



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

MEMBER INFORMATION

May is here and that means that we will be training outside on Wednesday and Thursdays in the Macungie Park. Please be sure to check your emails and also the website to see if there are any changes in times. If it is too hot or storming, we may cancel the outdoor training.

Be aware that some dogs need time to adjust to training outdoors. There are lots of distractions which is not necessarily a bad thing, but they need to understand that they are to pay attention to you and not what is going on around them. So do not be discouraged if your dog is not as well trained outdoors as he or she was in the building.

We have some exciting events coming up. Our match show in December was quite successful and our first match of this year will be over by the time you receive this newsletter. Phyllis is planning on running more so be sure to check your emails each week to see when one is scheduled. We urge everyone to take advantage of these run thrus no matter how far along you are in your training. It is a great experience to get into a ring situation for both you and your dog. There is a "judge" but you are not judged unless you wish to be. The judge may give you suggestions and things like that but we try to let the dog know that it is not a scary thing but can be fun for both of you. At our Seminar in November with Betsy Scapicchio and Linda Brennan, they showed us a lot of ways we can play with our dogs in the ring, including things we can do between exercises. We repeated a previous Match Show article in last month's newsletter so it might be a good idea to go over it again.

APRIL MATCH SHOW

Our match show on April 27 at Lois and Link Linkers is over. Many thanks to Lois and Link for offering their wonderful training building at no cost to ADTC for our match. Sadly, we had very few Rally entries which is a shame. It is hard to find match shows that offer Rally. So Rally people really need to support the few clubs that do offer Rally in their matches and right now I do not know of any locally that do. The Keystone Labrador Retriever Club had Rally in their match in March but that too had few entries, although the year before it was filled. I will not know till later in the year or early next year, if they will be offering Rally again in 2020. If you would like to see this Club offer Rally in our matches, please let the Board know and then enter

them. You can learn so much by entering in match shows, also called Show and Go. Clubs offering match shows can be found on Dog Mach Shows.com. and Info Dog. We had been hearing, as well as, experiencing it ourselves, problems either not getting on the site but also getting entries to go through. Please keep trying or get in touch with the contact information. It seems as though more than a few people had problems which could be why some slots were not filled although Open was filled. Utility is the one the usually fills the fastest and although there were a good number of entries, it was not full.

Again many thanks to Lois and Link Linker for letting us use their wonderful training building. There were no problems with parking and there was also adequate crating for the dogs. And thanks as well to Gail James , Edie Rysdyk, Lois Linker, Link Linker, Phyllis Broderick, Deb Moyer- Petrusjanz, Chuck Achenzie, and Mary Spatz who handled the parking and house duties. And a special thank you to Kathy Pugh and Terry Papineau who filled in as judges. This could have not happened without the help of all of you.

If another one is scheduled later on, please consider supporting ADTC and entering. You can learn so much at match shows. It is also a good money maker for our club.

52nd ANNUAL AKC OBEDIENCE AND 15TH ANNUAL AKC RALLY TRIAL

Our 52nd Annual AKC Obedience and 15th Annual AKC Rally Trial is fast approaching on Saturday, May 18 at the K9JYM in Colmar, on 309 (Bethlehem Pike). Since the deadline to enter is May 1, I assume that those who wanted to enter already have. It is an easy drive for most of us. We will need volunteers to help with setting up and tearing down as well as stewards. Whether having the trials inside or outside, we still need volunteers for most of the same things we needed to run a point show outdoors. But, we no longer need grass mowers and help putting up and taking down canopies and things like that. And best of all, we will no longer be dependent on the weather for everyone's comfort. The last several years, the weather has not been cooperative as it has been not only rainy but also cold. For those of us who are getting older, being out in the cold damp weather has not been a good thing for our bodies!! Being inside, we can all be warm or cool, if it gets hot, and most of all dry!! Please say "YES" when asked to help. We will also have our great Raffle Baskets created by Krista Stayer. We are still in need of new toys to give to placement winners. If you need more information, please call or email Lois Linker or any board member—or better yet come to our monthly meetings.



From Lois.....

To ADTC Members-

Our annual Obedience and Rally Trials are fast approaching on Saturday, May 18!

- Wednesday, May 1 is the last day for entries! Enter at ShowEntries.info
- We need more volunteers to steward. Please contact Edie Rysdyk erysdyk@scherlinelaw.com if you can steward. Please let her know if you can work all day, ½ day, or if you will steward when you are not showing. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY, so this is a great way to support your Club and learn at the same time!
- We can still use toy donations to be given to qualifiers and we have one more meeting before our trial where you can bring them to donate.
- We will be setting up on Friday evening at 9 PM and a few extra hands will make it go very fast. Please contact Carol McCarthy waycooldog@aol.com if you can help out. Likewise we will be responsible to break down the rings after the trial on Saturday. Please let Carol know if you will be available to help after the trial.
- If you can bring a dessert for the workers' lunch please let me know.

We are looking forward to a very successful trial this year and appreciate all the help we can get to make sure things run smoothly. If you can help out on the day of the trial to please contact Edie, Carol or me LoisAnnLinker@ptd.net!

Thanks-Lois

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AWARDS BANQUET

Everyone who attended had a great time with good food and fellowship. It was wonderful to see all the members who received recognition for all their hard work in 2018. This is something for members to work for in 2019 so you can be recognized. I know it was a thrill for both Debbie and I to get either a certificate or plaque and how proud we were of our partners—our dogs. Both of us have been through this many times but the thrill is just as much as it was the first time we received an honor. AND MANY THANKS TO Sue Iobst and Donna Barto and all their helpers for the great job they have done for years in making this such a special event.

And a very SPECIAL THANK YOU to Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz for taking the information and tabulating it for the awards program. We would not have an awards program without all their hard work. They too have done this for quite a few years. So be sure to thank all involved when you see them.

And not to be forgotten, THANKS TO Sharon Merkel for taking a picture of each person receiving an award. This was started last year and what a great addition to our awards program. The pictures are then put on our website. You can check out the ones from 2018 as well as 2019 once they are posted.

GREAT JOB TO ALL INVOLVED AND MANY THANKS!



***TRAINING INFORMATION ***

Outside training startsMay 1st.

REMINDER....Rally Run Thru's and Open and Utility classes will be on Wednesdays evenings for the summer. Class times change on meeting nights, the second Wednesday of the month.

Class times are as follows ... class times have been arranged to accommodate for daylight.

Advance Beginner and Novice/ Combined Class ... 5:45 to 6:45

Show Ready ... 6:45 to 7:45

Utility... 5:45 to 6:45

Open... 6:45 to 7:45

Rally Run Thru's starting at 6:00

Club Training with Dusty will continue on Thursday mornings ... 11:00 to 12:00

Rally Classes with Linda will continue on Thursdays as scheduled. Any questions check with Linda

All times are listed on the club website as well.

In the event of bad weather a cancellation notice will be sent to the membership.

There are also several Facebook websites on training, obedience and rally as well as a judge's critique. Sometimes you can find great tips by others from all over the country. The one I like is Competition Dog Obedience which is a public website and sometimes some of our members will comment on various things. No names mentioned. Another is Rally Obedience Training which I just started getting. And last is AKC Judges Review which is self-explanatory. There are a lot of pictures of people mentioning their titles and showing pictures but there is also some good information especially on the Competition Dog Obedience site. There are also interesting discussions on various things relating to AKC obedience. I am sure there are a lot of others out there. If anyone knows of more let me know and I will list them in other newsletters.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Jackie Mills told us that she and Gizmo finished his Rally Novice title at the Speedway Classic of the Carolinas, run by the Greater Monroe Kennel Club in Concord, North Carolina. Gizmo also picked up two legs towards his Rally Intermediate title. Way to go!! We are looking forward to more great things from you in the future.

Barb Grotzinger reported that she and Clyde finished their Open UKC title last year and are now working on their UKC Utility title. These exercises are different from AKC Utility and are more difficult to master. We know you will both do it!

Also, she and Clyde finished their AKC Utility title with three first places out of four tries. Way to go!! They took a first place at Morris Hills DTC in February with a 187, a second leg at Lower Camden DTC with a first place and a 187 and their third leg at the Poodle Specialty held by The Poodle Obedience Dog Training Club of Greater New York with a 187 ½. THAT IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU!



Please send ACHIEVEMENTS to either Debbie at bullies@ptd.net or Jacqui at japhart@ptd.net. Send pictures to Debbie to put in the newsletter.

*** WHO IS NEW***

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

April New Member.....

Jonathan Kuykendall and his Chihuahua mix, Eddie



Applying for Membership to ADTC

Effective immediately anyone wishing to join ADTC, in addition to taking a proficiency test, must take one paying session of ADTC club training, whether it is beginner novice, novice, open or utility. The cost of this session is \$160 for 7 weeks of club training.

For the novice, open and utility sessions, 7 vouchers will be issued to each proposed member to be used in these classes. As they attend a class, they will provide the trainer with a voucher. The trainer will have the name of the person and will take the voucher. This voucher will then be put in the money box.

The proposed new member will fill out a Training Application and a Membership Application, paying the yearly dues as well as the 7 week session. The membership application will be processed in the normal way, eliminating the \$10 application fee.

I hope this clarifies any and all questions. You can contact Phyllis at phyllisbrod@comcast.net with any further questions. Phyllis

CARD SHOWER

For many of our members, Clydette Lobach, was one of our talented trainers who was responsible for showing Club members what Rally is when it was first started by the AKC. She encouraged our members to learn about it and then participate in it at shows throughout the area. Our own trial has been offering it in our point show for 15 years. Her Rally classes which she held several times a year were well attended and judges would often comment on the skills of her students. She was known for her Great Danes and then later her Powder Puff Chinese Crested, Calvin and Brody. Sadly she passed away suddenly over a year ago. Fortunately, our own Linda Krasley was one of her students, who Clydette mentored to take over for her in teaching Rally. Not only that, but Linda became a Rally judge and is now taking Clydette's place as a Rally Instructor for the Club.

Her husband, Dick, will have had surgery and will be recuperating by the time this newsletter is out. It would be nice to let him know that the ADTC has not forgotten him. A card shower would

be a great way to show him that we care and think of him. Dick Lobach's address is 4950 Buckeye Road, Emmaus, Pa. 18049.

The members of the Club have donated personally to the Park, along with Dick and ADTC, money for a tree and also a park bench in Clydette's memory. The tree was planted last year near the benches that are right along the road across from and overlooking the green circle where our point shows and match shows were held. The bench is also in this same area. Last June, a celebration of Clydette's life was held in the Park and many of our members attended.

UPDATE ON DICK: I just received word from Dusty and Bill Springer that Dick had his surgery on April 24 and that he is doing well. His dogs are being boarded and are adjusting until he gets home. Let's make sure he gets lots of cards so he knows the Club has not forgotten him.

Paula Hrsadkowsky and her husband suffered a terrible loss last month when their house burned down. In the fire they also lost six of their dogs. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I cannot imagine how you ever recover from such a loss. Cards can be sent to Paula at 2274 Broomstick Road, Green Lane, PA 18054. I know she would appreciate knowing that ADTC members are thinking of her. I received a thank you card the other day from her. She said that they are cooping but I am sure it is not the best of times for them.

ADTC SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Structure – The ADTC Sunshine Position shall be composed of one volunteer member. This person will relay all information to the Membership Chairperson to send out to the general membership via e-mail. This person shall also notify the Newsletter Chairperson with information to be published in the newsletter.

Mission – to inform the membership of a member's illness, distribute get well and sympathy cards for members to sign, send said cards, and make members aware of family requests after the passing of a member, a member's canine companion, or someone in a member's family. To take charge of providing the appropriate remembrance for a deceased member as determined in the sunshine committee guidelines

Dorothy Wesley has agreed to take on the Sunshine Position. Please pass any information along to her at djbwesley@yahoo.com or 610-216-8699.



NEWSLETTER

We are always looking for information on dog training articles, tips, trials and things like that. Everyone is welcome to put things in this newsletter. The other month Judy Skorup wrote an article on what FAST CAT was and if it was something you might want to try. It is now recognized by the AKC. Perhaps someone would like to write an article on Scent Work and Barn Hunt and Tracking. These are all fun things you can do with your dog. I know that there are many more activities out there. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Debbie Achenzie at bullies@ptd.net or Jacqui Hartranft at japhart@ptd.net. We would love to hear from you.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

This is something I hesitate to write about but I feel that it is necessary. Many of our long time members, the ones who have been members many years before Debbie and I, remember when obedience trials had 30 or 40 dogs in Novice!! Those days, at this point, seem to be over. Clubs also seem to be hurting for money and volunteers and not just a few are cancelling obedience trials especially if they are a breed club. I am on several discussion groups which I mentioned above. Bottom line is in many of the discussions is the lack of entries, especially in Novice A and a few of the other A classes, but mainly the Novice A classes. Obedience keeps losing people every year for various reasons but for the older folks it is age related as well as health. There seems to be younger folks who are working in obedience but not enough. Our club has seen the same problems. We offer classes on many levels from Beginning Novice on up to Utility. But how many members, other than the instructors, encourage some of our new members to think beyond Beginning Novice and Rally, to encourage them to go further, to enjoy the wonderful partnership you can have with your dog. I hope that our older (not necessary by age) members take the time to encourage and even mentor newer trainers. We should not be discouraging people but encouraging people to join and take classes. Training your dog to the higher levels does take a lot of time and commitment but in the long run it is worth it. You are two different creatures, who do not speak the same language, but yet are able to communicate with each other on a high level. What a wonderful thing that is!! I remember many years ago at Canine Learning watching Utility dogs working and I thought how impressive it was to see both dog and handler working together as a team and it brought tears to my eyes. I never dreamed that years later, I would be doing the same thing as those dogs and handlers did years ago.

So let us not make it so difficult to become a part of our club. Let us encourage our newer members, to come to training as often as they can. Life does, at times, have a way of getting in the way of things that we want to do. Encourage and help members who are having problems getting their dog to do what they would like them to do. Maybe some newer members are just coming for the social aspect and to train their dog. And that is fine. But who knows, they may wind up getting "bit by the bug" as Debbie and I did some years ago. I would like to see all of us

make an effort to help the new members and most importantly help those who are potential members become members. Let us make it a point to make all feel welcome. They care about their four-legged friend or they would not be interested in joining us. Give your dog a hug and see you at training. Remember, it is outside.

Jacqui Hartranft

