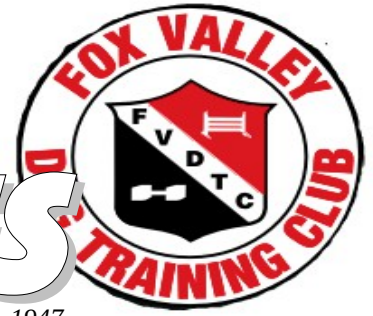


FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hi All,

There are signs that Spring weather will be upon us soon. I love Spring, for the most part, but Spring brings with it the "season of mud" which means lots of muddy dog paws. Not my favorite part of Spring! Spring at FVDTC means it's time for our agility trials which will be held on April 1st and 2nd at Car-Dun-Al in Huntley. The agility workers sign-up sheet is available on the website. Please come out and help if you can, there are many jobs that need to be filled. It's a great way to earn your work credits. A huge thank you to Cathy Fleury and Taffy Wille for organizing and putting on our agility trials!

Spring also means it's time for our annual dinner. Candy Ellis and Pat Senne have been hard at work preparing all the details for this year's dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday, April 9th at Riverside Receptions in Geneva. The dinner is always a fun-filled event. Make sure to get your reservations to Candy no later than March 29th. Along with the dinner, we will have our annual awards presentations. The awards are given to those that have earned new titles last year plus have earned at least 10 work credits. We also give out awards to our great volunteers who have earned at least 10 work credits & helped the club in so many ways. Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson have worked very hard to make sure everyone's awards are fantastic. A huge thank you to Donna and Nancy!

Other happenings at FV include an upcoming article about our club that Jennifer Cornele, our publicity chair, is working on for the *Front & Finish* magazine. If you have any good photos or videos of club happenings please pass them along to Jennifer. If you're not familiar with *Front & Finish* it is a long-time publication that is dedicated to dog training and associated canine performance events. The monthly *Front & Finish* publication is now an online magazine. They are offering us group discounts for yearly subscriptions. The normal subscription fee is \$34.99 per year. If we have at least 2 people that want to subscribe the cost will be \$29.75, the price continues to decline with each additional person. If anyone would like to subscribe please contact me at president@fvdtc.com ASAP.

One last thing, don't forget about your work credits. You need only 3 work credits to avoid paying the much higher annual dues and if you earn at least 10 work credits you are eligible for our great title or volunteer awards. If you don't know how to help out just ask any committee chair and they can point you in the right direction. There are so many ways to volunteer and help out your great club!

Thanks all, and see you at training!

Wendy

Don't Forget the CGC!

FVDTC is holding a Canine Good Citizen test on Thursday, April 20. Teachers, please let your students know that registration forms are online and at the training table. Angie Schmidt will be our evaluator and doing her first ever evaluation that night. Thank you Angie! Volunteers are needed the evening of the test. Please contact Cris Ballenger at cgc@fvdtc.org to help, and to earn work credits.

Barn Hunt at the Membership Meeting

Our May membership meeting will feature a speaker that will share the sport of Barn Hunt with us. Bonnie Gutzwiler is a terrific and knowledgeable person in this fun sport. She is a judge and instructor who owns Hide and Squeaks.

4H Is Coming Soon

An Important Reminder For ALL Members

As our 4H classes get rolling please be aware that the aisles and doorways will be particularly congested around 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Please do not hesitate to assist the junior handlers to enter the building safely. Short leads with their dogs under control. Remind them to pick up after their dogs and that marking the trash cans at the doorway is just not necessary.

Have patience with them and teach them the safe way to get in and out of the building.

Regarding the program, many thanks to our fearless Show Superintendent Barb Runkle! We are looking forward to another great show in June!

We have fabulous lead instructors in Sandi Stephenson and Jennifer Fulkerson. When you see them, thank them for taking on these important roles.

Members may volunteer to assist in this year's classes by contacting Terri Vaira at terrivaira@aol.com. You will get work credits for helping out in the 4H classes.

If it's your first time working in the 4H program we do have a lil bit of paperwork and a background check so please let Terri know if you're interested as soon as you can.

We are always happy to welcome junior handlers to FVDTC. Please help to make their experience a positive one!

St. Charles Parks Pet Memorial Project

From the St. Charles Parks Foundation web site:

Anyone who has ever experienced the loss of a pet knows the pervasive sense of grief that never fully goes away. While treasured pets may leave a hole in our hearts, they no longer have to leave a hole in our lives. A new Dog Memorial Sculpture Project is being developed by the St. Charles Park Foundation and the St. Charles Park District as a way for pet lovers to honor those animals who have brought them so much joy.

More information at: <https://www.stcparkfoundation.org/pet-memorial-project>

Membership Report

Leslie & Gaby Fireman
Geneva, IL
Completed Beginner class
Schnoodles

Ben & Allison Shelley
Elgin, IL
Completed Puppy class
Boxer

Nancy Gadd
Crystal Lake, IL
Completed Beginner class
Golden Retrievers

Alex & Lindsay Fairall
St Charles, IL
Completed Puppy class
Golden Retriever

Jenny Haskins
Elgin, IL 60123
Completed Beginner class
Rottweiler & German Shepherd

Rich Majka & Alice Farrell
St Charles, IL
Completed Puppy class
Bearded Collie

And the Winner Is ...

Congratulations to dogs and handlers:

MeMe (Dalmatian) Joan Lester	Starved Rock K.C. (December 08, 2016)	Puppy Bitches, Winners Bitch
	Park Shore KC- WB 1 pt Chain O Lakes KC - WB 1 pt Park Shore KC - WB 1 pt Central Indiana - WB & BoS over 4 Bitch Specials - 4 pt Major - ALL FROM THE PUPPY CLASS	
Autumn (Papillon) Vera Nyberg	CarDunAI (February 05, 2017)	Beginner Novice B, Leg 2, 2 nd
Jack (Australian Shepherd) Joyce Conway	ASCA Kay-9 (February 19, 2017)	Novice Vet Gamble, 1 leg, 1 st

Calendar

April

01 Sat Agility Trial
02 Sun Agility Trial
06 Thu Regular Training
09 Sun Annual Dinner
13 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
20 Thu Correction Clinic
CGC Test
26 Wed Board Meeting
27 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00)

May

04 Thu Regular Training
11 Thu Regular Training
17 Wed Membership Meeting (with special speaker)
18 Thu Therapy Dog Testing
Correction Clinic
25 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Membership Meeting Highlights - March 15, 2017

Meeting brought to order at 7:53 p.m. following the presentation by Vallie Szymanski, Executive Director, and Carolyn Ascher, Board President, from the Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization who spoke about the training of dogs to detect ovarian cancer cells. The Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization is a wonderful organization with a very interesting aspect that involves the fantastic ability of our dogs to help humans.

Wendy thanked Peggy Seehafer for making the arrangements for the informative presentation.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January Meeting minutes were approved as published. A lot of correspondence was read.

Peggy Seehafer (Second Vice-President) reported that the program for the May 17th Membership meeting will be a judge and instructor to describe the Barn Hunt sport. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed the Statement of Activity, dated January 1 through March 15, 2017. The statement does not include the building rent for the first quarter. Phil announced that, with Board approval, some of the club's cash will be moved into an investment account with JP Morgan Stanley, to increase the amount of interest earned.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that all Session #2 classes have a primary instructor and an assistant instructor. In response to Will's request, Barb Runkle volunteered to do the first week talk for the 7:00 p.m. Beginner class, due the primary instructor's absence that night. Will also reported that there are volunteers for all the Conformation classes from now until the end of July.

Nancy Pederson was not in attendance, but reported that there are no specialty workshop classes currently scheduled.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the 2017 judge's contracts have been sent out! Two of the five contracts have been returned with signatures. Additionally, the contract for the fairgrounds has been signed and returned to the fairgrounds with the deposit check.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 15 new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Barb Runkle made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Joyce Conway seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to the following new member who was present at the meeting: Cathy Meo, Welcome!

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance and did not send a report. Wendy announced that the online sign-up pages for working at the Agility Trial, were now available on the club's website

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the menu was finalized at the Riverside Receptions. The invitation has been completed and has been sent to Dave Lewis for posting to the club's website, to Nancy Pederson for Facebook and to Nancy Einwich for a Constant Contact Email Blast. The dinner theme is "Celebrating our Rising Stars" and the cost is \$25.00 per person. The cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Rather than a bowl of ice cream, the Annual Dinner committee members will be providing their infamous sweet table for our dessert. RSVP's are due March 29th no later.

Donna Bihner (Awards Co-Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. The 2016 awards are almost all done and will be finished in time for the dinner on April 9th. She stated that they have a lot

of exciting new things to show members at the dinner. She and Nancy Pederson (Awards Co-Chairperson) also thanked all club members who got their forms in on time, as it makes the job much easier!

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance. However, she reported that as of today, there are four paid and registered and paid for the CGC test on April 20th. AKC Evaluator, Angie Schmidt will be doing her first GCG test with us. The test forms are ordered and the testing ring is reserved. Volunteers are needed for the test.

Pat Senne (Match Co-Chairperson) reported that Marian Lazzara (Match Co-Chairperson) would be out of town for the March Correction Clinic, but had given all the entry forms and the armbands to her.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson) stated that there would be no special beginner novice run-throughs during the March 16th Correction Clinic for the recent graduating beginner's classes. Sandi also reported the following individuals are judging at the March 16th Correction Clinic.

- Rally - David Thornell
- Novice; Beginner Novice - Taffy Wille
- Open 1 - Candy Ellis
- Open 2, Graduate Novice - Marietta Huber
- Utility 1, Graduate Open - Sandi Stephenson
- Utility 2 - Will Short

Jennifer Cornele (Publicity) reported that Wendy has asked her to look into the request by the Front and Finish Online training news for club information.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) encouraged all committee chairs to send her a list of volunteers each quarter.

Francene Andresen (Sunshine) was not in attendance. However, Carolyn Pearson reported that she just learned the Dean Rodeback was killed in a car accident on February 17th. Dean was the husband of long time club member Cindy. Cindy is the artist is responsible for the personalized hand-painted wooden items offered as awards for many years. Cindy also drew the artwork that all club members receive each month on the back of their Waggin' Tales. Peggy Seehafer made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Dean Rodeback Memorial Fund. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with no one opposed or abstaining. Carolyn will provide the contact information for the fund.

Carolyn also reported that Jackie Coleman recently lost her beloved Rottweiler, Abby, to osteosarcoma.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however she announced to the club members that the club will be hosting a TDI Test at the May 18th Correction Clinic. A public announcement will be made in early April. Any individuals with questions or wants to sign up early should contact Jan at therapy@fvdtc.org.

In response to Kathy Bianchetti's suggestion to offering a workshop for those who wanted to take the TDI test, it was reported that Will Short (DOT) is currently looking into that idea.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, March 19th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$8.00 is Cathy Meo as drawn by new club member, Cathy Meo. Cathy donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger will receive a donation of \$16.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Barb Runkle reported that volunteers are needed for Judges and Stewards for 4-H Show on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m. The 4-H class starts on March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for the students without dogs. Barb asked everyone to be patient with the new 4-H students, especially when they bring their dogs for the first time on March 30th. Remember: these are our future dog owners and trainers.
- Peggy Seehafer made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization. Sandi Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with no one opposed or abstaining.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Fox Valley Dog Training Club Annual Dinner

The festivities will be held at Riverside Receptions
On the River at the Bridge
35 North River Ln.
Geneva, IL

Sunday, April 9th 2017

The festivities will begin at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:00

RSVP no later than March 29th

Tapestry Buffet

*Spinach Salad with Seasonal Accompaniments, Roast Sirloin of Beef with Woodsman sauce,
Herb Roasted Chicken, Green Beans Almandine, Red Roasted Potatoes,
Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Fresh Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea
Homemade Desserts compliments of the Dinner Committee!*

Cash Bar

Drop your form off at the front table on training nights or send the completed form along with your check (made out to FVDTC) to:

Candy Ellis
27W359 Beecher Ave
Winfield, IL 60190

Questions? Contact Candy at
Dinner@fvdtc.org or 630-750-4455

YES, I (we) will attend
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$25.00) per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

