

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

Save These Dates:

November 15th & 16th

FVDTC Obedience / Rally Trials

Regular Obedience and Optional Titling Classes Offered

All Regular Rally Classes

Start Planning Your Entries Now!

NEW TITLE RIBBONS PRESENTED

ATTENTION JUNIOR TRAINERS!

Calling all kids and young adults – ages 8-18 – who like to train their dogs. Fox Valley Dog Training Club has a new class – just for you!

We get lots of requests for juniors to be the primary handler for taking the family dog through an obedience class. As we pondered these requests, we thought about these juniors in a class with a group of adults and we thought that class would be a lot more fun for them if the entire class was aimed at their age level. This led to the creation of a Junior-only class, for ages 8-18, where these children and young adults can participate with students closer to their age group while learning and improving upon Beginner level skills as well as some skills geared towards the CGC evaluation.

The 8-session class begins on October 30. Cost is \$95 for non-members and \$20 for members.

For more information, please go to our CLASSES page on the web site. <http://www.fvdtc.org/classes.html>.

There you will find a summary of the class, dates, time, cost, and a link to the application. If you have questions, you can contact the Class Registrar by clicking on the "Ask a Question" or emailing Nancy at registration@fvdtc.org

Help Wanted!

***No Experience Required,
(well, in most cases)***

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

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
10/15/14 & 11/19/14	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	Earn an easy work credit! (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues)	1
10/16/14 & 11/13/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: on-line sign up 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
11/15/14 & 11/16/14	Obedience Trial	Kane County Fairgrounds	LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES Cindy Pakenas for kitchen help obedience@fvdtc.org Cathy Fleury/Loretta Lazzara for stewarding agility@fvdtc.org Barb Misch for grounds crew scholarship@fvdtc.org Ed Herdes for setup/take-down vp1@fvdtc.org	1-4

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

AND THE WINNER IS ...

Donna Bihner's Golden Retriever, **Parker** had a great month:

TDX at FVDTC's Tracking Test on September 7.

2nd leg for both Novice JWW (2nd place) and STD (4th place)

Congratulate Parker next time you see him!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Debora Lamy
Batavia, IL 60510
Choc. Lab, Terrier mix, Lab mix

Darryl & Debbie Engel
St Charles, IL 60175
Soft Coated Wheaten

Leslie Bower
Batavia, IL 60510
Golden Retriever

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Meeting brought to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) announced that the mats are clean and beautiful! A HUGE thank you to all who volunteered! Although the event took place on a Monday morning there was a large turnout of volunteers with their equipment.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) reported that the program tentatively scheduled for tonight's meeting was rescheduled for November. She stated that she is working on a "Ask the Judge Panel" for the October 15th Membership meeting. At this time, the judges are Rick Cox and Loretta Lazzara. The November 19th Membership meeting program will be Dr. Annora Gaerig, DVM from Eye Care for Animals in St Charles who will speak about eye health for dogs.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that new classes are coming in the near future. Starting on October 30, the club will offer a beginner's class specifically for handlers who are between the ages of 8 and 18. A maximum of 12 students will be allowed for the "Junior Obedience" class. The following club members are the instructors for the class.

- Primary - David Thornell
- Assistant - Jan Winters
- Assistant - Joannie Wisniewski

With this new class, the 6:00 Beginner's Class is in need of a Primary Instructor. There are already two assistants confirmed. Anyone interested should contact Will at dot@fvdtc.org.

Additionally, there are currently plans to develop an Advanced Puppy class to tentatively be offered starting in January, 2015. This class has not yet been confirmed.

Will also reported that there are some dates in October that need a volunteer to teach the Conformation class.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that we already have five or six entries for the November 15 and 16th trials. Cindy also stated that the following volunteers are still needed for the trials. Volunteers who work a half-day at the Obedience Trial earn one work credit and working a full-day earns two work credits.

- *Dessert Makers* - Volunteers are needed to donate a dessert for either Saturday or Sunday. Contact Cindy Pakenas to volunteer and let her know what day you are bringing it.
- *Kitchen Workers* - Volunteers are needed to assist caterer, Barb Palm, to serve the food for workers and judges. Contact Cindy Pakenas to volunteer.
- *Stewards* - There will be a sign-up sheet available at training. Or, contact Cathy Fleury and/or Loretta Lazzara to volunteer.

