

# ADTC BARKS AND BYTES NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



*Wishing you & yours a very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY WONDERFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL!! We hope that everyone had a wonderful THANKSGIVING with family and friends including the four-legged one. We will be starting a whole new year shortly and hoping that 2022 will be more back to normal. 2021 was just getting back to normal but not quite as there still may be restrictions as to masks and things like that at shows. But for ADTC, our training has returned to normal. Hopefully, all are enjoying the time spent with your dogs and learning new things and how you and your dog can be better partners. You do not have to train to enter your dogs in obedience and rally trials but just to make your dog a good citizen. But training for trials can be fun as well as rewarding—and yes frustrating at times. But there is nothing like qualifying and standing in the ring with other qualifiers and getting your ribbons and being so proud of your best friend.

Remember forms are due as follows: For Awards --you must have your information to Judy Lasso before December 31, 2021. For Membership renewals – you need to send renewal forms to Debbie Achenzie by January 1, 2022.

Please consider supporting our point show in May by sponsoring our ribbons and prizes. Mail your point show Trophy forms and donations to Cris Courduff by January 31, 2022. There is more information on that under the Point show column.

We will be having an election of officers for our club. The slate will be presented to the general membership at the December general meeting and nominations from the general membership will be taken at that time. The election of officers for our club will also be announced at our Christmas party. The general membership will vote at the January 2022 meeting. Here are those members who have volunteered to serve on the Board:

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| President               | Chuck Achenzie    |
| Vice President          | Steve Markowitz   |
| Treasurer               | Barb Artim        |
| Corresponding Secretary | Terry Papineau    |
| Recording Secretary     | Linda Eldon       |
| Training Director       | Phyllis Broderick |
| Board Members           | Debbie Achenzie   |
|                         | Anna Guglielmo    |
|                         | Gail James        |
|                         | Edie Rysdyk       |
|                         | Joanne Stock      |



**\*TRAINING\***

**Wednesday**

The training schedule for December will remain the same with a few exceptions. Wednesday, December 8, will be the Club's Christmas Party. No formal training—training on your own. The Christmas party will be downstairs. There will be no formal training December 22 and 23 and there will be no classes December 29 and 30. The Wednesday session will end on January 5, 2022, and the Thursday session ends December 23, 2021.

**\*TRAINING SCHEDULE\***

**Wednesday**

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| 4:45 TO 5:45 PM OPEN   | PHYLLIS BRODERICK AND DUSTY SPRINGER, ASSISTANT  |
| 5:50 TO 6:50 PM SHOW READY NOVICE/<br>NOVICE/ADVANCED BEGINNER | PHYLLIS BRODERICK AND DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT |
| 7:00 TO 8:00 PM UTILITY PM                                     | PHYLLIS BRODERICK                                |

**Thursday**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM UTILITY | ANNA GUGLIELMO                                |
| 10:45 TO 11:45 AM OPEN      | ANNA GUGLIELMO                                |
| 12:00 AM TO 1:00 PM NOVICE  | DUSTY SPRINGER AND DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT |

**\*RALLY\***

Contact Linda Krasley for the next Rally classes. She and her students are presently working on the Advanced exercises.

**\*RING RENTALS\***

Ring rentals are available on Thursday afternoon. Some time slots are taken so contact Phyllis to see which ones are available. You can share each side with other members. The cost is \$25 an hour for the whole room and \$15 an hour for half the room. There are enough jumps and equipment for the two spaces. But remember, when you finished, you must put the equipment away unless the next members who come in want to use it.

**\*CHRISTMAS PARTY\***

The Club Christmas Party will be held on December 8 at 7:00 pm downstairs in the building. Set up will start at 5:30 and volunteers are needed to help. See the poster for more information. Bill Springer has volunteered to head the committee. Contact Bill [bspringer@ptd.net](mailto:bspringer@ptd.net) or Dusty Springer [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com) if you are planning on attending and have not responded to previous emails sent. Also, if you have not signed up to bring a food item, please contact Bill or Dusty with what you are planning to bring. Contact Edie Rysdyk [erysdyk@scherlinelaw.com](mailto:erysdyk@scherlinelaw.com) if you have any items or monetary donations for the raffle. We hope to see you all at the Party.



**It's That Time Again.....Join us for the Allentown  
Dog Training Club's Holiday Party!  
FOOD, RAFFLE, and FUN**

WHEN: December 8th at 7:00 p.m. following a short *General Meeting*. This year's Holiday Party will be held in the Downstairs Dining area at Macungie Hall.

