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2013 ELECTION RESULTS

The annual election of the Board of Directors was held during the January membership meeting. Congratulations and thanks go to the folks elected to the board for this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Donna Bihner	Obedience Trial Chair	Will Short
First Vice-President	Ed Herdes	Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Second Vice-President	Wendy Waddick	Public Education Coordinator	Barb Runkle
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson	Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Treasurer	Dana Weller	Tracking Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Director of Training	Terri Byerly	Director at Large	David Lewis Terri Byerly

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHERS

Asst Director of Training	Loretta Lazzara	Obedience Trial Secretary	Bob Olson
Awards	Carol Nightingale Nancy Einwich	Publicity	Vacant
Annual Dinner	Cheryl Hettinger	Statistician	Sue MacPherson
CGC Coordinator	Willie Santiago	Sunshine	Penny Brcich
Graduation Chair	Barb Misch	Waggin' Tales Editor	David Thornell
Historian	Sally Boeke	Class Coordinator	Nancy Pederson
Match Chair (Coordinator)	Pat Senne	Conformation	Terri Byerly
Match Chair (Entries)	Marian Lazzara	Scholarships	Barb Misch
Match Chair (Judges)	Sandi Stephenson	4H Coordinator	Terri Byerly
Match Chair (Stewards)	Ingrid Hamburger	WoofMaster	David Lewis

All committee Chairs were appointed by club President Donna Bihner. Terri Byerly appointed Loretta Lazzara to Assistant Director of Training and it was ratified during the meeting.

A huge thank you to Terri Byerly for her many years as President of the club and also to our outgoing board member for their valuable service. We are a volunteer organization and appreciate all the effort that so many people give.

FROM THE (NEW) DOT

Friends,

It was bittersweet to say "goodbye" to my position as President and "hello" to my new position as Director of Training. It has been a pleasure to work for you as President for the past several years. I am hoping however that I can serve you even better as DOT.

Since the start of my time holding various board positions it has been my hope to provide you with a liaison between the membership and the board. I hope you will continue to feel comfortable coming to me with any ideas, concerns, complaints and compliments that you have for the club and its operations. You've read it in many of my notes: "This is YOUR club". I hope that you will still help me, to help you make it great!

Speaking of helping, I've asked Loretta Lazzara to be our Assistant Director of Training and she accepted the position. We've hit the ground running and we are very happy to be working together to bring you the best training experience possible!

Okay so here we go. On January 6th, I emailed 22 current instructors and assistants asking for verification of their participation as working the first session. Out of 22, only 8 replied. Not a good start if you ask me! I can only help you, the members of the club, if you communicate with me. We all need to stay in touch. The board, the instructors and the members.

We will be doing some instructor shuffling as people's schedules change and as the needs of instructors' own dogs' training progresses. Please be patient as we try to get everyone into a teaching/assisting slot that works out for everyone!

I have a few workshops planned for all of you.

Recognizing and Dealing with Reactive or Aggressive Dogs,
presented by Sandi Stephenson

This would be great info for anyone at all, but I especially hope instructors and assistants will attend.

Date and time TBA.

Teaching is Not the Same as Training,
presented by Terri Byerly

This workshop would be helpful to anyone who thinks they might be interested in teaching AND current instructors and assistants.

Date and time TBA.

Loretta and I are also trying to figure out how to make sure all members are getting the training time they need and want. We want to do all we can to make sure everybody gets what they need, from Beginner Novice to Utility. Some patience and consideration for our fellow handlers will be needed once we get it all worked out. It appears that at the moment our greatest need is for an instructional bridge between levels. Particularly between the Novice and Open levels of AKC exhibiting. We hope to provide you with said bridge.

I urge you to email me with your thoughts or concerns about the classes we offer.

Another ongoing concern is safety. We hear from some folks "incidents don't happen at FV". Well my friends, they do. And there are too many situations being created where there is the potential for injury to dog and handler. Sometimes the incidents we see involve a member who just isn't following the rules. So what do we do? Do we all even know what the rules are? Well we do realize that everyone working at FV is doing so on a volunteer basis, so enforcing rules is very difficult. But in order to provide you with a safe training space, we have to do something more. We have some thoughts on the back burner, but again would appreciate your thoughts about safety and rule enforcing.

So as you have heard me say before, talk to me. Tell me what you want and what you think needs to be changed. Any emails you send me will be kept confidential, so please feel free to let me know what is on your mind!