- *Raffle Ticket Sellers* - Volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets between 8:00 am and Noon. Contact Vicki Wilder to volunteer.
- *Raffle Donations* - Items may be brought to training or given directly to Jan Winters.
- *Set-Up and/or Take Down* - Volunteers are needed on Friday night to prepare the building for the trial and then on Sunday afternoon to take-down the trial related equipment. Contact Ed Herdes at training or vp1@fvdtc.org to volunteer.
- *Grounds* - Volunteers are needed to assist Barb Misch, our poo-lice chief, either Saturday or Sunday. Contact Barb to volunteer.
- *Hospitality* - Carolyn Pearson reported that she will need assistance during the day at the times that she is showing her dogs. Contact Carolyn at training or secretary@fvdtc.org to volunteer.
- *Ring Signs* - It was reported that the signs to identify the rings were missing last year. The signs will be re-made if a search in the trial supplies does not yield them.

Joyce Conway reported that she has contacted several individuals for vendors. Any vendors should contact Pat Senne at psenne52@hotmail.com.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the list of 24 applicants who were all published in Waggin' Tales. Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to accept the list as read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Kathie Spang, Jim Spang and George Ingersoll who were all present at the meeting!!!!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the tracking test was VERY successful - all four TD test participants passed and two of the four TDX's test participants passed. The two TDX's participants who passed are club members Donna Bihner with Parker and Kent Hildebrand. Ingrid stated that the two TDX's participants, who did not pass, were very close. Ingrid also reported that Barb Palm provided an excellent breakfast and Sylvia Schultz provided a fabulous lunch of barbecue pork. Additionally, Ingrid reported that Peggy Sue Seehafer did wonderful photos and video, which have been posted on the club's Facebook page and Barb Runkle did a great job 'replacing' Francene Andresen during the test.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reported that in exchange for the use of our mats, the club will have a free booth at the on November 8th and 9th from 10:00 am until 5:00 p.m. Additionally, we will be putting on one demonstration on Saturday and one on Sunday. Barb stated that the time of the demonstration will be determined by the volunteer performing the demo. The size of the ring will be approximately 28' x 50' and will need at least a bar jump. All club members who are

bringing dogs must sign a waiver form.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance; however she reported that September's agility trial was a success. She will have paperwork done shortly and sent to Dana Weller. Additionally, Dana should be receiving the checks shortly from trial secretary, Beth Elliot. Cathy said as of the end of this trial, Beth Elliot has retired from doing our agility trials. Renee Fulcer will be the trial secretary for future events. Cathy also stated that judges have been contracted through at least 2017, and with a couple of assignments also contracted for 2018 and 2019.

Cathy reported that she remain in contact with Chuck at the Sportsplex while they are in the process of remodeling their facilities. Cathy stated that she believes that the new configuration might allow for more crating space.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) stated that the password-controlled Members Only page can be used to brag about a member's dog's achievements and to enter their dog's date of birth. A future enhancement to the page will enable club members to enter the scores and any placements earned.

Dave also stated that first-time users of the Members Only page should click on "[I Need a New Password](#)" after they have entered their e-mail address. A system-generated one-time use password will be sent to the e-mail address. Then the club member selects their own password to access the information available only to club members.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Co-Chair) reported that the committee will be meeting sometime in October to work on the plans for the 2015 dinner. Candy stated that the dinner will once again be held at the Geneva History Museum on Third Street in Geneva. Additionally, the dinner will be provided by the same caterer as the 2014 dinner.

Nancy Einwich and Carol Nightingale (Awards Co-Chairs) were not in attendance, however they reported that they have met and are beginning to think about the awards and the possibility of adding new items.

Francene Andresen (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that there are currently nine entries for the CGC test on Tuesday, September 23rd. There are a maximum of 12 slots. The evaluator will be Connie Hillquist, who told France that she is looking forward to judging our test. Additionally, Francene reminded club members that a few volunteers are needed to act as a milling crowd.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair-Judges) reported that the following club members are judging at the September 23rd correction clinic.

- Rally - Barb Runkle
- Novice 1 & Beginner Novice - Loretta Lazzara
- Novice 2 - Will Short
- Open 1 & Graduate Novice - Candy Ellis
- Open 2 - Sandi Stephenson

- Utility - Marian Lazzara

It was decided that the CGC test would be conducted in a Utility ring prior to its possible usage by correction clinic participants. Once the test was, the ring can then be used, in the event that there are more utility exhibitors than can be judged in a single ring, with Joan Mazat as the judge.

Barb Misch (Scholarship) stated that in spite of attending multiple scholarship fairs, publicizing the scholarships on-line, having only one child work at a couple correction clinics, and being told that they were going to apply, we had zero applicants for the 2014 scholarships. Barb said that she believes that students are more interested in GPA/SAT oriented opportunities than scholarship opportunities that require more time and energy. Barb made a motion to end the well-intended scholarship program. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Donna extended the club's deepest appreciation to Barb for all of her efforts for initiating and execution of the scholarship program.

During a brief discussion of other opportunities for the club to support the community, Jim Spang suggested that the club investigate purchasing and donating a canine bullet-proof vest to a local canine unit. Jim offered to look into that and report back to Donna or Carolyn.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however Donna reported that the TDI test to be held on Thursday, October 16th is full.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Donna reported that due to a scheduling conflict Dr. Erin O'Connor, animal chiropractor, will not be at training on November 6th. Donna stated that Dr. O'Connor has indicated that she has ideas for possible changes for 2015.
- During a discussion in response to a question about returning to offering club members the opportunity to sponsor special awards for the 2015 Obedience and Rally trial, it was suggested that the existing awards committee be asked whether they would be willing to coordinate the effort. If they are interested, then club members could sponsor different awards, such as offering cash for Highest Scoring Golden in Novice A, or Highest Scoring Siberian Husky in Open A. Cindy Pakenas stated that she will poll the current committee for their response. It was recommended that if gift cards were offered, that they do not have an expiration date. Another decision that would need to be made

would be the possibility of the award not being awarded.

- Peggy Sue Seehaafer asked whether any club members present at the meeting were interested in learning more about barnhunt events. Cindy, Joyce, David T., Barb and Francene all stated that they would

like more information. Anyone else interested can contact Peggy Sue Seehafer.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ASK A JUDGE

OCTOBER 15th MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM AT 7:00 P.M.

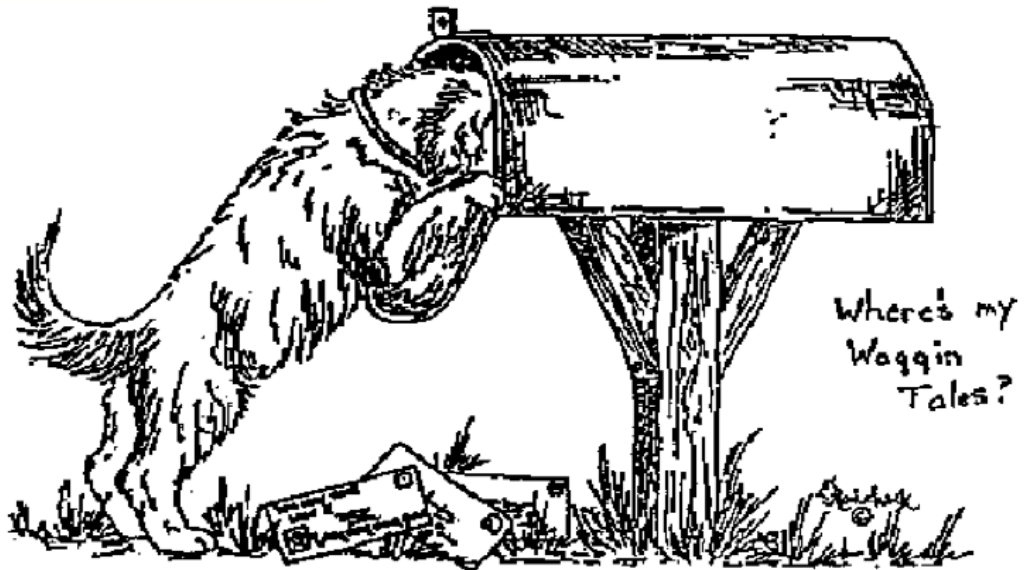
FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB'S OWN EXPERT PANEL OF JUDGES, LORETTA LAZZARA & RICK COX

They will answer your questions about Rally and Obedience before the Fall Trials.

Bring a list of your most burning questions to ask our expert panel of judges so you improve your knowledge and handling skills in the show ring.



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October 2014

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| 02 | Thursday | Regular Training
Animal Chiropractic
Puppy Class Starts (8:00pm) |
| 07 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 15 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 16 | Thursday | TDI Test
Correction Clinic |
| 22 | Wednesday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 23 | Thursday | Regular Training
Beginner Class Ends
(6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) |
| | | Puppy Class Ends (7:00pm) |
| 30 | Thursday | Regular Training
Beginner Class Begins
(6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
Puppy Class Begins (7:00pm) |

November 2014

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| 06 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 11 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 13 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 15 | Saturday | Obedience Trial |
| 16 | Sunday | Obedience Trial |
| 19 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 20 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 25 | Tuesday | Regular Training
Puppy Class Ends (8:00pm) |

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