

FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hi All,

It's almost fall, which means things are getting busy at FVDTC. To start things off, we had another successful tracking test thanks to Ingrid Hamburger and all her hard-working volunteers. Ingrid reported that all 3 TD

Fall Trials and Tests!!!

Agility

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is proud to host the 2016 Fall Agility Trial, September 17-18 at a **new location**:
Players Indoor Sports Center
1740 Quince Avenue
Naperville, IL 60540

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.

entrants passed the test to earn their Tracking Dog (TD) title plus, out of the four TDX entrants, the Cane Dog and the Dachshund passed. Thank you Ingrid, and all her many helpers, who worked very hard to make our tracking trial run so efficiently. We couldn't do this without you!

As I write this, our agility trials took place this past weekend. After a rough start, needing to find a new venue at the last minute due to the venue's flooring change, Cathy was able to get a new venue lined up. As always, Cathy and her many volunteers organized a fantastic, well-run trial. I can't thank Cathy, and all the many volunteers who helped her, enough. It requires a lot of time and energy to make sure our agility trials run as smoothly as they do. A big thank you to all who helped!

Our next major event will be our obedience and rally trials which will be held on November 19th & 20th. The sign-up sheet to volunteer should be up on the FVDTC website shortly. This event will need lots of helpers, so please consider volunteering. There are so many ways you can help during these trials; it's a great way to get your work credits. We also need a raffle chairperson. Please contact Pat

Senne to sign up for this. We really need someone to take this on, as the raffle helps offset some of the cost of running these trials, which we usually lose money on.

We will also be holding another Canine Good Citizen test on September 29th, signup is available on the website, or contact Cris Ballenger for more information. Plus, we will be holding another TDI (Therapy Dog International) therapy dog test on October 20th, signup for this is also on the website, contact Jan Winters for more information. Both of these events need volunteers, contact the committee chairs to sign up.

Also coming up is mat cleaning day on September 26th at 8:30 am. Come on over and join in the fun! You will get 2 work credits if you help out the entire time, it should take about 4 hours to complete. Lots of workers will make the work lighter and quicker. It's great fun too!

As you can see, there are many ways to earn your work credits. Please don't wait till the end of the year to complete them for your dues. And hopefully with all the fall shows coming up you can qualify for one or more of FVDTC's fantastic annual awards. Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson are working hard to get some new items for this year's awards for each level. Thank you both!

Most of all, I would really like to thank all who work so hard to make FVDTC such a well rounded and great club

See you at training,
Wendy Waddick

Membership Report

Dianne Herold
North Aurora
English Setter

Callie, Joanne & Chuck Wing
Geneva

Darla Fink
Batavia
Golden Retriever

Michael O'Connor
Elgin
German Shorthair Pointer

Katy Bolger
Elburn
American Staffordshire Terrier

Calendar

October

06 Thu Regular Training
11 **Tue** Regular Training
19 Wed Board Meeting
20 Thu Correction Clinic
27 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

03 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
09 Wed Membership Meeting
10 Thu Regular Training
15 Tue Regular Training
17 Thu Correction Clinic
19 Sat Obedience/Rally Trials
20 Sun Obedience/Rally Trials
22 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)



Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc. presents....



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 1st 9:00am to 5pm

Nosework Seminar with Harlan Houska
Working and Auditing Spots will be offered!

At

CarDunAl Obedience Dog Training
10783 Wolf Drive
Huntley, IL 60142

Topnotch K9 trainer Harlan Houska will be presenting Trial Strategies and Problem Solving for Nosework. This is a workshop for sport dog teams trialing in Nosework (Dog must be on at least one odor). Multiple venue competition rules and strategies will be covered in depth along with Pre-trial training, Odor Recognition Test, winning mindset, search plan, using the search environment to your advantage and post trial self-critique.

Harlan is a graduate of the Transportation Security Administration Explosives Detection Canine Handler course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Harlan and his canine partner AAdams conducted explosives detection for numerous venues and national security significant events. Some of the areas that AAdams and Harlan worked in were aviation, cargo, bus mass transit, rail mass transit, local transit terminals, regional multi-modal terminals, cargo, sports arenas, VIP sweeps and special events. After AAdams retired Harlan attended and graduated from the rigorous Complete Detector Dog Trainers course at the prestigious Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana. Harlan rehabilitated AAdams and with some intense training not only recertified him as an explosives detection canine but also attained certification in Law enforcement tracking. AAdams and Harlan have recertified through the American Working Dogs Association every year since.

Harlan continues to train with AAdams and assist law enforcement agencies on a volunteer basis. As a team they have competed in three K9 Olympics. The K9 Olympics, also known by the events formal name; the American Working Dog Association Seminar and Certification Trials, is held every year at Vohne Liche Kennels attracting the top law enforcement, security and military dog teams from around the world. Harlan and AAdams placed First Overall in 2014 and First in the Team Competition in 2015.

In addition to working an explosives detection canine Harlan is an American Working Dogs Association Certifying Official for Canine Explosives Detection, Canine Narcotics Detection and Police Canine Tracking.

On the sport side Harlan is National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) Odor Recognition Test and Trial Judge, United Kennel Club (UKC) Nosework Trial Certifying Official and Certified Professional Dog Trainer Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA).

Board Meeting Highlights – August 10, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:41 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) announced that the Annual Mat Cleaning is scheduled for Monday, August 29th starting at 8:30 a.m. Ed stated that he will ask Cheryl Hettinger to put a sign up at training to seek at least 10 volunteers and equipment.

Dave Lewis (Second Vice-President) stated that Class Evaluations Surveys will soon be available for students to complete on-line following their completion of the Puppy and Beginner classes.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that he is in the process of moving the financial files from Quicken to the online version of QuickBooks. He reported that he has defined the username as moneybags@fvdtc.org. In addition to Phil, the President and Secretary will get passwords to access the accounts. These passwords are automatically generated by Quickbooks.

Phil stated that there are no financial reports at this time due to the conversion. Although, he reported that revenues appear to be down until the checks are received for the August session classes.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that the new session starts on August 11th and provided the following instructor's names.

Time	Class	Instructor
6:00 p.m.	Beginner	Sally Boeke
7:00 p.m.	Puppy	Barb Misch
7:00 p.m.	Beginner	Tammy Dean (filling in for Lynn Weis, until she returns)
8:00 p.m.	Beginner	Ed Herdes, Sally Read and John Grosse (all filling in for Candy Ellis, until she returns)
8:00 p.m.	Advanced Puppy	David Thornell and Noelle Dupasquier, Assistant (giving Pat Senne and Angie Schmidt a break for the session)
7:00 p.m.	Ring Ready	Taffy Wille
7:00 p.m.	Open Run-through	Denise Schiele
8:00 p.m.	Open Class	Donna Nuger

Will reported that we are going to host a second session of the "Trick Class", which began on August 4th, and will meet on August 11th, August 25th, September 1st and October 6th. Will stated that he is also working with David Thornell to develop a curriculum for an Introduction to Rally workshop prior to it being scheduled. The workshop would be four

weeks long and be held at 6:00 p.m.

Will also asked that instructors let him or any ADOT know who is available to be a substitute, and for which classes.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported

that the premium list for the 2016 trial is being worked on. Pat announced that Sue MacPherson volunteered to be the Trial's Kitchen Chair. There will be food available for sale to the exhibitors only on Saturday. On Sunday, there will be sweets and beverages for the exhibitors.

Additionally, Pat reported that the Judges for 2017 are: Diane Propst, Joe Caputa, Kathy Sweet, Fred Buroff, Dianne Allen and Patricia Strong. Contracts will be sent to them after the 2016 trial.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: The club is unable to continue to use the Sportsplex facility in St. Charles to host our annual Agility Trials. The facility recently replaced the surface in their newly renovated field to flooring that is not suitable for dogs to safely participate in agility. The Fall 2016 Agility Trial has been relocated to Players in Naperville. Cathy reported that she (and two other clubs) is in the process of looking at a facility in West Dundee to use. She will be meeting with the facility managers to determine whether the date of our Spring trial would be available, as that is during their peak season. The Fall trial is during their off peak season. However, there may be an issue with AKC 100 mile requirement with another club if they have the same date.

Cathy also reported that she will let Dave know as soon as the workers sign-up for the September trial is ready to post on our website, and will notify the club members that it is available for use.

Director at Large – Donna Bihner

Donna Bihner was in attendance, and had nothing to report.

Old Business

- Wendy Waddick reported that she is already thinking about plans for the 2017 CERF event. She reported that the vet did a total of 50 dogs during the 2016 event and that the vet stated that the event was well run. Wendy stated that we should probably change the amount that we charge in 2017. Wendy stated that our members should be offered first-come first-serve appointments for next year.

New Business

- New Cabinet Purchase - Carolyn Pearson made a motion to purchase a metal cabinet, for a maximum of \$225.00, to replace the damaged cabinet we currently use. The purchase would be for a maximum size allowed by the fairgrounds, and wheels to attach to the new cabinet. Donna Bihner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Highlights – September 14, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The July Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the annual mat cleaning is Monday, September 26th at 8:30 a.m. Ed stated that there is still a need for drying equipment, such as brooms and blowers.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that starting on October 11th at 6:00 p.m., we will be hosting a rally workshop, taught by David Thornell, on four consequent training nights. There is a fee of \$20.00 for non-members. There is a limit of eight students.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance due to a business trip, however she did send the following report. The Premium list is finally done and will be available VERY shortly!

Additionally, we are currently in need of a Raffle Committee Chair. The basic responsibilities do NOT require going door-to-door to businesses, begging (unless someone wants to do that). The job is basically asking people (aka club members) to donate items for the raffle, collecting the items (generally at training) until the trial, packaging the items in an attractive way to be offered at the trial, selling raffle tickets at the trial, drawing the tickets and finally congratulating the winners when they collect their prizes. Pat also reported that she has already received offers from some individuals who are willing to donate, so the process is already started.

Pat stated that the normal raffle was not held this year at her Boxer Specialty this August, and no one seemed to miss it. HOWEVER, depending on the type and quantity of items, it can generate between \$500.00 and \$800.00 for the club, which helps offset the trial expenses.

In response to a question, Loretta Lazzara announced that she will send the Stewards sign-up to Dave Lewis to load on the website sign-in function.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 11 new applicants that was published in the Waggin' Tales. Sue made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Barb Runkle seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she did report that there were very good results during the recent Tracking Test. Ingrid reported that all three TD entrants passed the test to earn their Tracking Dog (TD) titles. Originally there were nine entries, a total of six withdrew, with four due to passing the previous week. As a result, there were no alternates. Ingrid also reported that of the four TDX entrants, the Cane Dog and the Dachshund passed.

Ingrid thanked all those who volunteered, from the bottom of her heart: Tracklayers, Drivers, Flag Carriers and Mother Nature for the great weather. Ingrid also thanked Viv Hildebrand for being a great Hostess, Sylvia Schultz for her wonderful pulled pork and a vegetable pasta dish and Barb Palm, who brought baked French toast and an egg bake dish on Sunday morning. There were yummy baked goods and a big cut-up watermelon to enjoy. Ingrid stated that without all of the fantastic volunteers, it would have been impossible to run the test. Additionally, Ingrid thanked the Judges: Wally O'Brien and Lois Leidahl-Marsh. And finally, Ingrid stated that if she has accidentally forgotten someone or something, she is extremely sorry.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the club was participating in the Carol Stream Bark in the Park event on Sunday, September 18th. Barb invited all members to attend the free event.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she sent the following report. The Fall Agility Trial is set for this weekend at Players

in Naperville. Will Short added that the trials' walk-through are at 7:00 a.m. with a 7:30 a.m. start time.

As of now, this is where we are going after the Sportsplex disaster. The Agility Committee has agreed to the following: The Spring 2017 trial in April will be at Car-Dun-AI in Huntley. The Fall 2017 trial will be held at the new Lifezone 360 in West Dundee. This facility is on the south side of Route 72 across from the Spring Hill mall. It was previously the Best Buy/Target building. Both Smack-Dab and Glenbard will also be using the facility for their spring trials.

Cathy thanked Smack-Dab for their hard-work in getting this facility approved by AKC. Cathy also thanked Paul and Donna Darland, from Glenbard for meeting with her to walk through the Lifezone 360 facility.

Cathy reported that we are returning to Car-Dun-AI's facility for our spring trial, as that is the peak season for the Lifezone 360 facility and the rental fee (even discounted at 50%) is out of our budget.

Donna Bihner (Awards Co-chairperson) was not in attendance, however she reported that she and Nancy Pederson have added several new items to the list of awards for titles earned in 2016. They are attempting to add variety so there is at least one new item at each level. The awards form will be available on December 1.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that there are currently eight paid teams taking the CGC test on September 29th. She stated that they have all been reminded to view the test items on the AKC web site, and next week, she will be sending reminders and more information to them. She also stated that she can accept up to three more teams before the test is full.

Cris also reported that Rick Cox is our judge. Although she currently has two (maybe three) volunteers to help, she would accept other volunteers, in the event that Rick chooses to use multiple people to watch dogs during the out of sight test. Anyone who is interested in helping should contact Cris at cgc@fvdtc.org. Cris also stated that Holly Cass has ordered the ribbons and the committee should not have to order ribbons for the next several tests.

Cris asked Carolyn to verify that ring 8 is available to use for the CGC test.

Holly Cass (Graduation Chairperson) announced that the Introduction to Beginner Novice, typically offered to all graduates of the advanced puppy and beginner classes, at the correction clinic immediately after their final session will be delayed until the January 2017 Correction Clinic. This was decided after Holly and Sandi Stephenson discussed the lack of extra space due to the typically large number of entrants during the November correction clinic preparing for the November Obedience and Rally trials.

Holly also announced that David Thornell is now contacting the graduates to invite them via email to the Introduction to Beginner Novice, rather than the paper certificate that Holly had created. Additionally, David sends them a reminder prior to the correction clinic. With that protocol it was agreed that delaying the intro until January would not cause any issues.

Holly stated that she will contact David to let him know of the slight change in schedule. Sandi will only schedule a single Novice judge for January, 2017. Ingrid will determine the number of stewards needed in January, 2017, based on only one Novice ring. And Carolyn will review the ring layout for the clinic to host the Beginner's Novice class.

Marian Lazzara (Match Co-chairperson) stated that typically both open and utility classes fill in September, October and November correction clinics. Novice is coming in but at a slower pace.

The following are the judges for the September 29th Correction Clinic.

- Novice 1, Novice 2 and Beginner Novice - Loretta Lazzara
- Open 1 and Graduate Novice- Sandi Stephenson
- Open 2 - Marietta Huber
- Utility 1 and Graduate Open - Will Short
- Utility 2 - Marian Lazzara
- Rally - Joyce Conway

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson)

was not in attendance, however she reported that there were volunteers signed up for the stewards for the rest of the year.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) reminded all committee chairs to send her the names of any club members who volunteered during the time frame, such as each quarter.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however she did send the following report. The club will be hosting a TDI test (Therapy Dog International) on October 20th @ 6:30 p.m. She has already been contacted by several members and past members who are interested in taking the test. She is currently accepting pre-registrations on a first come/first serve basis. She stated that anyone with questions regarding the test, should feel free to contact her at therapy@fvdtc.org. She also stated that the TDI website has helpful information. She reported that she is looking forward to another successful test. John Grosse stated at the meeting, that although the TDI website states that the test is full, it is not.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, September 18.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Joyce Conway. Ingrid Hamburger will receive a donation of \$8.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Wendy Waddick stated that a new class registrar will be needed to replace current registrar, Nancy Pederson, by the end of the year.
- Holly Cass also stated that a new Graduation Committee chair is needed for 2017.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.



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

* Instructors must be present for at least 75% of the classes to receive the work credit.

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

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