Warm regards,

Terri Byerly
Director of Training, FVDTC
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FROM THE (NEW) PRESIDENT

Fellow members of FVDTC,

Three years ago I had become an empty-nester, my husband travelled extensively and my dogs were getting older. So I made the decision that I wanted a puppy. Little did I know what that decision was my first connection to FVDTC. My puppy came from Ronnie Bizer who asked "do you plan to show?" My reply was a definite NO. But I did want puppy trained so I enrolled in agility class with Cathy Fleury, and puppy class where I met Taffy Willie and Rick Cox. We had so much fun I followed them from class to class and eventually to FVDTC.

Nancy Pederson welcomed me into the Ring-Ready class, Joyce, Barb and Will into Rally and my fate was sealed. The next step, of course, was to follow them all into the show ring – which I did for the first time about 1 ½ years ago. Since then Ellie and I have earned our RE title in Rally, CDX in Obedience and Open titles in Agility. As with anything new there are many bumps and bruises as you learn the ropes. It is not an understatement when I say it is because of the members of FVDTC that I stayed in the ring. The support and friendship I have been given has been nothing short of amazing and is the sole reason I considered getting more involved with the Club.

A year ago I joined the Board with a goal of working on anything I found confusing as a new member and adding training to help the next newbie. I found that although the Board is made up of very caring and dedicated individuals some things have been done in the same way for a very long time. Sometimes we must redo, refresh, and update issues/items to keep them current in today's world.

With the loss of Joan Mazat as DOT (due to her whelping a baby as Terri puts it), Terri decided she would like a change and asked me if I'd consider the role as President. This was never something I aspired to, but I believe in this Club and am willing to give it my all. During this upcoming year I want to continue with my quest to make this a welcoming group for anyone who just wants a well-behaved pet or to someone who wants to train for competition. Most especially, I'd like to find more ways to support newbie's in their training and showing as I was supported by you. We must also strive to keep the current programs vital and work to keep our existing members actively engaged with the Club. It would be nice for example to see more members earn their CGC or TDI certification.

I know many of you have great ideas but maybe you have never voiced your thoughts or maybe you thought no one would listen. I challenge each of you to make your ideas known. Tell the Board, come to membership meetings, catch any of us on training nights or just send me an email. I also challenge the Board to openly consider these ideas and act on them in a timely manner. I cannot promise we can do everything but we can promise to give things due consideration.

So thank you for this opportunity! Although I can't promise I won't make a few mistakes as I learn this new role, I know I have a group that has my back and will help me learn.

Donna Bihner
president@fvdtc.org

HELP!!

As the new Public Education Coordinator for FVDTC, I would like everyone's help with ideas on how to get the word out about the club and AKC.

I am planning on having a table and a raffle at the Agility Trail at the end of March, I will be ordering new information from AKC to have on hand in the red box on training night.

Donation for the raffle would be appreciated, all proceeds will go to the tracking trial.

Barb Runkle
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education@fvdtc.org

One More Thing:

There is a red box on the table with all kinds of information in, upcoming trials, catalogs, AKC information and more, take time to have a look. Also check the bulletin board for information.

Chiropractic Care on Training Nights!

Dr. Erin O'Connor (animal chiropractor) will be available from 6-10pm on February 28th. Appointments are made directly through her by way of either her web site or by calling the Vitality Chiropractic Center. FVDTC is not involved in scheduling. We are just making this opportunity available to our members and students.

Cost is \$45 for the initial visit and \$40 for a follow-up. Walk-up appointments on training nights will be available if there are openings, although it is best to make an appointment. If your dog has not been previously treated by Dr. O'Connor, you will need to fill out a new patient form either at your appointment or you can print it from the web site. If you have any questions, please contact Vitality Chiropractic Center. Some of you may remember seeing Dr. O'Connor when she did a presentation at one of our membership meetings last fall. Since then several of our members have been taking their dogs to her for treatment. We would like to have a chiropractor come to training once a month if there is a demand for that frequency. We may also offer additional chiropractors in the future.

<http://www.myvitalitychiropractic.com/>
630-499-4078

HELPING JUNIOR HANDLERS SUCCEED IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES YOU CAN HAVE!

Starting on Thursday April 4th, FVDTC will once again be hosting classes for Kane County's 4Hers as they prepare for their annual dog show. Their show is actually part of the Kane County Fair and is hosted by FVDTC a few weeks before the Fair. 4H classes run from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm on regular training nights.

Remember that these are the dog owners of the future so please help to make them feel welcome at FVDTC.

If you would like to help with the 4H classes, please email Terri Byerly at 4h@fvdtc.org



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FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB WILL BE HOSTING WELLNESS CLINICS AT THE KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON...

Thursday March 7, 2013		AND	Tuesday March 19, 2013	
Services provided by Amber Leaf Animal Hospital Contact Sue MacPherson (630) 207-4039			Services provided by Sutton Road Animal Clinic Contact Sutton Road (847) 742-8298	
Bordetella	\$18.00		Bordetella	\$18.00
DHLPP	\$25.00		DHLPPC	\$25.00
DHPP	\$20.00		DHPPC	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50		Fecal Check	\$17.50
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$19.50		Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$19.50
Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00		Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$15.00		Rabies - one year without tag*	\$15.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$25.00		Rabies - three year without tag*	\$25.00
HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$45.00			
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$86.00			
Lepto	\$18.00			
Corona	\$17.00			

Help Wanted!

No Experience Required, (in most cases)

Earn your Work Credits....Socialize....Get involved....Learn....Support your Club!

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
Thursdays	Training Night	Kane County Fairgrounds	Fill in at the front table on nights Cheryl must be absent. Assist folks as they come into the building. Cheryl will train you! Contact Cheryl Hettinger	1
2/21/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
03/29/13	Agility Trial Setup	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Evening setup work. Contact Cathy Fleury	1
03/30/13	Agility Trial	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Multiple jobs - contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
03/31/13	Agility Trial	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Multiple jobs - contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
03/28/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
4/4 – 6/26	Assist 4H Classes	Kane County Fairgrounds	Hooray for Jr. Handlers! Contact Terri at 4h@fvdtc.org	2

If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 16, 2013

Meeting brought to order at 7:53 p.m.

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

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed a preliminary year-end financial report for review.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that all judges for the 2014 Obedience trial have been secured, but contracts have not been signed. Additionally, one judge for the 2015 Obedience trial has been secured.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the list of the 13 new member applicants who have been published in recent Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Candy Ellis made a motion to accept the list as read. Paul Rogers seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the pavilion at the Burnidge Forest Preserve has been reserved for the Tracking Test on September 15. Ingrid also reported that she has signed contracts for the 2014 Tracking Test judges.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that the annual dinner will be on April 13, 2013 at the Brewster Creek Lodge. Cheryl reported that reservations and money are being collected by Candy Ellis and are due by April 4th. Cheryl reminded club members paying by check, that the checks will not be deposited until after the dinner.

Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich (Awards Chairs), Carol reported that the form to apply for the Volunteer Recognition award has been updated on the website. The form was modified with additional awards from which to select. Additionally, photos of those choices are now on the website to view. Carol stated that this year the photographer will take all the pictures during two scheduled events. The first event is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th at training and the second event is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at another location. Club members who have selected photos for their awards will be provided the times available.

Terri Byerly thanked Carol and Nancy for the nice selection of awards for the new Volunteer Recognition award.

Pat Senne (Match Co-chair) reported that the following entries had been received for the January 17th correction clinic.

Novice 1	- 10	Utility 2	- 5	Rally – Novice	- 0
Open 1	- 3	Graduate Novice	- 0	Rally – Advanced	- 2
Open 2	- 3	Graduate Open	- 2	Rally – Excellent	- 2
Utility 1	- 4	Beginners Novice	- 4		

Pat stated that she believes that the low number of entries was due to the uncertainty of winter weather and there will probably be more entries at the gate. Pat reminded club members that new classes will be judged in the following rings.

- Beginners Novice will be judged in the Novice 1 ring
- Graduate Novice will be judged in the Open 1 ring
- Graduate Open will be judged in the Utility 1 ring

In response to Candy Ellis' question regarding how to sign up to steward for a specific judge, Pat announced that the method to sign up for judging at correction clinic has been modified and no longer included on the steward poster board. Club members wishing to volunteer to judge should contact Sandi Stephenson either at training or via e-mail at matchjudges@fvdtc.org. The new process has been announced in a recent Constant Contact message and will be described in the January Waggin' Tales.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that the poster board previously used to sign up for stewarding and judging will now only be used to volunteer to steward.

David Thornell (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance, however it was reported that the deadline is January 20th and is seeking articles, brags and ideas for new items to be included.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$12.50 was Peggy Sue Seehafer as drawn by club member, Susan Keller. In addition to the remaining \$12.50 donated to the Tracking Test fundraising effort, Peggy Sue donated her winnings to the Tracking Test fundraising effort.

Old Business

• Web Site Redesign

Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that updated website was fantastic and thanked Dave Lewis for the great job and his hard work. Terri Byerly also thanked Donna Bihner for her effort in the redesign.

• Christmas Party 2012

Donna Bihner thanked Candy Ellis for the wonderful job she did organizing the 2012 Christmas party, she was definitely "the holiday hostess with the mostest". Cheryl Hettinger also praised Candy for the fun everyone had at the party. Nancy Pederson did an awesome job of taking the pictures of the dogs with

Santa which are available to view on the club's website. Many thanks also to Mike Trausch for his portrayal of Santa.

- **Puppy Mill Project Update**

Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that as a result of many anti-puppy mill groups, many pet stores are no longer selling puppies obtained from puppy mills. Additionally, she spoke with Critters Pet Store in St. Charles, who said they no longer sell dogs, they are only offering rescue dogs for adoption.

- **On-Site Canine Chiropractor**

Donna Bihner reported that she has confirmed February 28th as the date for Dr. O'Conner, certified animal chiropractor from Vitality Chiropractic Center, to offer her services at training. Donna stated that appointments can be set up on the website. New clients will be charged \$45.00 for their first appointment, returning clients pay \$40.00.

Sue MacPherson reported that she had contacted another canine chiropractor who confirmed that they are interested, however was unable to discuss details at that particular time. Sue will contact the chiropractor again and confirmation of participation.

Voting for 2013 Board of Directors

Prior to distributing the ballots, Terri thanked the nominating committee for their hard work obtaining the slate of Board of Directors and chairs for committees. Terri read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2013 Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Cheryl Hettinger and Paul Rodgers collected and counted the ballots. Terri announced the following individuals were on the Board of Directors.

Position	Candidate
President	Donna Bihner
First Vice President	Ed Herdes
Second Vice President	Wendy Waddick
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Dana Weller
Director of Training	Terri Byerly
Obedience Trial Chair	Will Short
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator	Barb runkle
Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Director at Large	David Lewis

New Business

- **4-H Assistants**

Terri Byerly reported that she is in need of assistants for the upcoming 4-H classes. No prior experience is necessary; on the job training is provided. The 4-H classes begin on Thursday, April 4th and conclude with the show on Wednesday, June 26th.

- **Pet Emergency Resuscitation Masks**

Peggy Sue reported that 40,000 animals annually die in fires due to their susceptibility to smoke inhalation. With that statistic in mind, she contacted the Fox River and Countyside Fire Protection District located in Campton Hills and discovered that none of their five emergency vehicles were equipped with pet emergency resuscitation masks. Peggy Sue stated that a set includes three different sizes (to account for size variations), an instructional DVD for a cost of \$95.00 per set of masks. Peggy Sue asked whether the club would be interested in providing two sets to the Fox River and Countyside Fire Protection District. Francene Andresen made a motion to purchase two

sets of three masks to be donated to the Fox River and Countyside Fire Protection District. Joyce Conway seconded the motion.

During the discussion, Peggy Sue said that she would volunteer to coordinate the purchase and distribution of the two mask sets. She also encouraged the other club members to verify that their local fire stations have the mask sets on their emergency vehicles, and if they do not, to consider donating the set, perhaps as a way of memorializing the death of a pet or pets. Additionally, any club members who wish to donate any amount can see Cheryl Hettinger at the front information table or Carolyn Pearson at training. She was hoping that if enough individuals donated additional money, we would collect enough extra to provide the additional three sets to fully equip all vehicles. Any club members, who wished to donate a full set to their own local fire stations, should contact Peggy Sue in an effort to coordinate the additional purchase to the club's sets. Peggy Sue said that she had not yet determined which vendor to purchase the masks. However, as soon as she had the finalized

information, she would share it with club members in the Waggin' Tales, Constant Contact messages and on the club's website. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

• **Health Clinic Events Scheduled**

It was announced that the following dates have been scheduled for health clinics.

- Thursday, March 7, services provided by Amberleaf Veterinary Clinic.
- Tuesday March 19, services provided by Sutton Rd Animal Clinic.

