A Note From the President

Hi All,

It's been a fairly busy April that started with our Spring agility trials that where were held at Car-Dun-Al. It's a lot of work organizing these shows and each year Cathy Fleury and Taffy Wille take on this task. We owe them both a huge thank you! Without their hard work, we couldn't hold these events. Your hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated. Plus we had lots of members who come out to work and support our agility trials. Thank you to each and everyone that worked one or both days. It takes a lot of people to put on this event and once again FV members came together to help out.

We also had our annual dinner. It was a fun-filled night at a beautiful new location on the river in Geneva with table side views of the water. So many people loved this new venue that the dinner committee is already making plans to reserve this location for next year. There were lovely floral arrangements on each table thanks to Pat Senne, plus lots of other decorations, too. There were also lots of great raffle items that were donated by several companies.

Congratulations!

Sally Compton Service Pat Senne Rookie of the Year..... Gina Post Debbie Orr Memorial. Francene Andresen Cathy Fleury Dorothy Dimond...... Francene/Athena Founders Award...... Francene/Athena Heather Memorial..... N/AEd Kniep Memorial..... Francene/Athena Donna Bihner / Parker Kanosak Kennel..... Diane Ott Memorial... Cathy Fleury Tucker Memorial...... Marian Lazzara Holly Cass/ Elle Natalie..... Novice A..... Novice B..... Nancy Lee/Wedge Open..... Francene/Athena Rally Novice A..... N/AUtility..... Francene/Athena

We had great food, beautiful views and lots of fun with friends. The Annual Dinner committee even provided homemade goodies for desert. I really want to thank the dinner committee of Candy Ellis, Pat Senne, Vera Nyberg and Sharon Shimko, who once again did an outstanding job! I heard many positive comments such as "they out did themselves this year". Thank you ladies, we appreciated all your hard work and efforts, it was a job well done!

During our annual dinner, we also presented the annual awards for new titles, volunteer awards and FV special awards. The awards were nicely displayed for all to see. I heard many people saying they hope to win one of the great awards next year. The awards made by artists were especially well received. Congratulations to everyone who received one of these great awards! We owe a huge thank you to Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson, our Awards Committee, who once again did a fantastic job to make sure we had lots of items to choose from. It a big job working with many vendors and ensuring that all the personalized awards are correct. They go out of their way to make these awards special, even making sure we get the colors and details we want! Please make sure you thank our Dinner committee and our Awards committee. Great job all!

FV held another Canine Good Citizen test in April. We had our own Angie Schmidt doing the evaluations and once again Cris Ballinger coordinated the CGC testing. There was a large group of 13 teams testing, all but one team passed. The team that didn't pass was so close and I'm sure with just a bit more work they will soon pass, too. Congratulations to all the new Canine Good Citizen teams! And thanks Cris and Angie for all your hard work!

One last thing, don't forget about completing your work credits. You need just 3 credits to avoid paying much higher annual dues and just 10 work credits to apply for one of our great title or volunteer awards. There are lots of ways to earn your credits. Just ask any committee chair how you can volunteer and help your club.

Thanks all and see you at training, Wendy

Congratulations CGC!



Congratulations to our newest Canine Good Citizen award winners! At our April 20th test twelve participating teams passed. They were:

Terri Vaira/Teurv Sally Boeke/Corgi Chris Henry/Lab Reid Root/Lab

Susan Newton/ English Bulldog Jill Ramsey/All Jessie Weibel/All American Jeremiah Blades/All American

American Anne White/Lab Anita Kuhn/Collie Gayle Wede/Aussie Holly Szpara/Portuguese Water Dog

A big thank you to Angie Schmidt our fantastic first time evaluator who made everything run smoothly and guickly and to Jennifer Fulkerson, Elizabeth Marchiori, Margi Stuessy, and Joan Lester who volunteered the whole evening, helping with the dogs, acting as the "crowd," handling, and paper work. The club will host another CGC test August 17 and we already have two registered teams!

Membership Report

Jesse Dow St Charles, IL German Shorthair pointer Completed puppy class

Sharon Grant Warrenville, IL Doberman, Terrier mix Completed beginner class Richard & Heather Fisher Aurora, IL Shepherd mix, German Shepherd Completed beginner class

Lauren Van Diggelen St Charles, IL **English Shepherd** Completed beginner class

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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 knowledgable person in this fun sport. She is a judge and instructor who owns Hide and Squeaks.

Calendar

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)

June

01 Thu Regular Training

Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

Puppy Begins (7:00pm)

Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

08 Thu Regular Training

4H Ends

15 Thu Correction Clinic

21 Wed Board Meeting

4H Show

22 Thu Regular Training

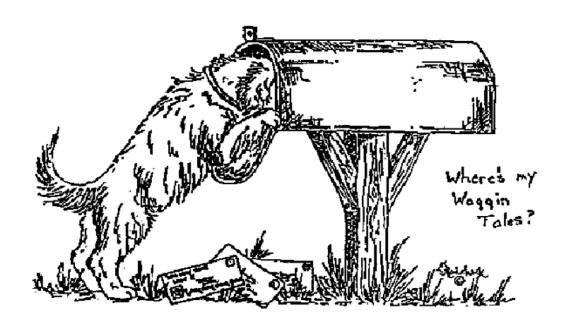
29 Thu Regular Training

Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

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