



# ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

## APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

April was another month that had a lot of things happening in our Club as well as all over the country, until the Covid-19 virus hit us in many different ways. Our Annual Awards Banquet will now be held Wednesday, June 10, 2020, instead of April 17. It will still be at the Brass Rail on Lehigh Street in Allentown. But please note, it is a meeting night, so there will be a brief meeting held before the dinner. Flyers were included in the previous newsletters. The reservation deadline has been changed to May 20. So if you were late in getting your reservation this gives you some more time to do so.

Also, training at this point is on hold. We usually go outdoors in May on a Wednesday night with our usual Wednesday night classes and Thursday classes in the morning. There will be more information on the new schedule next month and when training can resume.

At this point shows and matches are being cancelled for the month of April and into May and possibly beyond depending on how this virus can be controlled. Some shows I have listed below may be cancelled and I have indicated if they were. Some may not be and some may be postponed so I have kept everything as listed.

This situation has never happened before as it involves the entire country and not just one area. Because of its scope, it affects not only the health of all our citizens but our economic well being. We can all help our President and Local and State Government Officials deal with this epidemic by following the strong suggestions on ways to stay healthy. Let's do our part to limit going into large crowds, keep your distance from other people, wash your hands often and use just plain good common sense. And most important, do not buy more essential products than you need—like toilet paper and paper towels. There is no shortage of these products just that the stores cannot keep up with the demand. If we all co-operate and use good sense, we will get through this TOGETHER. After all we are all Americans and we always get through the bad times together with our heads held high. This too shall pass. We are Americans! JACQUI

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What does COVID-19 stand for?

In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease.

What does COVID-19 mean for ADTC?

It means for now our Classes, Awards Banquet and May Trial are all cancelled.

It also means we need to be aware of our future by practicing all the measures we read and hear about everyday. We all know washing our hands, social distancing and staying at home is the best we can do to stop the spread. I will do whatever is necessary so that I have the chance to return to club one day! I miss everyone and look forward to being with you again, DEBBIE

## **\*TRAINING INFORMATION\***

### **From Phyllis...**

#### **ADTC April Classes Cancelled**

All ADTC obedience, rally and beginner class classes are cancelled for the month of April. Pending the direction of the corona virus and the ruling on public gatherings and the 6 foot rule we will be in a better position in the middle of April to know if there will be any outdoor training in May.

In the meantime, listen to all the warnings; stay indoors, avoid crowds and remember to wash your hands.

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However, there is absolutely nothing stopping anyone from training their dog at home, in or outside the house, and the many parks in our area. In fact it is so important to keep up all the skills you and your dog have learned. There are many things you can do in the house, like practice straight fronts and finishes, short recalls or long ones if you have room, pivots, short heeling with attention, many of the Rally exercises are good, signals, even teaching your dog to hold a dumbbell. These are just a few suggestions for inside. Outside you can do almost anything especially if your dog is good off leash. But you can still use a flexi or long line and if you have jumps so much the better. Best of all you can work on distractions which is so important if you are planning on showing in obedience/rally. So even though for the short term we do not have formal training, keep on working with your dog on all the things that you have learned. That way when we go back to our normal schedule, you will not have lost any time. Your dog will love the attention and the bonding time with you. And besides training, dogs love walks and learning new tricks. So take advantage of this down time. And it is also great exercise for both of you.

## **\*POINT SHOW\***

### **From Lois....**

We have been closely following the spread of Covid-19, the recommendations of national and state authorities, and the cancellation of many events. The ADTC Board has made a decision to cancel our May 16 Obedience and Rally Trials this year. We have not made this decision lightly but the health of our members and exhibitors is of primary importance to us.

All three of our Obedience judges from this year have agreed to judge our trial next year. Our Rally judge is already booked so we will need to secure another Rally judge.

Making this decision at this time means that we will not forfeit any money. We will receive our deposit back from the 4-H and our trial secretary, Chris Brooks, will not charge us for any work he has done thus far. The AKC will apply our application fees to our trials next year and we will use the trophies and ribbons/rosettes that we have already purchased for next year's trials.

Hopefully we will all stay healthy and can prepare for a super trial in 2021!

**\*UPDATED BANQUET FLYER\***

**2020  
Awards  
Banquet  
June 10th**

6:00 pm Appetizers

6:45 pm Dinner

**LOCATION:**  
**Brass Rail**  
Lehigh Street  
Allentown

**ADTC**



**Family Style Dinner**

Appetizer Trays

Vegetable Soup / Caesar Salad / Rolls

Pot Roast / Chicken Marsala

Mashed Potatoes / Ziti w/Marinara Sauce

Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Soda / Coffee / Tea

Cash Bar

**\$30.00** per person

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY: May 20, 2020**

Checks payable to: ADTC, Inc. TO: Phyllis Broderick, 262 Brass Castle Rd, Oxford, NJ 07863



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_



**\*AWARDS PROGRAM AND TITLE RECOGNITION\***

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, our annual AWARDS AND TITLE RECOGNITION BANQUET will be held on June 10 (which is our regular meeting night) at the Brass Rail on Lehigh Street. The RSVP deadline has been changed to May 20 so be sure to send in your reservation. At the banquet the Club recognizes those members and their dogs who have achieved titles in both Obedience and Rally and Agility. Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz sent out a list of those who applied for awards whether a plaque or certificate or plate if they already have a lovely wooden plaque. It is always a night of fun and fellowship, not to mention good food.

Special thanks to Judy and Pat for all their hard work compiling and checking the awards to be sure they are correct, making the certificates, ordering the wooden plaques and plates, and having everything correctly engraved. Be sure to check out the plaques of members and their dogs who have received awards in previous years. I always look for Emmett's name on the Utility Dog list as I was and still am so proud of that boy.

Here is the list of those members who will be getting awards for all their hard work. CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!! This is quite a list of ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!

OBEDIENCE MASTER 3	Phyllis Broderick and Wings
OBEDIENCE MASTER 5	Anna Guglielmo and Luna
OBEDIENCE MASTER 6	Anna Guglielmo and Luna
UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT 4	Anna Guglielmo and Luna
UTILITY DOG	Lois Glass and Surfer
	Barbara Grotzinger and Clyde
	Jacqui Hartranft and Abbey
	Terry Papineau and Gunny
	Barbara Ryan and Abbey
COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT	Karen Belmont and Indy
	Sue Iobst and Quid
	John Landis and Kaylee
	Sharon Merkel and Allee
	Debra Petrusjanz and Annie
	Kathy Pugh and Tess
COMPANION DOG	Debbie Achenzie and Freddy
	Linda Eldon and Mollie

	Gail James and Deacon
	Barbara Katz and Alvin
	Jacqueline Mill and Gizmo
	Rose Mitman and Jett
VERSATILITY	Jacqui Hartranft and Abbey
GRADUATE NOVICE	John Landis and Kaylee
	Debra Petrusjanz and Annie
BEGINNER NOVICE	Linda Eldon and Mollie
	Jacqui Hartranft and Cooper
	Jacqueline Mill and Gizmo
	Steven Markowitz and Riley
VERSATILE COMPANION DOG 2	Sue Iobst and Quid
RALLY MASTER	Donna Barto and Chip
RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT	Barb Artim and Spencer
	Judy Skorup and Emma
RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 2	Judy Skorup and Emma
RALLY EXCELLENT	Debbie Achenzie and Freddy
	Dave Dock and Odie
	Linda Eldon and Mollie
	Jacqueline Mill and Gizmo
RALLY ADVANCED	Debbie Achenzie and Freddy
	Dave Dock and Odie
	Linda Eldon and Mollie
	Irwin and Lois Linker and Casey
	Sharon Merkel and Allee
	Jacqueline Mill and Gizmo
	Barbara Katz and Alvin
	Lois Obelcz and Ion

RALLY INTERMEDIATE

Barbara Ryan and Abbey  
Barbara Sulzer and Dillon  
Allen Dengler and Gemma  
Anita Dengler and Rita  
Linda Eldon and Mollie  
Gail James and Deacon  
Barbara Katz and Alvin

RALLY NOVICE

Jodi DeLabar and Nestle  
Allen Dengler and Gemma  
Anita Dengler and Rita  
Linda Eldon and Mollie  
Jacqui Hartranft and Cooper  
Jacqueline Mill and Gizmo  
Kathy Pugh and Tess

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Debbie Achenzie and Ginger  
Wilma Brucker and Stanley  
Evelyn Kondash and Jamie  
Barbara Sulzer and Dillon

COMMUNITY CANINE

Barbara Katz and Alvin

TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

Barbara Katz and Alvin  
Evelyn Kondash and Jamie  
Barbara Sulzer and Dillon

TRICK DOG ADVANCED

Evelyn Kondash and Jamie  
Jacquelyn Mill and Gizmo

TRICK DOG NOVICE

Debbie Achenzie and Ginger  
Donna Barto and Chip  
Evelyn Kondash and Jamie  
Barbara Sulzer and Dillon

THERAPY DOG	Karen Belmont and Indy
THERAPY DOG ADVANCED	Judy Skorup and Emma
NOVICE DRAFT DOG	Judy Skorup and Emma
SCENTWORK	Barbara Artim and Spencer (Spencer did all levels) Scentwork Buried Novice Scentwork Interior Advanced Scentwork Handler Discrimination Scentwork Exterior Novice Scentwork Novice Scentwork Container Advanced Scentwork Buried Advanced
SCENTWORK CONTAINER NOVICE	Allen Dengler and Gemma
AGILITY NOVICE	Pat Gombocz and Sera Terry Papineau and Gunny Allen Dengler and Gemma Irwin and Lois Linker and Casey
OPEN AGILITY	Sue Sacco and Jonesy
AGILITY EXCELLENT	Sue Sacco and Jonesy
AGILITY FAST EXCELLENT	Anne Wheeler and Flynn
OPEN AGILITY JUMPERS	Cris Courduff and Ruger
NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER	Irwin and Lois Linker and Casey
OPEN AGILITY JUMPER	Sue Sacco and Jonesy
AGILITY EXCELLENT JUMPER	Sue Sacco and Jonesy
AGILITY COURSE TEST 2	Anita Dengler and Rita
AGILITY PREFERRED	Barbara Katz and Alvin Novice Agility Preferred Novice Jumpers Preferred

	Novice Fast Preferred
FAST CAT	Anita Dengler and Rita
FAST CAT BCAT	Judy Skorup and Emma
JUNIOR HUNTER	Steve Markovitz and Barkley
HERDING INTERMEDIATE A SHEEP	Susan Sacco and Jonesy
RAT NOVICE	Anita Dengler and Rita

What a great list of ACCOMPLISHMENTS!! Thanks again to Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz for compiling then double checking the list to make sure that everything is correct. Be sure to thank them for a job well done. Do not forget to thank your trainers for helping you to achieve these honors for without them these awards may not have been possible. THANK YOU ALL!

**\*MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW\***

This is not only for new members but also for those who have a new dog or puppy

New members for March....

Nadine Bosico and her Aussie



David Kennedy and his Golden Doodle

Rachel Bockman and her Irish Red and White Setter

Lindsay Bockman and her Irish Red and White Setter

**Update on Dick Lobach...**

Dear members: We are putting this under membership as we are sure that many members have wondered how Clydette Lobach's husband Dick has been doing since her death and his health issues. You will remember that many in the Club and beyond rallied together to help Dick find a home for his and Clydette's two Chinese Crested dogs, Calvin and Brody after his health issues prevented him from caring for them. A great home was found for Calvin and Brody thanks to many people who wanted the best for those two little dogs and also in memory of Clydette who did so much for ADTC and promoting Rally. We are happy to report from Dusty and Bill Springer who keep in touch with Dick, that he is doing well and back to living his life again although he misses Clydette (as we all do) and his "boys".



**\*ITEMS FOR SALE\***

Chris Courduff has some items for sale.

You can contact her for more information at 215-536-1219 or email at [criscourduff@verizon.net](mailto:criscourduff@verizon.net)

Five foot Jiffy Jumps with a vinyl zipper bag. In very good condition. Asking \$200.00

2 Sets of leather and metal articles for a larger dog Asking \$25.00

Single bar measures 4 inches inside with the ends 2 ¼ inch square with a wicker case

Double bar measures 4 inches inside with the ends 2 ¼ inch square with a red leather carrying case

**\*SUNSHINE\***

I want to thank everyone for the sympathy cards on the loss of my husband Ray. I appreciate everyone's kindness and prayers during this difficult time as the Flat-coats and I adjust to what will be our new normal. Sincerely, Lori Baycar

*Thank You*

**\*PUBLICITY COMMITTEE\***

Last month we had our first MEMBER OF THE MONTH ...Berdell Koch.

She wrote a great piece on how she got interested in obedience as well as about all her dogs over the years. She told us how she ventured into other activities such as Agility and Hunt titles with some of her dogs.

We are looking forward to see who our next MEMBER OF THE MONTH will be. So be sure to send in your nominations to Dusty Springer. The hope of the committee is to have members get to know each other better. So, think of who you might like to nominate so we can have a MEMBER OF THE MONTH to include in every newsletter. You can contact Dusty for more information at 610-956-6671 or [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com). Dusty reported at the meeting that several members have been nominated already so keep the nominations coming!!

**\*APRIL MEMBER OF THE MONTH...TERRY PAPINEAU\***

I have loved dogs my entire life. My mother tells me that I made all the animal sounds before I could talk and would get very excited when I saw dogs. While I was not allowed to have a dog where I lived as a child, I trained all my neighbors dogs. So, I guess I have been training dogs since my childhood.

I'm a fairly recent transplant from Staten Island, NY. I have been a member of the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club for 30 years and have held every position except Treasurer - math is not my strong suit. I have put at least a UD on all my dogs.

I prefer herding breeds having owned a Sheltie, German Shepherds, Australian Shepherds and Border Collies. I presently share my home with my husband and 2 Border Collies; Luca (UDX, AX, AXJ, TKA) who is eight, Baci who is just four months old and just beginning her training, and an Australian Shepherd, Gunny (ASCA Otch, UD, NA, NAJ, TKA, RM)who is almost four. Gunny is presently showing in obedience and rally and just starting nose work. Due to a bad knee, I can no longer do agility, but the dogs love it.

I am an ASCA obedience judge and all my Aussies have ranked in the top ten nationally. Many of them competed at the nationals, and I actually won novice with my deceased Aussie Mach, Otch Spree. The following year we were in second place at the nationals in Open until the very last exercise when Spree decided to remind me that he was just a dog and walked through the broad jump. He had never done that before, but of course he had to do it at the Nationals, knocking us down from second to tenth place.

My first utility dog was a sheltie and she did not make it easy for me. She knocked down the bar jump which scared her. It took me thirteen tries to get that title because she would make the approach to the bar jump and stop dead. I couldn't give up as I had two legs!!! I finally got that last leg when the trophy table fell as my sheltie was making her approach to the bar jump. She took that jump really fast and returned to heel position without a front. The judge apologized and asked me if I wanted a do-over. "No way," I told the judge. That was her UD which to me meant "U done".

My advice for handlers is pick the breed you like and do the best you can with the dog you have. They are all different. Enjoy them. Terry





**ADTC Member of the Month Nomination Form**

Any member of ADTC is eligible for recognition as a Member of the Month. To nominate someone please complete the following form and return it to Dusty Springer. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Dusty Springer at 1242 W. Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18049 or by emailing them to [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com)

First and last name of nominee:

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Why is this ADTC Member being nominated? (For example, this person has helped me to train my dog; when I was a new member, this person made me feel welcome; this person has served ADTC in numerous capacities for many years, etc.)

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Date nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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Please note: The nominee will be contacted within a week after this form has been received. However, inclusion of the nominee's article in the newsletter is dependent on how quickly he or she responds to the request for information and a picture. Also, a nominee may choose to decline to participate in this program. Thank you.

## **\*SEMINAR\***

Phyllis is planning a Connie Cleveland seminar in November. The Connie Cleveland seminar is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 21st and 22nd at Macungie Memorial Park. Kathy Pugh has volunteered to make up the flyers and help take entries. Anna Guglielmo has also volunteered to assist.

The seminar is limited to 20 working teams. These teams must be signed up for both days. There is unlimited auditing. The cost is \$325 for the 2 day working teams and \$175 for 2 day auditing and \$100 for 1 day auditing. ADTC members will have until July 1st to register for the working slots. After that the working slots will be available to the public.

Connie is one of the leading obedience trainers in the country and has many free videos on line. She graciously shows you how to teach your dog the various obedience exercises online without cost to you. You can look her up by typing in her name and also to check out her videos.

## **\*LOOKING AHEAD.....UP COMING EVENTS\***

In addition to our upcoming point show which is now cancelled, there are several other point shows close by that are also cancelled. Some members may not be aware of the cancellations.

On April 5 The Delaware Valley German Shepherd Club is having a trial in Barto.  
THIS SHOW IS CANCELLED.

On May 2 The Bucks County Kennel Club at Tinicum State Park along the Delaware River .  
THIS SHOW IS CANCELLED.

On May 9 the Philadelphia Dog Training Club will hold their point show in Willow Grove which is about an hour drive from Macungie. THIS SHOW IS CANCELLED/POSTPONED

On May 10, the Lancaster Kennel Club will hold their conformation and obedience/rally show at the Lebanon Community Center. THIS SHOW IS CANCELLED

There will be a CDSP trial on April 18 at Let's Speak Dog at the Plainfield Township location. This is Renee Hall's beautiful new building which is not only a boarding and a daycare center, but also a great training place with plenty of room for two rings and crating. For more information go on Companion Dog Sports Program to enter. You do need to register and get a number just like with AKC and UKC. They also take day of entry. **RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 23rd.**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Lehigh Valley German Shepherd Club is having a Show and Go Match in New Ringgold If you are interested info on [www.DogMatchShows.com](http://www.DogMatchShows.com)  
Get your dogs ready for upcoming shows

This is an unusual situation because of the COVID-19 virus. Please keep checking back for any shows or matches you may have entered to make sure they are not cancelled. Let us keep hoping and praying that this will soon be over and we can get back to normal again.

**\*BECAUSE WE ALL COULD USE A LAUGH\***

**Just Another Dog Day...**

**written and submitted by Dusty**

Even in the midst of a national emergency, the dogs must go. At 8:30 AM, I leashed our younger dog, Pete, and opened the back door for our older dog, Sam. Because Sam will not stray from the yard, he wanders freely to do his business while Pete and I walk up and down the alley to find “just the right spot.”

An elderly couple came strolling down the alley, and my neighbors’ two, large and somewhat vicious dogs were pacing behind their four-foot fence. The Weimaraner and a German Shepherd/Rottweiler mix hang their heads over the fence so that Pete feels compelled to search long and hard for the “perfect poop spot.” It’s a good game. Today, however, the Weimaraner climbed atop logs piled next to the fence and jumped out.

The strollers yelled that MY dog had escaped, and Sam made a beeline for the back door. I managed to drag Pete, who had not completed his morning constitutional, to safety. I then returned to capture the miscreant.

The elderly couple stood nervously aside as I corralled the Weimaraner through the fence gate without releasing his companion. They seemed surprised that we do not own all four dogs but accepted my explanation that our dogs are black and this one is gray.

Back on the porch my dogs had finished their breakfasts and Pete REALLY had to go. I brought him back out accompanied by Sam who had managed to squeeze past me. As we headed around our yard – forget the alley – the Weimaraner again appeared ready to clear the fence. I roared, “DOWN.” My dogs dropped like stones. The Weimaraner looked non-plussed but did not leave his post. In desperation, I tossed a rock at the fence. I hit the fence but failed to impress the dog. Pete chose that moment to do his business!

With the dogs fed, the poop scooped, and the neighbors’ dogs penned, we set out for our morning walk. This is usually an uneventful trot that culminates with the dogs returning to the back porch for a nice nap. But, today was different. As we were rounding the bend for home, Sam decided to make this a two-poop morning. While he gleefully adorned my grumpiest neighbor’s lawn to adorn, I searched frantically for the poop bags that were still sitting on our back porch. We sped home. I shooed the dogs into the house and panted back to the scene of the crime.

The cleanup was completed without further incident. At home, I washed my hands and savored a cup of much needed coffee. My bagel was perfectly toasted, and two robins searched under our bird feeder for worms. As I poured my second cup of coffee, I spotted Sam trying to nest in the basket of newly laundered sheets and towels. It was going to be a very long dog day!

## **\*ACHIEVEMENTS\***

**Judy Skorup and Emma** were invited to the RALLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP for the third time. They were invited to compete in Excellent. Judy reported that they may not go but it is an honor to be invited. They have previously been invited to compete in Novice and Intermediate. This year it is in Wilmington, Ohio at the Roberts Center.

**Cris Courduff and Ruger** had a great and busy day on Sunday, March 15. Cris and Ruger participated in a tracking trial by the Burlington County Kennel Club's Tracking Trial in Allentown, New Jersey at the Horse Park of N.J. Trials like that are difficult to get into as there are usually more entries than spots available. Ruger and Cris got lucky and their entry was taken and they qualified and he earned his Tracking Dog title. Then because the trial moved so quickly Cris decided she would try to get back to Barto in time for the Lehigh Valley German Shepherd Trial in Barto where Ruger won his Open A class with a score of 184 for his first Open leg.



Cris has written and submitted an article for our newsletter.

Look for more on her day under BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING.

**Karen Belmont reported** that she and Indy were listed as one of the top Collies for obedience in the country for 2019 according to FRONT AND FINISH MAGAZINE. She was ranked as Number 4. The magazine uses AKC information and the Delaney Rating System which compares performances of dogs in AKC all breed obedience competitions. Novice is not included in these rankings.

**Anna Guglielmo reported** Luna took first place in the Utility B class at the Morris Hills Trial, February 23rd, with a score of 199, completing the requirements for her Obedience Trial Championship #2,

She also earned her 9th UDX leg towards her UDX #5. So very proud of my girl.

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS ACHIEVEMENT!!!**



For any of you newer members who wonder what an OTCH is, check out the AKC Rulebook to see what is required to earn the title OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPION. It requires a great deal of effect, time, money and training to do this. And so far Anna and Luna have done this two times!!

**Anne Wheeler reported** my boys and I were off to a wonderful start to 2020 until life as we know it was put on hold! On February 28 we went to the Maryland Sporting Dog show where they were having a Toller Specialty. Noah had an amazing weekend. In the conformation ring he won best veteran in sweepstakes. In Rally, he earned his first Masters leg with a score of 99, and in Obedience, (after a two year struggle) he finally earned his UD!

The following weekend, Noah continued to shine with a qualifying score in AKC Agility, earning his Excellent Jumpers with Weaves title!



Gabriel also did well in Rally and Obedience. He earned his Rally Novice title with scores of 98, 96, and 98 and earned his first two legs towards his BN title.



**Janet Gilbert reported** CH Prisonbreak's Justified v Marstal, a.k.a. Kenda (the big Rottweiler!) got his 1st Nnovice Obedience leg at the Top Dog trial several weeks ago. And his 2nd Open Jumpers leg in agility at the York trial in Palmyra March 14th.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**

**\*BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING\* Submitted by Cris Courduff**

Cris Courduff sent us a write up on her day on Sunday, March 15, managing to go to a tracking trial in New Jersey with Ruger and then after he earned his Tracking Dog title in that, she decided to see if she could make it back to Barto to participate in the Lehigh Valley German Shepherd Club trial where he earned his first leg in Open A and a first place. Enjoy reading about her day!!

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I had entered LVGSDC Obedience Trial at Barto, Pa. for Open A. Class on Sunday, March 15th, and also had entered Burlington County Kennel Club's Tracking Trial in Allentown, New Jersey at the Horse Park of N.J. for that same date. As wonders would have it, I got into the Tracking Trial, 1 of 4 tracks plus an Alternate, so I decided that unless I got done the Track

early, the Open Class was a no go. At 6am, I started for N.J. for a 1-1/2 hour drive to the Tracking Trial. What a beautiful place, acres & acres of very nice grassy fields, horse trailers and horses everywhere, an abundance of rings and huge buildings. At the Club's Headquarters, I drew Track #4, and around 9am, we started for Track #1. A tiny black Dachshund, started out and except for searching the first turn, nailed the whole rest of the track and found the glove. The Track #2 was drawn by a young, very people friendly female GSD. She started at the Start Flag, got to the Direction Flag, and started to dance around, came back to the Start flag, got her handler tangled in the lead, socialize with the judges, and never got past the Direction flag after many tries. Of course after she N/Q'd, she proceeded to do an excellent track to the glove. Our 3rd Track was also an N/Q by a Aust. Cattle Dog, who couldn't find the 1st turn. Then it was Ruger's turn, and I am thinking maybe I can get to the Obedience Trial after all. At that, the Show Chair came over to me and instead of asking if I was ready, she said that everybody was to go back to Headquarters!! We then found out that the 4th & 5th Tracks had been deliberately fowled by some people with their dogs. Apparently the 2nd year this has happened. They have a residence attached to the Horse Park, and think this is "fun". One member had tried to tell them what we were doing, but they got nasty with her. Our Judges then said that they were going to lay another 4th and Alternate Track at this time, and would come back for us. Well, there goes the Open Class!!! When we got to Ruger's track, I had no idea how this would go because his first tracking Trial last year was a disaster! Like the female GSD on #2, but with lack-luster, Ruger never got past the Direction Flag and had to stop and scratch himself numerous times. That was because he had been suffering from a Thyroid condition I was unaware of. He has been on medication since we discovered his problem and his attitude has much improved, but still I was worried. Well, much to my relief, he put his nose to the Track and off we went. His 1st turn was a bit confusing, as he started left, circled a few times, looked at me, (but I didn't know), and then decided he was right the 1st time. Up an embankment, past a Cannon with a pile of Cannon balls that he had to inspect, then another left, beside a hedge-row, that he also had to take a whiff of, continued straight, then a right for a long stretch, another very deliberate right for another decent stretch, and stopped to sniff the ground and "sat", his signal that he thought he found the glove. AND, sure enough, there it was!!! I was so proud of my Ruger, I then looked at my watch and thought if I leave now, I have just enough time to make the Obedience Trial. After cudos from the "Gallery" I drove the 1-1/2 hours to Barto with less than a 1/2 hour to spare. We made it in time! This would be our 3rd try in Open A, and like last year's Tracking Trial, last year's two Open Trials were a disaster. At one point after I made an about turn, I met Ruger still coming from the other direction, his health was so down. Well, when we went into the Ring, Ruger came through again. 1st leg in OPEN A with a 184 and 1st place!!!

Well, the Q & 184 are fair, but the 1st place, we were the only entry in Open A..... But, we'll take it!!

Cris Courduff & EZBROOKS Ruger - BN, CD, CGC, TEMP.CERT, TKN, TKI, TKA, RN, RA, RE, RAE, RM, NA, NAJ, OAJ, TD, Achiever Dog,

Cudo's to our two judges: Dawn Martin, and Gina DeAlmeida

**\*STAYING CONNECTED ...THIS IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING\***

I sent out a request for ideas and suggestions with what others are doing to keep their dogs busy during this abrupt halt to our normal routines caused by the pandemic. I received comments from the following members...thank you for you input.

**Sue Iobst says...** I've signed up for various free training sessions on line. Frankee and I are doing a canine conditioning class, a puppy foundation class and a tricks class. They're keeping us busy and entertained along with our daily walks. I've also taken turns with both of the dogs hiding an article in the house and having them search for it.

**Zoe Backman says...**Last weekend, the owner of a litter mate of my Karma (she is a trainer in the DC area) and I spent over an hour on our phones, working our dogs: suggestion how to fix problems we had (both girls had identical problems) and shared training tips. We actually worked our dogs while on our phone without face time.

It was an hour and a half of dog training and left us feeling like we had company.

**Sandy Weiss says...** My Beardie, Sage and I have been continuing with our herding lessons in Florida. A friend has a herding training facility here in Florida that I go to on Wednesdays. On March 21, we went to a herding trial and Sage finished her HSAs (herding started A course, sheep) title.

Other than that, Sage is usually busy here in the yard, keeping the squirrels in the trees or playing frisbee or learning to take the dumbbell.

**Anna Guglielmo says...** If it is not raining and the weather is decent, I try to do some work with Luna in my yard. Try including fun stuff like letting her pick up the gloves and run with them after the glove exercise is complete (don't do this if you have a dog who will not stop on command) or you might have them running around the ring at a trial instead of bringing it back to you.

Luna is very good at understanding when it's play and when it's work. You know your dogs, you decide. Same with the articles throwing an article for her to chase after she does a good job. Not too long ago Luna was having a confidence issue with the articles and I needed to make it fun, so I would hide a scented article somewhere in the living room and send her to find it, it took awhile and I had to help her originally but when she found it, I didn't make her bring it to me right away, but instead I turned it into party time, laughing and clapping my hands. To this day when at a show as soon as she finds the article on her return you can see her tail wag. Be creative.

**Janet Gilbet says...** We plan to do whatever training we can at home or in an open field until all our lives return to normal.

**Steve Markowitz say...** Riley and Barkley need activity more now that we are all hunkered down. So, I set up a training facility in the basement. At 5:00 PM each day they line up at the basement door ready to go. I take Barkley, the 2.5 year old down first. He has to wait in the basement for about 50 minutes while I get a run in on the treadmill. Then he gets his workout. After that Riley, the 5 year old, comes downstairs for his turn. In order to make this daily routine fun, we start and end each session with fun stuff. For Labs that means fetching their toys.



**Jacqui Hartranft says...**This is what I have been doing!

I have been training down in the Macungie Park or Lenape Park or here at home outside on nice days. On very cold and rainy days I train here in the house. I have a fairly large home so can do heeling and even go outs and figure 8 on my porch. No jumping though! Good for working on straight fronts and finishes, recalls, pivots, things like that. A lot of the Rally exercises are great for that since years ago it was called doodling and trainers used it allot. Since I have my own equipment, I set up jumps and a few gates for go outs, etc. I set up off the main parking lot so I do not have to drag things so far. It is great for distractions as people are coming and going a good bit of the time. The parking lot lines are great for heeling so I do all sorts of strange heeling patterns!! Every now and then people will stop and admire Abbey and Cooper and ask me about training. Once the barricades are down I may go up to the Pool parking lot but I do like the distractions here. If it is particularly quiet after we are finished, I may do long bumper retrieves which they both love as a special reward.

**Jacqui mentions....**Betsy has several great videos on her Facebook website which I think will come up by typing in her name Betsy Turner Scapicchio. There is a video showing her working with Deacon her Chihuahua on some doodling exercises and how she rewards him for great fronts. I have been doing some doodling with my two and I am going to try some of what she is doing. She has one on go outs with Cas which anyone can use. Have fun.

**Debbie Achenzie says...**all I have been doing is little bits and pieces of obedience in the house. The dogs love when I get out the cheerios because they know they will be doing something with me. A little heeling and some recalls. Dumbbell retrieves ....you get the picture. Always end with a catching and chasing the cheerio game...their favorite part of the session. The best part to the stay at home order is.....getting out for walks with Freddy and Ginger. All of us need the fresh air and exercise to help keep our stress levels down. On a super positive note with the daily walks the dogs are behaving much better. Passing people and other dogs and moving bicycles all while maintaining good manners and the 6 foot rule!. I even had a few compliments! When I get home I have tired dogs and I have a sense of well being.



**\*PANDEMIC HUMOR\***

**NO, I'M NOT COMING DOWN!  
We've been on 20 walks today. Leave me alone.**



## **\*FOOD FOR THOUGHT\***



An old cowboy was riding his trusty horse followed by his faithful dog along an unfamiliar road. The cowboy was enjoying the new scenery, when he suddenly remembered dying, and realized the dog beside him had been dead for years, as had his horse. Confused, he wondered what was happening, and where the trail was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall that looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, was a tall arch topped by a golden letter "H" that glowed in the sunlight. Standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like gold.

He rode toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. Parched and tired out by his journey, he called out; 'Excuse me, where are we?'

'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered.

'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked.

'Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up.'

As the gate began to open, the cowboy asked 'Can I bring my partners, too?'

'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.'

The cowboy thought for a moment, then turned back to the road and continued riding, his dog trotting by his side.

After another long ride, at the top of another hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a ranch gate that looked as if it had never been closed. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

'Excuse me', he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?'

'Sure, there's a pump right over there. Help yourself.'

'How about my friends here?' the traveler gestured to the dog and his horse.

'Of course! They look thirsty, too,' said the man.

The trio went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with buckets beside it. The traveler filled a cup and the buckets with wonderfully cool water and took a long drink, as did his horse and dog.

When they were full, he walked back to the man who was still standing by the tree; 'What do you call this place?' the traveler asked.

'This is Heaven,' he answered.

'That's confusing,' the traveler said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.'

'Oh, you mean the place with the glitzy, gold street and fake pearly gates? That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you angry when they use your name like that?'

'Not at all. Actually, we're happy they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'



P.S. You're welcome at my watering hole anytime. Life is short: forgive quickly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that made you smile.

## **\*ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES\***

**March 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie.

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on February 12, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Terry Papineau moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Sue Iobst and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Barbara Artim presented the Treasurer's Report

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Donna Barto moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jacqui Hartranft and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Membership Report**

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report

There were four first readings:

Nadine Bosico, Aussie - (present)

David Kennedy, Golden Doodle - (present)

Rachel Bockman, Irish Red and White Setter - (present)

Lindsay Bockman, Irish Red and White Setter - (present)

There was one second reading:

Thomas A. Vanim, Labrador Retriever

Dusty Springer moved to accept Thomas A. Vanim as a member. Terri Papineau seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Training Director's Report**

Phyllis Broderick presented her training report.

All club training classes both obedience and rally are well attended.

STAR Puppy class graduating Thursday, March 12th. There are 10 graduating.

New Beginner class is scheduled Thursday, March 12th. Carol McCarthy instructor.

New STAR puppy class scheduled to start Thursday, March 19th. If there is not enough people interested, then we will hold a utility class in that time slot.

These are the last two classes offered to the public that will be held indoors as we go outdoors May 6th.

#### **CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR**

Contract sent to Connie along with a deposit. Will try to have a flyer out by the end of the month.

There are only 20 working slots and members have until June 30th to sign up. After that working slots will be offered to the public. No limit on auditors. Working slots are 2 days only. Cost \$325 for both days. Auditors \$175, 2 days, \$100 for one day.

#### **Committees**

##### **Newsletter**

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the April newsletter is March 28, 2020.

##### **Website**

Lois Linker reported everything is up to date.

##### **By-Laws**

President Achenzie reported that the By-Laws Committee should be presenting the final draft of the proposed changes to the board at their next meeting. If the board approves the changes they will be presented to the general membership, possibly at the next general meeting. Once the board approves the changes an email will go out to the members outlining the proposed changes.

##### **Club Clothing**

Donna Barto reported she has plenty of orders and will be submitting the order shortly. She stated that the bag offered with the club logo is a zippered bag with a pocket on each side. It is in the club color with the yellow logo.

##### **Awards Banquet**

Phyllis Broderick reported she has approximately 26 paid reservations for the Awards Banquet.

##### **Publicity**

Dusty Springer presented the publicity report

Our first ADTC Member of the Month article featuring Berdell Koch appeared in the February newsletter. Kudos to Deb Achenzie and Jacqui Hartranft for a fine article presentation.

Please remember that any member may submit the name of an ADTC member for member of the month recognition. Recommendation forms are available for download from the newsletter and in paper form at monthly meetings. For more information contact Dusty Springer at 610-965-6671 or [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com)

## **Sunshine**

President Achenzie announced that a card from the club has been send to the families of two club members who recently passed, Raymond Baycar and Patricia Temarantz Mickowski.

## **Awards and Title Recognition**

Judy Lasso reported that the plates for the UD plaque are at Palmer Trophy being engraved.

## **Trophies**

Cris Courduff announced that all the trophies for the May trial have been ordered and she has received the leashes. Lois Linker ordered the ribbons which she should receive about three weeks prior to the trial.

## **Point Show**

Lois Linker reported everything is on track. Phyllis, Chuck and Lois will be meeting with representatives of Berks Kennel Club to discuss the matting and food. The combined premium for the two clubs should be completed shortly.

## **New Business**

Phyllis Broderick reported that Renee's new training facility may be a good choice to hold our next match show as it accommodates two rings with plenty of crating. It will depend on the cost of the facility for a day.

Cris Courduff noted that Lenape Tracking Club will have their Tracking Experience Day on April 25, 2020, at Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, New Jersey. The cost is \$100.00 for a working team and \$75.00 to audit. Further information is available on the Lenape Tracking Club's website and will also be available in the club newsletter.

## **General Business**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on March 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Wegmans on Tilghman Street in Allentown and is open to the membership. The next general meeting will be held on April 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. inside Macungie Hall.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

**Brags** Several members stepped forward to announce their latest brags and Mary Ann Giles introduced her new companion, a very cute little Poodle named Echo.

**Adjournment** There being no further business before the general membership, Lois Linker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Judy Skorup and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol McCarthy Recording Secretary