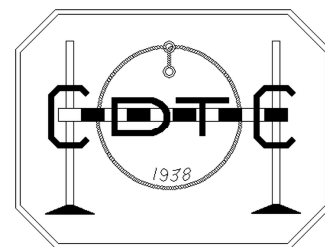


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Obedience & Rally Trials Great Successes!

By Burton Goldstein

On October Eighth and Ninth, Capital Dog Training Club held its annual A.K.C. Obedience and Rally Trials, at Catoctin Kennel Club, in Point of Rocks, Maryland. This year, the weather was beautiful. No rain. Fairly cool. Great judges. Almost full entries. They say that "it takes a village to raise a child". It certainly takes a strong club to put on a weekend like we just did.

Years in advance, we select and hire judges that will compliment each other, and give us a three judge panel that any exhibitor would be happy to show under. Not the easiest of tasks, and "you can't please all of the people, all of the time". But we do our best. Then we find that we need to shift within these assignments, to accommodate the judges last minute schedules, as we have for the last two years. But evidential-



ly, it all works out.

The core people are gathered for the initial planning. Most of them are now veterans, and have done their jobs for years now. Shellie was our Chief Ring Steward.



Benita was our Luncheon Coordinator. Mary Helen did our Ring Hospitality. This year, since she is the club's Trophy Chair, Benita also did Ribbons and Awards.

Next comes our Ring Captains. Joyce, Bob and Liane once again helped out, and Jane ran the rally ring on Saturday. Stewards included: Bob, Carol, Carole, Carrie, Charma, Claire, Dianne, Donna, Doris, Jane, Jeff, Katherine, Ken, Laurie, Lisa, Marsha, Mary, Mary Beth, Melitta, Nan, Patti, Shannon, Sheila.

I must say a special thank you to those that stayed at the end, and helped to clean up. People like Lisa and Melitta. Shellie, who did every job that weekend.

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Green Cards:

I gave many of you Green Cards at the Trial in October. If you need one, you can find a supply in the metal mesh cube near the entry desk. Please refer to the August issue of *Obichaff* for details on how to accrue Capital Points.

Ed.

... to the editor

In response to the Training Director's article in the October issue about electronic collars:

The electronic collar, properly used, is the most humane way to train a dog. I use one daily. I have field trial Labradors, and they understand my use of the collar. My dogs are happy to work, are not traumatized by the collar, and understand every correction. Every training aid can be used improperly and cause confusion and pain to a dog – even the “plain buckle collar”.

For distance the collar is without an equal. For frail people with rambunctious dogs, it is without an equal. There is no better method to ensure instant response to a command, and this is often a safety issue in our environment of cars and trucks.

I remember when Capital did not allow pinch collars; they were considered brutal. Perhaps it is time to rethink Capital's e-collar policy.

Milly B Welsh

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Club News



It's time to plan the annual
CDTC Holiday Party

on Tuesday December 13, 7:00 pm
We need volunteers to help with

DECOR, FOOD, MUSIC, & GAMES

Things to be done are:

- * Decorating
- * set-up before the party
- * clean-up after the party
- * Games coordination
- * Musical D. J.
- * Anything else you want!



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Thanks to my CGC/TDI fall 2011 volunteers, including TDI evaluator Susan Hertz, CGC judges Lisa Daniel and Tom Hertz, volunteers Eileen Freedman, Dianne Harab and Reese, Joan Danzansky and Biscuit, Jeff Harab, Robin Seigel the wheelchair jockey, Nan Marks, Megan Hemmer, Kate Dante, Doris Koskos and Dede Selph, plus our TDI kids Naomi (mine) and Beatrix (Abigail Carter's). Did I forget anyone? You are all most excellent! We have 7 new Therapy Dogs as a result and 17 dogs who passed the CGC test. See everyone back next spring.

Shannon Hall

Why I Teach Basic Classes

By Shannon Hall

I have two main motivators to teach Basic obedience. One is primary, and that is my love of dogs and desire to keep them in their homes. Basic obedience helps with this in numerous ways. It builds the relationship between dog and human. It (one hopes!) leads to a better-behaved dog and provides the human with the tools to properly manage the dog and to continue to train at home. There are the direct and potentially life-saving benefits of course, like a reliable recall, a dog that will remain in the house or backyard despite an open door or gate, and advice on good collars and leashes so that Fido stays safe and controllable, making dog walking more pleasant and therefore more likely to occur. And let us not forget the annoyance factor, like jumping and barking. Help the student fix these annoyance issues and their appreciation of their dog goes up as their exasperation goes down.

It's not only the direct training advice either. Often helping the human to have a greater understanding of the dog can by itself be a huge benefit. When people see that their dog's previously inexplicable behavior is not only understandable but normal, it quite often fixes the real problem, which isn't necessarily the behavior but the human's reaction to it. When a previously lovely puppy goes through a second fear period, or just "teenage" lunacy, if the human doesn't understand this, it can lead to the dog losing their home and sadly, perhaps their life. If an instructor explains normal dog development and gives them some tools to manage through the stage, that relationship can be saved. I've also been able to provide advice and guidance on dog

health, from tooth brushing and nail trimming to how to decide when a dog needs to see the vet. Have a student complaining about her bitch's sudden house-breaking issues and you too will be able to "diagnose" a UTI! Perhaps the most direct influence I ever had on keeping a dog alive and in his home happened last year in one of my classes, when I was able to provide perspective on the cost of daily medicine to a couple who were still reeling from their dog's unusual diagnosis. Once cast in the light of how much they'd be willing to spend on coffee drinks for themselves per day, they were immediately reassured that it was reasonable to spend that much to save the dog they loved. He is a happy and spoiled dog today, healthy with that one daily pill.

I said I have two main motivators. The other is simply that I can, as a trainer, learn far more from exposure to many dogs of different breeds, ages and temperaments than I can from only the dogs I have myself. It is so interesting to figure out solutions to other people's problems. I might never have had difficulty training a down before, but I've had to develop some thoughts on dogs that don't lie down. I have certainly never had a leadership problem with a dog, but I can diagnose and fix them in other teams. I've played with many more types of equipment than I ever would have on my own and learned a lot about breeds I don't ever plan to have, but can now admire others for having the patience to train. To those with hounds and terriers, I salute you!

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Who Does What at CDTC?

For changes and corrections, please email ObiEditor@gmail.com. For a list of the duties of CDTC Officers, please refer to the October 2010 *Obichaff* which you can find at www.CDTC.org.

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And especially to Jane, who continues to do everything that she can for our club, in any way that she can.

I find that thanking people can be a problem, because I somehow end up leaving out someone's name. If I have done so, please forgive me. I didn't mean to.

Our trial is different in several ways. Joyce prepares very nice welcome bags for each Novice A, and Beginners Novice A entries. Our club does a pot luck lunch for our judges and our volunteers. We offer that lunch to exhibitors, for five dollars. I've not been to any other trial, not agility, rally, nor obedience, that has such a wonderful club offered opportunity.

We offered all of the fun classes, the "non-regular" classes. Hopefully you had the chance to stay and watch our obedience team do their things. That was many weeks of preparation and practice.

Capital faces some unusual situations. For now, our rally trial must be held: the day of, the day before, or the day after ... our obedience trial. We hold ours the day before. That is the day that Mount Vernon holds their obedience trial (they hold their rally trial on Friday). I was able to get us special permission to start our trial as soon as one of the Mount Vernon obedience rings is available. So we need to have our club members there for Saturday afternoon, at a time that is flexible (but not before three o'clock), and then again all day Sunday.

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Mount Vernon has one of the three judges judge their rally trial on Friday. We can't. They are typically at their eight-hour limit of judging for the obedience trial that same day. So we have to hire another judge, for rally. We try to use local judges for that, to keep travel and hotel expenses down. There are only so many local judges. Another issue to work out each year.

The A.K.C., the facility, the porta-potties, keeping the porta-potties "stocked", emptying the trash cans, dealing with the dog waste, cleaning up and getting the building ready for inspection so we can get our deposit back, it is all a never ending series of events.

From getting people together months in advance, to working with our absolutely wonderful and incredible professional show secretary service (Rhonda), to putting together the premium list, to holding our breath and waiting for the entries to come in, to putting together the judging program, to the show catalog. To taking the judges to dinner (thank you Melitta), to their hotel (thank you Bob), to their airport (thank you Mary). To getting the vendor and the photographer there, and making sure that they are not in the way.

To making sure that we have our insurance coverage (thank you Donna), and having some way to play the National Anthem. (This year my disc player didn't work, so Ken sang instead. When he hesitated on a word or two, everyone there joined in and sung with him.) To when the porta-potties didn't show up, and that became a major issue.

To making sure that we have "No Parking" spaces for us, to fresh batteries for the stop watches. To easels for each ring, to water for the judges. To what prize goes to the "High Scoring Dog With a Tracking Title", or whatever, to the incredible tomato soup that Benita makes every year. To every thing that every single club member that came out and helped with, thank you. WE DID GOOD!!!

The A.K.C. event schedule follows the weekends of the year, except when the first weekend includes New Years. That is why the Turkey Cluster might not be on Thanksgiving. For this year, that calendar and the Jewish holidays had our events on Yom Kippur. So we had conflicts there. Shellie and I were running back and forth between our trials and our temple. When



Our members helping and having fun too!

we took the judges to dinner Saturday, we broke our day long fast there. It was all very interesting.

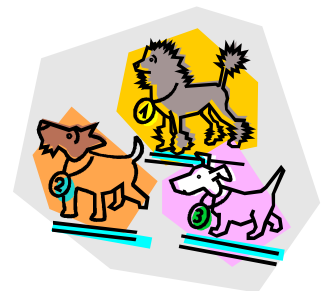
Attendance is down at obedience trials everywhere, as was ours, but we still had a huge turn out. Out of eight hours maximum, one of our judges had 7:43. Our rally entry was up over last year. We brought in a new rally judge, from Richmond. For the first time, I believe EVER, our trial income actually was greater than our trial expenses. When we add in our Trophy Fund and our Trial Fund contributions, we had a very nice net income.



Rally Team: "Small Dog, Big Attitude"



Now it is time to do it all again. This time for our April 6, 7, and 8, 2012 Agility Trial. The facility rent has been paid. The A.K.C. fees have been paid. The judges are sending in their contracts. The core people are being organized. We will need the entire club to pitch in to help for that weekend. Please put it in your calendar, and let me know how you would like to help then. Thanks.



Brag!

It looks like CDTC members had another GREAT rally weekend! I hope you all do not mind if I brag for you. I think your successes should be applauded. They are inspiring to us all! (Apologies for leaving anyone out)

Josie McAuliffe and her Rally Training Group

FRIDAY Rally results:

Excellent B

Bob and Ben - 3rd leg and title!

Jane and Jack - 2nd RAE leg
Melitta and Ella - 1st leg!

Excellent A

Lisa and Cody - 4th place, 3rd leg and title!

Advanced A

Josie and Xena - 3rd leg and title!

Novice B

Lisa and Ginger - 99% 1st place - 3rd leg and title!

Novice A

Vicki and Baa - 4th place (of almost 20 dogs!!) - 3rd leg and title!

SATURDAY Rally results:

Excellent B

Bob and Ben -94% - 4th leg(overachiever)

Melitta and Ella - 2nd leg!

Excellent A

Josie and Xena - 1st leg!

Advanced B

Anita and Kip - 99% - 2nd place! - 3rd leg and title!

Shirley and Lucy - 3rd leg and title!

Advanced A

Vicki and Baa - 100%- 1st place - 1st leg!



Josie, Kathy &, Lucky, Brad & Tula, Vicki and Baa, with Judge Lori Moffa

Novice A

Brad and Tula - 98% -3rd place-3rd leg and title!

RAE

Barbara Merchant & Laser - New title!

Results from 09/24/11

Excellent B

Bob and Ben - 1st leg!
Sue and Toby - 3rd place!

Advanced B

Shirley and Lucy - 2nd leg !

Advanced A

Josie and Xena 93% - 3rd place -1st leg!

Novice A

Vicki and Baa - 99% - 1st place - 1st leg ever!
Brad and Tula - 98% - 3rd place - 1st leg ever!
Kathy & Lucky - 96% - 4th place - 3rd leg- new title!

Novice B

Carrie & Tic Toc - 2nd leg - 98% - 3rd place!
Carrie & Ripley - 2nd leg 98% - 2nd place!

Results from 09/25/11

Excellent B

Bob and Ben - 2nd leg!

Advanced B

Anita and Kip -100% - 2nd place - 2nd leg!

Advanced A

Josie and Xena - 98% - 2nd place - 2nd leg!

Novice A

Vicki and Baa - 99% - 1st place - 2nd leg!
Brad and Tula - 2nd leg!

Novice B

Anita and Kiva - 1st rally leg!

At Southern MD KC's obedience trial on Saturday, September 24, 2011, Corky- Corcaigh O'Laoghair O'Ros RN, earned his CD!

Earning a CD is always special, but for me, this one-especially Saturday- was very special! First, because Corky is the embodiment of a dream come true. I chose him when he was 3 days old, because he was strong enough to stand up to nurse. After Dylan, with his spinal injury, and Limerick who was just too big to walk normally, I NEEDED a healthy, active dog who could do ANYTHING.

I've sure gotten that with Corky!

Second, because I calculated the time wrong for the large class, where we were the last dog in the class, and got there with TWO dogs left in the class! Thank doG Hazel & Dawn saw me and told me to hurry up!

We pottied, signed in, did 30 seconds of warm up, and RAN into the ring! (whew, breathe in, breathe out, ok!) Corky's performance that day was not his best, but it was pretty amazing. Everyone there loved his imaginative finish, where he sat perpendicular to me on the recall, then walked about 5 feet to my right (toward the ring gate), changed his mind, turned around & did a LEFT FINISH! Even the judge (Mr. Levene) laughed.

We will take a little while to work on upper level Rally (to tweak his heeling) while we prepare for Open!

I want to thank the fantastic community at CDTC for their support, advice, and training. I've had some marvelous teachers, who've helped make me a better trainer.



Jodie Jeweler



Lucy earned her RN in April and her RA on October 8, 2011.

Shirley Ferguson and Princess Lucy of Ferguson Manor CD RN RA

Lisa Daniel's fluffy Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Triple H Big Train Cody got his Rally Excellent title at the Mt. Vernon Dog Club Rally Trial October 8th, placing 4th with a 94. Meanwhile, her mixed shepherd, Ginger Daniel, got her Rally Novice title at the same trial, placing first with a 99.

Lisa Daniel



Despite being highly distracted by utility dogs going over jumps in the next ring, Fenway decided not to bolt and stayed with me to earn his first Novice A Q. At one point, I thought Fen was going to create his own agility course and sail over the ring gate on over to those jumps. But he stayed with me. What a good boy! Fenway looks as though he can hardly believe that he earned 4th place. "Are you sure it's ME they're talking about?"

Pam Coblyn



Class Schedules

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY			
10-12	Freestyle TG	Ely	1-2-3
1-1:50pm	Basic 10/24-12/12	Christenson	1-2
6-7:15pm	Open	LaDieu	2-3
7:15-8:30pm	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
7:30-8:30pm	Novice	Daniel	2-3
8:15-9:15pm	Utility	Adler	1-2
8:30-9:30pm	Basic 9/26-11/14	Hall	3
TUESDAY			
Prior to 8	Building	Cleaning	
10 - 11	Clicker TG		1-2
1-4pm	Building	Cleaning	
6-6:50pm	AB 11/1-12/6	Reinhardt	1
6-6:50pm	PK 10/25-12/20	Hathaway	3
7-8pm	Novice	Merchant	1
7-7:50pm	Basic 9/20	Miller	2
8-9pm 1st/3rd	TG	Jackson	2-3
8-10pm 2 nd Tue	Club Meeting		Bldg
8-10pm 4 th Tue	Board Meeting		Bldg
WEDNESDAY			
11-12	Clicker 2	Riley	2-3
12-2:30pm	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
6-7pm	Beg. Rally 9/7-11/2	Harab	2-3
7-8:30pm	Agility - Comp. 11/2	Briefel	1-2-3
THURSDAY			
9:30-10:30	SN	Adler	3
9:30-10:30	Novice	Holt	1-2
10:30-11:30	Open	Holt	1-2
11:30-12:20	Comp.Rally	Daniel	3
12:30-2:30pm	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	1-2-3
6-7pm	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
6-7pm	Utility Prep	Harry	3
7-8pm	SN start Oct.20	Harringer	1

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
THURSDAY			
7-8pm	Utility	Harry	2-3
8-9pm	SN	Dornak	3
8-9:15pm	Open	Harry	1-2
FRIDAY			
10:15-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
7-8pm	SN	Cleverdon	1
7-8:30pm	CCI*	Hathaway	3
SATURDAY			
7:30-8:20	Good Manners 9/10-11/5	Melchior	2-3
9-9:50	AB 9/10-11/5	Young	1-2
9-9:50	AB 10/22-12/10	Solomon	3
10-10:50	Basic 9/10-11/5	Young	1-2
10-10:50	PK 10/15-12/3	Zarnowski	3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
1:30-2:45pm	Comp. Rally TG	McAuliffe	2-3
3-3:50pm	Beg. Rally 10/15-12/10	McAuliffe	2-3
4-4:50pm	Basic 11/12-12/17	Daniel	2-3
6:30-7:30pm	Beg.Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30pm	Flyball practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
8:30-9:30pm	Flyball Comp.	Dwyer	1-2-3
SUNDAY (start 11/6)			
4-5:15pm	Agility - Handling	Maloney	1-2-3
5:15-6:30pm	Agility - Beginner	Carter	1-2-3
6:30-7:45pm	Agility - Intro	De Bremond	1-2-3
7:45- 9pm	Agility - Handling A	Hall	1-2-3

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Class Schedules

Day	Date	Time	Instructor
PUPPY			
	KINDER	GARTEN	
Tues	10/25-12/20	6-6:50pm	Hathaway
Sat	10/15-12/3	10-10:50	Zarnowski
BASIC			
Mon	9/26-11/14	8:30-9:30pm	Hall
Mon	10/24-12/12	1-1:50pm	Christenson
Tues	9/20-	7-7:50pm	Miller
Sat	9/10-11/5	10-10:50	Young
Sat	11/12-12/17	4-4:50pm	Daniel
AB			
Tues	11/1-12/6	6-6:50pm	Reinhardt
Sat	9/10-11/5	9-9:50	Young
Sat	10/22-12/10	9-9:50	Solomon
GOOD MANNERS			
Sat	9/10-11/5	7:30-8:20	Melchior
SUB-NOVICE			
Mon	C	7:15-8:30pm	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Adler
Thurs	C	7-8pm	Harringer
Thurs	C	8-9pm	Dornak
Fri	C	7-8pm	Cleverdon
NOVICE			
Mon	C	7:30-8:30pm	Daniel
Tues	C	7-8pm	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Holt
Thurs	C	6-7pm	Gurvin
OPEN			
Mon	C	6-7:15pm	LaDieu
Thurs	C	10:30-11:30	Holt
Thurs	C	8-9:15pm	Harry

Day	Date	Time	Instructor
UTILITY			
Mon	C	8:15-9:15pm	Adler
Thurs	C	6-7pm (prep)	Harry
Thurs	C	7-8pm	Harry
FREESTYLE			
Mon	C	10-12	Ely
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
BEGINNING RALLY			
Sat	10/15-12/10	3-3:50pm	McAuliffe
Wed	09/07 start	6-7pm	Harab
COMPETITION RALLY			
Thurs	C	11:30-12:20	Daniel
TRAINING GROUPS			
Mon	C	10-12	Ely
Tues	C	10-11	Clicker
Tues (alt.)	C	8-9pm	Jackson
Wed	C	12-2:30pm	Spodak ob.Skills
Thurs	C	12:30-2:40pm	Goldstein
Sat	C	1:30-2:45pm	McAuliffe
FLYBALL			
Sat	C	6:30-9:30pm	Lindberg/Dwyer
AGILITY			
Wed	11/2-12/21	7-8:30pm	Briefel
Sun	11/6-01/08	4-9pm	
OUTSIDE GROUPS			
Fri	C	7-8:30pm	Hathaway CCI*
BUILDING CLEANING			
Tues	C	Before 8 am	Montgomery And 13-16:00 Cleaning Co.

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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

Capital has a fully matted indoor, air-conditioned facility in Silver Spring, Md.

Important Dates at Capital

**Tuesday, November 9:
Members Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 13:
Holiday Party**



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