Members are welcome to bring your dogs.

Set up at 5:30, tear down after party. All help accepted.

Please bring a dish to share.

Entrée, Appetizer, Side or Dessert

Raffle items and Monetary Donations accepted, contact Edie Rysdyk.

The mats will be down upstairs for training on your own, prior to the start of the 7:00 *General Meeting*.

No Training after 7:00.

Hope to see everyone at this year's party.

### **\*CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR\***

We hope that everyone learned something from Connie at the seminar. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn from a nationally known dog trainer. I have been to many seminars over the years but even though I could not attend on Saturday, this was absolutely one of the best. Connie spent time with each of the 23 teams over the two days, working with each trainer and their dog. There was so much to learn by watching as well. I think that most would love to have her back. MANY, MANY THANKS to Kathy Pugh and Phyllis Broderick for all that they did to make this seminar happen.

### **\*POINT SHOW\***

As has been announced by Gail James, our Point Show will be held at Orchard Hills Training Center in Barto. It will be on Saturday, May 21. Even though it is six months away, please mark your calendars. Whether you are planning on participating or not, we always need volunteers especially stewards.

Gail has included an announcement with this information. Please be sure to read it and volunteer when asked.

And please do not forget to send Cris Courduff your trophy donation. It is such a thrill, especially for newer people, to win a nice rosette for all their hard work. You can make the donation in memory or honor of a special dog or person. The form is included in this newsletter as it was in the previous one. You can contact her if you would like more information.

### **\*STEWARDS\***

Gail is looking for volunteers to steward at Lehigh Valley Kennel Club shows on December 15 and 16. Yes, these dates are Wednesday and Thursday. The Kennel Club appreciates our Club supplying stewards for their trials and they give us a nice donation. Without our help, they would probably not offer obedience and rally as they are breed clubs. So please volunteer. It is one of the best ways to observe great trainers and dogs working on the higher levels. There are a lot of things to learn just by watching, such as how they enter the ring, move from exercise to exercise, set their dogs up—all sorts of things like that are not the exercises themselves but so important in the ring.



## **SAVE THE DATE – ADTC POINT SHOW – Saturday May 21, 2022!!**

New Site – Orchard Hills Training Center in Barto, offers ample parking and indoor bathroom facilities.

Besides our beautiful 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> place Rosettes, Cris has also found great trophies for the 4 placings. AND Karen Belmont has again agreed to make hand-made Tug Toys along with our other toys for all qualifiers.

Judges – Ted Walshesky – BN, N, O, PO

Jean Nocily – U, PU, PN, Veteran

Josie McAuliffe – AM & PM Rally Trials

Trophy donations should be into Cris by January 31, 2022 and will be listed in the premium if you wish. As we get closer to the show, we will need volunteers for set up, judges' hospitality, food donations and of course stewards.

We will keep the membership updated monthly, and please feel free to reach out with questions.

Gail James – New Show Chair



# ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB

## 2022 Obedience & Rally Trophies

**NOTE: Trophies in honor of dogs may only be offered in memory of deceased dogs.**

**In honor of people may only be offered in memory of deceased persons.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place "**Obedience**" Bone Dry towels @**\$34/set**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place "**Obedience**" Rosettes @**\$12/set**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

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\*If donating for a specific class/classes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place "**Rally AM** Trial Prizes @**\$28/set**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place "**Rally PM** Trial Prizes @**\$28/set**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place "**Rally**" Rosettes @**\$12/set** \_\_AM / \_\_PM

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

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\*If donating for a specific class/classes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to **Toys** for qualifiers or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For the **General Trophy Fund**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

***Trophies not awarded at the 2022 Trial will be applied to the General Fund for future Trials!***

**Ck one to Sponsor Obed. @\$50ea: \_\_High in Trial - \_\_High Combined - \_\_High in Trial (non-OTCH)**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

**Ck one to Sponsor Rosette @\$10ea: \_\_High in Trial - \_\_High Combined - \_\_High in Trial (non-OTCH)**

Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

**Ck 1 to Sponsor Rally-AM @\$50ea: \_\_High Score Adv.B & Exc.B Combined - \_\_High Score Triple**

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Listing to read: Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

**Trophy forms and payment must be received by January 31, 2022**

My Check # \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

Please send to: Cris Courduff, 2410 Camp Rockhill Road, Quakertown, Pa. 18951

Questions? Please contact Cris Courduff at: criscourduff@verizon.net or (215)536-1219

**\*AWARDS\***

If you have earned a new title this year, be sure to get your information to Judy Lasso before the end of the year. It takes Judy and Pat Gombocz many hours of checking to make sure everything is correct. If you get your title at the end of the year and have not received the certificate from the AKC yet, send the form to Judy before December 31, and then a copy of the certificate when you get it. This form is also included in this newsletter as well as the previous one.







# ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB AWARDS APPLICATION & TITLE RECOGNITION

If you and your dog earned an AKC Title in 2021 while you were a member of ADTC, please fill out this application.

**Directions for filling out this application:**

1. Application must be filled out completely.
2. Include a copy of your AKC certificate for the **all titles** earned in 2021 with your application.
3. **Mail** application to Judy Lasso, 319 Chestnut Street, Freemansburg, PA 18017-6862. Application must be received by **December 31, 2021**.
4. If you have a CD plaque with empty plates available, please include 1 plate for each new title you earned.

Any questions, please contact Judy at judylasso319@gmail.com

**For Club Award eligibility requirements please refer to the ADTC Regulations, Section 8.**

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include all title abbreviations)

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one of the following:**

- My dog has earned an AKC title, but has not yet earned a CD (Certificates will be awarded).
- My dog earned its CD during the past year (Plaque will be awarded).
- My dog earned its CD prior to becoming a member and I have earned an AKC title during the past year (I do not have a plaque).
- My dog earned its CD prior to this year and I have earned an AKC title during the past year. – I have a plaque and am enclosing a blank plate for each title earned.
- I do not have any empty plates (or not enough). I need an extension to my plaque.

**Please complete this section if your dog earned a Regular CD, CDX, or UD title in 2021. Scores are needed to be considered for club challenge award:**

|                                 |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Title _____                     | Title Abbreviation _____        | Date Earned _____              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg Score _____ | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg Score _____ | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg Sore _____ |

|                                 |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Title _____                     | Title Abbreviation _____        | Date Earned _____              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg Score _____ | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg Score _____ | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg Sore _____ |

**Please complete this section for all other AKC Obedience (including Preferred), Rally, Agility, Field, etc., titles earned in 2021. Remember to include a copy of all AKC certificates.**

**Title \_\_\_\_\_ Title Abbreviation \_\_\_\_\_ Date Earned \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**If you earned a CD in 2021, please list any titles earned in previous years and include a copy of your most recent AKC certificate.**

**Title \_\_\_\_\_ Title Abbreviation \_\_\_\_\_ Date Earned \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**REMINDER: TO ENSURE ACCURACY, SEND A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE FOR EACH AKC TITLE EARNED IN 2021.**

## **\*MEMBERSHIP\***

Be sure to get your membership dues to Debbie Achenzie by January 1, 2022. The form is also included in this newsletter as well as in the previous one.

## **\*MEMBER/DOG OF THE MONTH\***

Linda Eldon announced this month's **"DOG" OF THE MONTH**.

*We have a few amazing dogs in our club that "do it all." Obedience, field work and therapy. Ann Marie and Steve Markowitz's dog Barkley does it all and he has a sense of humor to boot. When I moan and groan about losing points because our sits are not straight, I think of Barkley and Ann Marie and the joy they bring to those who need comforting. Kind of puts it all in perspective. Way to go Barkley!*



My professional background is in Occupational Therapy working in the field of adult rehabilitation. When I first learned of the volunteer field of therapy dogs, I was excited. I was comfortable in hospital settings and had a Labrador retriever whose overall temperament seemed perfect for this. Her name was Julie. That was over 20 years ago. Since that time 5 of my 7 Labrador retrievers have held the title of registered therapy dogs. Currently Riley age 7 and Barkley age 4 are my therapy dogs. Because of some health issues with Riley, Barkley is my main active therapy dog.

A dog is not eligible to test for therapy dog status until they are one years old. Training involves basic obedience, lots of socialization in various settings and review of and practice of the testing requirements. As a member of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) we are required to be observed, as a team, by a qualified tester/observer on 3 supervised visits mainly in medical facilities. Once this is completed, visits can begin.

I am a member of Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs (LVTD) with ATD as the parent organization. Barkley and I visit a number of facilities including but not limited to hospitals, assistive livings, daycares, libraries, schools including colleges for de stress events and LVIA. Some visits are done individually, and some visits involve other member teams. It is important to note the visits are not only for the patient /students but also for families of the individual and staff. Everyone needs the comfort provided by a therapy dog. Barkley becomes very excited when we prepare for a visit. It is obvious he understands his "job" and enjoys it thoroughly. It is not uncommon for him to flip on his back for belly rubs or lean up against someone to encourage more petting. For more reserved settings he may just rest his head on a bed or a hand. In my opinion, Barkley was born to be a therapy dog and has the ability to provide comfort regardless of the setting.

**ADTC MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Your Allentown Dog Training Club dues are due by **January 1, 2022**. Payment of your membership dues by 1/1/22 allows you to vote at the January meeting, be eligible for awards and continue to train with the club.

All meeting minutes and membership lists will be on the ADTC website. **USPS mail delivery is available to members without an e-mail address at an additional cost of \$10.00 plus the membership fee. Lifetime members are excluded from the additional fee.**

1. Complete the form below and **sign the WAIVER** on next page.
2. Make checks payable to **ADTC, Inc.**
3. Return Form to:

**ADTC, Inc.**  
**c/o Debbie**  
**Achenzie**  
**1935 Kensington Road**  
**Bethlehem, PA 18018**

- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP ..... **\$35.00**
- EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ..... **\$15.00** (include all names)
- LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ..... **MUST SIGN THE WAIVER on next page.**
- MARK BOX IF ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED
- ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR THE 2022 TRIAL GENERAL TROPHY FUND. If you wish to donate for a specific class or prize, use the Trophy Pledge form in the Members area of the website.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(including additional household members)

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed/Breeds of dogs you own:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read and sign the WAIVER, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK and AUTHORIZATION on next page.**

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.**

**WAIVER, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF PHOTOS & EMAIL NOTIFICATION**

I understand that my attendance and participation in any Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "ADTC") class or activity, including but not limited to, obedience and rally training, is not without risk to myself, my dog(s) or any family member or guest who might be present at such function. Some dogs to which I might be exposed may be difficult to control and/or aggressive towards other canines and people and may be a cause of injury even when handled with care. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training class or other activity of ADTC or while on the ADTC facilities.

In consideration of the enrollment for training, and as an inducement to my participation in ADTC classes or activities, I hereby waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue ADTC, its officers, members and/or agents from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I, my dog, or any family member may sustain, including specifically, but without limitation, any injury or damage caused by the action of another dog or by participation in the foregoing activities.

In consideration of the enrollment for training and as an inducement to my participation in ADTC classes or activities, I additionally hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the ADTC, its officers, members and agents, of and from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, damages, judgments, costs, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which in any way arise from me or my family members or guests' acts, omissions and/or negligence, irrespective of whether the acts, omissions and/or negligence of the ADTC, its officers, members and agents, or any third party contributed to the loss.

I hereby certify that I am over the 18 years of age, and I have read this paper and am fully aware that this contract constitutes a waiver and release of any and all liabilities because of injury to me, my dog, dogs or other property.

I hereby grant the Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc., including its officers, directors and members (hereafter collectively the "Club") permission to use my likeness in photographs, images and/or videos in any and all of its publications, including web space (internet site) and Facebook, and in any and all other media, whether now know or hereafter existing, controlled by the Club, in perpetuity, and for other use by the Club.

I acknowledge my participation with the Club is voluntary and I will receive no financial compensation, and I will make no monetary claim, or any other claim against the Club for the use of the photographs and/or video.

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the Club and its members, officers, and directors from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, complaints, lawsuits and any other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of, or be caused by the use of any such photographs and/or video.

I Authorize Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc., to send me notifications by use of email.

**Signature of**

**Owner/Member/Participant and Parent** \_\_\_\_\_

(if member is under the age of 18)

## 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](mailto:aeldon1980@aol.com)

First and last name of nominee:

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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.)

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Date nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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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.

**\*WHO'S NEW!!!\***

I have added a new member to my household, for some of you this is already old news. Introducing "Timmy" a biblack Shetland sheepdog. He is certainly keeping me busy but he's worth it!