• **Updates to the By-Laws**

- By-laws state: These By-Laws may be amended or appealed or new ones adopted at a meeting of the Club membership by two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Members must be notified of the date(s) of the meeting and proposed changes in the By-Laws at least (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- The proposed changes were announced at the November meeting, published in the December Waggin' Tales and distributed at the meeting.

• **Turning over the Gavel**

Donna thanked Terri Byerly for her time since 2008 as the President. Donna stated that she hopes to continue the past efforts to improve avenues of communication. Additionally, Donna announced that with the exception of still needing to appoint a Publicity Chair, the following is a list of committee chairs for 2013.

Annual Dinner Chair	Cheryl Hettinger
Awards	Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich
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Publicityany volunteers?????????????
Statistician	Sue MacPherson
Sunshine	Penny Brcich
Waggin' Tales Editor	David Thornell

- Carolyn announced that there was a slight difference of the published changes and the distributed changes. In section 4.3.4, the following was added as the last sentence of the section: A reinstatement can only occur until December 31 of membership year.
- Rick Cox made a motion to accept the by-law changes as distributed. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

• **Award Nominations**

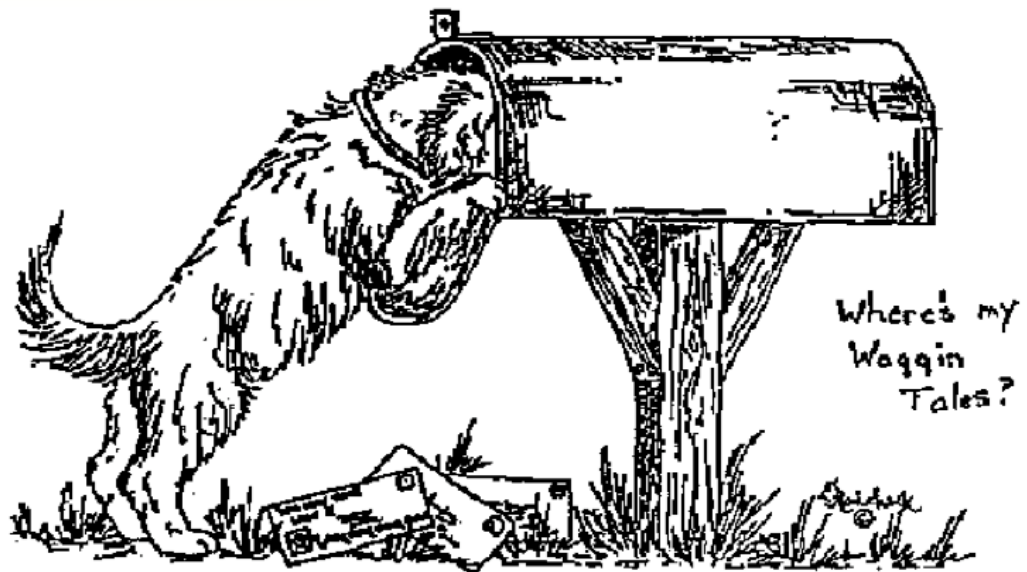
Cheryl Hettinger encouraged all club members to nominate a deserving club member for the Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award. She stated that this is a really, really important award because it enables every club member to nominate a club member who has shown over-and-beyond volunteerism to the club. Additionally, there is a new Rookie of the Year Award to acknowledge the extra efforts of a club member (of 3 years or less) toward the club. Any club member who is uncertain whether an individual is eligible for this award can verify the membership date with Sue MacPherson or Cheryl Hettinger.

○ **ADOT Ratification**

Terri Byerly, DOT, made a motion to approve Loretta Lazzara as Assistant Director of Training for 2013. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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February 2013

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| 7 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 14 | Thursday | Regular Training
8:00pm Puppy Class Starts |
| 20 | Wednesday | Board Meeting |
| 21 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 24 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 28 | Thursday | Regular Training
Chiropractic |

March 2013

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| 07 | Thursday | Regular Training
Health Clinic |
| 14 | Thursday | Regular Training
Beginner Class Session Starts
7:00pm Puppy Class Starts |
| 19 | Tuesday | Regular Training
Health Clinic |
| 20 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 24 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 28 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 29 | Friday | Agility Trial Setup |
| 30 | Saturday | Agility Trial |
| 31 | Sunday | Agility Trial |

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