



BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER

March 2024



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Welcome to the Allentown Dog Training Club March 2024 issue of BARKS & BYTES. There is still quite a bit of winter to go as March can be a “lion” of a month, but there will be nice spring-like days when we can get outside and train our dogs. Parks are great places to train and at this time of the year, they tend to be quiet. I use Macungie Park a lot and once it totally opens, there are a lot of places to take your dog to train so they can get used to different scenes. I learned a lot from one of our older trainers, as many of us have, Clydette Lobach. She always used the lines in parking lots for heeling. For someone, like me, who does not do well walking in a straight line, it is a wonderful place to do heeling with left and right turns, about turns and sits. More advanced members can do recalls (free or with a flexi or long line if you are not sure of your dog), drop on recall, gloves, and signals in Utility. You can even put articles out on the grass in a totally different place to find the scented article. There are so many things you can do without having an indoor ring. **So, get out on those nice days**, especially with the days getting longer, **to train with your dog**. They will love the attention and the exercise! ! !

Be sure to read a nice article I found from the Delaware Valley Golden Retriever newsletter. It is about how dangerous plastic bags...and any kind of pretzel & chip bags. Dogs are curious and most love our food. They may stick their nose into the bag and be unable to get it out! Unaltered discarded bags are bad for wildlife as well.

So, enjoy the March BARKS & BYTES. – all the best, *Jacqui*

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



TRAINER OF THE MONTH

The year was 2008, and I was considering what I would do in a few years when I retired. In preparation for that change, we acquired Sam, a black Labrador Retriever that I intended to train as a therapy dog.

Although we have always shared our home with at least one dog, this was my first foray into purposeful dog training. Sam not only trained me as a therapy dog handler, but he also coached us as a team through all the rally titles available at the time and every obedience title starting with Beginner Novice and concluding with Graduate Open. At the age of ten, he earned two legs in the newly introduced Rally Master category and was training for competing in Utility. A bad back and the deterioration of age forced Sam into retirement. The last activity he relinquished was therapy visitation.

Along the way we studied Rally under Clydette Lobach and obedience with Phyllis Broderick, Anna Guglielmo, and Joanne Summers. Each trainer brought something different and valuable to our development. Eventually Clydette allowed me to apprentice and then assist teaching her rally classes. Circa 2017, Phyllis asked if I would like to teach a novice obedience class. With Sam as my coach and demo dog, I began work as an ADTC trainer. Working with my colleagues and their dogs has been and remains a joy.

In October of 2020 Sam left us. My husband's German Shepherd mix, Pete, kept us in the training loop and filled in as my demo dog. During one training session, Phyllis said to me, "Pete is Bill's dog. You need a dog to train." Thus began my search for a new companion.

The spring of 2021 brought Tess to our doorstep. Tess is a spunky mixed breed with spring in her step and mischief in her heart. She is an unlikely therapy dog candidate, but she flies down a Fastcat track! Before turning three she had collected Rally titles from Novice through Excellent and earned her CD. We are currently working toward her CDX, when she can spare the time from bunny chasing, Pete teasing, and dancing for joy.

I readily admit that I still have much to learn; however, my family's association with ADTC has enhanced our skills as dog handlers and owners. As importantly, we have made good friends, shared good times, and grown in ways we never anticipated.

Figure 1 Tess

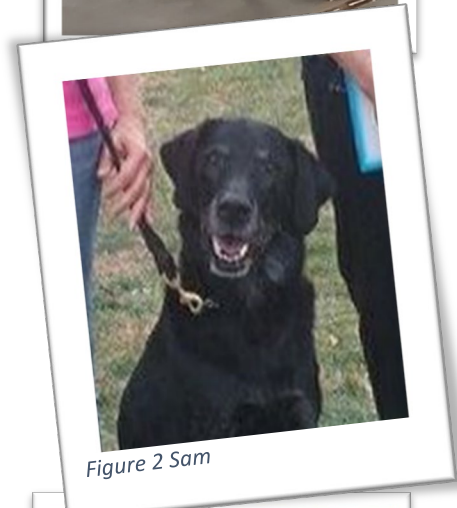
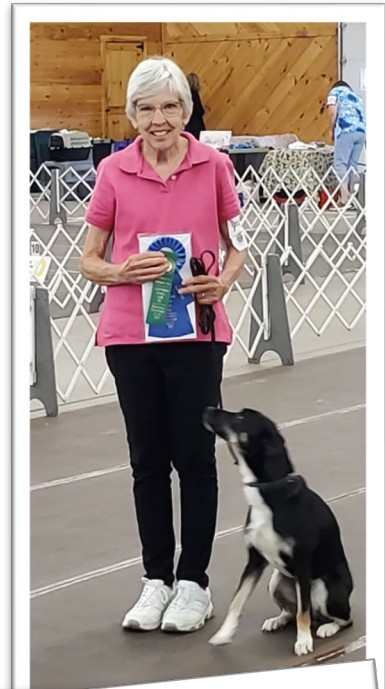


Figure 2 Sam

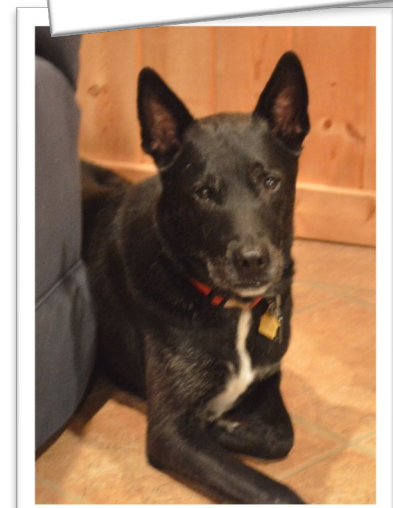


Figure 3 Pete

TRAINING

Since we are no longer listing the training information here, please go to our website: <https://www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com/> If the weather is going to be bad, be sure to check your emails to make sure that classes have not been cancelled. In March, we can still get some nasty weather and I remember many large snowstorms in March and the beginning of April.

Do not wait until the last minute to sign up for a class. We only have the building a limited amount of time and we have quite a few classes to get in. Therefore, some of the more popular classes may have limits on them. This is so students can get needed attention and instruction. If you have a question as to which class you belong in, please get in touch with the instructor and she will be able to help you.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL.

We hope that everyone has signed up for the group email. This is for matters related to ADTC such as cancellations, registration for upcoming classes and anything else that should come up regarding training. **You must click 'accept the invitation' in the body of the email to join.** Note: Anyone who wants to email a single person in the club should send the email as before.

The invitation subject line in your email looks like this:

Subject: [ADTC-MembershipGroup] Invitation to join the ADTC-MembershipGroup@groups.io group

The group email is: ADTC-MembershipGroupTest@groups.io

If anyone is having problems, please address this to James Stock Jamesst0331@gmail.com.

James is a member and the son of Joanne Stock. MANY THANKS TO JAMES FOR DOING THIS!!

2024 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2024 ADTC officers

President:	Chuck Achenzie	Board Members:	Debbie Achenzie
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Membership:	Debbie Achenzie *
Donations:	Chris Courduff
Newsletter editor:	Jacqui Hartranft
Newsletter co-editor:	Stacey Nash

*seeking a replacement for 2025



MEMBERSHIP

Let's have a special welcome the following new members:

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German Shepherd Dog



WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

Our general membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Please note that they are now starting at 7:00.

Please note: Debbie Achenzie is resigning as membership chairperson and would like to find someone to take her place for 2025. So, if you might be interested, please get in touch with her to see what is involved. bullies@ptd.net

DOG DAYS OF MARCH

Did you know there are dog holidays in MARCH?

March 3rd – If pets had thumbs day – can you imagine?

March 3rd-9th – National pet sitters' week – thank those that help us with our pups!

March 13th – K-9 Veteran's Day – thank and remember those that serve.

March 23rd – National Puppy Day – enjoy those puppies while they are little!

March 30th – Take a walk in the Park Day – enjoy a nice fresh walk.



SPRING TRIAL

The Annual ADTC Obedience and Rally trials will be held on May 18 at Orchard Hill Dog Training Center in Barto. This is where it was held last year. Gail James is our chairperson, and she will need lots of help. Some jobs include setting up/tearing down the rings, ring stewards, and all the other things involved in running a large trial. **So be sure to mark it on your calendar.** The premium list should be out soon. Look for it when we have the date. The Berks County Dog Training Club will also be holding their annual trial there the next day. It is a great chance for members to get points and qualifications for titles.

Gail is still recuperating from shoulder surgery but hopes to be back to driving as soon as she is given the okay from her doctor. We all miss her and her Ridgies at training.

WHAT IS A POINT SHOW?

Perhaps newer members who are wondering ‘WHAT IS A POINT SHOW?’. Here is Jacqui’s clear explanation: In AKC Obedience, after you get your dog’s title in *Novice*, *Open* and *Utility*, you can go on to earn more titles in *Open* and *Utility*. (...Or stay in novice as long as you would like.) Additional points can be accumulated for an *Obedience Master* title and *Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)*. You can also earn a *Utility Dog Excellent* which is qualifying in both *Open* and *Utility* at the same trial ten times. For the second scenario: scores do not matter if you qualify in the needed ten times. For *Obedience Master* scores do count and thus points become important. *Obedience Master*: you need scores of 190 or more to get the needed points. You still need to enter *Open* and *Utility* for needed points, 60 for *Open* and 60 for *Utility* and the balance of 80 points in either *Open* or *Utility* for a total of 200 points.

Points are needed for the highest level in AKC obedience, *Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)*. You need 100 points and some first-place placements to accumulate this. With a score of 197 or higher you also can earn one point without having a placement. There are charts in the rulebook which tell you how many points you need for what. You can also speak to your trainer if you are interested in learning more.

The shows are important for those who are looking for their three qualifying runs starting with *Beginner Novice* and on up to *Utility*. This is a great way to bond with your dog, teach, and learn many things. **You can also just plain have a good time achieving these titles!**

For a Rally there is a *Rally Master Championship (RACH)*. You need to earn points in *Advanced*, *Open* and *Masters* for a total of 200. These points are earned by your score if it is 90 or better. You must qualify in the three events at the same trial. For more information, check the rulebook or check with one of our trainers.

In a final note, make sure to learn as much as you can in *NOVICE* as it is the basis of all those advanced titles. Never stop training straight sits and finishes, as well as fronts. These simple things are so important to keep from losing those points or half points when going for a title.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SPONSORED OUR TROPHY PRIZES. This has now closed. The list must go to the Superintendent who takes care of the premium list and all the other things that are involved in putting on a trial. We all appreciate earning ribbons and rosettes for all our hard work. Our dogs love getting treats when they do a good job!

AWARDS PROGRAM

Don't forget!

ADTC annual AWARDS PROGRAM and PICNIC will be held on June 8 in Macungie Park.

We will be honoring all our members who have earned new titles including several who have earned a RACH, Utility Dog title and OTCH. Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz are working hard compiling all the information you sent to them and then ordering the certificates and plaques.

Judy Lasso email: judylasso319@gmail.com & email: pgombocz@ptd.net



SUNSHINE

Gail James is recuperating and will be back driving soon.

ITEMS FOR SALE / NEEDED

Wanted: Quickbooks Desktop disc 2016 or newer.

We are updating our ADTC club bookkeeping system to **Quickbooks**.

If anyone has **Quickbooks Desktop 2016** or newer that they could donate, sell or lend us to load onto our club computer.

please contact: Linda Eldon –

aeldon1980@aol.com, 215 272 6525.

Or see me at training

Wednesday evening 5-6 or Thursday training 9-10:30.



ITEMS FOR SALE (continued)

Dick Lobach, the husband of one of our long-time trainers, Clydette, is selling more of her dog training items. He has large and small crates plus x-pens among some of the things. If you are looking for something, please get in touch with him at 610-965-2598. Clydette had Great Danes for years and showed them in obedience and Rally. She also showed powder puff Chinese Cresteds, and her Calvin was well known as one of the top Rally dogs in the country. She was also responsible for bringing Rally into ADTC when the AKC first started it. She was our first Rally instructor and urged Linda Krasley to become a Rally judge. Clydette was also an obedience instructor. She is greatly missed by many of our members, including myself, who learned so much from her.

PUBLICITY



Please welcome Jennifer Weidman as our new Publicity Chairperson. She is taking over from Dusty Springer who has held this position for many years.

MANY THANKS TO DUSTY FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.
(Dusty is one of our Novice Trainers, see trainer of the month!)

Jennifer can be reached at: weidman@kutztown.edu

Paws at the Park will be held on May 5 at Grange Park in Upper Macungie Township from 12:00 to 3:00. Last year there were quite a few of our members who attended. Please get in touch with Jennifer Weidman, for more information.

Pawprints on the Canal in Northampton will be held on June 9. We have participated in this event for quite a few years. Last year we had a great attendance of members, and we also did a small obedience demo.

**Jennifer is asking for ideas on what other things we can do.*

*Please get in touch with her as she would like some ideas. **

We will be publishing a TRAINER OF THE MONTH!!! Some of the newer members may not realize how qualified our trainers are! So, we decided to ask each trainer to write a brief bio of their experiences in dog training and competing! Look forward to this bi-monthly.

In addition, Jennifer will be reaching out to members for MEMBER OF THE MONTH once again. We have so many new members joining us, it would be a nice way to introduce yourself and your dog(s) to all of us.

Please look for an email from Jennifer when you are selected!

MATCH SHOWS

These are a great way to get real ring practice. Usually, the costs are low. There are some matches locally including at a Char-Wills Training Center, a two-ring match offered several times a year. Dauphin DTC and Suburban DTC are clubs within a reasonable drive. Dauphin is three rings. They tend to fill quickly, so do not wait to enter. At these 'practice shows or matches' there is a judge that helps. However, you do not have to do a whole routine. You can work on things you are having trouble with. **The 10 minutes provided, per entry, is 'YOUR' time.**

Also, there will be a Rally Match Show on April 28 sponsored by the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Garden State for all breeds. It is being held at Horseshoe Bend Park, 178 Horseshoe Bend Road, Frenchtown, NJ. It is indoors.

You can find entry information on <https://dogmatchshows.com>

Do not wait to enter as rally match shows are not often offered.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

I found this article in the Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue newsletter, and it is something that is so important to be aware of. Most of us have dogs who love people's food and if they find an empty snack bag laying around and put their nose in it to get the goodies, they can find they cannot breathe and cannot get out of it. Wildlife can also be affected as well. Please keep any bag, whether large or small, out of the reach of your pets.

CANINE HEALTH

Suffocation

It seems like a harmless bag... but it can be deadly. Chip, snack, and other food bags can present a serious suffocation hazard for dogs. Whether these bags are left on the counter or placed in the trash, the smell remains and is attractive to dogs. These bags are often made with mylar, and once the dog places his head inside, the bag creates a vacuum that continues to constrict with each attempted breath. Take extra precautions with packaging to ensure your dog never has access to it. You can read more at: preventpetsuffocation.com 🐾

PREVENT PET SUFFOCATION

Issue

FOOD BAGS CAN BE DEADLY TO YOUR PETS! DOGS SUFFOCATE DAILY IN CHIP/SNACK BAGS, PET FOOD BAGS, AND PLASTIC BAGS WITHIN MINUTES! LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PETS!

Solutions

- SERVE SNACKS IN A BOWL
- STORE FOOD/SNACKS IN CONTAINERS
- DESTROY ALL BAGS
- SECURE KITCHEN TRASH

Facts

BAG SEALS AROUND PET'S HEAD AND NECK. PET SIZE OR BREED DOESN'T MATTER. THIS ALSO AFFECTS WILDLIFE.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

This is for members who have accomplished something with their dogs no matter how small or large. Whether it be just my dog holding a stay or my dog getting his first (or second or third title) or even doing something silly.

We love to list these things and the pictures are great. Stacey and I are waiting for them.

SHERRY HANLEY AND MUZZY HAVE GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH. LAST YEAR THIS TEAM HAD SEVERAL OTHER GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS AS WELL!!

Muzzy made the AKC's Top Ten Belgian Sheepdog list in: Novice Obedience for 2023. He earned his CD with all 1st placements.

A big **THANK YOU** to our instructors and training club who help us all achieve ribbons, titles, and honors.

**GCH Mustang Mufasa Alias Dakota
CD BN RA FDC CAA FCAT CGCU TKN**

- Best in Show Specialty
- Multiple Group Placements
- Owner Handled Reserve Best in Show



COMPANION DOG SPORTS PROGRAM RANKINGS

This is another sport dog program much like AKC. Several of our members participate. It is a great way to get your dog ready for the harder competitions. **Here are members who have ranked in the top 20 for the year 2023. These rankings are nationwide, so it is quite an honor.**

STARTER NOVICE C RANKING #2	Barb Ryan and Greywoode Olive Flycatcher at Jansim
OPEN A RANKING #9	Barb Artim and CPK'S Wild Black Iris
OPEN B RANKING #3	Kathy Pugh and XXXX
OPEN B RANKING #6	Barb Ryan and Jansim Abbey Rock
OPEN B RANKING #14	Barb Artim and CPK'S Wild Black Iris
UTILITY A RANKING #2	Carolyn Zimmerman and Wonderdog Im Smarter Than Ewe Hawking
UTILITY A RANKING #4	Jacqui Hartranft and Cooper of Stoney Hollow
UTILITY A RANKING #9	Barb Artim and CPK'S Wild Black Iris
UTILITY A RANKING #16	Linda Eldon and Mollie Malone
UTILITY B RANKING #3	Jacqui Hartranft and Sundog's DJ Abbey of Stoney Hollow
VERSATILITY B RANKING #11	Debbie Achenzie and Freddy

BIG BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LISTED IN THE NATIONWIDE RANKINGS.

ADTC CALENDAR

**The monthly Board Meeting is also open to members (February 25th 6pm)
General Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month 7 pm (March 13th)**

MARCH & APRIL

April 10th opening date for ADTC spring obedience/rally trials at Orchard Hills Training Center, Barto

MAY

We go outside.

Paws at the Park will be held on May 5 at Grange Park in Upper Macungie Township from 12:00 to 3:00.

May 18 ADTC obedience/rally trials Orchard Hills Training Center, Barto

JUNE

June 8 ADTC annual picnic and ADTC Awards Celebration in the Macungie Memorial Park

June 9th Pawprints on the Canal in Northampton

June 14-15 Truck show –impacts our classes.

JULY

We train!

AUGUST

August 2 to 4 Das Awkscht fescht- impacts our classes.

August 23-25 Wheels of Time - impacts our classes.

SEPTEMBER

September 1 Opening date for ADTC fall Rally and Obedience trials entries at Macungie Memorial Park

September 12-15 Kennel Club Dog Shows - may impact our classes.

we go indoors

OCTOBER

October 2,3,4,6 — Kennel Club Dog Shows – impacts our classes.

Oct 30 ADTC rally match at Macungie Memorial Park

Oct 31 ADTC rally show at Macungie Memorial Park

NOVEMBER

November 1-3 is ADTC 2nd annual dog show at Macungie Memorial Park

Details from Terry:

Nov 1. Obedience match. Members only

Nov 2. Match open to public.

Nov 3. Obedience show

DECEMBER

December ADTC Annual Christmas Party at Macungie Memorial Park

December 11 -12 Lehigh Valley Kennel Club show at Agri Plex, Allentown

note: dates are subject to change please check for updates.

quick links: <https://www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com/information/>

Macungie memorial park calendar of events: <http://www.macungiepark.com/calendar.html>

PLEASE NOTE: If anyone is looking to put anything in the newsletter, please contact us!

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ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

Feb 14, 2024

Macungie Park

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**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
Date: Feb 14, 2024
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Chuck Ackenzie, who noted that there were 23 members in attendance.

Minutes:

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on Jan 10, 2024 which are posted on the website. No corrections or additions were noted. Terry Papineau moved to accept the Jan 10, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sherry Hanley. The motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:

(see attached page 6).

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Donna Barto moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dusty Springer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

We received written notification of approval for our May show as well as the October/November show. The judges panel has been approved and set as well.

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

Absent no report

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

The following Membership information will be presented at the General Meeting on 2/14/2024

First Readings ... Please mark present or not present for the minutes.

Kathy Pugh
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Absent

Pat Wotring Present
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Second Readings.... vote into membership

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Thank You for including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership

Motion by Linda Eldon to accept the three new members. The motion was seconded by Katie Dyer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Debbie Achenzie announced that at the end of 2024 she is looking to “retire” from Membership. She is announcing this now and has asked the general membership to consider/make suggestions for a replacement.

Training Director’s Report – Terry Papineau: report on page 7

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz.

No report

Publicity – Jennifer Weidman

Report on Page 9

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

In an email dated Jan 30, 2024, Jacqui Hartranft noted Rita has fully retired from The newsletter and that Stacey Nash will take over in her place. Stacey’s email updated below.

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due Feb 25th. Jacqui requested that members send their brags and pictures to be published in the Newsletter. Please send information and pictures to Stacey Nash: staceyhayesnash@gmail.com or Jacqui Hartranft: japhart@ptd.net

Jacqui emphasized the announcement from publicity about the member of the month and trainer of the month being added to the newsletter.

Sunshine committee Debbie & Chuck Achenzie

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Sally Campbell.

- Audit Committee – Steve Markowitz

(Audit report to be presented by Steve.) page 8
President Chuck Achenzie gave praise and accolades to Linda Eldon on a fantastic job she does as treasurer.

Donation Committee - Cris Courduff

Absent-report read by Chuck Achenzie

At the January Board Meeting, the Board voted to start making donations to other non-profits. Cris Courduff will be the chairperson for the committee. Please contact Cris with any non-profit organizations that you would like ADTC to donate to.

Mary Minnich made mention that the board should consult Eddy regarding a non-profit donating money to another non-profit. There may be a PA regulation regarding this and may be why the club stopped these donations previously.

Awards and Title Recognition – Judy Lasso & Pat Gombocz

No Report

Trophies - Cris Courduff

No Report

Point Show – Gail James

Gail absent, following report read by Chuck Achenzie

I still am not released to drive so I will not be at the meeting tonight. As for the Show Committee report everything is on schedule, Dusty has been in contact with Melanie about the food, Cris has sent the trophy donations to me and I will get the premium done and send it to my proofreaders this week. I should be able to drive after February 26.

Thanks,
Gail

Old Business: no report

New Business:

Club Treasurer, Linda Eldon said the club computer bookkeeping software is Quicken. Linda has been using her personal computer and program for Quickbooks. Linda would like to have Quickbook added to the club computer. Linda is requesting anyone with a copy of Quickbooks 2016 or more recent to contact her. In response, Mary Minnich said she will look into a \$35 per year Quickbook subscription and report back to Linda.

Dusty Springer announced that Dick Lobach is selling items such as crates, cavaletti, a grooming table for small dog, statues of Great Danes etc. Information on available items is also posted in the February news letter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The next Board meeting will be held on February 25, 2024, at 6:00PM. in Macungie Hall. Open to the membership.
- The next General Meeting will be held on March 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM inside in Macungie Hall.
- Don't forget our Staples number is 610-439-2800

Braggs:

3 members announced brags. Congratulations to all!

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership Dusty Springer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary

ADTC GENERAL MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT
Income/Expense by Category - February 13, 2024
 1/09/2024 through 2/13/2024

	1/9/2023	2/13//2024
INCOME		
Dues	\$ 1,795.00	
Brag Box	\$ 57.00	
Point Show May - Trophy	\$ 764.00	
Raffle	\$ 777.00	
Training	\$ 4,701.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,094.00	
EXPENSES		
Insurance	\$ (325.00)	
Misscellaneous Expense	\$ (288.61)	
Raffle Expense	\$ (100.00)	
Storage Unit	\$ (203.00)	
Telephone	\$ (52.93)	
Training Exp	\$ (5,730.25)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (6,699.79)	
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 1,394.21	

CHECKING & MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS - 02/13/2024

	Balance
BANK ACCOUNT	
Truist Checking	\$ 67,199.43
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 67,199.43
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	
Vanguard Money Market	\$ 31,932.16
TOTAL Investment Account	\$ 31,932.16
OVERALL TOTAL (Bank & MM Accts.)	\$ 99,131.59

Training Director's Report Feb 14, 2024

Classes are on week 3. All is going well.

Within the next month you will be receiving an email inviting you to join the a email group. You must accept in order to be part of the group. This will enable you to communicate directly with the entire club without having to bother Debbie. Hoping this goes smoothly

Our October 31/Nov 3 shows approved

Submitted by Terry Papineau

Audit Committee Report February 14, 2024

ADTC Audit Committee Report January 18, 2024

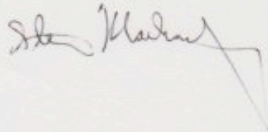
On January 17, 2024, the Audit Committee of the *Allentown Dog Training Club* conducted an audit of the Club's financials. The meeting was held in the Macungie Park Hall and consisted of John Landis, Debbie Achenzie and Steve Markowitz. Also in attendance were Chuck Achenzie, Club President; and Linda Eldon, Club Treasurer.

John Landis audited 6 random deposits and reviewed financial practices with Linda Eldon. 42 random payments were also reviewed by Debbie Achenzie and Steve Markowitz and compared to invoices and receipts. All were found in order, correctly matching the statements and paperwork.

The Vanguard savings account balance at the end of the year was \$61,659.03, agreeing with the end of year financial statement balance. The end of year Truist Bank checking account balance was \$35,805.22. John suggested that \$20,000 of this amount move to the Vanguard account for increased interest returns.

The Committee found financial records of the Club in good order.

Thanks to John and Debbie for their assistance with the audit. Also, a big "thank you" to Linda for keeping the books and records in a manner that made the audit transparent to complete.



Publicity Report - Jennifer Weidman

Allentown Dog Training Club – Publicity Report

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As I'm new to this role, I'm excited to get my feet wet and hear what outreach activities you would like to see us participating in. As of today, we have two opportunities for our members to get out in the community and show people what we're about:

Sunday May 5, 2024: Paws at the Park (Grange Park, Upper Macungie, noon-3pm) – Last year, this was a very well-attended event where we had 6-8 members and dogs participate.

Sunday June 9, 2024: Pawprints on the Canal (Northampton, 11-4) – Last year we had at least a dozen members and dogs at this festival, which was packed all day. We gave a short obedience demonstration and may have been featured in the local paper (?)

Please add the dates to your calendar and look for more information in the monthly newsletter on how to sign up to join the fun.

We will be starting back up with the "Member of the Month" feature to help us to get to know each other better. As a "newbie" I really enjoy learning about everyone else's dogs and experiences.

To build on that, we're also going to be launching a similar feature to get to know our trainers! We are so lucky to have such knowledgeable and talented instructors with a wealth of experience...let's "toot our own horns" and celebrate that!

If you have any ideas of ways to spread the word about our great club and/or activities and event you'd like to see us participating in, please let me know. The further in advance of the date, the better, since many of these events have an application deadline and are organized well in advance. But even if it's too late for this year, at least we can add it to our list for next year.

Thank you all in advance for your support and great ideas!

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Weidman

Publicity Chair