A reminder to anyone that is Judging or Stewarding at our Correction Match. If you want to run your dog thru a certain class PLEASE be there ahead of time. I'm there to put you thru before our match starts. If you can not make it you can enter the next match for free. Please do not stop your judging to run your dog in another class.

BRAGS, AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

"Liza" Shamrock Acres Celebration UD, JH, OA, OAJ (TimWhite)

| | | | |
|----------|------|-----|-----------|
| 01/27/01 | AGI | 200 | |
| 01/28/01 | AGI | 200 | |
| | AGII | 199 | 3rd Place |
| 02/03/08 | AGI | 200 | |

"Peggy" Candlewood's Ribbonquest CD, SH, OA, OAJ (Anne White)

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|----------|------|-----|---------------|
| 01/27/01 | AGI | 195 | |
| | AGII | 200 | 4th Place |
| 01/28/02 | AGI | 200 | |
| | AGI | 189 | |
| 02/03/01 | AGI | 200 | |
| | AGII | 195 | U AG II Title |

Zeke (Judy Siebeck)

Zeke got his third leg in Novice A at the Northwest Obedience trial on December 16, 2000. We attended three trials in 2000 and this was the result. Onward and upward.

E-MAIL WAGGIN' TALES

If you would like to save the club a few dollars, receive your Waggin' Tales up to a week before everybody else, and get your pictures in color:

Get your Waggin' Tales via E-Mail!

You need to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader (free from <http://www.adobe.com>) and send an e-mail to waggin-tales@fvdtc.org.

From David Lewis, Editor

PUT YOUR NEWS IN WAGGIN' TALES

If you have news or announcements you would like to share with the club, put it in the Waggin' Tales.

There are a few guidelines to follow to ensure that your message is presented in the way **you** would like:

Submit your articles to:

David Lewis
Waggin' Tales
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267
waggingtales@fvdtc.org

Plain text E-Mail is the best way to get your article included. Attachments in Rich Text Format will work

also. Typed letters and faxes are OK, too, but handwritten notes are the most likely to result in errors.

Always include your name and a phone number with your article.

What Gets Included

Waggin' Tales is the primary means of communication for the Board to the membership, so announcements from the Board and meeting minutes get highest priority. Next are news, brags and stories from the membership. If space permits, dog-related classified ads and for-sale items from members will be included.

I am always interested in your comments (both good and bad) and suggestions for improving Waggin' Tales.

From Suzan Scott

CORRECTION CLINICS

This month's FVDTC correction clinic was held on Thursday, February 15. If you tried earlier this month to print the entry form from our web site and had problems, try again. There is a revised version there which should print on one page.

The remaining Correction Clinics for the year will be held as follows:

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|------------|--------------|
| March 22 | April 19 |
| May 10 | June 21 |
| August 16 | September 20 |
| October 25 | November 29 |

Stewards and judges are needed for all of these dates including February. If you can judge, call Shirley at (630) 232-2503 or send e-mail to matchjudges@fvdtc.org. If you're available to steward either put your name on the large, orange Steward Sheet at training or call Ingrid at (630) 365-3248. Please don't sign up to judge and steward at the same match - it doesn't work well.

A NEW WHITMORE? A NEW WILSON?

Congratulations to Julie Whitmore and to Peter Wilson. Tyrone Jordan Whitmore Wilson was born at 10:01pm on January 22.

He weighed 9lbs, 10oz, and was 23 inches long.

Mother and son are doing well. Mom and Dad are exhausted, but thrilled.

From Cindy Pakenas

A SEMINAR FOR EVERYONE

A seminary with something for everyone is coming in March to Lisle, Illinois. Narnia and Puppyworks are sponsoring a training seminary at the Lisle Radisson on March 23-25, 2001. The presentation areas are staged and large screen video projection is available. The presenters are Gail Fisher, Chris Bach, Martha Hoffman, Jan Elster, M.A., Susan Garrett, and Adele Yunck.

From Kathy Hubbard

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Old English Sheepdog
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

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Labrador Retriever
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

Regina Filipiak
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Elgin, IL 60123
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Rottweiler
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

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Doberman
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

For further information:

- Contact Cindy Pakenas (815/827-4317)
- Register on the net at www.puppyworks.com
- Write to Puppyworks
PO Box 954
Benica, CA 94570
(707) 745-8310

| Ring Layout for Session 1 January 4 through March 6 | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | 6:00–7:00 | 7:00–8:00 | 8:00–9:00 | 9:00–10:00 |
| Ring 1 | Novice Practice | Beginners | Beginners | Beginners |
| Ring 2 | Novice Practice | Beginners | Open Class | Open Practice |
| Ring 3 | Open Practice | Open Run-Through | Open Class | Open Practice |
| Ring 4 | Novice Practice | Novice Ring-Ready | Conformation | Novice Practice |
| Ring 5 | Utility Run-Through | Utility Run-Through | Utility Run-Through | Utility Practice |
| Ring 6 | Utility Run-Through | Utility Run-Through | Utility Run-Through | Utility Practice |
| Ring 7 | Novice Practice | Advanced Beginner | Advanced Beginner | Novice Practice |
| Ring 8 | Novice Practice | Puppy | Novice Practice | Novice Practice |

From Sandy Stephenson

EXERCISE FINISHED

December 15 2000 - We drove to Milwaukee, still very cold, now with lots of snow as well. Though entered for four days, Grandma's illness only allows one day to show. You did it. Despite the physical hardship for you, by giving 110% you managed that triple bar and earned your last leg (with a perfect score and 8 seconds under time) for your open agility title.

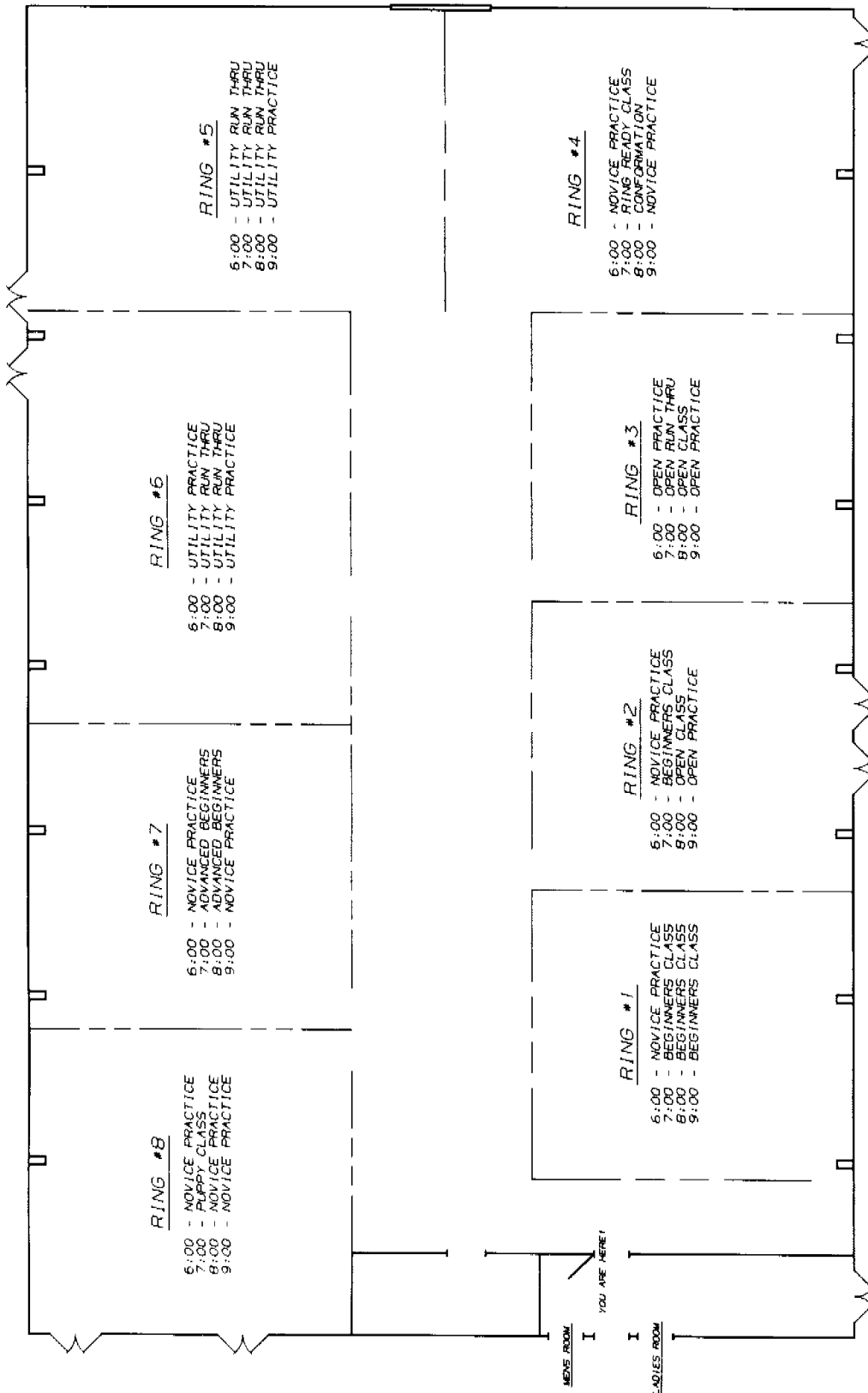
December 28, 2000, we trained for the UKC UD and I proudly claimed you officially ready for that title, too.

On January 2, 2001, you (and a part of me) died.

I know you are in a better place, but how do I go on in this one without you? We have been together almost constantly for 9 short, wonderful years. I thought those first few days without my sweet dog would be too painful to bear, then the phone calls, email, c cards, so many lovely cards, from those who =knew and also loved you began arriving. More than anything, these have helped my heart. I thank you so much, dear Friends.

Jenna's life, her many titles, despite all of her physical disabilities, was the purest example of unconditional love. What a great time we had training, working, competing, winning some, losing some, but most of all, making wonderful friends along the way. Wish it could have gone on forever, but thanks, Jenna, for that fabulous ride. Until I meet you at that bridge, rest well, sweet girl.

Exercise finished.



JANUARY THRU MARCH 2001 RING LAYOUT

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
 ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS
 SCALE: 1/16" = 1'

NOTE: ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER
 AT THE INFORMATION DESK.

From Carloyn Pearson, Secretary

FEBRYARY BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Highlights February 7, 2001

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) The December Meeting Minutes approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that she now has her own computer set up. She will have a financial report available at the March membership meeting.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) stated that she is in the process of making some changes. The first item that will be changed is that the first night of Beginner's classes will be WITHOUT dogs. That evening will be used for check-in and orientation for the students. It is hoped that by doing this, it will alleviate some of the confusion for the classes. The number of actual training nights will not change due to the elimination of a formal graduation night. Trudi also reported that she is in the process of modifying the "homework sheets". She is also planning on inviting ALL beginner instructors, primary and assistants to a meeting to exchange ideas for improvements and determine common goals for our classes.

Trudi announced that Jerry D'Aprile will replace Jerry Erskine as the class coordinator, effective immediately. Jerry Erskine is in the process of a new business venture and feels that he will need the time currently devoted to the club as class coordinator.

Trudi is also considering reinstating a "Trainers Night". This was something that the club held in the past. The instructors would meet, work their dogs, have food and exchange ideas for training. She would like to determine whether we could rent the training building (possibly when the equipment does not have to be put away).

Trudi also discussed the condition of the mats – they are definitely in need of a cleaning. Carolyn stated that we had said last spring that they should be cleaned. Carolyn suggested that Trudi talk to Ed Herdes regarding the possibility of getting the mats power washed by the fairground.

Due to recent abuse, club members will be reminded that the Utility and Open rings are limited to 10 minute timeframes. Beginning in March, Sandi Stephenson will be the instructor for a "pre-open" class from

7:00 until 8:00. The format of the class will be novice run-throughs, followed by sits and downs and with any remaining time, the beginnings of training for open (i.e., dumbbell retrieves, drop on recall, etc.). Mary Russell will teach the 7:00 Advanced Beginner's class beginning on February 8.

Will Short suggested that to alleviate the problem of too many open run-throughs desired and not enough time, that we combination of an open and utility run-through ring. This would be in addition to the Utility only run-throughs currently being done by Mary Bradley and Mike Kovacevich and would require an additional instructor.

Trudi also stated that a Daily Herald reporter, Erica Metzler, and photographer will be at training on February 8. She is doing a story on tri-city dog trainers.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) stated that no final decision has been made on conducting non-regular classes at our November 11th trial.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she has received signed contracts from all judges. She will verify that Joy Pool has officially received AKC approval to judge an open class. Once she has verified that information, she will submit our Judges Panel Application to the AKC for approval.

Cathy Fleury reported that she has received the contract back from the fairgrounds. The deposit check has also been sent. Carolyn Pearson will provide the completed Host Letter and AKC Emergency Checklist to Taffy within the next week.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, February 11. The published Waggin' Tales deadline is November 11. This deadline will be moved to November 18th. This will allow any trial reports to be included. Dave also reported that the club's website was accessed in November, a total of 7,000 times. November is this is last available timeframe.

Dave also reported that we received a request via our website to conduct a demonstration for a Cub Scout Pack Meeting on March 20th, from 7:00 until 8:15, in Schaumburg. Anyone interested should contact Carolyn Pearson at 630-231-5658.

Dean Connolly (Graduation Chairperson) asked for clarification of the "goals" for a less formal graduation. The instructors will determine who gets promoted to an advanced beginners class or who would be requested to repeat the Beginner's class. Dean reported that he will continue to hand out the certificates to all students. The ribbons for will be for

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From Carloyn Pearson, Secretary

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

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those students promoted to next level.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson)

Kathy reported that roster will go to the printer this week. Carolyn Pearson asked whether the guest-training fee of \$5.00 (when used for membership application) included Conformation as well as Obedience training. It was stated that there is no differentiation between conformation and obedience for membership application.

Francene Andersen (Tracking Chairperson).

Carolyn Pearson announced that due to difficulty in securing the forest preserve in a timely manner, the Tracking Test for March has been cancelled.

Old Business

- Printing Costs - Dave Lewis has not been able to verify the rates prior to the meeting from Kinko's, Sir Speedy and Office Max for the publication of a future Waggin' Tales issue.
- Website Advertising - Dave Lewis determined that this is not an effective way to advertise.

New Business

- Tracey Mohr reported that she received positive responses from all current committee chairpeople for continuing their current duties, with the exception of Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar (as reported last year).
- Tracey Mohr also reported that the Match Committee sent a request that instructors ask their

student to volunteer to steward at our matches.

- Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club Award. Several Board members asked whether we should continue this award for the future. Perhaps the "rules" should be modified to include current Board members with the final decision being made by a membership vote at the January Membership meeting.

From Carol Cook

ANNOUNCING PUPPIES

Three girls, One boy Born Oct. 28, 2000 to

Ch. Cloverleaf's Robin of Terrae (Carol Cook, proud owner)
Irish Setter Club of America Medallion recipient
Irish Setter Club of America 1998 plaque winner obedience
Irish Setter Club of America plaque winner conformation
and

Ch. Courtwood Heavy Rains

Irish Setter Club of America Medallion recipient

These puppies have wonderful outgoing personalities! Unfortunately I can

only keep one. The other three (male and two females) are available. you can contact me at doublechampion@juno.com or (815) 923-5325.

- Tracey Mohr reported that she received a request from Jean Airey to determine whether the club wished to continue the tradition of placing a "centerfold" ad in the June Front & Finish this year? The cost would be the same as last year - approximately \$600.00. The board members felt that this is a tradition worth keeping, however it was decided that the general membership should be asked whether this should be continued at this increased cost. Therefore,

this issue will be brought to the membership at the March 7th Membership meeting to determine the continued interest in this acknowledgment of title-earners.

As was done last year, the club members wishing to have a photograph in the ad will be asked to offset the cost by paying \$10.00. Cathy Fleury will collect the money and provide a list of paid members to Jean Airey.

- Taffy Wille made a motion to allow her to spend a maximum of \$375.00 to pre-order a quantity of 25 (allows for a bulk order discount) of the book called "New Art of Dog Training" by Shelby Marlo. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Pearson and approved by all.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

