



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the July 2021 newsletter. We are now in the hot weather of summer with humid and hot days and chance of thundershowers. Several of our training days on Wednesday and Thursdays have had to be cancelled because of rain and storms. Many of our start and finish dates for our training sessions have to be revamped. Be sure to check your email for updated information.

Once indoors we will be starting the prepaid classes again. With people on vacations and weather-related cancellations, it was decided for the rest of the summer to go to the pay-as-you-go schedule. Remember our club trainers are paid for their time to teach classes and the fees we pay go towards that as well as other costs such as building and park rentals, insurance and all the miscellaneous things that go with having an active club. Be sure to check out the training schedule below—which is subject to change. Also remember with the hot and humid weather the bugs can be annoying for both handlers and dogs, so be sure to bring bug spray—make sure it is for pets (dogs) and lots of water for both of you.

***TRAINING INFORMATION* From Phyllis...**

Weather permitting Wednesday club training will conclude its 6 week session July 7th.

Thursday morning club training with Dusty is on a drop in basis now.

Anna's open and utility outdoor classes are suspended for the summer. Her classes will resume in September when we go indoor.

Linda will start a 6 week Master's rally class. For more information contact Linda.

Thereafter for July, August and part of September all obedience training will be on a pay weekly basis. There will be containers to deposit your training fee of \$8.00 per class per dog and a notebook to sign in. Six week sessions will resume when we go indoors in September.

There will be no training in August as follows:

August 4th & 5th - Das Awkfest Festival.

August 25th & 26th = Wheels of Time.

I know that Pocono Mt. Kennel Club; Lehigh Valley Kennel Club and Berks Kennel Club will be having their outdoor show September 16th thru the 19th. I have not heard from Amy as to whether or not we can hold indoor training. Previously (before covid), we did not hold classes as they used the indoor building. I will be contacting Amy for details.

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 10:00 to 11:00pm

FYI...if the weather is questionable please check your email to see if class is canceled or contact Dusty before 9:15am to ask.

bohooch@yahoo.com 610-965-6671 Home or 484-515-6153 Cell

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RALLY CLASSES

Linda's next Rally session will be a Masters class. Be sure to get in touch with her for more information and to sign up. Linda Krasley kenlin@rcn.com

Last month Linda listed her students' accomplishments at the various shows in May. Without her help and expertise, everyone can thank her for what they were able to accomplish. So a special THANK YOU LINDA for all that you did to help your students achieve their goals. It is so important for a Club to offer Rally as well as Obedience so more members can "have fun with their dogs". Linda not only teaches the various Rally classes, she is also a judge. Her students can have the added benefit of a judge looking at how they perform an exercise.

***POINT SHOW* From Lois...**

Rally and Obedience trials on May 21 & 22

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Rally and Obedience trials on May 21 & 22. Phyllis Broderick has been a wealth of knowledge and support as well as an excellent Trial Secretary and I have learned so much from her. Gail James worked with me every step of the way and will do a great job as Trial Chair in 2022. Cris Courduff has kept track of all of the trophy donations and expenditures, which was not an easy task with the cancellation of our 2020 trials. Carol

McCarthy and Linda Krasley secured the very best stewards to work the trials and kept the trials moving smoothly. (And Carol got more exercise than most people get in a month!).

Many thanks to all of our stewards:

Friday - Rally and Novice/BN Obedience:

Linda Krasley
Deb Rabuck
Erika Seibert
Sam Sacco
Lois Glass
Dusty Springer
Carol Hahn

Saturday - Open and Utility Obedience:

Anna Guglielmo
Carolyn Zimmerman
Maryanne Beatty
Edie Rysdyk
Leslie Adams
Karen Belmont

A special thanks to Linda Krasley for supplying her Rally equipment for the Club to use. We couldn't have had a Rally trial without it and her!

Thanks to Barb Artim for picking up our lunches and making sure the financial report is correct!

Set up went smoothly thanks to the Trial Committee and Chuck Achenzie. Break down went equally as well thanks to Linda Eldon, Irwin Linker and the committee members who stayed to help break down the ring, take up the tape and put away ring, gates, tables and chairs.

Special thanks to Chuck Achenzie who picked up supplies from the storage area and returned them, helped with set up and break down, made a special trip to pick up coffee supplies and generally did anything that needed to be done.

And many thanks to all of our members who supported the trials with your entries!

I hope that more members will consider volunteering to help with next year's trial. It is a great way to contribute to the success of the Trials and the Club and learn while working.

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

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

No new members for June.



***SUNSHINE* Nothing to report**

***PUBLICITY* From Linda Eldon...Paw Prints on the Canal Wrap Up**



Our Paws Prints on the Canal Day was a great success thanks to our member volunteers! What a great enthusiastic crew willing to take on any task. A big thank you to club members Barb Artim, Karen Belmont, Kay Sivel and Andrea Scott. Chuck and Debbie Achenzie have my undying gratitude for helping with the planning, working, and moral support and of course Dusty and Bill Springer for making our participation in this event possible.



Of course, our dogs are always our best ambassadors. Spectators were impressed by our very well behaved, friendly dogs and our dogs benefited from all the distractions, unfamiliar dogs and some rather quirky people. Our dogs were definitely the stars of the show and did everything asked of them in no small part due to the excellent training they receive from our club. Seeing how well they dealt with all the distractions gave each of us confidence in what they are capable of achieving and how far they have come.

Deb organized training demonstrations which were a big crowd pleaser. Hopefully we can expand on the demos next year with audience participation and a short Rally course. It was like having our own little match show.

We saw every breed imaginable as well as rescues looking for new homes. There were two rescues that captured my heart but Mollie said no. The common ground I felt that day was, everyone attending loved their dogs, faults and all. Lots of faults, they really need our club's help.

Next year (can't believe I'm saying that!) I will request the same spot and will bring scissors. (Inside joke.)

We hope next year you will join us for Paws Prints on the Canal. I can guarantee that you will get far more out of it then you can imagine.

A huge thank you to Linda for taking charge of this event and to all her volunteers.



UPCOMING EVENT...STEWARDS NEEDED

The Blue Mountain Cluster is being held as it has been for many years, at the Macungie Park. It is held September 16, 17, 18 and 19. It is put on by the Pocono Kennel Club, the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club and the Berks County Kennel Club.

The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club's day is Saturday, September 18. Gail James is again the head steward and is looking for members to volunteer to be stewards on that day. Please give it consideration as no stewards, no shows. It is not a hard job and you can learn a lot by watching different handlers and dogs. It is a great way for new members to see what goes on at a rally or obedience trial. Not to mention there is a great lunch. The Obedience judges are Larry Wilson and Barbara Doering. The Rally judge is Linda Ferrullo

If you are interested in helping please give Gail a call at 610-285-2331 or 610-213-2920
jamesgang12@verizon.net.

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...CHUCK ACHENZIE

I joined ADTC in 2005. At that time, I started training my English Bulldog Eddie. Eddie and I competed in obedience and rally. Eddie was able to attain his CD title in Obedience and his novice title in Rally. Eddie was also a Therapy dog. Bulldogs have always been one of my favorite breeds. My wife, Debbie and I owned bulldogs for 27 years. We now own 2 All Americans that we rescued. Freddy, is 4 years old and Ginger is 3 years old.

My wife, Debbie, is currently training and competing with both of our dogs. I am not currently training but am involved in ADTC in other ways. I was elected President of ADTC in 2006 and served in that position through 2009. I was again elected president in 2019 and currently am serving in that capacity. Over the years I have volunteered on various committees, was on the training committee, assisted with beginner classes as an assistant trainer and have also volunteered as a steward at several Point Shows over the years.

Ginger loves to be in the yard and helps me when it is time to do yard work, but would rather chase her ball



and not mow the lawn. Freddy is my inside companion, he loves to just lie on my lap and be lazy. They both love to take long walks and go bye-bye in the car.



My biggest challenge when I was training my Bulldog, Eddie, was gaining the confidence to enter the show ring. I always thought the club training was easier thanks to our trainers at that time and assistance from other club members. I remember being so nervous the first time I entered the obedience ring.

My favorite showing story has to be when Debbie and I both earned our CD titles on the same day in Augusta, N.J. Debbie was training our Bulldog, Georgia, and I was training Eddie. I also entered Eddie in Rally at the same show. When I finished and had left the ring, Debbie informed me I had a fan club on the side of a hill next to the ring.

People cheered and applauded because I was man in the ring with his Bulldog.

The best advice I can give is enjoy the time you spend training your canine companion and always have patience. If you have never been in an Obedience or Rally ring, give it a try. You will find it is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience for both you and your dog.



Note from Linda: I can certainly relate to Chuck's experience with training non-traditional obedience dogs. It is certainly challenging but oh so rewarding when you achieve your goal.

