



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

It's March 2021 already and what a year it has been so far. It has been cold and snowy but we do not have to tell anyone that. Although we do have a few members who live in Florida and probably are glad that they live there. A year ago, at this time, some of us were figuring out what shows we wanted to enter and had our year planned out. What a surprise to find that most were cancelled and for some, most of our plans dashed. But this is a new year and a new start so let us hope that we can start up again with new plans and hopes. With the vaccines, COVID-19 seems to be not as troublesome as it was last year and let us hope that this continues. Keep checking Info Dog, AKC and Rau to see what shows are coming up. Sadly, the Bucks County Kennel Club show, normally held the beginning of May, has been cancelled again for this year. It is a nice show in a great location with lots of shade for parking at the obedience/rally rings which are also away from the breed conformation goings on. So hopefully they will be back next year.

While we are waiting for shows to resume and the weather to settle down (although a little early for outdoor shows) there are some interesting sites online that some of you might be interested in checking out. The one I found is a COMPETITION DOG OBEDIENCE which is on Facebook. I have been checking it out and there are some good ideas from various trainers on it. You can check it out every so often and hopefully find new training ideas. Quite a few of these trainers have video classes which you can purchase and some you can even view without charge. I have mentioned this before, but Catherine Zinsky has great videos about how she teaches obedience exercises from puppy, novice on up to utility. I cannot say enough about her. Rally also has several informative websites which I am listing under Rally.

Most of our training information remains the same. You need to sign up for a six week session for \$48. Below are our classes and schedules and instructors. But do not wait to the last minute to sign up. If you have any questions as to what class you should enter, please get in touch with Phyllis Broderick at phyllisbrod@comcast.net and she will be glad to help you out.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Pre-Entry Classes on Wednesday Evening.... Starting March 10th

4:00 to 5:15 and 5:15 TO 6:15 OPEN

PHYLLIS BRODERICK is the instructor

6:30 TO 7:30 SHOW READY NOVICE/NOVICE

PHYLLIS BRODERICK is the instructor

7:30 TO 8:30 ADVANCED BEGINNER NOVICE

CAROL MCCARTHY is the instructor

8:30 to 9:30 UTILITY

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Pre-Entry Classes on Thursday...

9:30 TO 10:30 UTILITY

ANNA GUGLIELMO is the instructor

10:45 TO 11:45 OPEN

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12:00 TO 1:00 PM NOVICE

DUSTY SPRINGER is the instructor

Don't forget we have ring rentals available on a Thursday afternoon. There are a few slots open for you to practice with your dog. You can rent the entire floor for \$25 an hour or half the floor for \$15 an hour. This is great opportunity to work on things with your dog when the weather is not cooperating. All the equipment such as gates and jumps are available for you to use. Get in touch with Phyllis if you would like to reserve a time and space.

***RALLY CLASSES ***

Linda Krasley's current Master class will be finishing up March 11th.

Linda is starting to take names for the next Rally Novice class, which should begin on 3/18, pending weather. If you are interested in attending or know of someone interested please get in touch with her at kenlin@rcn.com



RALLY INFORMATION

Rally has online information just like Obedience, which was mentioned above. Linda gave me some sites that you can go to for suggestions and even maps of courses. Here are some which you can check out at your convenience. Sometimes you can pick up great ideas and suggestions.

Rally Obedience Training Group on Facebook

K-9 Rally on Facebook

AKC Rally on Facebook

AKC Rally Course Maps on Facebook

PINTEREST for maps. Some agility maps are included.



ADTC POINT SHOW

Rally will be held on Friday, May 21st inside Macungie Memorial Hall.

Rally Novice A & B, Intermediate, Rally Advanced A & B and Excellent A & B and Rally Master will be offered. Ms. Diane Stout is the Judge for all classes

Obedience will be held Saturday, May 22nd. inside Macungie Memorial Hall.

Novice A & B, Beginner Novice A & B, Open A & B and Utility A & B will be offered.

Linda F. Morris is the Judge for the Novice and Open classes.

Ms. Elizabeth Chase is the Judge for Utility

Gail James reported that the premium is being worked on and that all the trophies, ribbons and leashes have been located.

OTHER SHOW INFORMATION

As mentioned earlier, the Bucks County Kennel Club trial which was scheduled for May 8 has been cancelled. From what we have seen, with shows still not fully up and running, any obedience/rally trials tend to fill rather quickly. So when you see a show you would like to enter, do not wait to send in your entry. You can find them listed on Info Dog, Rau Dog Shows and AKC Shows and Results. We have found there were mistakes with some of the listings, so check with the Secretary of the show to be sure you are eligible if you are not sure. This is especially true of breed only trials. Some of them will also be all breed for obedience and rally competition.

AWARDS AND TITLE RECOGNITION

At this point there is nothing more to report. Hopefully everyone did not forget to send in their application for an award. THANK YOU to Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz for taking on this job.

AWARDS BANQUET

Updated after the Board Meeting on February 28...The decision has been made to not hold our 2021 Awards Banquet due to the ongoing COVID concerns. This decision was made in keeping with the advised Best Practices Guidelines issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration. An Award Ceremony will be held at a future General Meeting...more information to be announced.

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 February....

Kaitlyn Stock and her Sheltie



From Jodi Delabar...

This is our new girl Aero. She is an adventure. Smart and sassy. She is from hunting lines. So lots of drive. Her sisters are still on the fence about the bundle of energy but are tolerating her so far. Official name is D&S The Sky Is The Limit Aero



WELCOME AERO

Have fun with your new pup and we all are anxious to meet her.

SUNSHINE

Lindsay Bockman had to say goodbye to Sapphire, her Irish Red and White Setter. They shared 12 years together.



“A companion is gone... but the memory lives on”



PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Thank you to Linda Eldon for taking over the publicity job from Dusty Springer.

The last published Member of the Month Article featured Carol McCarthy in December. The Member of the Month returns for March with Dusty Springer featured.

Members are encouraged to nominate Members of the Month by contacting Linda Eldon through email at aeldon1980@aol.com or calling 215-272-6525.

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 Linda Eldon. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Linda Eldon at 68 Bull Road, Barto, PA 19504 or by emailing them to aeldon1980@aol.com

First and last name of nominee:

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.)

Date nominated: _____

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH...DUSTY SPRINGER

In all honesty, I doubt that we have ever picked our dogs. Somehow, the dog has always found us. Our current dog, a rescue named Pete, is a shepherd retriever mix who was supposed to be a multi-colored female. However, when we went to look at his litter, Pete, who is mainly black with a few white markings and male, zeroed in on my husband – end of story. Although I have a fondness for Labrador Retrievers, over the years we have shared our home with dogs of many shapes, sizes, and ancestries.

I became seriously interested in dog training in 2008 because I hoped to develop a therapy dog. With this goal in mind, I was eventually adopted by Sam, a Labrador Retriever. Sam not only became a therapy and hospice dog, but he earned all the rally titles available at the time as well as obedience titles up to and including Graduate Open. His competition days ended when at ten he began to experience difficulty jumping. Sam had a broad outlook on life and took retirement in his stride.

I credit Sam's steadiness with helping me to deal with my greatest challenge as a dog



trainer: I lacked confidence. Sam was a slow but solid performer who definitely possessed a sense of humor. During the exercise in the Graduate Novice class that requires the dog to sit holding a dumbbell while the handler walks to the other side of the ring, Sam made his move. He waited until I was halfway across and then flipped the dumbbell after me. When I turned around, the dumbbell lay halfway between us, and I swear he was grinning. As he trotted to me on the recall, Sam scooped up the dumbbell and finished with a straight front and a wagging tail. The judge turned away to hide her laughter.

Sam qualifying at a show. (I am in the pink shirt.)

Aside from the satisfaction and pleasure of community service and competition, dog training has provided numerous opportunities. I have been privileged to assist and teach rally, obedience, and CGC class for Allentown Dog Training Club. More importantly, my husband and I have made many dear friends.

I am reluctant to offer advice to new handlers, but Pete, and if he were here Sam would agree, is not. "More treats, more often." Who can argue with that?

This picture of Sam and Reese, Jodi Delabar's chocolate lab, is my favorite picture of Sam. He and Reese spent the afternoon at the Alburty pool retrieving a bumper together.



Pete as a puppy – gotta' love those ears!



Sam and Pete sharing a nap in the sun.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Small slide in good condition. Good for small dog that does tricks. About 27 inches tall

Free to a good home. Call Linda Krasley at 610-392-9480



ACHIEVEMENTS

This section is not only for those who have gotten their titles or legs in rally, obedience, agility, trick dog and so on but also for members who have been teaching their dogs different things other than obedience related. So feel free to let us know if you and your dog have been successful in learning something new!! The important thing is that we are doing things with our dogs. They love it!!

Judy Skorup reports...

Valentine's Day 2021

That Sunday, we were supposed to compete in Rally about 11:15 am at Lower Camden County Dog Training Club in NJ. When we arrived, we learned that the morning had been so icy; many could not arrive on time. The am trial was running hours behind schedule. When I walked the pm Master course at 2:15 pm, I noticed that the building's heating/cooling unit in the ceiling near the back wall was louder than usual and stewards' conversations were loud. That was not a great discovery as Great Pyrenees do not like loud noises. With no crating allowed in the building and very limited pre-ring trial time in the building to get acclimated, I suspected the Master Course could be a challenge. We qualified in the Master Class, but both of us made errors. In the Excellent B Class, Emma was more used to the noise and one very loud steward.

She earned a 94/100 and fourth place. In Advanced B, she again earned a 94/100, with five other dogs in the class earning 100's. At the end of this long day, Emma had her RAE3 title and her 17th triple Rally qualifying score. She celebrated with some salmon treats!



Judge Jean Nocilly had the long judging assignment on 2/14/21.

Emma was tired after this long day



ADTC TRAINING PHOTOS

Submitted by Dusty Springer...

From left to right, Courtney Fulmer of Bethlehem and American Staffordshire Terrier mix Kenda, Maryann Beatty of Quakertown and Irish Setter Gabriel, Sandra Cornog of Allentown and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Lilibet, Andrea Scott of Breinigsville and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Zuko, and Renee Sillitti of Perkiomenville and Chesapeake Bay Retriever Theo pose together after successfully completing **Carol McCarthy's Beginner Obedience Class** on Thursday, February 25th.



Thursday morning Training with Anna...



Marta Beckstead and Pippin





Kathy Stehley and Raisin

THINKING INSIDE THE BOX

Submitted by Jackie Mill...2/16/2021



What wild weather we are getting and of now they are talking about accumulating snow on Thursday! I am sending you pictures of Gizmo's out house for the newsletter. Our poor little tiny dogs have it rough when you get all this snow to find some grass to potty on.

**Gizmo's
Outhouse**



A BIT OF HISTORY

Allentown Dog Training Club was founded in the 1953 by a group of people who were interested in training their dogs and then entering them in obedience competitions. At that time, the AKC was one of the few organizations who were offering these events as well as conformation. United Kennel Club (UKC) was also running events in various venues. Some of our newer members have never seen the club video, a group of us produced several years ago. It tells a bit on the history of the club and some of the things we do with our dogs. Our own Sharon Merkel put it all together so it is a professional video. We hope it can be viewed in the near future.

Even though the club was started by members who wanted to compete with their dogs, there are some members today who do not intend to compete in the many venues available but just enjoy training their dogs with other members. And that is great also. Dogs love to do things with us and it gives them exercise and stimulates their brains as well as us. A tired dog is a good dog. But remember a lot of us who are competing in various venues started out thinking "I am just doing this for fun" with no intention of entering a trial. But who knows, like some of us, somewhere in your journey, you may decide to enter a trial just to see how much you and your dog have learned. So give it a try. Our show is coming up in May and what a great place and time to GIVE IT A TRY! And at a place where the dogs are used to training.

Are You Ready for St. Patrick's Day?



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 15 members in attendance.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on January 13, 2021. No corrections or additions were noted. Gail James moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Jackie Hartranft 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. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Joanne Stock and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence Report

Terry Papineau announced she has copies of the Philadelphia Dog Show premium list for the members. Phyllis Broderick reported that the entries are limited to eight hours of judging and that there are three judges.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie announced one first reading as follows:

Kaitlyn Stock - Shetland Sheepdog - (present)

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report

***See report below**

Committees

Website

Steve Markowitz reported that the security measures he placed on the website made it so no one could log on but that this is now fixed.

Publicity

President Achenzie announced that Linda Eldon will be taking over club publicity and will also be continuing the member of the month profiles.

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft noted the deadline for the next newsletter will be February 24 or 25, 2021.

Awards and Certificates

President Achenzie reported that Judy Lasso is getting everything ready including the engraving required for the awards banquet.

Awards Banquet

Phyllis Broderick reported that the banquet cannot be held at the Brass Rail this year as they are only at 50% capacity which is inadequate for the club's needs. Phyllis noted that she will contact Amy at Macungie Park to get a list of caterers if it is decided to hold the banquet downstairs in Macungie Hall. Joanne Stock suggested that her church in Allentown is a possibility and Carol McCarthy suggested the Superior Diner.

Point Show

Gail James reported that the premium is being worked on and that all the trophies, ribbons and leashes have been located.

Old Business

President Achenzie reminded the members to wear masks and practice social distancing.

New Business There was no new business.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on February 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership. The next general meeting will be held on March 10, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in Macungie Hall. The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership Phyllis Broderick moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joanne Stock and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN- DOG TRAINING CLUB TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT

February 10, 2020

Wednesday and Thursday Novice classes are in its 4th week and ends February 24th & 25th. New session starts March 3rd and 4th.

Anna's classes ends March 11th. Her new session will start March 18th.

Linda's rally class ends March 4th. Her next rally class will be Novice.

Carol's Beginner class is in its 6th week and will graduate next week. Phyllis and Dusty will conduct a CGC class for the graduating class and anyone else who wishes to sign up. The next Beginner class is tentatively set for March 11th.

Terry's STAR Puppy class is in its 3rd week. The next puppy session is tentatively set for March 18th.

The Match Show scheduled for March 4th has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled in April at the end of the next 6 week session.

Ring Rental: Half Floor \$15, Full Floor \$25, for reservation contact Phyllis.

Connie Cleveland Seminar

November 20th and 21st. In May Kathy Pugh will notify those individuals who were scheduled to participate in the 2020 cancelled seminar that they will have from June 1st thru the 30th to re-register for the 2021 before the working slots are offered to the public July 1st.

Banquet:

I called the Brass Rail. At the current time they are at 50% capacity and can only have 50% of room capacity and that is 25 to 30 people. Also, no buffet or family style dinners, plated dinners only.

I can speak to Amy and see if we can hold our banquet downstairs. She has a list of caterers who can supply the food as is done at the dog shows held at Macungie Park.

I would appreciate any suggestions as to where we can hold our awards dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick Training Director