

FVDTC

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WAGGIN' TALES

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Congratulations – Our Latest CGC Class



Photo courtesy of Terri Byerly

2 Down, 1 to Go!

~~Fall Agility Trial~~

~~Fox Valley Dog Training is proud to host the 2015 Fall Agility Trial, September 12-13 at the SportsPlex in St. Charles, IL.~~

Obedience / Rally Trials

FVDTC is proud to host the 2015 Obedience Rally Trials, November 14th and 15th, at the Kane County Fairgrounds

~~Fall Tracking Test~~

~~FVDTC is proud to announce the 2015 Fall Tracking Test, to be held on Sunday, September 6 at Brunidge Forest Preserve.~~

Obedience Trial Raffle:

We will once again be having our annual raffle at our Obedience trial in November.

We are asking that donations be made as early as possible, since Vicki and I need to organize all of the items in advance.

We will also be having our big red bucket set up by the desk at Training nights.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please contact: Vicki Wilder or Jan Winters.

We truly appreciate all donations. Let's make this another great raffle!!!!

Sincerely,

Jan and Vicki

A Note from the President

Hello Fellow Club Members,

I've been remiss with my letters over the summer months when things get slow around the club. The club is in full swing and there is much to talk about.

September brought us our Tracking Test and our Agility Trial. Our Tracking Test volunteers and committee deserve more than our normal level of gratitude as this year it was in the 90's both days and both volunteers and dogs & handlers melted in the heat. Remember the committee and the track layers work both Saturday (to setup) and Sunday to conduct the tests. They arrive early and leave late and is always a long weekend but with that heat, YIKES. A huge thank you to Ingrid Hamburger and her many, many volunteers for all that hard work and keeping a smile. The following weekend we all went back to the Sportsplex in St. Charles for our two-day agility trial. Many clubs are not filling their tests right now but we always seem to fill up with a wait list. I attribute that to the well-oiled machine of Cathy Fleury, Very Nyberg, and Taffy Wille who somehow corral volunteers and handlers and complete 660 runs each day. Cathy and Taffy also run many, many dogs for themselves so, not only are they organizing they are literally running their feet off in the ring. Now that is organization! Thanks to the army that pulls it off, many who come back each time and do the same jobs. We couldn't pull it off without all of you!

I hope all of you are keeping an eye on work credits for the year so that your dues remain the same. As a reminder, if you joined prior to 2015 you must earn three credits, if you joined in 2015 you only need one. We still have one meeting you can attend, correction clinic volunteers for October and November, the 2-day Obedience/Rally trial, and the list goes on and on. Check the web site for all the latest.

Speaking of work credits – also keep in mind that if you earn 10 credits (per family) you are also eligible for either a volunteer award or title award(s) if you have earned dog showing titles in the year. These awards are to thank you for your extra effort and as congratulations for earning titles. We want to see you put all your training to use! There are also special awards for things like therapy hours. I am part of the award committee for next year and we are reviewing and adding a few new items for 2015 to make it fresh and exciting. I'm hoping to have to hand out a lot of awards earned, so please consider giving a bit more of your time to the club and let us say thank you by giving something very nice back.

Keep up the great work in keeping our club vital,

Donna Bihner
FVDTC President

2015 Obedience/Rally Trials

The weekend of November 14th & 15th brings Fox Valley Dog Training Club's 65th & 66th obedience trials and the 10th & 11th rally trials to life! The premium is available both online on the website and in hard copy in the red box at training. Holly Cass and Wendy Waddick have worked hard to provide new awards ribbons. REALLY special are the new title ribbons. Vicki Wilder and Jan Winters are furiously at work procuring raffle items. Please support our trials by donating to the raffle; announcements about where to bring donated items will be on Facebook, Constant Contact, and our website. Donna Bihner has set up an online volunteer sign-up which includes stewards, kitchen workers, and set-up and clean-up. This will be one of your last opportunities to earn work credits for the year.

New this year is an opportunity to get in some extra practice after the trial on Saturday. Exhibitors may sign-up to train in one ring for 8 minutes for a fee of \$10. Ring sign-up begins at 10:00am on Saturday morning at the front table. Exhibitors must sign-up in person and pay at that time. Each exhibitor may use the ring of their choice once for each dog entered in the trial. An open ring, utility A or B ring, and a novice ring will be available. Entries will close when a total of 18 dogs per ring has been reached.

