

# ADTC BARKS AND BYTES NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2022



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022 TO ALL! We hope that everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas as well as a wonderful New Year. Now is the time to make a resolution in this new year to start spending more time training with your Best Friend. Dogs love to learn things. Right now, with the present training schedule, I have an hour between Cooper's Open class and his Utility class. It is fun to watch both our new and old members with their beginner dogs learning to heel, to come when called (recall), to stand for examination and finally the dread stays, sits and downs. In the not-too-distant past, novice dogs had to learn to sit off leash for one minute with the handler at the other end of the ring. They then had to do a three minute down stay again off leash with the handler the same distance from them. These were the longest one minute and three minutes in the world!!! When you got into Open, the time for the sits and downs was increased to three-minute sits and five minutes down with the handlers out of sight! All of us would count the minutes and prayed that our dogs held where we left them and in the correct position. We never knew what we would find when we came back into the ring. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on what you felt about the off-leash stays, the AKC after having complaints about dogs being attacked by other off leash dogs, the stay portion was changed to the present one we now do.

There are still some forms that still need to be sent in as soon as possible. One is the Membership form and dues. If you want to remain a member and continue training with ADTC and receive this informative newsletter, you need to turn in your membership renewal and dues as soon as possible.

Cris Courduff is still taking donations for rosettes and ribbons for our point show in May. This is so important to keep our point show one that obedience trainers look forward to every year. There is nothing better than receiving a nice rosette for one of the first four placements. This needs to be mailed to her before January 31 so everything can be included on the premium list.

We hope that everyone who has earned a title recognition in 2021 has sent a copy of their AKC certificate and awards form to Judy Lasso. The deadline was December 31, 2021, so if you missed that date, it is too late.

**\*ELECTION OF OFFICERS\***

We will have the election of officers for 2022 at our January meeting, which is on Wednesday, January 12 in the Building in Macungie Park. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Here is the slate of officers for the following positions. And please be sure to thank all the outgoing board members and welcome all the new members to the 2022 board of directors. THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!!

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

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**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

### \*TRAINING\*

Please see the [training schedule shown on page 7](#) in this newsletter. If you want to train with the Club, be sure to get the application and money into Phyllis ASAP. She will make every effort to accommodate everyone. You must be a member to train with the Club, so make sure you've sent your dues for 2022 to Debbie Achenzie.

## **\*AN IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL MINI SEMINAR FOR ALL BEGINNER NOVICE/NOVICE MEMBERS\***

Phyllis is also presenting a mini seminar geared towards Novice members. She will be discussing AKC rules and guidelines for showing in Beginner Novice and Novice. It will be held Thursday on January 6 from 4:30 pm to



6:30 pm. Be sure to **bring a comfortable chair** and you are **welcome to bring your dog**. Please arrive early as she **will begin the session promptly at 4:30 pm**. There is a form in the newsletter with more information. She will do her best to answer any questions that you may have. **All Novice people should try to attend this important and informational seminar, especially if you are planning to show in the near future or even later on.** She may not present another one for quite a while, so take advantage of it.

### \*TRAINING HINTS FROM PHYLLIS\*

Phyllis has an important tip for members entering trials. **#1** - make sure that your dress is presentable. Check out the good trainers to see how they dress for obedience and rally—a nice pair of clean pants and top or vest is always acceptable. You do not want to put on anything that will hit your dog in the face while heeling. For instance, a floppy hanging shirt. **#2** - is to make sure your dog is nicely groomed. You are a representative of AKC obedience and rally so make sure your dog also looks good as well. Do present yourself and your dog according as the public is watching and really so is the judge. You are not judged on your appearance or your dog's, but it helps to make a nice one. For questions about proper dress, do attend the mini seminar mentioned earlier.

**Allentown Dog Training Club  
2022 Indoor Registration Form  
Six-week Session January 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- A new indoor obedience training session will begin Thursday, January 6th and Wednesday, January 12, 2022.
- Classes will be by pre-entry.
- Cost: \$48 for the six-week session.
- Note: Drop in welcome.  
    The cost is \$10 per class.  
    Please contact trainer prior to attending class.

**Classes: (please check class of your choice)**

**1/6/2022 - THURSDAY (6-week session begins)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 12:00 AM TO 1:00 PM NOVICE                      DUSTY SPRINGER AND DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT

**1/12/2022 - WEDNESDAY (6-week session begins)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:45 PM TO 5:45 PM OPEN                      PHYLLIS BRODERICK AND DUSTY SPRINGER, ASSISTANT  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5:50 PM TO 6:50 PM NOVICE &                      PHYLLIS BRODERICK AND DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT  
                    ADVANCED BEGINNER NOVICE  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM UTILITY                      PHYLLIS BRODERICK

**1/13/2022 - THURSDAY (6-week session begins)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM UTILITY                      ANNA GUGLIELMO  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 AM TO 11:45 AM OPEN                      ANNA GUGLIELMO

Anyone wanting to take one of Anna's classes needs to get in touch with her to register. Her contact information is [annamr06@verison.net](mailto:annamr06@verison.net).

Make checks payable to "ADTC" and send to:

Phyllis Broderick  
262 Brass Castle Rd.  
Oxford, NJ. 07863-3142

Tel: 908-453-2511  
Email: [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB PRESENTS  
AKC RULES & GUIDELINES FOR SHOWING IN  
BEGINNER NOVICE & NOVICE  
Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 to 6:30 pm**

Includes:

1. Filling out an entry form.
2. Going over an AKC Judge's Score Sheet
3. What you need to know before entering a show
4. Where points are lost
5. What is allowed and not allowed in the ring
6. Going over the AKC rules and regulations.
7. Entering the ring.

There will be demonstrations entering the ring and on the individual exercises.

Please bring a comfortable chair.

You are welcome to bring your dog.

All questions answered to the best of my ability.

Hope to see you there.

*Phyllis Broderick*

***NOTE: Please arrive at least 15 minutes early as I will  
start promptly at 4:30 pm.***

## **\*TRAINING SCHEDULE\***

The Wednesday session will end on January 5, 2022. The new schedule for both Wednesday and Thursday follows:

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## **\*RALLY\***

Anyone who is interested in Rally classes, please contact Linda Krasley for the next Rally Class which is Masters. She will be finishing up the Advanced Class Exercises and on January 13 she will offer Masters Class. There will be two times to choose from: 3:15 pm and 7:15 pm. You can reach Linda at [kenlin@rcn.com](mailto:kenlin@rcn.com) to sign up or if you have any questions.

I am on some Facebook obedience and rally sites. I have found that some of the sites are quite interesting, and you can learn some things from them as experienced trainers will often respond to questions from newer people. Frequently writers will ask about what kind of judge someone is. Lately trainers have been asking about our own Linda Krasley. From all the comments I have read, Linda gets great reviews from people who have shown under her. We are so fortunate to have Linda, as a Rally judge, teaching our Rally classes. Rally classes are not easy to find as many clubs do not offer them. SO MANY, MANY KUDOS TO LINDA AND THANKS FOR BEING WILLING TO TEACH OUR RALLY CLASSES!

### **\*OUR OTHER INSTRUCTORS\***

Since I started mentioning Linda, I decided I would also write about our other instructors as many of our new members may not know about them and how lucky this Club is to have them as instructors.

We are so lucky to have Phyllis Broderick teaching our obedience classes. Phyllis is a long time Obedience and Rally judge and is now retired from judging (?) but not from teaching some of our obedience classes. I put the question mark after “retired from judging” as who knows when she may be called to judge in an emergency.

Anna Guglielmo teaches our Open and Utility classes on Thursday mornings. Although she is not a judge, she has been competing for a long time with several of her dogs. She has achieved OTCH titles on most of them which is the most difficult title to earn. We are so lucky to have such an experienced trainer.

Dusty Springer helps Phyllis on the Wednesday night Open class and teaches Thursday morning novice obedience class. Everyone knew and loved her great Labrador Retriever, Sam, who competed in all levels of obedience, including Therapy Dog and held many obedience and rally titles. Not only that he was one of the sweetest dogs in the world who loved everyone, and everyone loved him. Dusty will tell you that she learned so much from our own Clydette Lobach who sadly passed away suddenly a few years ago.

Debbie Achenzie has been teaching our novice classes on and off for many years. She and her husband Chuck (President of this Club) trained and competed with English Bulldogs for many years and were able to put titles on them. That is one tough breed to do obedience with!! She is presently assisting Phyllis with the novice class on Wednesday night and Dusty’s daytime class on Thursday.

Terry Papineau teaches our puppy classes. She moved here several years ago and was and still is a member of the Staten Island DTC as well as ADTC. She has helped to run obedience/rally trials and ran shows for the Australian Shepherd Club. She, too, has earned many titles on her dogs.

Many thanks to all our training instructors!!!

### **\*RING RENTALS\***

Ring rentals are available on Thursday afternoon. Some time slots are taken but it is best to contact Phyllis to see what times are available. You can share each side with other members or rent the entire floor. The cost is \$25 per hour for the whole floor and \$15 an hour for half the floor. There are enough jumps and other equipment for both sides. But please remember, they need to be put away unless the next renters want to use them.



### \*CHRISTMAS PARTY\*

Many thanks to Bill Springer, although we are sure that Dusty played a part in it, for a wonderful Christmas party. There was plenty of food—so much delicious food—and a great raffle with lots of doggie items thanks to Edie Rysdyk. It was nice having it downstairs, so we did not have to put tables and chairs out and then afterwards put them away. Plus, a nice kitchen to get things ready.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all who helped and who brought all that delicious food!

### \*POINT SHOW\*

Before we get into information on our point show in May 2022, we want to thank Gail James for all her work getting stewards and running the Obedience part of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club STAR OF BETHLEHEM CLUSTER. LVKC and DELAWARE WATER GAP KC run the show for breed competition. They are breed clubs. However, thanks to the LVKC they also for many years have included Obedience and Rally in their show. Gail is the Obedience Chairperson and without her, I am sure there would be no obedience and rally included. Breed shows sometimes do not want to bother with offering obedience/rally and we are so thankful that Gail and the LVKC are willing to do this. Yes, they do pay us for getting obedience and rally stewards and many thanks to those who stewarded. Without stewards, there are no obedience/rally trials. SO, WHEN YOU SEE GAIL AT CLUB TRAINING WITH HER RIDGEBACKS BE SURE TO THANK HER AND ANY LVKC MEMBER YOU KNOW. She did a wonderful job, and the trial was well run with great stewards and judges. And all qualifiers got a handy little flashlight (I love it) on Wednesday and a great tote bag to put dog stuff or anything else in it on Thursday. What a nice touch!

Here is Gail's personal thank you to all who helped with the LVKC trials in obedience and rally on Wednesday and Thursday, December 15 and 16.

"THANK YOU TO ALL WHO STEWARDED FOR THE LEHIGH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB SHOWS". I am terrible with names and didn't set up a list, so this is a HUGE THANK YOU for all who helped steward both on Wednesday and Thursday for the LVKC Trials. I truly appreciate the help especially the two members who showed on Thursday and then stayed and helped steward!!!! We did have quite a few new stewards which is a great way to learn about trials. Something else I learned is that all of the information about shows is in the AKC Rule Book for Obedience and Rally Trials from ribbons to stewarding! Trials cannot happen without stewards!! SO... THANK YOU!! - Gail James LVKC Obedience and Rally Chair

Our point show will be held in Barto, on May 21 at the Orchard Hills Training Center. Cris Courduff as mentioned earlier is still looking for award sponsors and the list to send to her is included with this newsletter. Keep this date booked if you are planning on entering. And we always need stewards if you are not planning on entering it or do not have a dog ready, please consider stewarding. Our own

Gail James is the show CHAIRPERSON so when she asks for volunteers, please answer the call! You can learn so much just by stewarding.

Gail has the judges lined up. They are Ted Walshesky for Beginner Novice, Novice, Open and Preferred Open. Jean Nocilly for Utility, Preferred Utility Preferred Novice, and a Veteran class which you do not see offered often. It is a kind of bittersweet class because it gives some of our older obedience dogs a chance to show that they still remember all the things they have done and are still able to do them. It can bring tears to your eyes to see the older dogs strut their stuff!!

And for Rally the judge will be Josie McAuliffe.

And many thanks to Karen Belmont for making dog tug toys to give as prizes.



## **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 Nocilly – 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



**\*MEMBERSHIP\***

Debbie Achenzie wants to remind everyone to get their dues to her as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with her at [bullies@ptd.net](mailto:bullies@ptd.net). She usually will allow some extra time, but you really need to get this to her if you want to continue to train with us. Not to mention receiving this colorful and informative BARKS AND BYTES. The membership form is included with this newsletter.

**We all voted – YES FOR MEMBERSHIP!!!**



**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)

**Additional Household Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** -----

## 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 Dusty Springer. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Dusty Springer at 1242 W. Minor St, Emmaus, PA, 18049, or by emailing them to [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.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 the 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 the program. Thank you.

ADTC/rab  
Dec-28-2021

### \*WHO IS NEW\*

This is for those who have become new members and also those who have welcomed a new four-legged member to their family.

### \*SUNSHINE\*

Sadly, we have quite a few members who have lost loved ones this month, both human and furry. Debbie usually will inform the membership of such losses. Please send condolences to these members. I know that it will be greatly appreciated.

- We sent condolences to Judy Lasso on the death of her father. She used to bring her dad to some of her obedience classes. Please send cards to her. Please keep Judy in your thoughts and prayers.
- We also sent condolences to Marta Beckstead on the death of her husband, Rod. This was sent out earlier to the membership. Also keep Marta in your thoughts and prayers.

We have several members who have lost their best buddies - we all know how hard it is to lose a four-legged friend. We sent condolences to each of them, but members are invited to send cards also.



- Barb Katz lost her older Pug, Hugo, quite suddenly. We are so sorry to hear that.

- Sharon Merkel lost her beloved canine partner, Corc, her Irish Red and White Setter.



- Zoe Backman informed us of the passing of her beloved canine partner – 13-year-old Cardigan Corgi named Tinkerbelle.

Please keep all these members in your thoughts and prayers at this time. It is so hard to lose someone but especially at this time of the year.



### **\*ACHIEVEMENTS\***

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD A SUCCESSFUL MONTH COMPETING WITH THEIR DOGS. REMEMBER, YOU ALWAYS TAKE HOME THE BEST DOG IN THE SHOW.

If anyone attended the Connie Cleveland seminar which we held in November, many of you may not know that she had one of her black Labradors at the Oaks trials in December. I am sorry that I do not know her name. Not only that, but she also had her at the Lehigh Valley KC obedience and Rally trials December 15 and 16 where her dog finished her OTCH title. Abbey and I were very proud to be in a runoff with her for second place in the Open Class. Sadly, we lost the runoff, but it was such an honor to be in a runoff with a great trainer. It was a thrill to be standing next to her at the pinning. I wish I had a picture of the top four in that class, as the top three finishers were black labs. Something the judge commented on. Anna's Luna, who also did a great job was proud to stand there with them for fourth place. I believe Anna mentioned that this was Luna's last trial as she was being retired. Enjoy your retirement, Luna. Hopefully, your mom will find something else for you to do.

### **\*GOOD INFORMATION\***

Several years ago, I discovered an interesting and informative column or perhaps I should say website, put up by John Cox who is an AKC judge. He did obedience with St. Bernards, not an easy dog to train for obedience. I believe he also did agility with them as well. At this point, he has listed 75 different articles on various obedience topics. They range from getting ready as a novice to go into a ring on up to Utility and everything in between. He even has suggestions for judges in setting up their rings. He will also write what judges look for and how they judge. His website is called Little Tidbits by John Cox. It is well worth taking the time to read whatever Tidbits interest you. I would love to know what you think of it and if you learned a lot from the Tidbits. He keeps adding Tidbits every so often so be sure to check back to it. I cannot recommend this website enough and best of all it is free for you to take advantage of it. He has tons of great suggestions and lots of dos and don'ts. I have learned many things from reading his Little Tidbits!! The judges really do not want you to fail and want to encourage you to keep going.



**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
December 8, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 45 members and guests in attendance.

**Minutes**

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on November 10, 2021. No corrections or additions were noted. Joanne Stock moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Terry Papineau and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Barb Artim read the Treasurer's Report.

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

**Membership Report**

Debbie Achenzie presented her Membership Report.

There was one first reading:

Marianne Hyatt - Golden Retriever - (Not Present)

Debbie then presented three Lifetime Membership awards representing thirty years of membership with Allentown Dog Training Club. The members receiving this award were: Michele Altner; Sue lobst; and Joanne Sora.

Debbie also noted she has received 54 membership renewals so far.

**Training Director's Report**

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

## Committees

### Website

Steve Markowitz reported that the club website is receiving about 100 hits per day.

### Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft introduced Rita Brian as her new co-editor of the club Barks and Bytes newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 26, 2021.

### Sunshine

Cards were sent to: Marta Beckstead on the passing of her husband; Judy Lasso on the passing of her father; Berdell Koch on the passing of her Spinone Italiano, Tazio; Sharon Merkel on the passing of her Red and White Irish Setter, Corc; and Barb Katz on the passing of her Pug, Hugo.

### Board of Directors Nominations

Corresponding Secretary Terry Papineau read the slate filed with the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee:

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

There were no nominations from the general membership.

Dusty Springer moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Anne Wheeler and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The general membership will vote on the new Board of Directors at the January 2022 meeting.

President Achenzie thanked Steve Markowitz, Jacqui Hartranft and Wilma Brucker Krause for doing a great job with the slate for 2022.

### Christmas Party

Bill Springer reported the Christmas Party is ready to begin with lots of fantastic looking food. He was happy to take on the job of organizing the Christmas Party. President Achenzie thanked Bill for

the excellent job of arranging everything for the party.

### Awards and Certificates

President Achenzie noted the form to use for awards and certificates is on the website and the deadline is December 31, 2021.

Include a copy of all AKC certificates earned, with your application. No applications will be accepted after December 31, 2021.

### Trophies

Cris Courduff announced the trophy pledge form for the 2022-point show is on the website and she has some with her at the meeting. You can either mail it back to her or give it to her tonight.

### Point Show

Gail James reported she has put the names of the judges for our point show on the AKC website. There can be either an 8-hour judging limit or a limit on the class size. Gail is checking with the judges to see which they prefer.

### General Business

The next board meeting will be held on January 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in Macungie Hall. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on January 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in 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 Phyllis Broderick moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Anita Dengler and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy  
Recording Secretary

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB**  
**Training Director Report 12-08-2021**

Thursday day training classes will end the current session December 23, 2021.

Wednesday training classes will end January 5, 2022.

There will be no classes Wednesday and Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Linda's Rally class is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

I will be conducting a Beginner Novice/Novice mini workshop Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. It will include where points are lost, how to enter the ring, rules and regulations, handling errors. All questions will be answered to the best of my ability. Debbie Achenzie will send out the flyer for this workshop.

Anna's Thursday Open and Utility and Dusty's Novice classes - New session starts Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for Anna's classes, please contact Anna.

Registration Form available for Dusty's Novice class as well as Wednesday new sessions that will start January 12<sup>th</sup>. Debbie Achenzie will send out the registration form.

The 6-week sessions will remain the same at \$48.00 for the 6 weeks. Drop In will increase to \$10.00 per class, effective January 2022.

STAR Puppy class will start Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 pm.

A new beginner class will start Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:10 to 7:10 pm.

Ring Rental:

Half Floor 1:15 to 2:15 pm is available this week as well as half floor from 3:15 to 4:15 pm. If interested, please email Phyllis.

Connie Cleveland Seminar:

The seminar was successful.

Thanks for everyone who helped out setting up and cleaning up and for baking such delicious desserts. It was successful due to everyone pitching in and helping wherever needed.

Special thank you for Bill Springer for picking up some of Saturday and Sunday's food and for getting the drinks and ice and all the paper goods we needed from the storage unit.

I am looking into having Connie return 2022. Unfortunately, the November date is booked, but Connie is available during the month of October. The building at Macungie Memorial Park is not available the first two weeks in October. Am waiting for Amy to get back to me as to the available dates. As soon as I hear from Amy, I will book a weekend in October and get a contract from Connie.

Phyllis Broderick  
Training Director