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—photos by CDTC Members Luann Korona, Nan Marks, Sandy Swinburne and Wendy Wilkinson



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From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff

Yes—This is MY Club!



I recently unearthed an Obichaff from my file cabinet that was dated 2010. My first thought was, “Why on earth did I keep this? I’m already drowning in paper and overwhelmed with the need to hang on to important “stuff”.

I surmised that, somehow, this particular newsletter had to have some significance. While flipping through the pages, I saw the essay I submitted to the CDTC Membership Secretary explaining who I was, my history with dogs and why I wanted to become a member (this used to be a traditional route to membership at Capital).

The essay made me smile: I realized how far I’ve come as a dog owner, trainer and competitor.

Long ago, I earnestly explained that I recently brought home a very young puppy who had great potential if one believes in pedigrees. And, I freely admitted that this was only my second dog ever and I needed lots and lots of training and guidance—and after researching various facilities in the area I decided that CDTC had as much potential as my little puppy. In my eyes, Capital and I would be a perfect match: seasoned, kind instructors for a nervous new owner; a variety of classes to see what I might be interested in and a diverse membership that spanned all ages and careers. What I really liked best was the enthusiasm and happiness I saw at the classes I observed before enrolling. I wanted all of this and I wanted to be a part of it, so I submitted my application and essay.

Today—seven years later—I am a proud member and grateful to CDTC for enhancing my life in so many ways. I’ve learned, been mentored and encouraged to operate outside my comfort zone and be a bit audacious with my goals. New friendships were formed and I came out of my shell. And Puppy Fenway has surpassed my wildest dreams!

I hope each of you feels (or will feel) the same way. After all, this is *YOUR* club—have fun, be proud, learn and participate!



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From the President—November-December, 2017



We are all equal members of Capital.

That statement seems so obvious and yet I have heard on more than one occasion complaints from our members that “as a (fill in the blank with your dog sport here) participant I feel like a second class citizen.” I find this statement puzzling and distressing. Nobody at Capital should feel this way. As a member of the Board for the past seven years, five of them as President, I am hard pressed to recall a single instance when a request for help from any of our members practicing the many dog sports we support at Capital was denied. This includes requests for equipment, clubhouse space, volunteers, etc.

Where do these feelings of “second class citizenship” come from? Is it historical? After all, Capital did begin life as an AKC obedience club. Perhaps our agility members, as an example, felt that way in the beginning when agility was grudgingly supported and still feel that way today. Or maybe it was from our Conformation folks that felt like their efforts were not taken seriously because their sport is “just a fashion show.” Interestingly, one of the most recent times when I heard this complaint about feeling second class came from one of our long-time obedience competitors at our club. Apparently, no group is safe from this feeling of second class citizenship!

I don't know how to keep people from feeling these feelings. One of the things

that I have strived to do during my tenure as president is to nurture a feeling that we are all equal members of this club and the various aspects of canine performance we pursue are all equally important.

We are very fortunate to have our own clubhouse that is well provisioned to support us in our training efforts. Our clubhouse is not perfect. We have frustrations with parking and sometimes inconsiderate neighbors. Our ring space is not always ideal for certain aspects of our pursuits. And ring space availability sometimes conflicts with our need to produce revenue so we can continue to operate. But it is *our* club and *our* clubhouse to call our own—we do not need to share with anybody other than ourselves. We should be grateful and help support one another in our canine pursuits.

With that in mind, we should practice acts of kindness and respect for each other and realize that we all want the same things from our members and our club, *i.e.*, mutual respect and support for one another. I would like to think that we are inclusive, not exclusive. Please join me in fostering this sense of community and support for each other. Remember, we are *all* equal members of Capital.

Thank you!

Carrie Solomon
President, CDTC

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Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



In May, at my suggestion, the CDTC Board of Directors voted to request an expansion of the club's territory into Maryland. Some of the reasons stated in my letter were the history of the club in the region, the number of years meeting in Montgomery County, the high cost of real estate and commercial rentals in the city of Washington and the large number of members that actually live in Maryland. I also spoke to a few AKC Board members and staff about our unique situation and our future plans and they were in favor.

Last week, I received a response. After reviewing the territories and data, AKC is extending our territory beyond the Washington city borders and will include Montgomery County north to Gaithersburg/Olney, west to I-270 and east to Route 97. They actually gave us more area than we requested.

I would like to thank Joan Adler who did all the historical research for my letter. I would also like to thank the CDTC Board for their foresight and unanimous decision. This will certainly allow us a lot of flexibility in the future in locating venues and holding meetings and classes.

Please contact me if you would like to see the original letter to AKC or see their response. We should have both on file at the clubhouse as well. This will be a part of our history.

- AKC Government Relations is trying to form a Maryland group to respond to HSUS and PETA initiatives in the state and the legislative actions that affect domestic and farm animals. If you are interested in joining the group, call them at 919-816-3549 or email emily.holmes@akc.org

- The issue on the elimination of group stays is still under discussion with the AKC Board. There is currently a petition circulating and started by an AKC judge who is in opposition to the change. I have heard it has over 800 signatures.
- The survey sent to all breed clubs on why they no longer have obedience trials was discussed at the Companion Events Committee meeting. I am chairing a subcommittee to address the issues brought up in the results. Some of the issues are: 1) Difficulty getting stewards; 2) The cost and number of stewards needed for Obedience; 3) Expense of hiring Obedience judges vs. the declining entries; 4) Lack of space for obedience rings and need for different ring accommodations than breed rings need; 5) Lack of help from local obedience clubs to run trial; 6) Lack of interest in Obedience by members of all breed clubs.

If anyone has any suggestions on tackling these issues, please email your suggestions to me. We need to find some solutions; otherwise, more all breed clubs will be dropping their trials which mean less opportunities for getting those legs on your dogs.

Finally, I would like to thank all the CDTC members who assisted my all-breed club, National Capital Kennel Club and Benita at our all breed show. We had back-to-back Obedience and Rally trials. It was a full day for the volunteers but would not have been successful without our Capital members helping out. We are trying to do this every October with our Conformation show so please consider volunteering in 2018. Let Benita know you are available for help.

Wishing Everyone A Happy Holiday Season!

Safety—Looking Out For One Another!

Because our clubhouse is in an industrial park that shuts down at night—and it can feel a bit isolated. We should always make sure everybody leaves the lot! Please take a moment to make sure no one has car trouble, no tires are flat and we are all safely on our way!



The Rally Training Group **Train, polish, learn and have fun with your dog!**



Set up for Rally Training Group is 1:00-1:25pm. Walk-thrus 1:25-1:40, run-thrus 1:40-2:45. Please come early to help set up the course or stay late to help take it down (it's easy!). Also, if you have adequate knowledge of all rally signs, please offer to assist in judging.

Come by on Saturday afternoons—check the back page for dates!



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We're more than champion dogs. We're the dog's champion.

Bragg—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!



Scotties Win Big in the Conformation Ring at Nationals!

Jo-Anne Riddle has some wonderful news! “As a Breeder I had a phenomenal day on October 9 at my club’s Scottish Nationals. In the 12-18 month bitch class, I had two litter mates shown and placed. Geoff Dawson has started showing Dallis’s sister **Poppy** and Margery has **Dallis**. Poppy finished second and Dallis was third. The big news however, is that **Elspeeth** was Best of Opposite today!” Jo-Anne Riddle is an AKC Breeder of Merit and owner of Merrie Munro Scottish Terriers *This is a huge accomplishment and we are all so proud of your dogs and wonderful breeding program!*

Celebrate the season at the
CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB

HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 12

New Member Reception at 6:30 pm. Brief business meeting at 7:00 p.m. immediately followed by the party!

Pot luck dinner! Please bring something scrumptious to share—
appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad or dessert!

Food Music Games Prizes!
Play Fun Games at the 2016 Howliday Party!

Bring your dog and have tons o' fun!



Big Q's, New Rally Title and UDX Legs!

Tom Tatham's crew were stars at our annual CDTC Rally and Obedience trial. His **Nick** earned two legs in Rally Advanced, both with perfect scores of 100 and 3rd placements— it was a tough and competitive class! **Daisy** nailed her Rally Advanced title and earned her first leg in Rally Excellent.

Maggie was a consistent obedience star and collected both her sixth and seventh UDX legs—number 7 was a 4th Place.

What a fantastic accomplishment—you and your crew performed amazingly before the "hometown" crowd—jobs well done!



New Senior Hunt Title!

Laurie Cook's Tessie completed her AKC Senior Hunter title on October 15. She is now Bear Hug Joy to the World, CDX RE SH NA NAJ NE, NAVHDA NA P-3. Laurie exclaims, "On to Master! Tessie also received her Versatile Griffon award at our specialty this year from our AKC parent club,AWPGA, for points earned in 4 different dog sports: obedience, rally, agility, and hunting. She is the 27th Wirehaired Pointing Griffon ever to earn this award."

We are all amazed by Team Tessie—what an outstanding and multi-talented girl you have. Big congratulations!

New Rally Excellent Title!

Laurie Cook's Tessie was a busy girl in October! She also earned her AKC Rally Excellent title at Capital's trial on October 6.

Tessie is now known as Bear Hug joy to the World CDX RE JH NA NAJ NE, NAVHDA NA-3.

What an outstanding accomplishment for your gorgeous girl!





New Obedience Utility Title!

Brad Smith is rightfully proud to announce his lovely schnauzer's latest accomplishment. "Congratulations are in order for **Miss Tula**. Judge Jean Nocilly awarded Tula a score of 185.5, 2nd Place and her Utility A title at the Greenspring Poodle Club's Obedience trial held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Canine Training Associates. Tula's official AKC name now is Windsong Autumn Whisper UD, RAE3. Thank you to all who have helped us along on our journey!"

Brad and Tula are simply a magnificent team. Their diligent training make it look easy. Bravo!

Scheiner Earns A Shiner!

Amy Scheiner had a freak accident in September. "I was bending down by the side of the bed to pick up some trash on the floor just as **Devyn**, my sweet little sheltie, launched herself to jump on the bed. Our trajectories intersected and her hard little Sheltie skull collided with my orbital bone. Devyn is fine, by the way!



You literally took a hit for the team, Amy, and we are beyond impressed with both your skulls!

New Master Hunter Advanced Title!

Laurie Cook has wonderful news about her Wire-haired Pointing Griffons. "**Hattie** completed the last leg for her Master Hunter Advanced at our specialty on September 26, 2017. She was also inducted into the AWPGA Field Dog Hall of Fame. Hattie is handled by my husband in the field.

Gator was inducted into both the AWPGA Field Dog Hall of Fame and the AWPGA Agility Dog Hall of Fame at the specialty as well.

AWPGA is the American Wire-haired Pointing Griffon Association, our AKC parent club."

Gator



Hattie

We are so proud and congratulate you and your husband for this supreme honor for both your brilliant dogs!



New Obedience CD Title!

Amy Cook's Kinsey (Dalarno Mystery By Nite CD, BN, RE, TKN, CGC, RL2, HCT-D), earned her CD (Companion Dog) title at the Mt. Vernon dog show on October 27th. "Congrats to my girl! Your gonna make it after all!!!", declares a happy Amy.

Big congrats to Amy for all her hard work and dedication—and to Kinsey for loving being her partner!



New Rally Novice Title—With Distinction!

Judy Tabler's Bobby (Skyeluck Bulletproof) received his Rally Novice title in September at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. The Skye Terrier Club of America recognized Bobby as the Top Scoring Skye in a Performance Event for 2016.

Skye is an outstanding example of the breed at its best—big congratulations for all his accomplishments!



Almost Punched Their Ticket!

Sue Faber and Stevie earned two more Q legs with a 1st and 4th Places to qualify for the 2018 Rally Nationals! They only need 1 more leg!

You should start booking your hotel right now—Stevie will surely get that last leg!

Sue Faber's Stryder is quite the trickster. He earned his new AKC Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles.

Stryder is also the number 8 border terrier in Rally Novice in the United States.

You are a wonderful little guy with a big heart and big presence. Well done, cutie!



Huge Wins in Conformation!

Carie Wohl proudly announces, “Elle (Enchanted Lady Liberty (Elle) and I did quite well at the Fall Fest Cluster. On Friday, we got Winners Bitch, BOW, BOS, BOBOH, and a Owner Handler Group 3—along with wonderful prizes thanks to The Simaneks. On Saturday, for the Colonial Schipperke Club Specialty, Miss Elle again won WB, BOW, BOS, BBE, BOBOH, And another OHG3! Her

mother, **Echo** (Midwatch Enchanted Echo) won Best Veteran and an Award of Merit. Thank you to her last minute stand in handler, Wanda Singhass! Thank you CSC for all the beautiful glassware ! On Sunday, Miss Elle did it all again—WB, BOW, BOS, BOBOH, and A OHG3! Yes, we've been over the moon! A wonderful weekend it was! *We hope you stay on Cloud Nine for the rest of the year! Congrats!!!*



New Rally Advanced Title!

Lois Kietur's **Teddy** (WarrenMtn's O'What a Knight) stopped at Rocky Point Creamery after getting his Rally Advanced title at the Mt. Vernon Dog Training Club on Oct. 27.

“I learned to really watch that those elbows are all the way down so we don't lose 10 points again! We needed to celebrate with ice cream—the cinnamon ice cream was delicious. Good thing the ice cream shop is too far away to go to every day we are at Catoctin!”

Hearty congratulations and we hope you get to have many ice cream trips!



New Rally Excellent Title!

Liz Jarrell's handsome **William** finished his Rally Excellent B title with a 2nd Place. William wasn't done—he earned another extra Novice B Obedience leg with another 2nd Place. He is now CH Bayshore Avatar The Conqueror of Bon Ami (CD, RE, TKA, CGC, TDI).

Well done Liz and William—you are an amazing team that can switch gears and maintain excellence!

New UDX Obedience Title!



Tom Tatham has outstanding news—"Introducing **Maggie** (BN UDX RE CGCA).

Maggie earned her 10th UDX leg (requiring double qualification in Open and Utility) at the Mount Vernon trial held at Catoctin on October 29, and received her Utility Dog Excellent title.

Maggie earned her UD title on March 24th, 2017 and we began competing for UDX legs in late May. Most of the work was done from late July through now, and in that timeframe we competed in literally every trial (albeit only 1 trial per day) within a 1-hour radius of Silver Spring. All told, it took 15 trials to earn 10 legs. Maggie and I are very tired!

In the short term, I would like to put a versatility title on her. Someday I would also like to put an Obedience Master on her, but I will need to figure out how to get her (and myself) to be less stressed in the ring so that she can achieve her full potential. She is only 4 years old, so we have a bit of time to figure that out. Our major focus will now be agility, and we are launching our agility career at the Westminster trials on November 9 and 10.



Many, many people helped Maggie at earlier stages of her career as I pointed out in *Obichaff* after she earned her UD. I want to now thank people who have been instrumental in helping with the UDX. At CDTC, Burton Goldstein, Lisa Bernstein and Don Levinson have been very helpful by giving us run throughs and advice. Most of all, Barbara Glass has my gratitude for practicing with us every week at CTA and giving me a great deal of useful advice. I have also been struck by the encouragement and kindness of my fellow "B" handlers. It is wonderful to train in such a supportive environment.

Well done—this is the most impressive Brag I've ever published—simply because Maggie earned her UDX title in a mere 6 months. What an achievement accomplished in record time! Bravo Tom and high five paws, Maggie!



New CD Obedience Title!

Julie Rovner proudly announces that **Wallace** (Honeyfox Lover of Wensleydale) earned his CD title in October in fine style, with three scores in the 190s, and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place—split between the CDTC show and Mt. Vernon Kennel Club show. Here he is earning his "bumper leg" at Catoctin (Mt. Vernon trial) and winning the class.

Congratulations! Wally deserves a piece of nice, runny cheese!

New CD Obedience Title!

Shellie Goldstein is so proud to announce that **Emma**, her sweet Shih Tzu, earned their Companion Dog (CD) title at our CDTC trial.

Congratulations and high fives for completing this title at our trial!





Show Dog Royalty!

Cynthia Dodson's Avi (MBSI GCHS Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek CDCA HCX), who got his start in Jeff and Janice's puppy conformation class, won the Canaan Dog National on October 19. He also won the designated Specialty the next day, the breed the remaining two days of the cluster, and two Herding Group placements.

Avi earned his Herding Certified Excellent title at the associated CDCA herding instinct trial. Avi was also awarded the Canaan Dog Club of America's highest honor, Dog of the Year. He is the #1 Breed and All-Breed Canaan Dog in the country for 2017.

Avi's sister **Anni** (GCH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Creek) won Best of Opposite Sex and Best Owner Handled at the Canaan Dog National, the designated Specialty and the rest of the cluster. She also earned two Owner Handled Group 1's that weekend. Anni is the #1 Owner Handled Canaan Dog in America for 2017.

And last but not least, **Salina** (CH Eastland Salina So Special RN CGC TKN) won the Veteran Sweepstakes at the Canaan Dog National. In her spare time she also picked up her Trick Dog Novice title.

Congratulations three times over for each of your outstanding dogs. They are exemplary examples of the breed—well done!



New Obedience CDX Title!

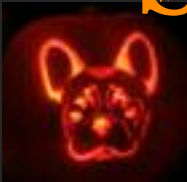
Sandi Atkinson's cute Dandini finished his CDX title on October 28 with 192.5 points for a 2nd Place. Sandi expressed relief—"He managed to ignore the flies enough to complete his stays perfectly!"

Well done, Dandini. You are the master of ignoring distractions and buzzing!



CDTC Dogs Get Cute & Spooky for Halloween!

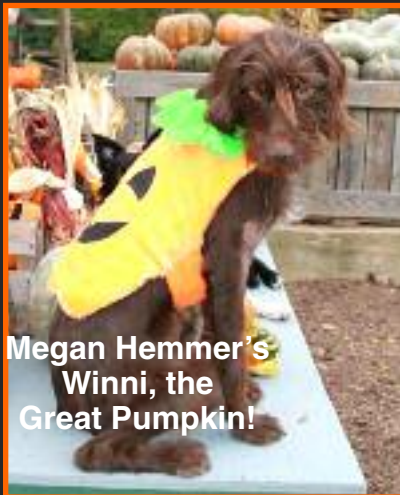
They endure our silly fun because they love us!



Megan Hemmer's Wonder Woman Kai and Nani the Super Bee!



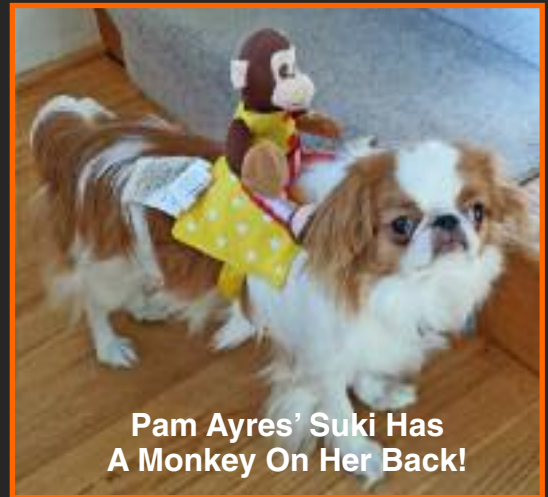
Mariah Stover's two cute Gum Drops Jensen and Tenley



Megan Hemmer's Winni, the Great Pumpkin!



Pam Coblyn's Fenway the Rock Lobster!



Pam Ayres' Suki Has A Monkey On Her Back!



Figuro & Dandini reluctantly stood still for awhile. Bribery was involved in the form of duck jerky. Fig's costume is a pumpkin and Dan's is an alligator!



Joan Danzansky's Biscuit the Cowardly Lion!

Where in the World is Megan?

Goal: New Hampshire!

*By Megan Hemmer,
Member CDTC*

Up and Down the East Coast!

On Sunday, October 22, I drove my dogs down to North Carolina. We climbed Mt. Mitchell, Craig, Tom & Cattail Mountains on the Deep Gap Trail. It is a fun trail that even has a rope section, to help get up a steep rock area!



In mid-October, we headed back to New Hampshire to continue our quest of the highest NH 48. On Sunday-Monday we backpacked up Mt. Flume to Mt. Liberty. It was so much fun that we then turned around and resummited both! The trail up Flume was on the Terrifying 25 NH trails because of the ladder section, but I found a section between the two mountains much scarier. I would not recommend it with more than 1 dog.

The next day we summited North and South Hancock. Much less scary, although views not as good. But it was still very pretty with the changing autumn leaves.





On Top of the World!

On Sunday November 5, we summited our 15th of the NH48 mountains— Mt. Passaconaway. We drove through a covered bridge and saw three flocks of wild turkeys on the way. The trail to Whiteface was too slippery, so we turned around about a 1/2 mile from the summit. It was in the low 40s & very rainy and cloudy.

On Monday November 6, we hit the 1/3 mark (16 mountains done and 32 to go!) with Garfield Mountain. Winni & Kai raced up and down the mountain for hours and hours! We didn't see a single person all day so they got lots of off leash time. And, they wore cow bells so I could hear how far away they were from me.

We also stopped at the Flume Cascades, which is a really pretty roadside waterfall on Route 302, which had just reopened from damage from last weeks storm!

Home Improvement & Housekeeping CDTC-Style!

— by Shannon Hall, CDTC Training Secretary



I went to the club about 40 minutes before my class and spent some time matching up obedience jumps, etc. People have gotten sloppy about not putting them back properly and they become a hazard when they fall off the upper shelves. I then tackled the folding chair cart—I unloaded all the chairs, applied friction tape, and reloaded it. This will keep the chairs from sliding and it is now MUCH easier to load.

I also built a second dolly for the wooden puppy boxes. We realized that the big ones were getting dragged rather than carried, because frankly they are too big to manage unless you are about 5'9", and it is bad for them. I made dollies for the boxes that are just big enough to stack and move each unit (three to a unit). This system will prevent damage to the boxes and damage to those who have to haul them around every week, too!

CDTC Member Nan Marks Proudly Introduces Her Collie, Mella!



The Marks family celebrates our new member. Mella (Ch Barksdale's Blueish) says that, at almost five, she is eager to move on from the fun she's had in conformation and being a mom and looks forward to new learning and adventures with the help of her friends at Capital.

Mella and I met at the collie gathering at Sunnybank, a magical place for those who grew up reading the collie books written by Albert Paulson Terhune. It was love at first sight. Gordon agrees! Congratulations!



It's A Girl! Meet Puppy Nickie!

Introducing the latest addition to the Jackson pack—a border collie. She is named SR Lite d'Lamp, call name "Nickie" and is **Deb Jackson's** hockey themed dog (she's a huge fan of our hometown team). Light The Lamp means to score a goal—the red light flashes on in the goal every time the puck is in the net.

Nickie's call name is for Nicklas Backstrom of the Washington Capitals and of course her color is Red. She is fitting right in to the household and Westie Reo is her best buddy.

Nickie is a busy puppy with tons of focus and attention. She has already started tracking and had her first official obedience lesson at Top Dog with Betsy Scapicchio. Deb is pleased that she is showing great promise, but most of all, she has an amazing temperament and is a great companion. Congratulations!



A TRIBUTE TO MARY JANE ZARNOWSKI

—by Betsy Flagg, Member, CDTC



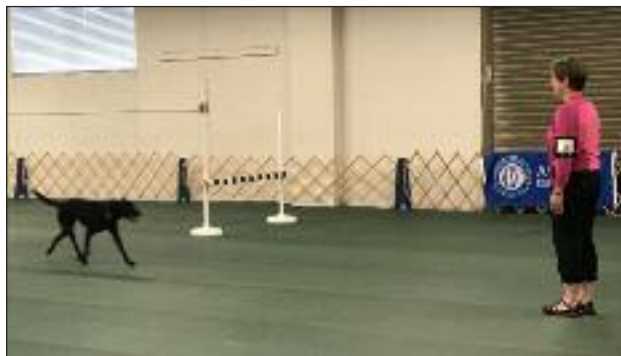
On September 1, 2017 we lost a wonderful person, dog trainer, and former Puppy Kindergarten teacher at Capital Dog Training Club. There was a lovely memorial service in her honor at the Brooke Grove Recreation Center on October 28. During the event, many from Mary Jane's "walks of life" told stories of how she touched them in so many ways from her dog training to membership in sororities and work at the National Institutes of Health.

Mary Jane (and it was always Mary Jane, not Mary) graduated from the University of New Hampshire and worked at NIH for 30 years, specializing in diabetes research. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi and Phi Mu sororities. Her hobbies included puppy training, playing bridge and working with her beloved Elkhounds. She especially loved training her elkhound, Winnie in Canine Freestyle and participated very successfully in many Freestyle competitions.

Mary Jane also enjoyed taking her Norwegian Elkhound, Winnie, to hospitals, schools, and retirement homes and Winnie was a certified Therapy dog. She participated in socializing puppies that were preparing to enter the *K9s for Warriors* program that is dedicated to providing service canines to U.S. soldiers suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability and traumatic brain injury as a result of military service post 9/11.

Mary Jane would most want any memorial to reflect and support this effort to help suffering servicemen. Contributions can be made by check to Warrior Canine Connection, 14934 Shaeffer Road, Boyds, Maryland 20841 or by going online to: www.warriorcanineconnection.org.

2017 CDTC Obedience/Rally Trials! *(continued from page 1)*



Reflections of A Novice Steward

by Martha Perkins, Member CDTC



My handsome and headstrong Welsh Springer Spaniel, Zack, and I are enjoying obedience and agility classes at CDTC. Thinking I would both learn a great deal about obedience handling and assist CDTC in a small way, I volunteered to be a Novice steward on Saturday of the Obedience and Rally Trials in early October. To be clear, I was a novice steward—in the Novice classes. And I was right: I did learn a great deal about obedience handling and I assisted the club, in a small way. I also had a perfectly delightful time meeting folks, chatting, and observing Open and Utility classes when I was not working in the Novice ring.

I was struck by the general sense of community, camaraderie, and shared purpose, from the handlers to the judges to the volunteers, laced with an often needed sense of humor. The handlers exhibited an admirable, apparent sportsmanship when their dogs did not perform up to expectations. The judges were all thoughtful, professional, warm, and genuinely seemed to care that the dogs performed well, as though they were rooting for whatever goal each handler had in mind.

While stewarding, I, too, was cheering, silently, for each Novice handler and dog to perform well. It was exhilarating to watch the teams work, and I saw the handlers struggle with some of the same issues I do with Zack. Most of the dogs were eager to please their handlers and seemed to enjoy the “game”. I noted the most obvious poor performances occurred during off-lead Heeling and the Figure Eight—no surprise there.

In the Utility ring, one dog, I believe a confident Doberman, seemed, at least to my novice eyes, to perform flawlessly, except that, during the Moving Stand and Examination, he trotted a bit after his handler signaled for him to halt. The judge appeared to be more upset than the handler, although I think the handler was likely a good actor. In the Open ring, one dog, who also seemed to otherwise perform quite well, decided that for the Broad Jump he would “tiptoe through the tulips” and stepped between each hurdle. The judge expressed chagrin but good-humoredly allowed the handler and dog to complete the exercises, which they did in an impressive fashion.

I hesitate to mention any volunteers by name, as so many people supported the effort to make the trials run smoothly. I want, however, to mention our president, Carrie Solomon, who was so supportive and kind, besides working very hard in and around the ring. I also want to thank the Saturday Novice ring captain, Nan Marks, who kindly and patiently explained everything to me. She recognizes what all experienced dog performance sports competitors/volunteers need to realize: what is second-nature to you is not to newcomers to these performance trials. It can be a bit intimidating for newbies and they don’t want to make an idiot of themselves—or represent the club poorly!

On the hospitality side, folks brought decadent breakfast treats and fabulous lunches, handed out water bottles, and generally made themselves friendly and useful. The Saturday lunch was quite impressive, with something for carnivores, vegetarians, and omnivores. I really enjoyed the divine Tomato Bisque, with its hint of orange rind, sprinkled with Parmesan cheese. I envisioned myself snatching a giant bowl of it, going into the corner to devour it, and growling at any encroaching invaders.

The only slightly jarring note was that access to the three indoor bathroom facilities was only intermittently available and a Port-a-John on a warm day is no joy. However, the drive to and from Point of Rocks, Maryland, was quite lovely on such a sunny, beautiful fall day. For scenic purposes, I took different routes there and back.

I appreciate the kind welcome of all the CDTC volunteers and the opportunity to learn so much about obedience trials in general. And while I do have some specific goals in mind, I think of this journey as a process, about which I have so much more to learn.

CDTC Volunteers Made It Happen!

The tasks needed to put on the CDTC big show weekend seemed endless, but our club members volunteered and came out to make our CDTC 2017 three-day Rally and Obedience trials run like an oiled machine. A variety of jobs needed to be taken care of: Rally run-thrus, Obedience run-thrus, two Rally trials and five Obedience trials, three judges and their travel, housing, feeding, catalog sales, vendors, Clantyre Show Services and three days of hospitality and lunches for everyone involved in putting on our big show weekend. We are grateful to all the CDTC members who came to volunteer and man each of three rings, the busy trophy table and bring some “gracious living” to the hospitality and luncheon room.

Thank you to Trial Chair Burton and Chief Manager-Scheduler/Jack-of-all-trades Shellie Goldstein.

Thank you to the Ring Captains: Nan Marks, Carrie Solomon, Bob Reinhardt, Bob Rogers, Alice Hathaway, Betsy Harringer, Moira Hopkins, Dr. Joyce Dandridge, Patti Miller, Donna Cleverdon and Josie McAuliffe.

Thank you to the Stewards: Luann Korona, Karen Farkas, Sue Faber, Sherri Locke, Cynthia Dodson, Carrie Solomon, Martha Perkins, Sherri Locke, Dianne Harab, Ron Sands, Laura Rubin, Anne Williams, Dianne Harab, Jean Bedenbaugh, Sharon Kirby, Jane Weisemann, Laurie Warren, Kathy Koerner, David Golden, Amy Scheiner, Nan Glassman, Lisa Daniel, Pam Ayres and Bob Rogers.

Thank you to Trophy Chair Sandy Swinburne who was a rock star, filling in for many things as needed in addition to her exemplary job of providing trophies and ribbons. We heard her table was VERY busy!

Thank you to Hospitality volunteers: Benita Bottom, Mary Rice, Charma Le Edmonds and Eileen “Martha Steward” Freedman.

Thank you to Thursday Run-thru coordinators: Josie McAuliffe and Ken Harringer.

And finally, thank you to Shellie Goldstein who pinched hit many times and in all ways whenever a need arose.

Apologies to anyone inadvertently left out—we are grateful to any unsung heroes!

CDTC Dogs Are Happy Dogs!



Norwich Terriers Are Party Animals!

Vanessa Andrews' Ace and Rolo dressed to the nines at the all-terrier trial. The theme was Circus and Mr. Ace, dapper in his tie, was the ringmaster. Rolo was all gussied up in his best clown attire. What a cute pair!



All Creatures, Great and Small
Pam Cobllyn's Fenway attended the annual Blessing of the Animals in Vineyard Haven, MA. Although a reactive Shar Pei tried to mix it up in front of the altar, Fenway was obedient, pious and focused on the minister!



Is He For Real???
 This September on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, **Bog Reinhardt's Ben and Cole** were surprised to meet one of "their own", a dog who never ever wags his tail!

Mom...Come Save Me!

Eileen Freedman's Kuliana was staring at something...something that made her scream in horror! Poor Kul had to hide her eyes from whatever it was that was scary!



CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN				CONFORMATION		
Sun	9-9:50 am	10/29-12/17	Freedman	Tue	Training Group 8pm, alt. weeks	Harab
BASIC, ADVANCED BASIC & SUB-NOVICE				Sat	Beg. Conformation 10-10:50 am	Kopp
Sun	Basic	1:15-2:05 pm 10/29-12/17	Crawford	Sat	Training Group 11 am	Harab
Mon	Sub-Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	AGILITY		
Mon	Basic	8:30-9:20 pm, 10/23-11/27	Hall	Wed	8:00-9:15 pm	Begins 11/1 Hall
Wed	Basic	7:00-7:50 pm 11/8-12/13	Hall	Sun	10:15-11:45 am	Begins 11/5 deBremond
Wed	Adv. Basic	7:00-7:50 pm 11/8-12/13	Reinhardt	Sun	11:45-1:00 pm	Begins 11/5 Heyes
Thur	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	4:00-5:00 pm	Begins 11/5-26 Kietur
NOVICE				Sun	4:00-5:00 pm	Begins 12/7 & 1/7 Stover
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	Sun	5:00-6:15 pm	Begins 11/5 Carter
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	FREESTYLE		
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely
OPEN				FLYBALL		
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu	Sat	Beginning 6:30-7:30 pm	Dwyer
Tue	C	7:00-7:50 pm	Cleverdon	Sat	Intermediate 7:30-8:30 pm	Dwyer
Thurs	C (Intermed.)	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	Sat	Competition 8:30-9:30 pm	Dwyer
UTILITY				TRAINING GROUPS		
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely (Freestyle)
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Tue	C	6:00-6:30 Cleverdon (Open & Util) On Hold
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	Tue	C	8:00 Conformation
RALLY				Wed	C	9:30-10:20 am McCown
Thurs	Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am		Wed	C	11:30-12:00 pm Spodak (Obedience TG)
ThursC	11:30-12:15 pm	Daniel/Comp.		Wed	C	12:00-1:00 pm Spodak (Open Discussion)
Thurs	Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30		Wed	C	1:00 pm Spodak (Freestyle TG)
Sat	Beg. Rally 10:00-10:50		Harab	Wed	C	4:30-5:30 pm Cleverdon
Sat	Beg. Rally 12:00-12:50		Faber	Thurs	C	10:30-11:30 am Holt
Sat	TG: Rally 1:00-3:00		Faber/Smith	Thurs	C	12:30-2:20 pm Goldstein
TRICKS				Fri	C	12:3-2:00 pm Faber
Tue	Adv. Tricks	11:30-12:50 pm	Rosen	Sat	C	10:00-11:00 pm Harab
				Sat	C	1:00-3:00 pm McAuliffe/Harab/Smith
				Sun	C	9:00-10:15 am Bob Reinhardt
				BUILDING CLEANING		
				Tues	C	1:00 pm-3:30 pm
				TG = Training Group		
				C = Continuing Class		

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Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY				FRIDAY			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	Bldg	10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	1-2-3
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3	12:30-2:00 pm	TG: UDX	Faber	2-3
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	SATURDAY			
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	10-10:50	Beginning Rally	Harab	2-3
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3		1/13-3/3		
8:30-9:20	Basic, 10/23-11/27	Hall	1	10-10:50	Beg. Conformation	Kopp	Bldg
TUESDAY					11/4-12/23		
11:30-12:30	Advanced Tricks	Rosen	1-2	11-11:50 am	Conformation TG	J. Harab	Bldg
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			1-3:00	Rally TG	Faber/Smith	Bldg
6:00-6:50 pm	FenziTEAM Technique	Larkin	3	6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
	11/7-12/26			7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
7:00-7:50	Puppy K, 10/10-11/28	Harringer	2-3	8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
7:00-7:50	Open	Cleverdon	2-3	SUNDAY			
7:00-7:50	Basic	S. Miller, 12/5-1/30	3	9-9:50 am	Puppy K	Freedman	Bldg.
8:00	Conformation Training Group		1-2		10/29-12/17		
(Alternate dates with TG and Member & Board meetings)				10:15-11:45	Agility-Beginner	deBremond	Bldg.
8:00-10:00	CDTC Meetings, 11/14, 11/28		Bldg.		11/5-1/14		
WEDNESDAY				No classes on 11/26, 12/24 or 12/31			
9:30-10:20 am	TG: Novice	McCown	1-2	11:45-1:00 pm	Agility-Handling A	Heyes	Bldg.
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2		Begins 11/5		
12:00-1:00 pm	Discussion	Spodak		1:15-2:05 pm	Basic 10/20-12/17	Crawford	1-2
1:00	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	2:00-4:30	CGC Test, 11/5	Solomon	Bldg
7:00	Adv. Basic	Reinhardt	1-2	4:00-5:00	Agility Foundations: 6 week class		
	11/8-12/13 (pre-arranged ring splitting)				• Foundational Groundwork		Bldg.
7:00	Basic	Hall	2-3		Kietur 11/5-12/3		
	11/8-12/13 (pre-arranged ring splitting)				• Basic Equipment Skills	Stover	Bldg.
8:00-9:15	Competition Agility	Hall	Bldg.		12/10 and 1/7		
	Begins 11/1			5:00-6:15	Handling B, Begins 11/5	Carter	Bldg
THURSDAY				More Doings At the Club!			
9:30-10:20 am	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	■ CDTC General Meeting: November 14, at 8 pm			
9:30-10:20	Novice	Holt	1-2	■ CDTC General Meeting and Howliday Party: December 12, at 8 pm			
11:00-11:30	Rally Set-up		2-3	■ CDTC Board Meeting: November 28 at 8 pm			
11:30-12:15pm	Competition Rally	Daniel	2-3				
12:15-12:30	Rally Take Down		2-3				
12:30-2:30	TG: Open/Utility	Goldstein	Bldg.				
6:00-6:50	Novice Obed.	Dwyer	1-2				
6:00-7:00	Utility Prep	Harry	3				
7:00-8:00 pm	Utility	Harry	2-3				
8:00-9:00	Open Intermediate	Harry	2-3				

November Rally Training Group Schedule

Set up at 1pm. Walk-thrus at 1:25.

Runs start at 1:35, end by 2:45 pm.

The Rally training group will begin to slowly integrate some of the *NEW* rally signs.

We will have one ring with nested courses— all utilizing the new signs, and keep one ring with only “old” (2012) signs.

Rally Training Group Dates: November 4 and 18

Check the CDTC Calendar for December dates.

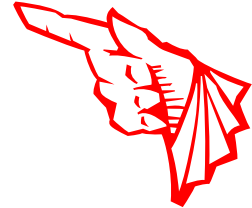
Please check our club’s listserv for any cancellations.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Howliday Party & General Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8:00 pm



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