



# ADTC BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2024



It is now the start of another year for ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB. And it was quite a 2023 which just ended with an impressive list of big titles by some of our members. We listed the two RACH members last month who achieved their titles and the two OTCH members who also achieved their titles. But right under the 2023 deadline, we have another RACH member. Anita Dengler and German Pincher, Rita, will now join the list of ADTC members who have won the highest awards in Obedience and Rally in 2023. Be sure to look under ACHIEVEMENTS. Allentown Dog Training Club members can be so proud of these five handlers and their dogs but also those who have helped them along the way, whether because of our trainers, other trainers or just plain do-it-yourself plain determination. I just want to add that all these titles were not achieved in just one year or two. Most take much longer, in fact years to achieve, depending on the dog and handler and the time and money available to them. If you want to have an understanding of what can be involved in some of these things, please reread Judy Skorup's article about her journey with Emma towards their RACH. It was in the December 2023 newsletter.

We want to add that anything that you and your dog do together is worthy of recognition and how proud you must be. Even if you are just starting out in whether it be Rally or Obedience, have a goal and keep it in front of you. Yes, there will be detours along the way, we all have them with anything that we do. So be proud of what you have accomplished last year and I hope that you sent Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz your 2023 AKC title achievements. But again, as we keep saying, we are always looking for any kind of accomplishment you achieve, no matter how large or small to put in our ACHIEVEMENT COLUMN.

Also at this point, my co-editor Rita Brian is not at her home as her husband, Ken, is recuperating from surgery and will most likely require further treatment. Until he is able to come home and take care of Rita who has Parkinson's disease, our newsletter might not be as colorful as it had been. Please send cards and good wishes to both Rita and her husband Ken as he recovers from surgery.

Now on to training information

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

From now on all our training information will be published on our website. There have been times when changes were made after the monthly newsletter has come out. Debbie Achenzie will normally send out notices of changes if it is of short notice especially with weather changes by email. But all other changes will be on the website, so please check there at least once a week to make sure nothing has changed. This change should make things easier for everyone.

### **\*ELECTION OF OFFICERS\***

The proposed 2024 board of directors and officers was read by Katie Dyer at the brief December meeting at our Christmas Party. There were no nominees from the floor. We will have the election of the new Board at our January meeting on January 10 at 7:00pm. Thanks to all of you for offering to serve on our board of directors. And many thanks to retiring board members, Wendy Bockman and Anna Guglielmo for serving on the 2023 Board. Your work and time is greatly appreciated.

Here is the 2024 slate of officers

PRESIDENT	CHUCK ACHENZIE
VICE PRESIDENT	GAIL JAMES
RECORDING SECRETARY	TRACY KRAPP
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	KATIE DYER
TREASURER	LINDA ELDON
TRAINING DIRECTOR	TERRY PAPINEAU
BOARD MEMBERS	
DEBBIE ACHENZIE	
EDIE RYSDYK	
STEVE MARKOWITZ	
SHERRY HANLEY	
LILIANNE SANDERLIN	

### **\*LEHIGH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB SHOW\***

Gail James wants to thank everyone who came to the show, entered and helped with stewarding. Without the help of our Club, these Obedience/Rally trials would not happen. It was so nice to see many of our members there helping and also entering. Shows do not happen by themselves and without volunteers to steward and help run them, they just do not happen. Plus, Lehigh Valley KC give us a nice donation for our help. The judges were so appreciative of how good our stewards were.

And we all need to thank her for all her hard work in chairing obedience/rally for this show. The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club is a breed club and if it were not for Gail offering to take on chairing the obedience/rally part, there would be no obedience/rally. THANK YOU SO MUCH GAIL FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO HELP.

### **\*ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY\***

Bill and Dusty Springer would like to thank everyone who came out to help set up and tear down, brought lots of yummy food, and lots of raffle items to keep our dogs happy!! A great time was had by all with lots of prizes and contests. I have been to a lot of ADTC Christmas parties but this has been one of the nicest ones!! So many dog toys and crock pots filled with delicious food. We even had a new Christmas tree to help us celebrate the holiday. And a huge amount of donated prizes for our Chinese auction, thanks to Edie Rysdyk and members.

Dusty Springer informed us that she found two mismatched crock pot lids. If you may have taken home the wrong lid, please let her know so she can match the lids to the correct crock pots and their owners.

Sherry Hanley took some great pictures. She wished she had taken more but we are glad she took these. Thank you for taking these. The pictures can be found after Achievements.

Thank you Sherry for doing this.

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY SO SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYED BY ALL!!

### **\*ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB SPRING TRIAL\***

This year the obedience/rally trials will be held at Barto again. Chris Courduff is in charge of the ribbon and cash awards. There is a form on the website for you to fill out, as well as below, and send to her to sponsor a ribbon or ribbons. She needs to have the information by the end of this month as it needs to be sent to the Superintendent for the entry premium list. Here is what is still available, so please get in touch with Cris at 215 536-1219 or [criscourduff@verizon.net](mailto:criscourduff@verizon.net). Trainers love to get nice prizes and ribbons when their dog does well and it also increases attendance at our trials.

Our trial is on Saturday, May 18, and Berks Dog Training Club will be holding their annual trial the next day on Sunday, May 19. We are hoping this brings in more attendance for both clubs. And more chances for qualifications for titles for our members.

Cris has sent me the list of what is available. We really need sponsors for Rally Awards. For any of you who have been successful enough to earn a placement, whether in Rally or Obedience, you know how nice it is to get a nice rosette commemorate your achievement. You can sponsor a set of rosettes for \$15 and also offer it in memory of a special person or dog.

#### **OBEDIENCE:**

High in Trial Rosette \$12.00

High Combined Cash \$50.00

Rosette \$12.00

All 1st Place Cash \$25.00 are covered.

1st thru 4th Rosettes @\$15.00 only 4 places available

#### **RALLY AM & PM Trials:**

High Score Adv B & Ex B of \$50.00 cash is available

High Score Triple Score of \$50.00 cash is available

Both Rosettes of \$12.00 are available

Almost all 1st Place Cash of \$25.00 are available:

AM slots 8 available

PM slots are still available



# ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB 2024 Obedience & Rally Trial Trophies

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> place cash prize ADTC "**Obedience**" @ \$25.00

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

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

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ set(s)-of 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> place **Obedience** rosettes @ \$15.00

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

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> place cash prize ADTC **Rally AM** @ \$25.00

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

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> place cash prize ADTC **Rally PM** @ \$25.00

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

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

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

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the General Trophy Fund or Toy Fund

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

***Trophies not awarded at the 2024 trial will be applied to the General Trophy Fund for future trials.***

To Sponsor **Obedience** @\$50 ea:  High in Trial  High Combined

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

To Sponsor **Rosette** @\$12 ea:  High in Trial  High Combined

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

To Sponsor **Rally AM** @\$50 ea:  High Scoring Advanced B & Excellent B Combined  High Scoring Triple Score

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

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

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Trophy forms and payment must be received by January 31, 2024**

Please send to:

Cris Courduff, 2410 Camp Rockhill Road  
Quakertown, PA 18951

**\*MEMBERSHIP\***

Debbie Achenzie asks members to please welcome these new members ...

When you see them at training be sure to say WELCOME and we hope you enjoy training with us.

Janet Krupp  
26 King Road  
Telford, PA 18969  
Golden Retriever  
C: 267-329-8016  
[rkrupp@comcast.net](mailto:rkrupp@comcast.net)

Bill Siebert  
180 North Bay Hill Drive  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
Golden Mix  
C: 484-894-4380  
[bill.siebert8@gmail.com](mailto:bill.siebert8@gmail.com)

She also hopes that everyone has sent their membership renewal form to her. Being a member allows you to train with us and to vote at our General Meetings.

If you have forgotten please be sure to send it in. She will accept membership renewals until the end of January. It is also available in the December 2023 newsletter.

WELCOME  
to the club



**ADTC MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Your Allentown Dog Training Club dues are due by **January 1, 2024**. Payment of your membership dues by 1/1/24 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 posted on the ADTC website.

Complete the form below and **sign the WAIVER** on next page.

1. Make checks payable to **ADTC, Inc.**
2. 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 2024 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 my 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 AWARDS PROGRAM \***

By the time you get this newsletter, the deadline has passed to send your awards form to Judy Lasso. However, if you have not yet gotten your AKC certificate, please be sure to send a copy of it to her after you receive it. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact her.

**\*SUNSHINE\***

At the time of this writing, we unfortunately have the following members on our sick list. Here is hoping those who are in the hospital or rehab will be home for Christmas. These members will appreciate your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and cards.

Liz Long reported that she is now recuperating at home. She was lucky enough to come home just before Christmas. She wants to thank everyone who sent her cards and prayers for her recovery. She will have a fairly long recovery but at this point is happy to be almost pain free and home with George and her dogs.

Sally Campbell had surgery and is in Sacred Heart Rehab. At this time we are not sure how long she will be there. Mamie, her Irish Setter is staying with her breeder. We are sure she would welcome a get well card or email to let her know you are thinking of her.

Chuck Achenzie is home and doing well as he undergoes chemo therapy treatment but can use your prayers, cards and good wishes.

And finally, my co-editor, Rita Brian and her husband Ken. Ken had surgery at the U of PA was home and then had to go back because of an infection. We understand he is now back home. Rita is staying with her daughter until Ken is well enough to help her. Keep them both in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to their home at 649 Walnut Court, Red Hill, PA 18076-1350.

And Joanne Summers is still waiting to have a procedure scheduled and finished. She is hoping for things to get back to normal soon.

Hopefully, everyone will be off the list for the February newsletter!!

**\*ITEMS FOR SALE\***

Ruth Thon still has her items which were listed for sale. She has a small dog crate and mat (Bichon sized) and several other items. Please call her for more information at 267-424-4754.

Linda Eldon is still looking for four or five sections of the white plastic ring gates. If anyone has any they would like to find a home for please get in touch with her at [aeldon1980@aol.com](mailto:aeldon1980@aol.com).



## \*ACHIEVEMENTS\*

BIG BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ANITA DENGLER AND GERMAN PINCHER RITA. They are our third team this year to earn a RACH which is Rally's highest honor! This was earned at the Dauphin Trial in November. What a great picture of Anita and Rita with their beautiful ribbon. This is all such an honor for our club to have all these high achievements in obedience and rally. Rita has completed a total of 57 titles in a variety of dog sports. She is also the first German Pincher to achieve a RACH. She is now known as RITA (AKC CH RACH UKC CH BRONZE IC-HCH SILVER DAHNEY'S LIME AHHHHHH RITA! CD BN AE2 OAP OJP XFP ACT2 CAX FCAT6 SWA RATI RATN CGCA CGCU TKN SPOT-ON XVE KV50 CTL3-R.



Not to be outdone by her sister, BIG BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN DENGLER AND GEMMA (UNFORGETABLY GEMMA MIA BN RE MXJ ACT2 CAX FCAT6 SWN SCA SEA SIA CGCA CGCU TKN XVE. GEMMA IS ALSO THE NUMBER ONE GERMAN PINCHER IN AGILITY FOR 2023.

AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU AND RITA AND GEMMA.



AND MORE BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA ELDON AND MOLLIE! What a great year they had. Read what Linda had to say about what her year meant to her and Mollie, a SUPER Bernese Mountain Dog!



Oh what a year! This little girl never ceases to amaze me. Utility A title in December at Oaks , RACH (Rally Championship) in August at the York Dog Show, Grad Open at the Del Val German Shepherd Club Show in April. It's been a fun, rewarding year. Don't let anyone say Berner's can't do Obedience! Big thank you to the trainers at the Allentown Dog Training Club and Linda Furches from Foxtale Farm for her continued support and encouragement.

On a much smaller Achievement, Jacqui Hartranft reported that Cooper was named Highest Scoring Labrador Retriever in Obedience on the Sunday in the Valley Forge trial at Oaks. I never know what my crazy boy will do!! But he did pull it together in the Open B class with a nice score 193 ½. Enough to win the award sponsored by the Keystone Labrador Retriever Club with lots of goodies and dog toys



HERE ARE SOME CANDID PHOTOS OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY TAKEN BY SHERRY HANLEY. IT IS ALSO THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE BANNER. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW CHRISTMAS TREE AND THE RAFFLE TABLE FILLED WITH GOODIES FOR OUR WONDERFUL DOGS.





**WE WISH EVERYONE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL 2024!!**