Also new this year will be an opportunity to take a selfie of you and your dog on Sunday. You may choose to have a friend photograph you as well. There will be a backdrop set up where the raffle tables were on Saturday. Since judging will be going at this time, please do not use flashes, squeaky toys, etc. which might distract dogs working in the rings.

Volunteers and judges will be enjoying delicious snacks and lunch. Sue MacPherson will be in charge of supplying us with these tasty delights. She still needs volunteers to assist her in this endeavor. Working in the kitchen is an all day work credit commitment. Donations of desserts would be very much appreciated. Desserts may be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday evening between 6:30 - 7:30pm and Saturday or Sunday morning.

Your support and efforts are necessary to make these trials a success. As always your time and effort are very much appreciated. Please join us and enjoy a day with the dogs and their people.

Cindy Pakenas
Obedience Trial Chair

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
11/18/15	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
10/15/15 & 11/12/15	Correction Clinic(s)	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 per clinic
11/15/15 & 11/16/15	Obedience Trial	Kane County Fairgrounds	On-line sign up for stewards, setup and clean up, questions contact Cathy Fleury or Loretta Lazzara http://www7.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=fvdtc2015trial	1-2
12/29/15	Holiday Party	Kane County Fairgrounds	Contact Candy Ellis	1

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

Check out FVDTC Online



<http://www.fvdtc.org>



<http://facebook.com/fvdtc>

Membership Report

Elaine & Justin Patanella

Elburn, IL
German Shepherd

Jill & Michael David

Geneva, IL
Schnauzer mix

Beth Bitner

Elburn, IL
Rottweiler

Marcia Oidtman

Montgomery, IL
Beagle mix

Shannon Thornburg

North Aurora, IL
Australian Shepherd

LeeAnn Acosta

St. Charles, IL
German Shepherd

Margi & Anne Steussy

Batavia, IL
Australian Shepherd

Tammy Witte

Geneva, IL
Bouvier deFlandres

Calendar

October

01	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
06	Tue	Regular Training
15	Thu	Correction Clinic
21	Wed	Board Meeting
22	Thu	Regular Training
29	Thu	Regular Training Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Ends (7:00pm) Junior Handler Ends (6:00pm) Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

November

04	Wed	Membership Meeting
05	Thu	Regular Training Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Begins (7:00pm) Junior Handler Begins (6:00pm)
10	Tue	Regular Training
12	Thu	Correction Clinic
14	Sat	Obedience/Rally Trials
15	Sun	Obedience/Rally Trials
19	Thu	Regular Training
24	Tue	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m. following a program by Dr. Kimberly Hsu, from Eye Care for Animals, as a follow-up to the program presented on November 19, 2014, by Dr. Annora Sheehan Gaerig.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The July 15th Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that volunteers and equipment are needed for the annual mat cleaning event scheduled for MONDAY, September 28th. The equipment needed are leaf blowers, fans and ESPECIALLY power washers. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Ed at training or vp1@fvdtc.org. Volunteers who work during the entire event can earn 2 work credits.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) reported that the next and final 2015 program will be our very own Loretta Lazzara providing information about the new AKC obedience rules which will go into effect on December 1st.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance, however he provided the income statement as of August 31, the account balances as of September 15th, and the estimated income and expenses for the March and September 2015 Agility trials. There are some deposits, refunds and other expenses which have not been fully accounted or reconciled and the income statement does not include the July and August Puppy and Beginner class registration, tracking test and correction clinic monies.

Will Short (Director of Training) thanked ALL past and present primary and assistant instructors for their hard work. Will also stated that he is seeking volunteers to instruct the Conformation class for November and December. Will reported he is currently verifying instructors for the final 2015 session of Puppy and Beginner classes.

Will stated that when not training your dog, they should be kept safe by either crating them or putting them back in your vehicle. Will reminded all trainers that they should keep their dogs close and be watchful of other dogs who attempt to get in your dogs' space. For example, if your dog is being approached by another dog that does not appear to be under handler control, use the opportunity to kindly educate the person about dog to dog interactions. Carolyn stated that using a pleasant tone of voice will likely get your point across better than a harsh one. As a club, we are attempting to educate all dog owners how to make our dogs a positive addition to the community, rather than a dog that isn't welcome anywhere.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the premium list is available and ready for distribution. She asked that any club member who visits other local training facilities to bring some premiums lists with them. Carolyn stated that club member, Donna Stahelin, recently passed away, therefore should be included in the "Trial Dedicated in Memory of..." portion of the catalog.

Cindy stated that the following is still needed for the November Obedience Trial.

	Contact	How To Help
Stewards	Cathy Fleury	Sign-up on-line on the club's website
Desserts	Sue MacPherson	Sign-up sheet available at training
Raffle	Vicki Wilder & Jan Winters	Items can be brought to training

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the list of 12 new applicants, who were published in the recent Waggin' Tales. Cheryl Hettinger made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Sandi Stephenson seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Welcome to all new members, especially Alan Robertson who was present at the meeting!!!!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she thanked Francene for kindly writing up the report of the TD/TDX test September 5th and 6th, and submitting it to Waggin' Tales. Ingrid reported that it was a very long weekend with temperatures too high to keep anyone, especially the dogs, comfortable. In spite of the heat, three TD teams successfully earned their titles. Unfortunately, the four TDX teams took the brunt of the heat and were not successful. Sadly, two of the four teams made it to the last corner and then went off track. Ingrid extended a "big, big Thank You" to all of the helpers: Judges, track layers, cross track walkers, drivers, hostess and everyone else involved. As always everyone involved did a great job! Additionally, Ingrid offered a special "Thank You" to all of the entrants and their dogs. Although everyone would have enjoyed a cooler day, in tracking you never know what we will get weather-wise.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reported that she still needs volunteers to participate at the Chicagoland Pet Show at the fairgrounds on November 7th and 8th. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact her at training or at education@fvdtc.org.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she did report that the Fall Agility Trial was a success! There were no major issues or complaints. Cathy extended a thank you to all of her close friends and club members for making her job easy. Without the help of dedicated people, the Agility Trials would be impossible to put on. Cathy

also reported that the 2016 Spring Agility Trial will be at CarDunAI's facility for a 1-ring trial. However, she has contractually secured our future dates with the SportsPlex for the 2016 Fall Trials and going forward.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the April 9, 2016 dinner location is confirmed for the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center in St. Charles. St. Charles Park District, owner of the facility, will determine whether alcohol will be permitted. Candy also stated that the theme for the evening and the caterer still needs to be finalized.

Donna Bihner / Nancy Pederson (Awards Co-Chairs). Donna briefly explained that the club provides the members the opportunity of selecting various types of awards for earning titles or volunteering for club activities. A list of the awards offered and the application to submit is published in the Waggin' Tales, can be downloaded from the club's website or can be picked-up at training. Awards offered for the 2015 will include some new items. Donna stated that their goal is to have the application done and published by December 1st. Donna said that she is still searching for a photographer who will be willing to take photos on a training night for the awards committee and for any other club members who would like to have a portrait shot of their dog.

In response to Cheryl Hettinger's question about whether a list of club members eligible to earn the Rookie of the Year (ROTY) award, it was suggested that the applications for the Sally Compton and ROTY awards be combined. The club member's eligibility for the ROTY will be determined by the Membership Chair.

Carolyn and Donna will work together to develop the combined application and will write-up an article for the October Waggin' Tales with more information about the purpose of the awards.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, however it was reported that the September 22nd CGC test is full.

Pat Senne (Match Co-Chair) was not in attendance, but reported that the Correction Clinic for September will be on TUESDAY, the 22nd. Sandi Stephenson stated that there are currently sufficient judges for the September and October correction clinic. It was also reported that the entries are coming in nicely.

Donna thanked Penny Brcich who has "retired" as the Sunshine Chair for her many, many years of her service. The new Sunshine Chair is Francene Andresen. Anyone should contact Francene for any of the following events that should be acknowledged by the club.

- Births
- Illness or surgery of a club member
- Death of a family member of the club member, including the dog
- Death of a club member

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however she sent a report that the next TDI test is scheduled for October 22nd.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$5.00 is Sandra Jean Castrovillari (aka Sandi Stephenson). The remaining \$5.00 will go to Ingrid Hamburger for Tracking Test expenses. Sandi also donated her winnings to the Tracking Test.

Old Business

None

New Business

Cindy Pakenas stated that she is collecting donations for the AKC Emergency fundraising project for a non-FVDTC organization. Anyone who has any questions about this topic, should contact Cindy. Carolyn stated that she has received information on the fundraising from AKC and will locate it to discuss at the next Board meeting.

During a discussion, Marietta Huber cautioned everyone about donating money to charitable organizations without doing some investigation about their legitimacy. Anyone who has any questions about this topic, should contact Marietta.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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