SUMMER FUN

This is a new column we would like to start for something a little different. The nice weather is here and there are lots of things we can do with our dogs, like going on a vacation, learning new skills like tracking, dock diving, scent work and other skills, places to take them swimming, making new friends, special walks and places to take them for new things to do. Things such as this as well as Obedience and Rally trials. This will be a great place to let members know how much fun you are having with your best friend and not necessarily related to obedience and rally. There may be places; members might be interested in visiting with their dog. So send Jacqui and Debbie some fun things you have done with your dog. Deadline will be July 25. Let us know what you think.

ACHIEVEMENTS if you have an achievement please send it to us so it can be included in the next newsletter. We know there are many we have not received for the July Newsletter.



Jackie Mills reports...

I am so proud of Gizmo! We went to 10 Trials and qualified all 10 times to earn his Master Title!

Gizmo earned his final leg at the Dauphin Dog Training Club Trial held on Sunday June 27th. He qualified with a nice score of 91.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW TITLE

Debbie Achenzie reports...

We had the most "Perfect" day at the Rally Trials held by the Dauphin Dog Training Club in Harrisburg on June 27th.

Freddy had two perfect scores of 100 and two first places in his Master Class. There were 12 dogs entered in this class for both the AM and PM sessions.

Not to be out done Ginger finished her **Intermediate Title** with a perfect score of 100. She took second place on time.

I decided to move Ginger up to the advanced class for the PM session. It was her first time off lead for Rally and I was so pleased when she performed beautifully. We were rewarded with another perfect score of 100. This was a large class of 20 dogs. She did not place due to time.

I am so proud of these two little rescues that have captured my heart!!!!



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ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 25 members in attendance.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on May 12, 2021. No corrections or additions were noted. Phyllis Broderick moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Cris Courduff 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. Mary Minnich 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 was one first reading. Stephanie Stempfoski, Cane Corso - (Not Present)

Training Director's Report

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

There were some changes to the written report as there are several days when the park is unavailable for the club due to activities in the park including the entire weeks of August 2nd and August 23rd.

Committees

Website Steve Markowitz reported that other than spelling Phyllis's name incorrectly, the website is operating smoothly.

Sunshine

President Achenzie reported that cards from the club were sent to the following members: Carol Matheis who had heart surgery; Kathy Pugh who had back surgery; Barbara Grotzinger who had a hip replacement; and to Lois and Irwin Linker on the passing of their dog Zoe.

Publicity

Linda Eldon reported that the Paw Prints on The Canal event on Sunday, June 13, 2021, was a lot of fun and not too much work. Linda thanked everyone who helped. President Achenzie thanked Linda for all her efforts and noted that if you volunteer for a publicity event, Linda will feed you.

Mat Coordinator

Cris Courduff noted that she took the vacuums to be serviced to a company in Quakertown and the cost to service the vacuums is now \$70.00 each. President Achenzie thanked Chris for disinfecting the mats after the club show in May.

Newsletter

Debbie Achenzie announced the deadline for the next newsletter will be the end of the month.

Point Show

President Achenzie thanked everybody for their fantastic job planning and working the club AKC trial in May. The upcoming Board Meeting will include discussion on how things worked good and what things didn't work concerning the trial.

Old Business

President Achenzie announced that the CDC is stopping all restrictions concerning COVID at the end of June.

New Business

There was no new business.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on June 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Macungie Hall. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on July 14, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. outdoors in Macungie Park in the lawn area.

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, Rachel Bockman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue lobst 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

June 16, 2021

Wednesday club training completed its 4th week tonight. We should finish the end of June, if no cancellations due to rain. Thereafter members will pay \$8 per class weekly and there will be sign in sheets for everyone attending classes.

Dusty's Thursday novice class ended June 10th. Starting Thursday, June 17th members will be paying weekly and will have to sign in every week.

Anna's Open and Utility class concludes Thursday, June 17th. Anna will not be holding any classes outdoors. Her classes will resume when we go indoors, September 23rd.

Linda's rally class ends Thursday, June 17th. Her next rally class will be Masters. Please contact Linda to sign up for this class.

Carol's beginner class is in its 6th week and her class graduates next week June 24th. Dusty and I will be offering CGC testing to the beginner students as well as ADTC members and to the public. If anyone wishes to take a CGC test, please contact Phyllis or Dusty to register.

A STAR Puppy class is being offered in July. As I have a wait list, I will be teaching the class as Terry is having eye surgery.

A new beginner class is also being offered in July.

Connie Cleveland Seminar — No report

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick

