



Waggin' Tales

Note from the President:

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

A thought for you.... Do you realize how lucky we are to have FVDTC? And for that matter, all the other local clubs in the area? I guess I assumed the rest of the country was just as dog crazy as we are, but I've recently found out that I was very wrong. In June, I had two friends in town, one from Florida and the other Mississippi. They came up to go to the GRCI show in Grayslake and stayed with me for the weekend. I brought them over to a training night to attend the conformation class. Their mouths fell open when they walked in the door. Total amazement at the number of classes and people in attendance and it wasn't even a particularly busy night! It turns out they have nothing like it near them and would give a lot to have the opportunity to train with us on a weekly basis. I found that very interesting and thought you would too. We are very lucky indeed!

June has been busy with all the 4H kids finishing their program and then off to their big show. Another round of applause for all the members who made the 4H program a success. We also held our Sanctioned Match in June. The clinic team (Pat Senne, Marian Lazzara, Ingrid Hamburger and Sandi Stephenson) yet again went out of their way with great prizes and even drinks and treats. They work so hard each month and do such a wonderful job. A huge round of applause to them as well.

We are at the half way point of the membership year....Have you thought about your work credits yet??? Remember, members who joined before 2014 must earn 3 credits to keep their dues the same, members who joined in 2014 only need to earn 1. We have lots of openings yet to help at the correction clinics and there are many trials coming up. Attending membership meetings earn credits as well. It is easy to keep your dues the same amount, so please don't forget to get the credits completed. Of course there is also the awards (volunteer and title awards) for which you need 10 credits. These 10 credits can be used for both titles and for dues. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me.

Later in the newsletter you will find directions on how you can add your own brags to the Club web site. We love to hear any and all success stories so please post away! A huge thank you to Dave Lewis, our web master, for creating this great new feature!

We have a ton of new members each month (YEAH!), which is exciting to see. To our more established members please reach out to a new face and welcome them. New members, please do not hesitate to ask questions or make suggestions for improvement. Come to meetings or drop me an email. I welcome your ideas!

Take care and see you at training!

Donna Bihner, President FVDTC

president@fvdtc.org

Help Wanted!

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

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
7/03/14	BreakDown Assistance	Kane County Fairgrounds	Assist the Break Down person starting at 9:30 p.m. Contact Carolyn Pearson at secretary@fvdtc.org or at training.	1
8/21/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: On-line signup or contact Ingrid Hamburger http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014 Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
9/12/14	Agility Trial Set-up	Sportsplex on Dean Street in St. Charles	Contact Cathy Fleury at agility@fvdtc.org	1
9/13 & 9/14	Agility Trial	Sportsplex on Dean Street in St. Charles	Contact Cathy Fleury at agility@fvdtc.org	1 for each ½ day

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

Waggin' Tales Editor Needed!

David Thornell has decided that his real calling is teaching and would like to stop as editor of our newsletter. A HUGE thank you to David for all his help with the newsletter these past few years!

So we are now in need of a new editor! As editor you do not have to write articles – they are supplied by the members of the club. Each month the editor takes the articles, formats them into one Word document and after review by some of the Board members, sends it to the printer and to the WoofMaster for publication.

Putting together the newsletter should not take more than a couple of hours a month, if you are proficient in MS Office products, Word being the primary tool. If you can help or have questions, please contact Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org or 630-762-8441.

Work credits (4) of course are offered to the Editor!

Set-Up and Break-Down Help Wanted!

Work Out AND Earn Work Credits

We need an individual to help our set-up person each week, either on a Wednesday or Monday night, depending on when training is for that week. At this time, the position is 'assistant', however in the near future, the position will be the primary set-up person. Currently, set-up starts between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. and takes approximately 1-1/2 hours with two people. The total weekly compensation is \$60.00. Individual compensation is determined by the number of individuals working. For example, when there are two individuals doing the set-up, each person earns \$30.00 for the week.

Additionally, we need a two-person team for our break-down each week, either on a Thursday or a Tuesday night, depending on when training is for that week. Our current break-down team will be leaving in mid-August to attend school at an out-of-state college. Prior to that time, the 'new' team would be helping and learning the process. Due to our class schedule, the break-down cannot begin earlier than 9:30 p.m. Depending on the number of individuals working, the job usually takes between 2-1/2 to 3 hours (newbies always take longer), so at a minimal the person wouldn't get home until sometime after midnight. The total weekly compensation is \$65.00 for break-down. Individual compensation is determined by the number of individuals working. For example, when there are three individuals doing the set-up, each person earns \$22.00 for the week.

For both jobs, we need someone who is physically strong and willing to work hard. IF you know of someone like that PLEASE contact Carolyn Pearson immediately at (630) 231-5658 or at training.

FVDTC 2-DAY OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIAL NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH MAKE YOUR PLANS TO JOIN THE FUN

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY ENTERING YOUR DOG IN OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY VOLUNTEERING TO WORK SOME TIME DURING THE WEEKEND

**REGULAR OBEDIENCE AND OPTIONAL TITLING CLASSES
RALLY CLASSES**



SUMMER CONFORMATION MINI-WORKSHOPS

Presenter: Cheryl Peterson

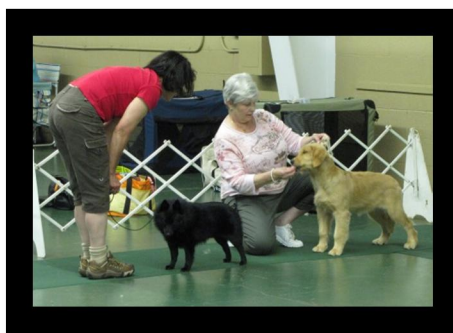
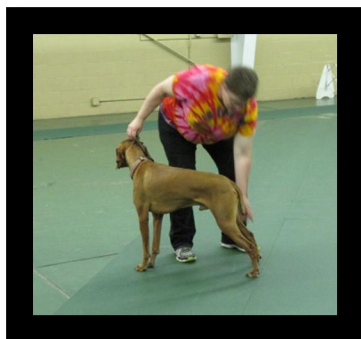
UKC Judge, retired AKC Conformation, Hunt Test, Field Trial and Junior Showmanship Judge

August 21 from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Working Spot Fees: \$22.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members

Working spots for all classes are limited to 15; unlimited auditing spots. Auditing spots are \$20.00. Please sign up by e-mailing Seminars Unleashed (info@seminarsunleashed.com).

PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE 19TH WORKSHOP



Animal Chiropractic Care on Training Nights!

Dr. Erin O'Connor is scheduled once a month during training nights from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Her next scheduled nights are: July 8th and August 7th

Appointments are made directly through her by way of either her web site or by calling the Vitality Chiropractic Center. Walk-ins during training is always welcome however, if you know you are going to visit her please make an appointment to give her an idea of how many clients she might have. Dr. O'Connor has said she is more than flexible on training nights so people can shift their appointment on the spot as needed to accommodate their training plans.

Cost is \$45.00 (puppy under 6 months is \$25.00) for the initial visit and \$40.00 (puppy \$20.00) for a follow-up. If you have any questions, please contact Vitality Chiropractic Center. FVDTC is not involved in scheduling. We are just making this opportunity available to our members and students.

<http://www.myvitalitychiropractic.com/>

(630) 499-4078

Board Meeting Highlights
June 16, 2014

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that he will check with the fairgrounds for a date for the mat cleaning. He stated that there are currently two weekends in August that appear to be available for the cleaning.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance, however she reported that the following are some programs she is planning for future membership meetings.

- Dr. Kimberly Hsu, DVM from *Eye Care for Animals* in St Charles will talk about eye health for dogs.
- "Ask a Judge", tentatively scheduled for the September 17th Membership meeting.
- Benefits of Massage and Aqua Therapy for Dogs, by Beth Taylor from *The Puddle – Pet AquaFitness* in South Elgin.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the Income and Spending Report as of June 15, 2014, for review.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that he is seeking conformation instructors for the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 8
- Thursday, July 31

He stated that the following club members have volunteered for the dates shown.

- Sandi Stephenson - Thursday, June 26
- Nancy Pederson - Thursday, July 03
- Penny Brcich - Thursday, July 24

Will also reported that Terri Byerly will be the Primary Instructor for the 6:00 p.m. Beginner's class, starting on August 7th. Additionally, volunteers are being sought for an assistant instructor for Terri.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reminded everyone that the club will have a booth during the Chicagoland Pet Show on November 8th and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Anyone who can help man the booth or perform in any of the two demos on Saturday or Sunday, should contact her at training or via e-mail at education@fvdtc.org. Volunteers can earn 1 Work Credit for working 1/2 day and 2 Work Credits for a full day.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that she is in the process of finalizing items for the premium list. Cindy asked for the Board members' opinions regarding the prize money available for each class. She stated that assuming that the same amount of prize money is offered, the weekend's total would be \$1,800.00. Board members who were currently exhibiting stated that many clubs no longer offer money or other types of prizes for class placements.

During the discussion, the following suggestions were made. Cindy stated that she would discuss the suggestions with the Trial's Awards Committee to make the final decision.

- The club would still offer cash prizes for the following.
 - High in Trial
 - High Combined – Obedience
 - High Combined - Rally
- The club would offer cash prizes and/or gifts for first through fourth places in the following classes.
 - Novice A – Obedience
 - Novice A – Rally
- Placements in the remaining classes would receive ribbons.

Donna asked the Board to consider offering all trial workers the opportunity to participate in a raffle (separate from the general raffle). Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that one raffle ticket would be given to each worker on Saturday and on Sunday for the possibility of winning \$25.00 cash per day.

Old Business
None

New Business

- Insurance Policy Update

Carolyn reported that during a recent review of the club's insurance policy, she made a change that will be effective at our next renewal. According to the policy, we are charged a premium of \$50.00 per location listed as an Additional Insured on the policy. Since we no longer use any DuPage Forest Preserve District or St. Charles Park District properties, we should not be paying for them and they were removed from the policy. In the event that we do use them in the future, it is not difficult to re-add them to the policy. Our current General Liability premium is \$634.00, therefore this change should save us \$100.00 at our next renewal (assuming that nothing else changes on the policy).

- New Award Honoring Dianne Ott

"Friends of Dianne Ott", organized by Ronnie Bizer, would like to honor the long time club member who died earlier this year with an award. This award would be presented to a club member who achieves titles in the three competition areas that Dianne loved: Obedience, Tracking and Agility. The Dianne Ott Versatility Award perpetual plaque and the ten replacement plaques would be paid for and provided to the club for annual distribution. Additionally, funds for the necessary engraving will be provided. The traveling plaque would be similar in style to the Kanosak Kennel Award and will have room for ten recipients' nameplates. If the award is not awarded one year, it will be extended a year.

This award can be earned by the dog and handler team who earn any titles in the following competition areas: Obedience, Tracking and Agility. In order to earn this award, at least one title from each of the competition areas must be earned during the calendar year. If more than one person qualifies for this award, then there will be a point schedule to determine the winner. The point schedule will be publicized when finalized.

Once the award has been earned by ten club members, the completed perpetual award will be presented to Dianne's daughter, Sue Arbuckle.

All Board members agreed that the Dianne Ott Versatility Award should be offered and would be available to club members starting with the awards for titles earned in 2014.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

UPCOMING CLASS DATES

PUPPY CLASSES: July 8th at 8:00 p.m. & August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

BEGINNER CLASSES: August 7th at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

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And the Winner is.....



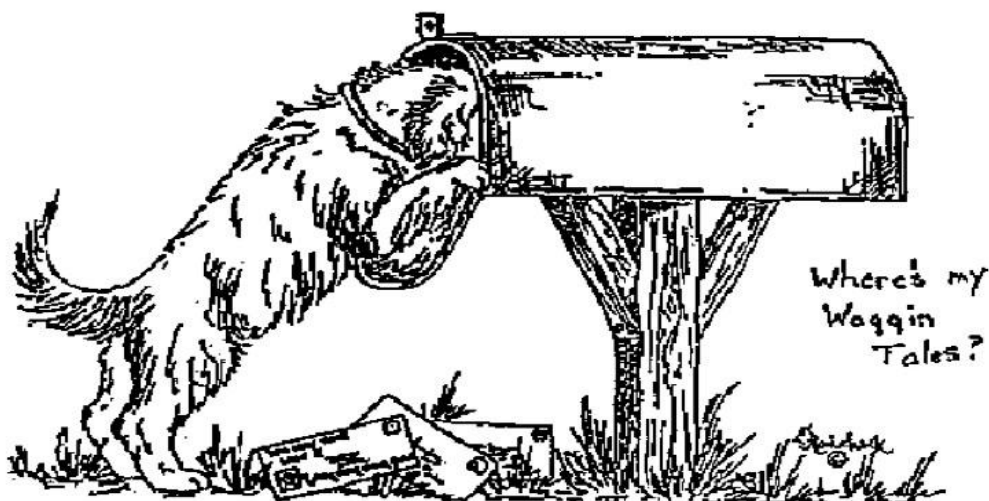
<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Date & Show</u>	<u>Win</u>
Donna Bihner	Parker	Golden Retriever	Kay-9 Petiquette UKC April 27, 2014	UKC Champion, 2 legs to Grand Champion and Reserve BIS
Donna Bihner	Parker	Golden Retriever	Little Fort and GRCI June 14-16, 2014	Five shows, won his class (12-18 months) three times and third twice
Sally Boeke	Pockets	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Fox River Valley May 31, 2014	Rally Advanced 1st Leg, 3rd Place
Sally Boeke	Pockets	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Fox River Valley June 1, 2014	Rally Advanced 2nd Leg, 2nd Place
Joyce Conway	Jack	Australian Shepherd	ASCA ARF June 8, 2014	JS-N, 1st place. First title in Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) New Title
Joyce Conway	Jack	Australian Shepherd	ASCA ARF June 8, 2014	Novice Gamblers 1st Leg, 2nd Place
Kathie Driesbach	Axyl	Rhodesian Ridgeback	Chicagoland Hound Assoc. Dog Show June 14-16, 2014	Novice A 3rd Leg, 1st Place New Title
Carolyn Pearson	Blazer	Golden Retriever	Kay-9 Petiquette UKC April 26, 2014	UKC Champion in 6 shows
Nancy Pederson	Chase	Golden Retriever	Golden Retriever Club of IL (GRCI) April 26, 2014	RAE2 6th Leg, 2 nd Place and 4th Place
Peggy Sue Seehafer	Focus	Siberian Husky	Kay-9 Petiquette UKC April 26, 2014	Best in Show - 2 shows to BIS

New Members

Lynn Weiss
Montgomery, IL
Shetland Sheepdog
Guest Trained
greatapes@comcast.net

Karen & Graham Woodward
St. Charles, IL
Shepherd mix
Completed Beginner Class
cgwoodward@aol.com

Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.
 Sue MacPherson, Membership Chair
 4N971 Chaffield Dr.
 St. Charles, IL 60175
 www.fvdtc.org



July 2014

- 3 Thursday Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00 p.m.)
- 8 **TUESDAY** Regular Training
Animal Chiropractic
Puppy Begins (8:00 p.m.)
- 17 Thursday **No Training**
Board Meeting
- 20 **Tuesday** Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 24 Thursday Regular Training
- 31 Thursday Regular Training
Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 p.m.)
Puppy Ends (7:00 p.m.)

August 2014

- 7 Thursday Regular Training
Animal Chiropractic
Beginner Starts (7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 p.m.)
Puppy Starts (7:00 p.m.)
- 13 Wednesday Board Meeting
- 14 Thursday Regular Training
- 20 Wednesday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 21 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 28 Thursday Regular Training

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