



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Thanksgiving and Christmas is now over and a New Year has begun. Even though we make resolutions to be better and do more, a lot of the time we do not follow through on them, to our own detriment. But let us at least plan to spend more time with our dogs and follow through on their training. Whether you are interested in entering trials or not, it does not hurt to have a well-trained dog. Dogs love to have things to do with you and to learn what you expect of them. It is in their DNA when they were befriended by our long ago ancestors living in caves. Even though we only have the building in Macungie for a day and a half, there are enough classes that you can take advantage of. If you would like to see more classes, talk to a board member. A new board will be voted on at the January 8 meeting so be sure to attend and then give the board your support. If the meeting seems early it is because January 1, New Years Day, happens to fall on a Wednesday.

For those who earned titles this year, the deadline to apply for Awards Application and Title Recognition was December 31, 2019. Also your membership renewal is due on January 1. We hope that members have taken care of these important issues. We are still taking donations for the trophy fund. Our point show is being held on May 16th. but because of the closing of the K9JYM the location has been changed to the 4H Building in Leesport. There will be more on this later in this newsletter or as more information comes out.

Since the big shows at the Winter Cluster at Oaks is over, I suspect that quite a few members have good things to report. You and your dog work hard for your titles and it is nice to be recognized for all the hard work. But you need to tell us so we can put it in the newsletter. Pictures are always appreciated.

Reminder...the previous month's General Meeting Minutes will be included at the end of this newsletter, to help keep you more informed.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Classes will start up on January 8th. with the same schedule.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING

5:45 to 6:45 Advanced Beginner/Novice 1 Carol McCarthy is the instructor

5:30 to 6:30 On meeting nights which will be January 8th. for the start of the New Year

6:45 to 7:45 Show Ready Novice/Novice 11 Phyllis is the instructor

6:30 to 7:30 On meeting nights which will be January 8th.

7:45 to 8:45 Open Phyllis is the instructor

The Open class is held after the meeting on meeting nights.

8:45 to 9:45 Utility Postponed indefinitely

THURSDAY TRAINING

9:30 to 10:30 Utility Anna Guglielmo is the instructor

10:45 to 11:45 Open Anna Guglielmo is the instructor

10:30 to 11:30 Novice Club Training Dusty Springer is the instructor

The building is open for rental after the morning classes. Please get in touch with Phyllis to see what times are open. The whole room is \$25 for an hour and half the room is \$15 for an hour.

2020 BOARD

We want to thank those 2019 Board members who are retiring from their service to the Club. Welcome to the new board members. Thank You for volunteering for this important job.

The 2020 proposed slate of officers: They will be voted in at the January 8 General Meeting.

President:	Chuck Achenzie
Vice President:	Lois Linker
Recording Secretary:	Carol McCarthy
Corresponding Secretary:	Terry Papineau
Treasurer:	Barbara Artim
Training Director:	Phyllis Broderick
Board Members:	Cris Courduff
	Barbara Grotzinger
	Anna Guglielmo
	Steve Markowitz
	Edie Rysdyk

TROPHIES

Just a reminder the deadline for Trophy Pledges is January 31, 2020. These are needed so that they can be put in the premium list for the point show in May. The flyer is available on the club website. Donating in memory of or in honor of a great dog or in honor or memory of someone you care about is a great way to do this.

All the obedience rosette sponsorships have been taken. Please consider sponsoring Rally and other awards. Our club is very generous in the prizes that we offer. Please get in touch with Cris Courduff at criscourduff@verizon.net or 215-536-1219 to find out which trophy sponsorships are still available.

AWARDS BANQUET

Phyllis Broderick reported that the date for the 2020 Awards Banquet will be April 17, 2020. Phyllis, Barbara Grotzinger and Anna Guglielmo will be meeting with representatives of The Brass Rail after the first of the year to discuss menu options, the possibility of more appetizers, not being rushed and not using so much salt in the preparation of the food.

We hope you got your information in to Judy Lasso. It takes a lot of time for her and Pat Gombocz to compile all the information and then double check it to make sure that everything is correct. Not an easy task. Thanks to Judy and Pat in advance for all the work they do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

If anyone knows of some events that need the attention of the membership, please let Debbie or Jacqui know. Not everyone thinks to look on Dog Match Shows or Info Dog to find events. We would like to keep members posted on what is available in the “Dog World”.

The Lehigh German Shepherd Dog Club is sponsoring two match shows so far this year. The first one will be on January 18, 2020 with a closing date of January 11, 2020. Beginner Novice, Novice, Open and Utility are offered with each run \$10.00. Please place your entry online with www.DogMatchShows.com. It is at the Char-Will Training Center, 2 East Railroad Avenue, New Ringgold, PA 17960. The rings are fully matted with plenty of parking and crating space. Walk-ins and repeats are taken as time permits. For more information call Melody at (610) 435-7835.

The second match show is Friday, March 13, 2020 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at Orchard Hills Training Center, 45 Bella Vista Lane, Barto, PA 19504. It is being held after their Specialty Show. The closing date is March 6, 2020. Beginner Novice, Novice, Open and Utility are offered. It is a indoor facility with turfing rings and indoor bathroom with plenty of parking and crating. Entries are taken by www.DogMatchShows.com. Closing date is March 6, 2020. For more information call Melody at (610) 435-7835.

VOLUNTEERS

As of right now, there are no calls for volunteers but Gail James wants to thank everyone who helped at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club trial in Allentown on December 13. The obedience/rally part went smoothly and everyone was able to get home at a decent hour. Our club gets a nice donation from the kennel club.

We also wish to give a very special thanks to Gail for all she does to keep Obedience/Rally being offered by the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. Not only that, she serves as head Obedience/Rally steward for their point shows each year. So when Gail comes around and asks members to volunteer to steward, please say YES. Without people like Gail and those who volunteer to steward and other helpers, we could not have our obedience/rally trials or matches. For the newer members there is no better way of learning how obedience and rally trials work, than to steward. THANK YOU VERY MUCH GAIL FROM ALL OF US.

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

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

New member for December....

Miretta Wadopian and her Dachshund ... Fig Newton



Terry Papineau reported that Gunny has a new little sister. She is called Baci which means kisses in Italian because she is so sweet. She says that Gunny loves his new sister.



Sharon Merkle has a new Red and White Setter puppy to add to her pack. His name is Truly Long May He Reign but his call name is Rhory. Have fun with Rhory.



WELCOME BACI AND RHORY



Have you paid your dues for 2020?

2020 Dues/Waivers are accepted through January 31st. after which time you will need to reapply for membership. Lifetime members need a signed waiver on file for 2020

Reminder as of April 2019 there is a new policy to join or rejoin ADTC. If you allow your membership to lapse it will now cost you \$35.00 dues plus \$160.00 for 7 weeks of training whether it is beginner novice, novice, open or utility.

This list is a reminder and also to confirm that as of December 31, 2019, I have not received dues/waivers from the following members. Kindly notify me if you will or will not be renewing.

Members Requiring 2020 Dues and Waiver...

Michele Altner	Maryann Beatty	Sandi Berry
Dan Bixler	Virginia Bixler	Tracy Boandl
Diane Bruder	David Butz	Elizabeth Comstock
Janice Cooper	Jose Datis	Robin Deily
Dave Dock	Amy Driscoll	Chrystyna Fenchen
Connie Fiedler (Waiver)	Beth Folio	Alanna Gerhardt
Jennifer Gifford (Waiver)	Janet Gilbert	Lisa Haus
Kurt Haus	Kelly Hauser	Janie Hecker
Nancy Heiser (Waiver)	Candice Hopkins	Ian Humphreys
Madeleine Huyett	Wilma Krause Brucker	Jonathan Kuykendall
Judy LaBelle (Waiver)	John Landis (Waiver)	Lois Landis (Waiver)
Rory Maruschak	Carol Matheis	Elizabeth Miller
Rose Mitman	Orpha Poupore	Deborah Rabuck
Jean Reese (Waiver)	Laura Rostow	Katie Royer
Trish Schadler	Sara Schrum	Kathleen Shaps
Maryann Slonaker (Waiver)	Ruth Slonaker	Lori Smith
Joanne Sora	Alberta Sperry	Sally St. George
Karen Stetler	Patricia Mickowski (Waiver)	Linda Walbert
Doris Walsh (Waiver)	Ron Young	

Debbie Achenzie ADTC Membership Chair bullies@ptd.net

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Charley by Mark Merkel

He was not supposed to be our dog. Though our border collie Styles was the father of his litter we were not intending to take any of the pups since we had four dogs at the time. One by one the litter mates left the breeder for their new homes leaving him as the only one to share the kennel with her German Shepherds. He supposedly had a forever home lined up but the situation was complicated and he continued to live at the kennel. It was the summer of 2004 and the breeder, Bev, was leaving for a vacation. She asked us if the pup could stay with us for the week. Rather than see him spend the week in the kennel we agreed to let him come and romp around with our dogs. At the end of the week I made an out of town trip for work so I said goodbye to the little guy since he would be returning to the kennel by the time I got back. On my return, to my surprise he was there with our four dogs to greet me when I walked in the door. "What is he still doing here" I said with a puzzled look on my face as I greeted Sharon. "I bought him" she said, "he's ours". Though we already had a large enough four legged family the little guy had started to grow on me the week before. I was glad.

We needed to give him a name. At the time there were daily stories on the news about a Cat 4 hurricane tracking to hit Florida. While contemplating various names we kept on hearing about Hurricane Charley. Of course, that was it, we'll name him Charley.

We thank God for the blessing of Charley's companionship for the past 15+ years. It has been an absolute joy to share our home and our lives with him. He was Sharon's first dog to earn an obedience CDX title with her as well as my tireless frisbee partner. We would have missed so much if the opportunity to adopt him never materialized. He also fathered a litter and we have been blessed with another wonderful dog in his daughter Allee. For sure he enjoyed a full life, but it still feels like we arrived together at that rainbow bridge all too soon. Like our other dogs who have gone on before we will miss him dearly and treasure the memories in our hearts. Farewell dear friend. A bientot.



Lois and Irwin Linker recently lost their much loved Siberian Husky, Dewey.

Zoe Backman and her husband Bruce recently lost their much loved German Shepherd, Scampi
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July 23 2005 - December 17 2019



WAITING AT THE DOOR...

I was just a pup when we first met,
I loved you from the start,
you picked me up and took me home
and placed me in your heart.

Good times we had together,
we shared all life could throw,
but years passed all too quickly,
my time has come to go.

I know how much you miss me,
I know your heart is sore,
I see the tears that fall when I'm not
Waiting at the Door.

You always did your best for me
your love was plain to see,
for even though it broke your heart
you set my spirit free.

So please be brave without me,
one day we'll meet once more,
for when you're called to Heaven.



I'll be
*Waiting
at the Door*

ACHIEVEMENTS

Terry Papineau not only has a new family member, see Who Is New, but also reports that 3 ½ year old Gunny has earned his ASCA OTCH on October 5, 2019. ASCA stands for Australian Shepherd Club of America. It is an important venue for the Australian Shepherd because it is how your Aussie is ranked. The ranking period ends May 31. Any breed can compete in an ASCA trial but you do have to send for a registration number. The rules and classes are pretty much the same as the AKC trials although they still have the long sits and downs.

For 2019 Gunny was also the #2 Novice Dog, #4 Open Dog and #1 Rally Advanced Dog. For 2020 Gunny is ranked #1 Utility Dog at this point but since the rankings are taken until May 31 that may not hold. We sure hope that it does. In order to qualify for an OTCH you must accumulate 100 points once you have earned your UD. The dog must have one score of 193 or higher in Open B, one score of 193 or higher from Utility B and one score of 195 or higher from either Open B or Utility B. The rest of the points are accumulated from scores over 185 ½ from Open and Utility. If you would like more information on ASCA talk to Terry about joining. Again you do not have to have an Aussie to participate in ASCA..

Gunny is now known as ASCA OTCH Woodstock's Rapid Fire, UD, NA, NAJ, CGC, TKA, RM

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!





Anna Guglielmo reports Luna took first place in Utility and a third place in Open earning High Combined at both the Oaks trials and then again at the Lehigh Valley shows. Also at the Oaks trials the second day winning run-offs for second place in both Open and Utility. This is especially rewarding since Luna had a real set back after being stung by a Yellow Jacket at an outdoor trial in September. Not sure if she is completely over it but her confidence seems to be coming back! Hooray! **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Jackie Mills told us that her little Gizmo did great in November. In the beginning of November he finished his Rally Excellent title at Bloomsburg. Then at the Dauphin Dog Training Club trial on November 16, he finished his Novice title. Way to Go Gizmo. He will now have a Companion Dog Title added to his name along with his Rally titles. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Jacqui Hartranft reported that Cooper finished his Beginning Novice title at the Huntingdon Kennel Club trial on December 6 at Oaks. He finished his title with two first places and one third. What a surprise with my crazy, silly boy.

Sister Abbey also finished her Versatility title at the South Jersey Kennel Club trial on December 5 also at Oaks. She finished with two first places and a second. Versatility is a fun event which takes two exercises from Novice, Open and Utility. Once your dog is trained through utility I urge everyone to give it a try. Not every show offers it so take advantage of it when it is offered. Abbey also picked up her first UDX leg at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club show in December.



Dave Dock told us that Odie did well at the trials at Oaks where he earned his Rally Advanced and Excellent titles. Way to go Dave and Odie. Dave is now deciding what they will do next.

Beth Schmoyer also did well at Oaks where her Berner earned her AKC Novice title! Congratulations on your Accomplishment!

If you have forgotten to notify either Deb or Jacqui for the newsletter, you are welcome to send it to us for inclusion next month. We cannot publish your achievement if you do not inform us about it.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO HAVE EARNED TITLES AND OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2019. WE HOPE THAT 2020 WILL BE A REWARDING YEAR FOR EVERYONE!

BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING

Sandy Weiss shared the following adorable photo and reports...When we were finishing up our duck herding lesson, Sage spied the farm cat. This picture shows how she decided to check out the cat. She spent a few minutes deciding what to do, while standing on her hind legs.

After a few minutes of Sage standing there, staring at the cat, the cat decided he did not want to be part of the staring contest anymore and broke contact and ran the other way. This made Sage decide to run down the fence line after it. But of course, I was at the bottom of the arena, waiting for her and ruined her fun.



SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORS

As the old year comes to a close and a new year starts up, Debbie and I want to thank the membership who have told us how much they enjoyed the newsletter. Our first newsletter started October 2018 after not having one for several years. We welcome anyone wanting to write articles for it. Several have written about great things their dogs have done, some have written about health issues, like Bloat, some wrote articles of interest they were able to find from other sources, some have written about training issues and more. Please keep sending us things, whether it be about your dog, a eulogy for your beloved dog who passed away, things that might be of interest to the membership about a great event you and your dog participated in. We also tried to write helpful articles on various things like Fast Cat, Obedience and Rally were among some of the articles. I feel that letting the members know when you and your dog have done something special, it is helpful for those newer members to see and then think, if they can do it, so can I. We have trainers who are experienced and have started just as everyone else has, at the beginning levels and worked their way up perhaps achieving more then they never thought possible. Our trainers are more than willing to help. So have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year and make this the year that you and your dog go out and be successful in whatever venue you choose. **HAVE A GREAT 2020!**



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on November 13, 2019. No corrections or additions were noted. Berdell Koch moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Rose Mitman and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Katz presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached). Barbara also notified the membership that the current club account would be closed in the foreseeable future so any checks that have already been issued should be cashed forthwith.

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Wilma Brucker and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report (see attached). There were three first readings:

Irene Chan, Labrador Retriever - (Not Present)

Mark Hanover, Golden Retriever - (Not Present)

Miretta Wadopian, Dachshund – Present

Debbie also reported that club member Judy LaBelle is now a Lifetime Member and her certificate will be sent to her as she was not present at the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Eddie Rysdyk noted that the AKC will need all the information on the new Board next year.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick reported that the club will not hold classes Christmas week and New Year's week. Phyllis thanked all of the training committee members and the trainers for the excellent job they have done this year. Linda Krasley's Master rally class is finished and she will be starting a Novice rally class. The puppy kindergarten class is in its third week and the beginner class is in its second week. Anna and Dusty's Thursday classes are going nicely and are well attended.

Phyllis announced that the club will hold a match show on February 9, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Utility will run from 9-11; Open will run from 11-1; Open/Utility will run from 1-3; and Novice and Beginner Novice will run from 3-5. Amy is going to see if the basketball practice that runs on Sundays from 4-6:30 can be rescheduled to another time. Also, there will be a meeting in the basement that day and the club will need to try to hold the noise level down during the meeting.

Committees

Newsletter

Debbie Achenzie commented that all articles for the newsletter are welcome. Also, if there are any suggestions for the newsletter they would also be welcome.

By-Laws

Edie Rysdyk reported that the By-Laws committee will be submitting their proposals at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Sunshine

Dorothy Wesley was introduced and President Achenzie thanked her for doing a great job with the sunshine committee.

It was reported that Lois and Irwin Linker's dog, Dewey, recently passed. It was also reported that Sharon Merkel's Border Collie, Charley, recently passed.

The membership was informed that lifetime club member Susan Figlar had recently passed and the May trial will be dedicated to Susan.

Point Show

President Achenzie reported in Lois Linker's absence that about 7-8 facilities were researched to find a new location for the upcoming May trial. The Board of Directors voted at their last meeting to use the facility in Leesport in conjunction with the Berks County Dog Training Club. The AKC has been notified of the change in location. All the judges have been notified and all are okay with the change of location. After the show is held, the matter will be

revisited to determine if the club wishes to change the location for future shows or if the facility met the club's needs.

Cris Courduff announced that she has trophy donation forms and they are due in to her by January 31, 2020. The forms are also available on the club website.

Nominating Committee

Corresponding Secretary Edie Rysdyk presented the 2020 proposed slate of officers:

President:	Chuck Achenzie
Vice President:	Lois Linker
Recording Secretary:	Carol McCarthy
Corresponding Secretary:	Terry Papineau
Treasurer:	Barbara Artim
Training Director:	Phyllis Broderick
Board Members:	Cris Courduff
	Barbara Grotzinger
	Anna Guglielmo
	Steve Markowitz
	Edie Rysdyk

As there were no nominations from the floor, Debbie Achenzie moved to close nominations. Berdell Koch seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Awards Banquet

Phyllis Broderick reported that the date for the 2020 Awards Banquet will be April 17, 2020. Phyllis, Barbara Grotzinger and Anna Guglielmo will be meeting with representatives of The Brass Rail after the first of the year to discuss menu options, the possibility of more appetizers, not being rushed and not using so much salt in the preparation of the food.

Christmas Party

President Achenzie thanked Dusty and Bill Springer for the lovely job they have done with decorating for the Christmas Party. All the help they received setting up and tearing down was also appreciated.

Raffle Committee

Krista Stayer reported that all of the items at the party for the raffles were donated. Krista also announced she will not be doing the raffles for the club in 2020 but she is willing to help anybody who would like to take over this job.

Club Clothing

Donna Barto reported that the new catalogue from the clothing manufacturer has not been received as there is some kind of a delay on it. As soon as she does receive the catalogue she will get the information to the membership

General Business

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on January 26, 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 January 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. inside the training building at Macungie Park.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Braggs

Several members stepped forward to announce their latest braggs.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership, Berdell Koch moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Spatz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary