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"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

- Author Unknown



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Happy New Year! Best wishes to you, your family and your furry best friends for a safe and prosperous year. With the Covid vaccine being distributed, I am hopeful that we can get back to normal operations at CDTC. That means that we can participate in more dog related social activities. Last April I wrote an article about dog friendly wineries. Maybe this summer, as a club, we can visit one of Virginia's dog friendly wineries. Keep your fingers crossed.

In this issue we mourn the passing of CDTC member and instructor Ted de Bremond. I met Ted when I took Introduction to Agility. Beginning students in agility are often frustrated when their dogs are off leash and not listening to a thing they say. Ted was great at encouraging both the students and their dogs. His calm manner helped more than one dog team, literally and figuratively, get over the hump of beginning agility.

I am sure that I speak for the board and all our members when I say that Ted will be missed.

**SOMETIMES YOU WILL
NEVER KNOW THE VALUE
OF A MOMENT**



**UNTIL IT BECOMES
A MEMORY**

-Dr. Seuss

In Memoriam: Thierry "Ted" Henri de Bremond

Thierry "Ted" Henri de Bremond, 87, passed away at home on December 24, 2020.

Born in Aubonne, Fribourg, Switzerland (The French Sector) on August 21, 1933. Ted was the oldest of three children who frequently moved with their parents to accommodate their father's work as a military attaché to the Swiss



government. When he was 18, Ted was awarded a full scholarship to attend Georgetown University and moved to the U.S., where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and his Master of Business Administration from The George Washington University. Ted proudly became a citizen of the United States on August 10, 1965.

Ted was a production control manager for several companies in the Washington, DC area,

including Hughes Network Systems. In May 2018, he retired from TAD Relocation Services, a senior move management company.

Ted loved the outdoors and coming from Switzerland, downhill skiing was in his blood. Tennis was his first love. He enjoyed the game from an analytical view, as well as a participant. He was active with a senior group, playing doubles twice weekly at the Aspen Hill Tennis and Swim Club. Ted and his wife April were also power boaters. Ted enjoyed water skiing on the Chesapeake Bay and spending the nights in quiet creeks on the larger "boats." He was an Officer on the "Bridge" in the Potomac River Power Squadron (a unit of the U.S. Power Squadron) and a Commodore of the Selby Bay Yacht Club (2002).

Ted's love of dogs consumed much of his life and heart. Ted brought his Corgi, Arthur into his marriage with April. Arthur was 10 years old and they decided he needed a playmate. They met a little dog they named Sabrina and fell in love with the Schipperke breed. Ted soon realized you can't have just one schipperke...so along came Darius, Nicole & Echo. Darius crossed the Rainbow Bridge and Colby arrived, followed by Nitro a year later.

On December 30, 2010, Echo gave birth to Nitro's son, Ryder, in the back of the family van on Connecticut Ave. Ryder was a 'singleton'. When seeing Ryder for the first time, Ted's immediate words were, "That's MY Boy." They became instant BEST buddies and were glued at the hip.



Ryder and Ted went everywhere together, daily walks, training in Obedience, then Rally, then Agility every day (weather permitting). On October 12, 2012, Ryder and Ted achieved their Canine Good Citizen Title. Achieving this AKC title enabled Ted to join Capital Dog Training Club. Ted put the following titles on Ryder: CD BN RE FDC NA NAI CGCA TKN. The weekend of November 29-30, 2018, Ted drove alone to the Catoctin Kennel Club to complete Ryder's RE title. The last AKC title Ted placed on Ryder was his Farm Dog Title on October 19, 2019. Ted, April and Ryder drove to New Kent, Virginia so Ted could put the second of two legs on Ryder.

Ted enjoyed the friendship at Capital. The Howliday Party and the Awards Dinner making frozen margaritas! Ted loved taking classes with Ryder at Capital. He went on Monday evenings for Obedience classes, Thursday mornings for Rally and Wednesday evenings for Agility (until May 2018). He always took lots of treats for Ryder and a brush to use between runs to ensure that HIS boy was calm and always looked beautiful. Ted was an Assistant Instructor for Introduction to Agility and Beginner Agility. He always tried to increase his knowledge of dog sports and share it with his students. He always brought his book, *The Art of Proofing*, by Adele Yunk to classes and encouraged the students to read the book.

On December 9, 2020, his Occupational Therapist asked him what he would like to work on tomorrow, and Ted replied, "Train my boy, Ryder."

President's Message:

Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you are all staying fit and well. A new administration has hit the ground running to orchestrate a Federal response to the public health crisis. Some of our neighbors and acquaintances have already received a vaccine for Covid-19. I plan to get mine as soon as possible! If all goes well, we may be able to assume activities at a more "normal" level before the end of the year. Keep your fingers crossed! Meanwhile, do not allow yourselves to become complacent! Keep wearing your masks and keep washing your hands and observing social distancing.

Special thanks to all of you who participated in the January Annual meeting. Your new Board of Directors is already on the job, emailing like crazy.

There are some new things in the works for the club this year. I can't talk about specifics yet. Obichaff is going to "press" before the first meeting of the Board of Directors via ZOOM. So stay tuned, and be sure to participate in the general membership meeting in February - on Tuesday, February 9, 8:00 p.m. as usual. Be there to be one of the first to be "in the know!"

The Pack A New Series on Amazon Prime

The Pack (Amazon

Prime) comprises ten 60-minute episodes, presented by the former alpine ski racer and gold-medal Olympian Lindsey Vonn and her King Charles spaniel Lucy.

The show takes place in a different country almost every week. It starts in LA and then jets off to Mexico, Italy, Switzerland, France, Austria, the UK and Costa Rica before making it back to the US for a finale in Utah.



Just getting to the location of the first challenge, in the city of angels, requires a helicopter lift from the freeway, followed in quick succession by a zipwire swoop down to a limo and a speedboat ride to a cruise ship. And the prize? \$500,000 for dog and partner, plus another \$250,000 to a charity of their choice. And another \$250,000 is distributed to charities they come across as they travel round the world.

The critics have given The Pack mixed reviews, but I liked it. It plays to a fantasy I have of traveling the world with my dogs. The dogs and their owners get to stay in really posh hotels and the dogs get to sleep on their owners' beds. The show has been criticized for being a bit tame, but these are real dogs doing most of the work and their safety is paramount. Dog safety officers are on hand at all times, and we are shown them often. It is quite obvious that the dogs have all been trained and have had practice doing the stunts and tricks they are seen doing in the show. It is not enough that the dogs are not hurt, the producers of the show do not want them stress when they participate in the show. I liked that too about the show. Most of what the dogs are asked to do is not all that stressful and is easily identifiable to CDTC members. For example, the dogs are required to sit and stay while their owners run to get something. If the dog breaks, they have to start again. They are also asked to find things. The producers make it clear that the dogs have been trained to search for birch sent. For example, in one episode the dogs need to be find puzzle pieces scented with birch. The pack is a combination of a fun travel show with a mixture of obedience, agility, trick training and scent work all rolled into one show. Check it out on Amazon Prime.



Frida - Hero Dog



The good people of Mexico know how to honor a hero dog. After an earthquake which killed 300 people hit Mexico in 2017, Frida, a Navy rescue dog, became famous when images of her clad in a protective eye mask, and boots, searching through the rubble of a school in

Mexico City, drew worldwide attention and became a symbol of hope for Mexico. "Her bark always gave hope, and in moments of pain and uncertainty she brought relief," said Deputy Naval Minister Eduardo Redondo. Frida is credited with saving 12 lives.

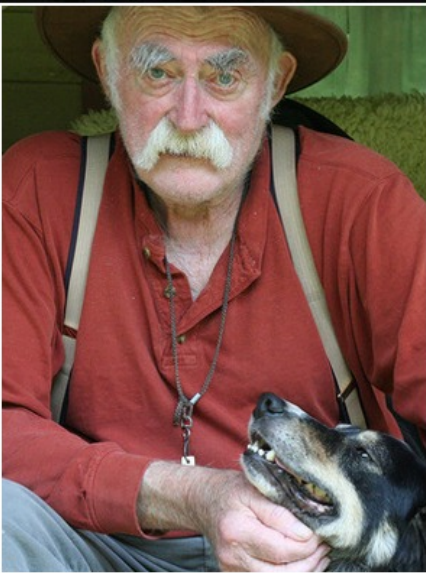
In 2019, Frida, age 10, was retired from active duty with the navy. Retired but not forgotten. Frida's image is on the Mexican Peso; she is celebrated in a large colorful mural in the Mexico City. A bronze statue of her, and her handler was erected in Puebla, Mexico. Frida was present for the unveiling. As a social media star and Mexican icon, Frida has also been featured in fan art, on t-shirts, and in comic books. In retirement, she is living her best dog life, helping to train other search and rescue dogs.

I've never met you, but I love you more

Than waves love sand upon the shore.
And so I'll never stop searching for you,
That's why I'm here.
If you're ever trapped under rubble
I promise to find you there.



BOOK REVIEW:
Nop's Trials
By Donald McCaig.



Humans have externalized their wisdom-stored it in museums, libraries, the expertise of the learned. Dog wisdom is inside the blood and bones.

— Donald McCaig —

AZ QUOTES

It's Christmas day when we meet Lewis Burkholder, West Virginia livestock farmer and sheepdog trainer, and his talented border collie Nop. The holiday is shattered when Nop is stolen. *Nop's Trials* is the story of Nop's fate, the abuse and brutality he suffers and his incredible resiliency. At times this book is hard to read, but when Nop and Lewis are finally reunited, there's not a dry eye in the house. *Nop's Trials* has a cult following. It's not just a book about an extraordinary border collie and the bond that he and his human share. It's about hope and desire and the depth of love and devotion that a dog and a human can feel toward each other. The influence of and passion for this book cannot be underestimated. Until his death in 2018, Donald McCaig received letters from fans from all over the world exclaiming how this book changed their view toward dogs; enhanced their own appreciation of their own canines; or just held them in thrall on the edge of their seats.

McCaig wrote several books about border collies; all are worth reading.

Braggs

Pictured below is the Thursday Focus and Foundation Class,, pictured are Ed Read and GiGi, Amy Cook , Mary Carson with Holly, Cindy Sanders with Tucker and Sue Faber with Dazzle.



Shannon Hall writes: The closest NADAC equivalent to AKC's MACH is the NATCH - NADAC Agility Trial Champion. I've run NADAC with 3 previous dogs and not gotten one. Connor and I earned our very first NATCH this year on Thanksgiving weekend. We were supposed to be at a trial at Hog Dog, but it was canceled at the last minute due to rising COVID numbers. I was quite sad, as I worked diligently to be ready to only need those last few Qs at that trial to get the NATCH. Instead, due to the generosity of a friend who has a nice flat yard and all the equipment, I got my NATCH virtually, via judged video. While it is rather deflating, it was also quite an accomplishment for us and I look forward to getting NATCH 2, 3, and however many more Connor and I might earn, at physical trials in the year 2021 and in years to come. NADAC sent me lovely ribbons (one for our NATCH, one for what is called the Versatility NATCH, which we also earned) to recognize the accomplishment so I just had to take a photo, which normally would be taken at the trial with the judge present. Very Good Boy, Connor!

[For the curious, a NATCH requires the team to be running at the elite level, and have 23 elite Regular Qs (equivalent to AKC Standard), 13 Jumpers Qs, and 13 Chances Qs (Chances has a distance challenge that is quite a bit harder than the AKC Fast send). To get a versatility NATCH, one must also have 13 Touch and Go Qs, 13 Tunnelers Qs and 13 Weavers Qs.]



Jennie Larkin writes, "Tali, CH Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali CD PCD BN RI FDC OA OAJ AXP MJP NF OFP CAA FCAT3 ACT2 ATT C-CDX CL2 RL2-AOE RLP-AOE CDCA-VI5 CHIC, was named Canaan Dog of the Year by the Canaan Dog Club of America. The club gives this honor every year to a Canaan Dog who exemplifies what is best about the breed. She finished her breed championship early and quickly (in three weekends going Winners Bitch or Reserve Winners Bitch to majors at each show), with much credit going to Capital's Conformation Training Group and especially Jeff Harab. Tali then contributed to the breed by having a lovely litter. Despite these activities, she earned more titles by

the time she was 2 years old than most Canaan Dogs ever earn in their lifetime. Since her litter we have had more time to have fun together. Last year she represented the breed in Orlando at the 2019 Obedience Classic (bonus road trip with Wallace and Julie Rovner), and I was truly delighted at how well she worked! Her heeling, attention, and attitude were everything I could have hoped for! In agility she is now at the Masters level and earned a place at the 2020 agility invitational, which we did not attend because of COVID. Over the months of COVID we have taken to lure coursing (Fast CAT and CAT) and backyard video disc games as socially distanced dog events that Tali loves! She and Tip and I had a great time doing UpDog Video Games this spring, and it was both very fun and a real dog training and handling challenge! She completed her Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) title over the summer, which requires 10 passing runs on a 600 yard course that is different every time. She also completed her FCAT3 title this fall. Fast CAT is a timed 100 yards straight sprint. Nowadays, Tali is playmate for my new (5 month old) papillon puppy, Hermes. And she really is such a good dog to live with and a wonderful hiking partner. And we are all looking towards brighter times, with more hiking and more dog training and trialing ahead!



Julie Rovner and Wallace finished their novice agility titles (standard and jumpers) at the socially distant Oriole Dog Training Club trials in December. Happy to have our first titles of 2020 in only our second competition of the year.



Sandi Atkinson writes: "When you are too big for the Chihuahua's bed, but too stubborn (i.e., you are a Basenji) to admit it...."



Blood Test Streamlines Cancer Detection



Improving the quality of life for dogs is the goal of a newly launched cancer-detection tool.

Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVMBS) has introduced a cost-effective oncology test veterinarians can use for early cancer detection.

Developed by Belgium-based company Volition, the Nu.Q Vet Cancer Screening Test uses a blood test to measure early markers of cancer.

“Unlike in humans, where routine cancer screening is relatively commonplace, there are few tests for animals,” says CVMBS professor, Heather Wilson-Robles, DVM, DACVIM (picture above), who helped develop the screening.

“We are changing this today.”

“This simple, low-cost blood test can help streamline the diagnostic process and shorten the path to diagnosis, thereby allowing treatment (be that chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or surgery) to be initiated earlier, even before symptoms appear, increasing the chance of the dog’s survival and its quality of life.”

Cancer is the most common cause of death for dogs older than two in the U.S., according to Texas A&M. Further, as many as 50 percent of all dogs over the age of 10 will develop cancer in their lifetime.

The new test, which is available through CVMBS’ Gastrointestinal (GI) Laboratory, can be used during wellness checks of older dogs where there is a suspicion of cancer, as well as in younger high-risk breeds.

At 100 percent specificity, the test has been shown to detect 74 percent of lymphomas and 89 percent of hemangiosarcomas, which are two of the most common cancers in dogs, comprising approximately one-third of canine cancers, Texas A&M says.

“As with human cancers, early diagnosis is key, and this testing will not only save dogs’ lives, but will offer dogs a better quality of life through earlier treatment,” says John August, BVetMed, MS, MRCVS, DACVIM (SAIM), dean of CVMBS.

For more information, click [here](#).

Dogs of the Rich and Famous

Last year Nicole Kidman became a dog-mom. Welcome to the club! Membership means your clothes will forever be dotted with wiry little hairs and your alarm clock henceforth shall be a cold nose at the crack of dawn. According to Kidman’s husband Keith Urban, they named the poodle Julian. “We got a dog! [Nicole’s] first-ever dog, ever! I’ve had dogs all my life, but never anything this small,” Urban told iHeartRadio in July 2019, before adding, “He’s a big hit!”



Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

[CGC TEST - February 6](#)

[Beginning Conformation - March 6](#)

[Beginning Conformation \(Juniors U18 Only!\) - April 30](#)

[S.T.A.R. Puppy/Kindergarten \(born after 8/18/2020\) - March 16](#)

[Puppy Kindergarten \(born after 9/20/2020\) - February 7 \(FULL\)](#)

Family Dog 1 (formerly Basic Obedience) - March 16

Family Dog 2 (formerly Advanced Basic Obedience) - March 14,16 (FULL)

CGC Prep Class - None Scheduled (see Family Dog 2)

NEW! Intro Obedience Skills for Rally - March 13

Rally Novice - April 24

Intro to Scent Work (Finding Hidden Odor) - March (FULL)

Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1 - March 3

NEW! Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 2 - Feb 28

Facility use remains at 25% capacity with masks required.

Click [here](#) to go straight to registration. Email [Karen](#) for enrollment reminder emails for a particular class.

[FLYBALL](#) has space for new participants, tell your friends!

Spring Agility will start in March. Email [AGILITY](#) to get on the wait list for Spring.

Click [here](#) for more class information on the CDTC website.

Members use your discount codes to register. Email [Karen](#) for questions.

NEW CLASSES!

Intro Obedience Skills for Rally Novice: This class provides a quick introduction to several obedience skills that are necessary for participating in Rally. Skills taught include heeling, fronts and finishes. At the end of the class students should be ready to enroll in Rally Novice. Students who are primarily interested in competition obedience are advised to instead enroll in Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1. This is a 4-week class. We recommend enrolling for Rally Novice (offered consecutively) as well.

Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 2 (FCO2): This class teaches foundation skills necessary for competing in Open and Utility. It is not necessary to have earned a novice title before taking this class, but all dogs must have excellent heeling (on and off leash), and straight fronts and finishes that are performed promptly. Students will have typically completed Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1 prior to enrolling. Foundation skills that will be taught include: retrieving, go-outs, directed jumping, pivots and scent discrimination. The emphasis will be on providing a firm

foundation in these skills and providing a roadmap for training the actual competition skills. Less emphasis will be placed on training these skills to the point of being competition-ready. Instead, students will be prepared to perfect these skills in open and utility classes. Ideally, this class will be taken upon completion of Fundamentals of Competition Obedience. Permission of the Instructor is required. Email cdtcclasses@gmail.com

ON-GOING CLASSES

Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1 (FCO1): This class slowly and systematically teaches heeling with sustained attention. Dogs will also be taught to stand, sit and down quickly and without moving out of position. Fast, straight fronts and sits will be taught. Ring entry and sustained connection between dog and handler will also be emphasized. Students enrolling in this class should have a strong commitment to excelling and will be expected to practice between classes. Permission of the Instructor is required. Email cdtcclasses@gmail.com

Training Groups:

Rally Training Group meets most 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 1pm. Contact [Sue](#).

Obedience Video Training Group meets most 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 1pm. Contact [Jennie](#).

Conformation Training Group will start meeting Friday evenings. Contact [Janice](#).

Thursday Open/Utility Training Group (Goldstein@ 12:30pm) has resumed. Contact [Karen](#).

Thinking of joining CDTC as a Member?

Active membership in the Capital Dog Training Club (CDTC) is available to an individual who:

- has completed no less than three (3) months as a training member paying the prescribed fees/dues, and
- whose dog has passed a Proficiency Test as prescribed by the Club with a dog that she or he has trained **or** has obtained a qualifying score toward an AKC title in any "dog companion sport" trial.

Active membership includes the right to attend meetings, vote, access to the Members Only section of CDTC's website, access to seminars, events, announcements

of the Club, the right to hold an elective office in the Club, and all other privileges and benefits of the Club (including 2 free classes per quarter). Contact [Karen](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

Capital Dog Training Club's annual **Agility Trial** at [FISC](#) is the weekend of April 9-11, 2021

The Premium will be [HERE](#) soon.

Delegate's Corner

By Joyce Dandridge

The Delegates Meeting was held by Zoom on December 2, 2020. The Delegate Forum provided the Delegates an opportunity for a Q&A for Board of Director Candidates. I and Donna did send bios of the candidates to members on the group list. If you have any preferences or comments, please direct them to me before March 1, 2021. Delegates will be voting in March 9, 2021.

In the December meeting, Delegates voted 96% approval of the proposed amendment to allow two National Specialties in 2021. Therefore, all the 2020 trophies and ribbons, etc. planned for 2020 can be used in 2021. It allows for 2020 champions by allowing exhibits to compete and be recognized in all sports areas held at specialties. The events can be held separately or back to back. The decision is up to the parent club. They do have the option of not doing this.

In Orlando in December at the AKC Championship event, Gail Wolaniuk and Joan McFadden were named the 2020 AKC Breeder of the Year. Gail and Joan were presented by Royal Canin this award for their outstanding breeding under the kennel name Unique Poodles. This award honors those breeders who have made an impact on their breed and have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs. They began Unique in 1980 and both are members of Poodle Club of America and the Delaware County Kennel Club.

DID YOU KNOW?

- AKC and ESPN signed a 3-year content agreement which brings 100% unique events to stream live on the ESPN App. AKC will produce Championships and competitions for the leading sports network. Each show will give audiences an insight into the fun and intensely competitive world of dog sports.
- AKC lauds the U.S Department of Transportation on its final rule on travel by air with service dogs. The new rule addresses issues associated with the increase in poorly trained service dogs and emotional support animals that have been brought into airports and on aircrafts in recent years, putting the health and safety of other passengers and crew and aircraft at risk.

The next Delegate Committee meetings will be held the week of March 1-5 by Zoom. The next Delegate meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting on March 9, 2021.

Stay safe.

CDTC Swag

Do you love CDTC? If so, you can purchase CDTC logo items at [Cafepress](#). Order now and get your stuff for the holidays. Capital gets a portion of the proceeds. There's a great selection from sweatshirts, to mugs to magnets.

CDTC Groups.io

CDTC members, if you have not done so already, please join <mailto:cdtc@groups.io>. It is a great way to keep up with the day-to-day activities of our club. To sign up, go to <https://groups.io/g/cdtc> and click "Apply for Membership."



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