## A Note From the President

Hello All,

As we reach the dog days of summer, things have slowed down a bit at FVDTC. But, it's never too late to volunteer and work towards getting all your work credits for next year's dues and awards. Please don't wait until the last minute, we really don't need 10 people helping at the Christmas party! There are so many ways to volunteer and earn work credits. Volunteer for a committee, help at a CGC or TDI test, volunteer to help judge or steward at our monthly

correction clinic. Plus, this fall we have our annual agility trial, tracking test, and obedience & rally trials. These events always need lots of volunteers to make them run smoothly. Think about how you would like to help and sign up.

Speaking of volunteering, we need a new class coordinator as Nancy Pederson will be resigning from this role at the end of this year. Nancy has been doing this for about 20 years, it's time to give Nancy a much needed break! Please think about taking on this position. This is a very important job. Nancy has done a fantastic job, but it's time to find someone new. Please see Nancy or myself for more information about this position. Nancy will even help train you before she retires.

I had an overwhelming response to the OFA eye clinic that is coming up at FVDTC on July 28th. We will start promptly at 5:00 pm. This clinic has completely filled and even a few of the spots are double booked to try and fit all the dogs in. I apologize if you were not able to get a spot for this exam. I did my best to accommodate all that wanted to attend. Please make sure you arrive on time for your check in time and your exam time. This will help ensure that the clinic runs on time and does not keep Dr. Lindley at FV all night!

Thanks everyone for all you do and see you at training,

Wendy Waddick President, FVDTC

## Fall Trials and Tests!!!

#### **Agility**

Fox Valley Dog Training is proud to host the 2016 Fall Agility Trial, September 17-18 at a **new location**:

Players Indoor Sports Center 1740 Quincy Avenue Naperville, IL 60540

Entries open July 3 with a draw held on August 16. Entries close September 3. Contact Cathy Fleury to volunteer.

#### **Tracking**

It's that time again! FVDTC will hold its annual tracking test at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin on Sunday, September 11. Contact Ingrid Hamburger to volunteer.

#### **Obedience & Rally**

FVDTC's Annual Obedience and Rally Trials: November 19th & 20th, 2016 at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Contact Pat Senne to volunteer.



# **Fox Valley Dog Training Club**Work Credits



#### for Membership and Awards

Effective January 1, 2015

To maintain reduced membership dues, you must:

Earn one work credit, in your first year of membership

or

 Earn three work credits, in each year after your first year of membership To receive a club award, you must:

 have a minimum of ten work credits for the year, automatically includes the work credits for dues.

#### and

 be listed as a Regular or Lifetime Training Member in the roster

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

#### ONE credit:

- Attend a membership meeting
- Steward one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Steward one Correction Clinic
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk for two nights
- Work 1/2 day at the Obedience Trial
- Work 1/2 day at the Agility Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant Instructor for two nights
- Instructor for Conformation Class for two nights
- Work at an Event (not on the committee)

#### TWO credits:

- Judge one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Judge one Correction Clinic (OR the monetary compensation NOT both)
- Evaluator for one CGC Test
- Work Full day at the Mat Cleaning
- Work Full day at the Tracking Test
- Work Full day at the Obedience Trial
- Work Full day at the Agility Trial

#### THREE credits:

- \*Primary Instructor or Assistant Instructor for 4-H Class for one year
- Serve on a Committee for one year

#### FOUR credits:

- \*Primary Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- \*Assistant Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- \*Primary Instructor for Conformation Class for one quarter
- \*Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- \*Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- Serve as Puppy/Beginner Class coordinator for one year
- Serve as a Board Member for one year
- Chairperson on a Committee for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Coordinator for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Dog Projects Superintendent for one year

Work credits for other services to the club may be awarded by the Board on a per-event basis.

<sup>\*</sup> Instructors must be present for at least 75% of the classes to receive the work credit.

## Board Meeting Highlights - June 1, 2016

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)** stated that he will work with the Kane County Fairgrounds to get a date for the annual cleaning of our mats.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** was not in attendance, but reported that he would send the YTD Treasurers report to the board members for their review. He stated that there was nothing extraordinary to report at this time.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that we will be hosting a "Trick Class" session, which will meet on June 23rd, June 30th, July 7th and July 12th. Due to the interest generated, a second "Trick Class" session will be offered and will meet on August 11th, August 25th, September 1 and September 6th.

The following are the instructors for Session #3, starting on June 2nd

Lynn Weis - 7:00 p.m. Beginners Candy Ellis - 8:00 p.m. Beginners Ed Herdes - 9:00 p.m. Beginners Barb Misch - 7:00 p.m. Puppy

Pat Senne - 8:00 p.m. Advanced Puppy

Additionally, Will stated that he has received positive comments for the format of the Open and Utility classes. Marian Lazzara is instructing the 7:00 p.m. Utility class. Donna stated that there appears to be some confusion about how individuals should sign up for the Open and Utility classes.

Carolyn volunteered to work with Will on the information on the white signup board, to clearly describe the time limit and how the class is operated.

**Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** was not in attendance, but reported that she currently has three judges confirmed for 2017. She is awaiting responses from two other judges. She will be sending out additional inquiries soon. Carolyn will send a list of club members who died in 2016 and who will be remembered at the obedience/rally trial.

#### **Old Business**

- OTCH Ribbon In response to Wendy's request for assistance with the wording to be
  put on the OTCH ribbon, it was agreed that gold letters should be used on the black
  and red ribbons and would state "Congratulations" and "AKC OTCH". The club name
  will be printed in black letters on the center white ribbon. Wendy stated that she would
  provide this information to Holly Cass, who is ordering the ribbons for the trial.
- New Training Class Ideas In addition to the "Trick Class," Sue MacPherson asked the Board to think of other ideas for new training classes.
- Trophies Donna Bihner, Awards Co-chair, presented the following suggestions for the AKC Champion (CH) and the AKC Grand Champion (GCH).
  - o CH would be put in Level 3, previously in AKC Level 1
  - o GCH would be put in Level 4

Following approval from the Board members who agreed that those levels were appropriate, Donna stated that she would present them at the July 20th Membership meeting.

#### **New Business**

Wendy announced that Mary Bradley's estate has donated a significant amount of money to the club. It was agreed that the money would be used in a way that would honor Mary. Until a decision is finalized, the money will be placed in an account that will provide as much interest as possible. Phil stated that he will look into available alternates and will present them to the Board. The Board members will then determine where the money should reside until it is used.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

### **New Members**

Christine Lange Bartlett, IL Completed puppy class

Juliette Konieczski Hampshire, IL Pitbull mix Completed puppy class Michael Kingery St Charles, IL Australian Shepherd Completed Beginner class

## Calendar

			September		
August			0.4	<b>-</b>	Б т
			01	Thu	Regular Training
04	Thu	Regular Training	06	Tue	Regular Training
		Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)			Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
		Puppy Ends (7:00pm)	10	Sat	Tracking Test Setup
		Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)	11	Sun	Tracking Test
10	Wed	Board Meeting	14	Wed	Membership Meeting
11	Thu	Regular Training	15	Thu	No Training (St. Peter's Barn Sale)
		Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)	16	Fri	Agility Trial Setup
		Puppy Begins (7:00pm)	17	Sat	Agility Trial
		Junior Handler Begins (6:00pm)	18	Sun	Agility Trial
		Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)	20	Tue	Regular Training
18	Thu	Correction Clinic			Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
25	Thu	Regular Training	29	Thu	Correction Clinic

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