



ADTC BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME SPRING AND OUR MAY NEWSLETTER!! There are going to be a lot of things happening this month. First of all, our “in house” obedience match shows are over and we hope that everyone who wanted to enter was able to get a slot. This was a great way to get ready for our point show later this month. A Rally match was also held on April 29 and we hope that everyone, whether planning on entering a trial or not, will take advantage of this opportunity to practice in a “real” type Rally ring with conditions similar to what you would find in a trial. Remember you can work on things you and your dog are having problems with and also give treats. IT IS A MATCH!! Many thanks to Phyllis for scheduling these matches.

We will also be starting our outdoor training. The application to sign up was sent out earlier. This way the instructors know how many members wish to sign up and if we need to add another instructor. The Open class has been growing which is a great thing. We also have quite a few members entered in our novice classes. If anyone has a question about which class to enter, please get in touch with Phyllis. Remember to bring bug spray and water for yourself and your dog.

The weekend of April 10 and 11 some of our members were at the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Club trial at Bev Melcher’s training centers in Barto. It was a great weekend for most of our members some of whom finished titles or got legs. It was a well-run show with lots of parking. The building was very nice with an artificial grass turf floor. The dogs did not seem to have much of a problem with it. There was plenty of room for crating or you could crate from your car. Plus there was plenty of room to warm your dog up as well as practice some exercises.

Dog shows are not only places to show what you and your dog have learned, but also for the friendships made over the years. Some of these friends you might not have seen for over a year because of COVID-19. There were quite a few club members entered and how nice it was to have the support of so many people. So, for our newer members, dog shows are also places for meeting old friends and making new ones. Some of our members may never step foot in a ring but coming to a trial which is as close by as this one was, you will find many people enjoying themselves and having a great time. Even if your dog is not ready to enter a trial, come and visit a trial and see what is going on when we can “open up more”. Unfortunately, at this point some shows will not allow visitors due to COVID-19 but we are hoping that soon things will get back to normal.

TRAINING INFORMATION

This month we go outside for training on May 5th and 6th. You do need to register for classes which will run for six weeks. If you have pre registered please check the schedule below.

WEDNESDAY:

Phyllis Broderick's Open Class 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Phyllis' Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:15 to 7:15pm.

Carol McCarthy's Advanced Beginner/Beginner Novice 5:00 to 6:00pm

Carol's Utility Class 6:15 to 7:15pm.

THURSDAY:

Dusty Springer's Novice Class 11:00 to 12:00pm

For Anna's Open and Utility classes, please contact Anna Guglielmo to sign up.

Linda's next rally session will be Excellent/Advanced and this session starts Thursday, May 6th and runs for 6 weeks. You need to register with Linda Krasley for this class. kenlin@rcn.com

This will be the last 6 week pre registration training session for the summer.

During the rest of the summer we will be having weekly drop in training, \$8.00 per class.

We are changing to this because there may be times when classes have to be cancelled because of heat and humidity or stormy weather as well as members on vacation. However, please remember that our instructors are paid and the Park is also paid for the use of our training area. These all have to be paid from our fees which may not cover all the costs.

Look for the next training schedule the end of May.

We go indoors Wednesday and Thursday, September 22nd and 23rd. The 6 week training sessions will resume.

AWARDS PROGRAM AND TITLE RECOGNITION

Because we are still not free from COVID-19 restrictions as yet, our regular Awards Banquet and Title Recognition dinner and program will not happen again this year. However, we will still be recognizing those who have earned titles last year in spite of all the cancelled shows. This will be held at our May 12th. General Meeting so we urge everyone to come out and congratulate those who have worked hard to earn a title or titles during these trying times.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

***OBEDIENCE MATCH ***

The match shows were very successful with all the slots. What a great opportunity it was to enter a match at the same place our trial is being held. For those who did not enter, keep it in mind the next time a match is offered to the members. Even if you do not feel you and your dog are ready, it is a great time to just go into a ring situation and practice a few exercises or even play with your dog. It is your time to use as you see fit. You can check out other match shows at DogMatchShow.com. There are usually several every month but again you have to enter early for some to get certain times which are convenient for you.