Anna Guglielmo

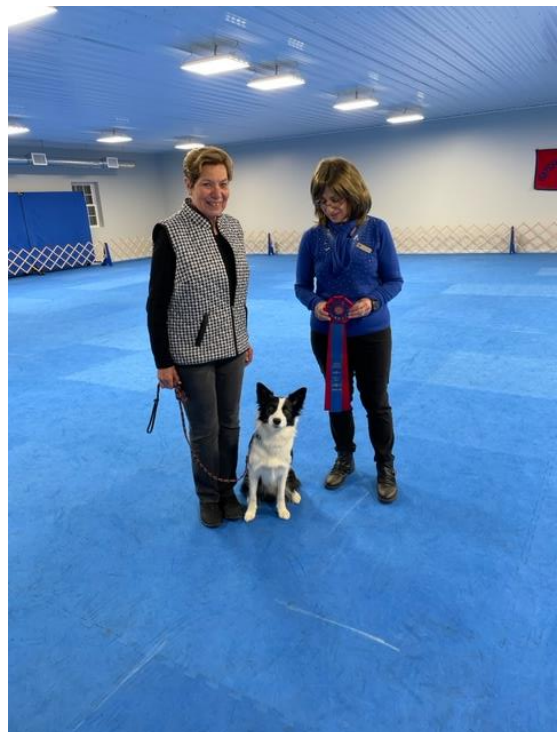


**\*ACHIEVEMENTS\***



Rachel Bockman reported that Pink had an excellent weekend in Salisbury, Maryland! She went 3 for 3 her first time in Rally Excellent for her title! She was also entered in Novice B Obedience on Sunday and got her last needed leg for her CD title, also earning 2nd place!

**Terry Papineau and Baci** have also been quite busy. That little girl finished her CD in style at the show on November 13 with a High-In Trial with a score of 199 ½!! Way to go Terry and Baci. This is not Baci's first High-In Trial!! What an amazing little girl.



### \*MORE ACHIEVEMENTS\*

**Judy Skorup and Emma** have some more ACHIEVEMENTS to report as they have been quite busy the last month or so. I will list some of her great ACHIEVEMENTS.

The 2020 and 2021 Great Pyrenees National Specialty was held in November of this year in Virginia Beach. On November 5 she passed her 5<sup>th</sup> Draft Dog Test with qualifying scores. She earned some nice prizes and a lovely rosette along with her Advanced Novice Drafting Title.

She also earned several first places for her RALLY MASTER TITLE.

For all this she was awarded a plaque listing her in the GREAT PYRENEES PERFORMANCE HALL OF FAME for having the highest combined score in RALLY ADVANCED B, EXCELLENT B AND MASTER CLASSES.

**Judy Skorup reports that Emma had a busy week** at her Great Pyrenees National Specialty and then the following weekend at a Regional Swissy Specialty in another part of Virginia. After earning her Great Pyrenees Advanced Novice Draft Title and her Rally Master 3 - plus several awards for high Rally Scores in 2020 and 2021, and her Performance/Obedience Hall of Fame plaque, Emma took a few days off to socialize and prepare for her Open Draft Test (off lead with a three-minute Mom out of sight stay). On Sunday, Emma competed and earned her Agility ACT1 Jumpers certificate/title. She had to jump 10 jumps in the correct order twice without knocking down a bar in under 50 seconds. Success! On Monday, Emma competed in the Swissy Open Draft Test - all off lead with 25 lbs. in the cart on a one-mile up hill and downhill and through the forest trail. It was her first time competing in Open Draft and she passed easily. We have her Draft Dog title, another rosette, and more trophies. In the regional Swissy test, there were Swissies, Leonbergers, Bouviers, Shelties and one Pyrenees. No brace entries this time. Emma is taking today off and tomorrow too. She was getting a bit tired of hotel rooms!

Here are the rosettes and gear bag from the Advanced Novice Draft Test with Title, two first place Rally Master Trials, the plaque for being in the Performance/Obedience Hall of Fame, and trophies for having the highest score in Master Rally, highest High Combined score in Rally Ex. B and Rally Adv. B and also the highest triple score in Rally (Adv. B, Ex. B and Master Rally classes).





This year the Great Pyrenees Club of America's National Specialty covered both 2020 and 2021.



Emma's Advanced Novice Draft Title, Virginia Beach, VA on 11/7



Emma pulling her cart.

Here is a photo of Emma with her Draft Rosettes, Draft Trophies, Rally Master Rosettes and National Specialty Awards for high scores in Rally Master, high score in Rally Excellent B and Advanced B and high score in Rally Master, Excellent B and Advanced B in 2020. Emma was not too happy about being surrounded by her trophies, sorry!



**\*GOOD INFORMATION\***

Dr. Jean Dodds is known for her work with dogs. She does a lot of research on testing for thyroid, titers, and things like that. The Poodle Club usually has a health clinic in the building in Macungie each June and they sent bloodwork, etc. to her. She also has a blog which she will send out from time to time. The last one was on how to dispose of unused medications which I would assume would cover human as well. I usually donate any medicine that my dogs no longer need back to my vet to give to a family who can use it for their pet. The vets have always gratefully taken it. But if this is not an option, this article has a few ideas. It is on her October 22, 2021/General Health/By Hemopet Newsletter. It should come up by typing in either Jean Dodds or Hemopet Newsletter.



## **ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**November 10, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 October 13, 2021. No corrections or additions were noted. Irwin Linker moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Joanne Stock and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Barb Artim presented the Treasurer's Report.

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Cris Courduff moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Gail James and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Membership Report**

Debbie Achenzie reported that membership renewals are coming in. The renewal form is posted on the club website and Debbie also offered to email the form to any member who requests it.

## **Training Director's Report**

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report (see attached).

## **Committees**

### **Website**

Steve Markowitz reported that Linda Krasley gave him update rally information for the website. If anybody sees any outdated information on the website notify Steve so it can be corrected.

### **Newsletter**

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Nominating Committee**

President Achenzie read the slate filed with the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee as follows:

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| President:               | Chuck Achenzie    |
| Vice President:          | Steve Markowitz   |
| Treasurer:               | Barb Artim        |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Terry Papineau    |
| Recording Secretary:     | Linda Eldon       |
| Training Director:       | Phyllis Broderick |
| Board Members:           | Debbie Achenzie   |
|                          | Anna Guglielmo    |
|                          | Gail James        |
|                          | Edie Rysdyk       |
|                          | Joanne Stock      |

The slate will be presented to the general membership at the December general meeting and nominations from the general membership will be taken at that time. The general membership will vote at the January 2022 meeting.

### Awards and Certificates

President Achenzie announced the awards application is on the website. This is for awards earned in 2021. Complete the form and mail it to Judy Lasso by December 31, 2021.

### Christmas Party

Bill Springer announced set-up for the Christmas Party will begin at 5:30 on December 8, 2021, downstairs in Macungie Hall. Help will be needed with set up and clean up. Bill has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Club members are asked to bring entrees and desserts as there will be no catering this year. There will be a raffle and so far about 35 members have indicated they will attend the party.

### Trophies

Cris Courduff reported there has not been a good response for trophy donations for the May 2022 point show. She has forms with her and the form is also on the website. Please help support the club with trophy donations.

### Point Show

Gail James announced the date for the club point show in 2022 is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please save the date.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **General Business**

The next board meeting will be held on November 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Macungie Hall. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on December 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. inside Macungie Hall.

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, Cris Courduff 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 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training Director Report November 10, 2021

The new 6-week session started tonight and will start tomorrow Thursday

There will be no classes Thanksgiving week November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Club's Christmas Party. No formal training, training on your own. The Christmas party will be downstairs.

There will be no training the week of December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The current Wednesday session will end Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

The current Thursday session will end Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Wednesday's class schedule is:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 4:45 to 5:45pm | Open - instructor Phyllis with Dusty assisting  |
| 5:50 to 6:50pm | Novice, Advanced Beginner and Show Ready Novice<br>Instructor Phyllis with Debbie Achenzie assisting. |
| 7:00 to 8:00pm | Utility - instructor Phyllis  |

Thursday Novice class 12 to 1:00pm. Dusty has been getting large classes. Debbie Achenzie is assisting.

The STAR puppy/ beginner combined class is going into its 4<sup>th</sup> week. Terry Papineau, instructor.

Anna's Utility and Open classes and Linda's Advanced/Excellent Rally class will start their new 6-week session tomorrow Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ring Rental:

I had to send a reminder to the membership that the equipment must be put away after rentals on Thursday. The last two weeks all the jumps were left on the floor and the cones scattered



about the room. Each person renting the floor space, is responsible for putting the jumps in the cart and the cones on the stage before they leave.

**SEMINAR:**

All the working slots are filled, all 23 of them. Kathy is still taking reservations for auditors.

I have made motel reservations for Connie Cleveland, and we are all set with the food for both days, thanks to everyone who has offered to help set up and help with the food and donations of dessert.

We are setting up Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. If you wish to help, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick