

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I would like to start this month's note by saying thank you to everyone that volunteers in any way at FVDTC. It takes so many people to ensure that everything runs smoothly at FVDTC. I especially want to thank all our instructors and assistant instructors. You are each such a vital part of our club. Thank you for all you do each week! And thank you to all the many people that volunteer in so many other ways. We truly appreciate all that you do; thank you!

Speaking of volunteers, it's now time to work on your work credits for this year. You only need 3 work credits to get a 50% reduction of your yearly dues, and 10 work credits to qualify for a volunteer or new title award. If you don't know how to volunteer, feel free to contact any committee chair for ideas. Their contact information is listed on our website under the VIP section.

If you attended the May membership meeting you already know about the survey we are doing in regards to the Boner Award. We want your input on this award, but please only vote once! The survey will be available at the front desk during regular training for the next few weeks. Please give us your opinion on the Boner Award. There are voting slips available at the front desk. It's on the honor system, one vote per person please. If you gave your vote at the meeting don't vote again at the front desk.

One last thing, please update the information in your Members Only Section on the website. Make sure your contact information is up to date. Plus, update the information on your dogs such as any new titles, their date of birth and their date of death. This is all done in the Members Only Section. It's also very easy to keep track of your work credits in this section. After logging in, go to My FVDTC. You can add any work credits you've earned, including any membership meetings you have attended. Remember attending a monthly meeting counts towards 1 work credit per meeting up to a total of 3 meetings per year for your work credits.

Thanks for all you do, see you at training,

Wendy Waddick

Therapy Dog Teams Needed at St. Charles Library

I need an additional 1 or 2 registered therapy dog teams for a read visit at St. Charles library on June 14th and July 25th, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm

If you can attend please contact Wendy Waddick at president@fvdtc.org

Membership Report

Jennifer Fink
West Chicago
German shepherd
Completed puppy class

Hannah Raver
Elburn
Completed puppy class

Calendar

June 2019

06 Thu Regular Training
12 Wed Board Meeting
13 Thu Regular Training
4-H Ends
19 Wed 4-H Show
16 Thu Fun Match
20 Thu Therapy Dog Testing
Fun Match
27 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

July 2019

02 Tue Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
09 Tue Regular Training
17 Wed Membership Meeting
25 Thu Regular Training

Why Title a Dog?

Candy Ellis shared this with us at the FVDTC Annual Dinner. The original was written by Sandra Mowery in 2014. (<https://savkcdogblog.wordpress.com/2014/11/06/why-title-a-dog-by-sandra-mowery/>)

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.

Membership Meeting Highlights - May 15, 2019

Meeting brought to order at 7:47 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The March Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed a copy of the summary YTD financial statement, including a comparison between the same timeframe as 2018. He reported that:

- The club is basically on the same revenue and expense pace as previous years.
- General expense up slightly due to timing of setup/breakdown request for 2018 which were submitted in 2019.
- Agility Trial expense down a little, largely due to a \$1,000 savings for judge's expenses by using a local judge.
- Investment account showing about 10% growth since 60% of our assets were moved to market investments from CDs. (\$90,000 in August, 2017 and \$60,000 in May, 2018)

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that all instructors are set for next session of classes, which start on May 30th. He stated that the rotating instructors for the Novice/Beginner Novice run-throughs are set until the end of June. He will start getting volunteers after checking the calendar. Will reported that the current Advanced Puppy instructors, Angie Schmidt, Sally Boeke and Pat Senne have suggested that the Advanced Puppy class be moved to 6:00 p.m., starting with Session 4, August 8th.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of seven new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Colette Ansley-Treonis made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members; none were present at the meeting.

Kristina Pomagier (Public Education Coordinator) was not in attendance and had nothing to report, except for sharing the following wonderful news: According to AKC Rally rankings in Front & Finish:

- Bane is ranked as the second top German Shepherd Dog and seventh in all herding breeds.
- Tessa is ranked as the third top Boxer

Kristina wanted to extend her thanks to all of her friends, supporters and mentors!

Candy Ellis(Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the dinner was a success, since she did not hear any negative comments after the dinner. Candy announced that the 2020 Annual Dinner Committee members are Kathy Bianchetti, Vera Nyberg and Pat Senne. She stated that she has already reserved Riverview Receptions for April 19, 2020. It is the week after Easter, 2020 and after both the Greater DeKalb Kennel Club and Car-Dun-Al shows.

Wendy extended a huge thank you to Jennifer Cornele and Sue MacPherson for volunteering to be the Awards Co-Chairs. Bill Abraham was also congratulated on getting the Rookie of the Year award.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that all 14 teams who participated in the April 18th CGC Test passed. Cris thanked Gina Post who acted as the host for the test, while Cris celebrated Easter in Oregon. Cris stated that there were at least 12 volunteers, which was really great because all of the dogs participated in the "out of sight" exercise simultaneously, which saved a quite a bit of time for the test. Cris also thanked evaluator, Terri Vaira. Cris also stated that the next test will be on August 15th. Additionally, in cooperation with the Fun

Match committee, the first 2020 CGC Test has tentatively scheduled for March 2020.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair - Judges) was not in attendance, but reported that the judges for the May Fun Match are:

- Rally.....Carol Schmidt
- Novice, Beginner NoviceCandy Ellis
- Open 1, Graduate Novice....Taffy Wille
- Open 2.....Will Short
- Utility 1.....Sandi Stephenson
- Utility 2.....Cindy Pakenas

Jennifer Cornele (Publicity) reported that Ingrid Hamburger will be the next Board Member featured in the Waggin' Tales.

Ren Stewart (Therapy Dog Evaluation) stated that TDI evaluation is scheduled for June 20th at 7:00 pm. The entry fee is \$20.00 and a limit of seven teams. Currently, she has received payment from two teams and interest expressed by three other teams. Ren also distributed a signup sheet for volunteers at the test; a minimum of six volunteers are needed. Additionally two of the volunteers must be children and one volunteer will be seated in a wheelchair. It was suggested that Ren contact Wendy Mosier, as Wendy's daughter is in a wheelchair and would like to help.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is Sunday, May 19th or sooner.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.50 is Barb Runkle as drawn by club member, Ren Stewart. Barb Runkle donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger will receive a donation of \$13.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- Cris Ballenger asked whether the Board had discussed the possibility of donating the proceeds from the Obedience Trial Raffle to a dog-related organization. Cris stated that she had brought up the topic during a previous Membership Meeting. Thanks to Joyce Conway, it was determined that the topic had originally been introduced during the July 2018 Membership Meeting. Wendy stated that it will be put on the agenda for the June 12th Board Meeting.

New Business

- None

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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