And we want to give a special THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES, PHYLLIS, CAROL, and DUSTY. Also thank to the helpers who stayed after their runs were finished to be stewards. We could not do this without the help of everyone. We would love to see the Club have more of these but we do need helpers. AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER WHEN ASKED. This is a great way to get ring experience and to see how far you and your dog have come in your training journey.

RALLY MATCH

A Rally Match was held on April 29. We hope that all who wanted to enter were able to get a slot. Rally matches are very rare and our club is very fortunate to be able to offer one to our members. We are also lucky to have Linda teaching our Rally classes throughout the year. What can be better than having a Rally judge offering classes? Hopefully another one can be offered later this year.

THANK YOU TO LINDA FOR JUDGING. Also thanks to the helpers who offered to help with the courses and keep everything running smoothly. As was stated before.... We could not do this without the help of everyone. AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER WHEN ASKED.

POINT SHOW

Our point show is being held May 21 and 22 which is a Friday and Saturday. The Berks Dog Trial Club trial will be held on May 23, Sunday. Hopefully everyone who wanted to enter has entered the show. May 21 will be Rally and Beginner Novice and Novice with Open and Utility on the May 22. Help is always needed so please volunteer when asked. And for new members, what a great way to see what goes on at a trial.

For those who are entered in our trial or other trials for that matter the approximate times for each dog in the ring was published in the April newsletter. If you are entered in Novice, for example, you can check the approximate time each dog will spend in the ring from the list. Then knowing the number of entries, and you may be the fifth dog, you will know about what time you will be in the ring. You can do that for Open and Utility too. So check back to our April newsletter for the list. This is quite helpful information.

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

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

No new members for April



WELCOME TIMMY

Hello Everyone, I'm Madileau's Timmytheian Wizard, Just Call Me Timmy it is much easier to say. My mom Is Debralee Petrusjanz and she promised me I will get to meet the Club Members of ADTC.



SUNSHINE

Lois Glass said Good Bye to her beloved Golden retriever, Splash, on Sunday, April 11th.

Personal expressions of condolence may be mailed to:

Lois Glass 1151 Lakeview Drive White Haven, PA 18661

Or emailed to jlglass@pa.metrocast.net



"A companion is gone... but the memory lives on"

MEMBER OF THE MONTH...BARB KATZ

I got my first Pug, Maurice, in 1993, and started with obedience training in New Jersey soon afterwards. I decided on a Pug because I worked full time and wanted a dog which would sleep and not try to get into trouble when I was at work and good with children as I had two children living at home at the time. Maurice was a pet shop Pug and not very smart - but he loved people, kids and other dogs and became my first therapy dog and also managed to get a CD.

My next Pug was Truffle, who was from a breeder, but had many health problems. She was also a therapy dog and also got her CD. I had to retire her when she started having breathing and orthopedic problems and she died at age 11, which is young for a pug.

I adopted a 9 1/2-year-old rescue golden while Maurice and Truffle were still alive. Kelly was very well behaved and would have made an excellent obedience prospect - except that she had significant hip arthritis. She passed the therapy dog test shortly after I adopted her and she was a wonderful therapy dog, and lived to be 15.

I wanted to do agility with a Pug and a friend from Texas offered me Hugo - who was 5 months old, loved to climb and jump, and had no breathing issues. Hugo went on to get his AKC CDX and his CDSP UD titles and well as titles in agility, scent work and tricks. Hugo also earned his RAE3 in rally and got to perform at the Pug National in their Showcase 3 times as one of the top rally obedience pugs. He retired from obedience due to orthopedic problems; however, he still is a therapy dog. Hugo is almost 12 - barely hears and has some vision problems, but is happy and still loves food. His favorite spot at home is under foot in the kitchen.

And then there is 4-year-old Alvin. I saw Alvin's grandfather, Otis, performing in Utility at a Pug National and decided I wanted a dog from Otis's line. I loved both the looks of Otis and how he worked. At the time of his retirement, Otis had an OTCH, a MACH, and a TD (tracking title). Otis died last year at age 18 - but was a wonderful inspiration.

Alvin was a product of an "accident" between Otis's son Ernie and Guchie. Ernie, Alvin's father, has his CDX and his PACH and Guchie has rally and conformation titles. I visited Alvin in Kentucky when he was 12 days old and brought him home at 12 weeks. Alvin is my mischievous pug. He has snuck out of the house and



yard several times to roam the neighborhood and has run off to explore the surrounding woods with the neighbor's dog twice. Alvin is extremely curious - but is also very sensitive. He won't

go near me if I accidentally step on his foot for several days and he tends to be skittish around slippery floors and in shadowed areas. I am working for consistency with Alvin. He has one leg towards his CDX (where he received a High in Trial), but is trained through Utility. Alvin also has his CD title in CDSP. He has his AKC Novice agility titles and this year's goal is to get his AKC open agility titles with limited trialing, He also has some agility titles in CPE. Alvin has his rally titles through Rally Excellent and was invited to the Rally Nationals for rally intermediate. Alvin also has his AKC Intermediate Tricks title and his CGC-A title. Until COVID is under control, I am only doing limited showing - and am trying to find shows where Alvin can acclimate to the building before showing.

I belong to Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs., All of my dogs have been therapy dogs. Both Alvin and Hugo visited Pediatrics at Lehigh Valley hospital before COVID and also visited several local schools.

All of my Pugs have been very food motivated, and my major challenges have been to keep them working consistently without food. Hugo was my most consistent worker. However, Hugo also gave me an embarrassing time during a show at Bloomsburg when during the Novice stay exercise; he got up and proceeded to walk behind every other dog doing the stay, looking into the armbands on the floor to see if he could find some food. I also had an episode with Maurice, my first Pug, where he did the Novice stay facing backwards so that he could see my "ex" who had been watching from the other end of the ring.

I love the challenge of seeing how far I can train my Pugs and will get an AKC UD one of these days. I have had to try different methods to encourage each of my dogs and I have learned new skills with each dog that I train. I also have the challenge of helping to train my boyfriend's mixed breed, Ember. Ember is dominant, loud and headstrong; but very smart and an excellent jumper with lots of energy. I would love to get her involved with agility and possibly some rally.

My advice to new handlers is to enjoy your dogs and remember that the titles are for you. The dogs do not care.



This is my favorite photo of Hugo at the Pug National in Gettysburg. He is wearing a Union General outfit.

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.

ITEMS FOR SALE

This is for members who have “doggie” things that they no longer need. It can be anything related to dogs and dog training. Please be sure to send us a good description and pictures are always good.

Carol McCarthy has three crates, one high jump and one broad jump that are free to a good home. Anyone interested can text or call Carol at 610-653-5466.



LOST AND FOUND

On Thursday night after the Rally Match a dumbbell for a large dog was found on the stage. If you are missing yours or know anyone who might be please contact Debbie at bullies@ptd.net

***PUBLICITY* From Linda Eldon**



Mark your calendar for a fun filled day on Sunday, June 13th, 2021, 11AM – 4PM to be held at, 1525 Canal St Northampton, PA 18067. **Paw Prints on the Canal Event** benefits the Northampton Boro Police K-9 Unit.

Come out and join us for a fun day! Bring your dog, a chair and a picnic lunch. Let's get to know one another. This is a great opportunity to socialize your dog, old or young, and meet other dog lovers. Go for a hike and explore the canal! Make it a family day! ADTC will have a tent set up to meet and promote our club. We could use your help with set up, take down and handing out information. Puppies are always a great crowd pleaser and very welcome.

There will be demonstrations by Office Michael Buchanan and his K-9 partner, Vito. Rabies vaccinations and micro chipping by Terry Stanglein, VMD will be available throughout the day. A Sharp Dressed Pet Contest with prizes and other activities. (I happen to know a certain handsome Rhodesian Ridgeback that dresses up as a very impressive lion.) Also, a rescue parade for the rescue/shelters with dogs & cats looking for their forever homes. Who doesn't need another pet? Lots of vendors! Shopping! Yeah!!!

We have been asked to donate an item for a drawing with all proceeds going directly to the Northampton K-9 Unit. We will be donating a session of puppy or beginner classes.



NEVER WASTE A FAILURE...Written by Connie Cleveland

This is an inspirational reading to read before and after going to a show. I have found it so helpful and I hope that others will also. It is written by Connie Cleveland who has ONLINE OBEDIENCE TRAINING ...THE OBEDIENCE ROAD. She gave us permission to put it in our newsletter.

She will be presenting a seminar this Fall in the building here in Macungie. She has great Blogs and free videos demonstrating her training techniques. You can also sign up for her classes ON THE OBEDIENCE ROAD.

This was a blog she wrote and it was sent out to some of our members who signed up for her seminar last year. Just in case you did not get time to read it nor did not make a copy of it for future reference, with Connie's permission, we are publishing it here. I recommend making a copy of it and then read it every so often, especially if you feel things did not go the way you wanted them to at training or at a trial. It is such a helpful piece of inspiration and not only applies to dog training but to almost everything you attempt in life.

Permission to post from...

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It's been ages since most of us have had a chance to compete, and it's exciting to think about showing again. However, showing is not without its challenges. Some of us are crating outside, only allowed in for a few minutes of warm-up. Things are different, and there are bound to be setbacks and frustrations after so much time off.

It is easy to let the cloud of disappointment overwhelm us when our dog makes a failing error in the ring. A failure may feel like a waste; a waste of time, effort, and money. But it does not have to be. When you enter the ring for the first time after months of inactivity, you can learn more from a single performance than you can in another month of training!

Several years ago, Nick Saban, the revered coach of the University of Alabama football team, was asked how he felt about a loss to the Clemson Tigers. His reply was, "I never want to waste a failure." If we follow Coach Saban's sage advice, we will glean information from every performance, both the successes and the failures.

Do Not Disregard a Mistake as a Fluke!

The most common way to waste a failure is to consider a mistake to be a fluke, assume it will not happen again, and fail to address the error.

For example, imagine your dog fails the drop on recall because as you give the signal to drop, dogs start barking, causing your dog to become distracted. You think, that was bad luck. I should just use a verbal command. Stop! Before you change *your* performance, evaluate *your dog's* performance. He got distracted! This time it was dogs barking, but what else could it be? It is always safer to treat the symptom (e.g., your dog was distracted by barking, what else might distract him?) than to blame it on the circumstance (e.g., it was unusual for dogs to bark at the exact moment I was giving my signal).

Every time you go in the ring, make it your primary aim to gather information about the aspects of your performance that did not meet your expectations. The information your five-minute performance provides should direct the focus of your subsequent training sessions. By carefully evaluating your performance, no performance is wasted!

Analyze - Exercise Problem or an Attitude Problem?

Competition reveals when we have an exercise that is simply not ready for competition. Your dog makes an honest error and upon reflection you realize that he simply does not yet understand how to perform correctly in every situation. For example, your dog is performing the go-outs fast and straight in all the places you train, but he goes to the show and looks lost. It is likely that your dog does not yet have enough experience to perform in a new location.

Sometimes our dogs are distracted or disinterested. A performance may start well but deteriorate as it progresses. For example, in Open A, the Broad Jump is last. Upon evaluation you realize that your dog was slow on the Retrieve on the Flat, almost missed the jump on the return over the jump, and then walked the Broad Jump. This may be indicative of a dog that has become disinterested and distracted culminating in a failure of the last exercise. In this case, the challenge is to improve the dog's attitude as opposed to working harder on the failed exercise.

Learn to Recover!

Whenever your dog fails, tell yourself, "That is the only mistake we will make today!" and then continue your performance with that determination.

If you allow the disappointment to overwhelm you, one mistake can become many mistakes. You will not only be disappointed that you failed an exercise, but you will also end up disappointed in the entire performance. My father, and tennis coach, used to tell me to "shake it off" when I missed a shot. That exactly what we should do when our dog makes a mistake in the ring – shake it off!

You can't take the moment back, but you can salvage the rest of the performance. Be determined to do everything possible to continue with a flawless performance.

Don't Let Your Guard Down!

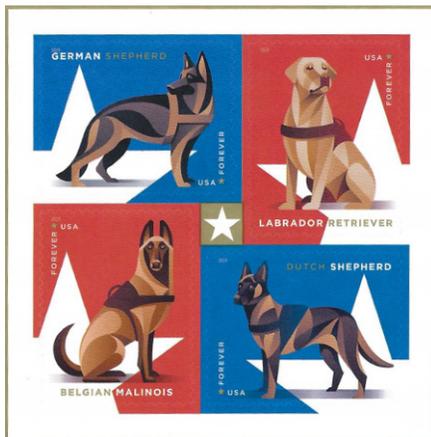
The easiest exercise to fail is the one immediately following the exercise you thought you were going to fail!

Sometimes, we breathe a sigh of relief or take a moment to celebrate after our dog successfully performs his weakest exercise, and unbelievably, we fail the next exercise.

This is not unique to competition obedience. It is true in every sport. The professional golfer misses the easy putt after an amazing shot onto the green. The tennis player wins the game when his opponent is serving, and then lets his opponent win the next game when the serving advantage is his. Don't let your guard down. Own the mantra, "One exercise at a time."

There are only two things that happen when we compete: we succeed or we fail, and we can learn from either. However, I think we can all benefit from Coach Saban's sage advice to "never waste a failure."

*TOPIC OF INTEREST...STAMPS OF APPROVAL**



In 2019, the U.S. Postal Service® honors the nation's brave and loyal military working dogs. Each of the four stamps features a stylized geometric digital illustration of one of four of the canine breeds—German shepherd, Labrador retriever, Belgian Malinois, and Dutch shepherd—that commonly serve in America's armed forces. The red, white, blue, and gold color scheme represents the American flag and the patriotism displayed by military working dogs. Courageous canines have aided U.S. soldiers in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the

Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Today, the 341st Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base just outside of San Antonio, Texas, trains American military working dogs and their handlers. Dozens of dog breeds have served in the U.S. armed forces, but over time the number has decreased significantly. Modern military working dogs are predominantly Belgian Malinois, German shepherds, and Dutch shepherds. Labrador retrievers are often trained as specialized search dogs.



ACHIEVEMENTS

We are always looking for ACHIEVEMENTS AND PICTURES from our members. We know that several members did well at the Delaware German Shepherd Club trial in Barto last month. Trials are just starting up so this is your chance to tell us. Your ACHIEVEMENT does not have to be in an AKC event. It can be one of the other venues offering obedience and rally such as CDSP, UKC, Cynosport and things like tracking and agility and scent work. The important thing is that you are doing things with you dog. It does not have to be related to a trial, maybe you and your dog have learned a new exercise or trick. Or they just learned how to greet people when they come to your house.

Berdell Koch reports...



News Flash ... Tazio completed his CDSP CDX Championship at "Sit Stay Play"

He had to qualify 10 X. He placed all 10 times and his scores arranged form 192 to 197. For his last leg we were in a run off for 1st. Place but we lost.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW TITLE!!!!



Steve Markowitz reports...

Steve & Ann Marie Markowitz's Riley and Barkley had a successful weekend at the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club show held at Orchard Hills training Center in Barto, PA on April 10 and 11. Riley obtained a first place and a third place, each with scores of 195 to earn his CD title. Barkley obtained his first two legs in Open A with two third place finishes, each with scores of 191.



Draft Test Article submitted by Judy Skorup ... Cow Trouble in the Ring

Spring and Fall are the most popular seasons for Drafting or Carting Tests for dogs, although some breed clubs enjoy offering draft tests during the winter months in the snow. Sleigh runners are required on the competition carts then. Usually, a large or giant breed dog pulls a cart or a wagon, most frequently in a field under test regulations or in a holiday parade. Drafting or Carting tests, the name varies depending on the breed club, generally consist of five parts: Basic Control (= Novice or Open Obedience heeling, usually an "L" pattern), Recall (= Novice Obedience recall), Maneuvering Course (= Novice or Advanced Rally course with a cart attached to the dog without any jumps, plus the Rally Excellent Back Up of 1 – 4 ft, depending on the club and test level), 3 Minute Stay (= the Old Novice or Open Obedience Down Stay with cart attached) and a Freight Haul (= .5 or 1.0 mile hike with 20 – 100 lbs. of weight in the cart over a variety of terrain with hills either on lead for Novice or off lead for Open). This is a pass/fail test. You and your dog either pass everything or, if you fail one part, you fail or NQ.

Two approved Draft Test Judges watch your every move from different parts of the ring. A detailed check list helps the judges evaluate your performance.

I don't start training my Pyrs for a Draft Test until after we have a RN/RA and a CD. Several clubs exempt dogs from the Basic Control and Recall parts of the Draft Test if they have a CD, but some do not. Since Emma had an RE and a CD, we began Draft exercises a couple years ago. Emma earned three Novice Draft titles from the Greater Swiss Mt. Dog Club - pulling 25 lbs over a one mile trail three times in 2019 and 2020. With all of the Covid-19 breed National Specialty,- Dog Trial/Test cancellations and state to state travel restrictions, we entered one of the Bernese Mt. Dog Draft Tests in PA in April, hoping to earn two more Novice Draft Titles and complete our Advanced Novice Draft Title this Spring. Emma could do the Basic Control and Recall requirements with no trouble and she was ready for the maneuvering course, the stay and the freight haul of a half mile with 20 lbs. in her cart. But, I forgot that the Bernese Mt. Dog Club likes to have a theme Draft Test with unique decorations in the maneuvering course ring. We arrived at the test site early, got our cart ready, set up our tent, Emma's crate, my chair, Emma's treats, my lunch and picked up our number. We watched several dogs compete from our tent. Late morning our number was called and our cart and harness were already in the ring waiting for us. The judges set us up for the heeling pattern and off we went at a normal pace. Forward, right turn, fast, normal, about turn and OH NO! Emma came face to face

(about 25 ft. away) with a large Swiss Cow! She went into immediate Livestock Guardian Dog mode, stopped, grew 3 inches in height to intimidate the intruder and stared at the cow! She moved forward to the end of the 6 ft. leash into a stand-stay position staring at the cow. No comforting words, information or commands from me



could un-focus her attention on that cow. Tight leash! Emma would not refocus on me and we did not complete our normal-slow-normal, left turn, halt heeling pattern. No change of pace! We failed our Basic Control section of the test. I sort of dragged Emma forward, but she kept stopping to stare at the cow. She finally sat down, staring at the cow. Conference time for the judges. They stopped the test, talked, and decided to let me take Emma over to meet the wooden painted cow – all 4 ft. high, 5 ft. long of her. Emma was not sure about this huge intruder, but eventually did sniff inspect the cow from front to back, decided it was not an

intruder and did not warrant any more attention. Back we went to do our recall, harness and hitch and did the maneuvering course – all effortlessly, cleanly and without any errors. Emma did the 3 minute stay and half mile freight haul without any problems. Our score: failure for that test due to tight leash and no change of pace due to her livestock guardian reaction. My response: She is a livestock guardian dog who reacted appropriately In the situation. She had never seen a cow before and needed to know what it was. Since she did the rest of the test appropriately and cleanly, we were prepared and she had the skills. Spectators, including two other Draft Judges, complimented Emma on her ability to refocus and cleanly complete the test.

The following day, the same cow decorated the ring in another spot. Emma ignored the cow, completed all parts of the entire draft test cleanly in the rain, without pause or effort, and passed the Bernese Mt. Dog Novice Draft Test. We now have four of the five necessary Novice Draft titles she needs for her title. Emma will compete again in draft in the fall.



Here is the link for the video of Emma doing livestock guardian dog duty, instead of the heeling pattern. The video runs about 9 minutes - heeling, reaction, cow inspection, harness/hitch and maneuvering course.

YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/OOXCOKwEnnc>

VARIOUS ACTION SHOTS...

Emma at Narrows April 2021



Emma Entering Narrows



Emma Maneuvering Course



Emma Pausing on Freight Haul



CONGRATULATIONS JUDY AND EMMA

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 23 members in attendance.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on March 10, 2021. No corrections or additions were noted. Jacqui Hartranft moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Broderick 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. Dusty Springer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report.

There were no first readings.

There were two second readings:

Renee Sillitti, Chesapeake Bay Retriever

Andrea Scott, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

Phyllis Broderick moved to accept Renee Sillitti and Andrea Scott as members. Linda Krasley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report ***See report below**

Committees

Website

Steve Markowitz reported that the website is getting a couple of hits each week. Phyllis Broderick stated that she has seven puppies lined up for the next puppy kindergarten class and six or seven dogs lined up for the next beginners class, both of which will start on May 6, 2021.

Publicity

Linda Eldon noted that the club will have a booth at the Paw Prints on The Canal event scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2021. This event benefits the Northampton Police Department K-9 Unit. The club will provide the Paw Prints on The Canal event organizers with a certificate for their raffle, entitling the winner to either one puppy kindergarten session or one beginner session, winner's choice. Linda stated she has a sign up sheet and she will buy lunch for the first 10 people who volunteer. President Achenzie noted club members will be handing out pamphlets and talking to people. It is a fun event and runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You are encouraged to stop by the club booth.

Sunshine

President Achenzie noted that a card was sent to Daisy Wlazelek on the passing of her son, Peter, to Lydia Miller on the passing of her Irish Setter, Donovan, and to Lois Glass on the passing of her Golden Retriever, Splash.

Mat Coordinator

President Achenzie spoke to Chris Courduff. She will disinfect the mats after our Saturday Point Show on May 22, 2021. Volunteers are needed to stay after the show to vacuum and remove tape from the mats.

Awards and Title Recognition

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the May general meeting on May 12, 2021, in one of the pavilions.

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter will be April 25 or 26, 2021. She encourages members to submit photos of their dogs doing anything, it does not have to be obedience photos.

Point Show

Phyllis Broderick noted she purchased two 28" cones as AKC now requires cones to be used for the figure 8 exercise. There will be two 10' by 10' holding pens inside the building which will be used for the next two teams to go into the ring. No crating allowed indoors. It will be okay to have someone video a team's performance.

Old Business

President Achenzie reminded everyone to practice social distancing and to wear masks inside Macungie Hall and stated that masks and social distancing will still be practiced when we go outside.

Phyllis Broderick announced that she has reserved the Brass Rail for Friday, April 22, 2022, but that this can be canceled.

New Business

There was no new business.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on April 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Macungie Hall. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on May 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. outdoors in Macungie Park.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Braggs

Several members stepped forward to announce their latest brags.

Adjournment

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

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT

APRIL 14, 2021

We are winding down our indoor training sessions.

All Wednesday club training and Thursday Novice training indoor training ends this week, April 14 & 15th.

Anna's Thursday Open and Utility classes end Thursday, April 28th.

Linda's Novice rally session ends April 22nd.

Carol McCarthy's beginner class graduates next week, April 22nd and Terry's STAR puppy class graduates Thursday, April 29th.

Club obedience match show scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st and 28th filled quickly. The schedule has been sent to all participants. If you are entered, please either come early or stay after your run to help with the stewarding. Stewards are needed.

Linda is holding a rally match Thursday, April 29th 6 to 9:30pm. Entries are limited. If you plan on entering, get your entries in. Phyllis is taking the entries. Registration form was sent to the membership.

All outdoor training both obedience and rally starts Wednesday and Thursday, May 5th and 6th. This will be a 6 week session. If you are planning on training, send your registration form to Phyllis along with a check, payable to ADTC in the amount of \$48.

For Anna's Open and Utility classes, please contact Anna to sign up.

Linda's next rally session will be Excellent/Advanced and this session starts Thursday, May 6th and runs for 6 weeks.

This will be the last 6 week pre registration training session for the summer.

During the summer we will be having weekly drop in training, \$8.00 per class.

Look for the schedule the end of May.

We go indoors Wednesday and Thursday, September 22nd and 23rd. The 6 week training sessions will resume.

There will be a new Beginner class and STAR Puppy class starting Thursday, May 6th.

CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR – November 20th and 21st. No report.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick