



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

August 2020 NEWSLETTER

Things have started to get back to a more normal life but not entirely. Our classes are being held each week, weather permitting, although trials are still being cancelled and there are only a few match shows coming up and those are from being previous cancelled this year. We are hoping that trials that are normally scheduled toward the end of the year will not be cancelled. At this point the governor asks that we wear our masks outside as well as inside. Again be sure to check emails for more information that may come in after the newsletter has gone out and especially on training nights when we might be cancelled due to the weather. And this summer, along with the COVID, the weather has not been very co-operative.

***TRAINING INFORMATION* FROM PHYLLIS**

For the upcoming second 6 week training session you will have to fill out the Outdoor Registration form and pay for six classes in advance. Anyone who is interested in our Wednesday night classes in Advanced Beginner/Novice; Show Ready Novice; Open and Beginner Utility, please be sure to fill out the application on the next page of this newsletter. The numbers of trainers and dogs in the classes have been increased to 8 but to be sure of a spot do not wait until the last minute to fill out the application and send it in with your payment. Anyone who wants to train will be able to but Phyllis needs to know in advance. Again be sure to check your emails for changes regarding the weather among other things.

Don't forget to bring water for your dog as well as bug spray for both of you. If you have more than one dog to train, a portable fan is a good idea to use to keep your dog cool in the car while you work with the other dog. Remember that on meeting nights which are held the second Wednesday of each month (unless cancelled because of weather) to bring a chair.

TRAINING TIMES

WEDNESDAY:

Carol McCarthy's Advanced Beginner/Novice 5:30 to 6:30pm

Carol's Beginner Utility Class 6:45 to 7:45pm.

Phyllis Broderick's Open Class 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Phyllis' Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:45 to 7:45pm.

THURSDAY:

Dusty Springer's Novice Class 9:00 to 10:00am.

Anna Guglielmo – Utility 9:00 to 10:00am

Open 10:15 to 11:15am

For the above Open and Utility Classes, please contact Anna to sign up annamr06@verizon.net

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB... Outdoor Registration Form

The second 6 week outdoor session will start August 12th & 13th.

In order to keep everyone safe classes will be held as follows:

1. Classes will be by pre entry only and the class size limit is 8 participants to a class by pre payment only.
2. Cost: \$48.00 for a 6 week session.
3. All participants must maintain 6 foot distancing, making masks optional

CLASSES: (Please check one)

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(Please contact Anna annamr06@verizon.net to sign up for Thursday Open and Utility classes)

Note: If there are more than 8 signed up for a class, additional classes will be scheduled to accommodate everyone.

Make checks payable ADTC and send to:

Phyllis Broderick

262 Brass Castle Rd.

Oxford, New Jersey 07863-3142

FMI: Tel: 908-453-2511 Email: phyllisbrod@comcast.net

Name: _____ Amt: _____

Email Address: _____

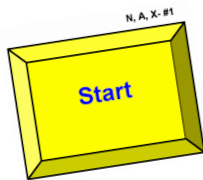
RALLY

Has anyone attempted to try for the new AKC Novice video title? Also the AKC recently announced that they will be accepting videos for Rally Intermediate. So for those who have gotten a Rally Novice title either by actually entering a trial and going into a ring, or by the new video program, here is an opportunity to go on to the next level. There is information on the AKC website and in the May Barks and Bytes. If you have more questions, talk to our Rally Instructor, Linda Krasley for answers. This will only be good until the end of the year.

I have watched some of the videos people have put on the Rally Facebook site. One thing I have noticed is the quality of the video. Instructions are given where to place the camera. I would think it is very important to have a good video with good lighting. A few of the ones I have seen had very poor lighting so I am not sure how they can be properly judged. Although there are others where there was good lighting and placement of the signs. I am sure the judges are looking at them on a large screen which enables them to judge more honestly. Also, if I would like to make one more comment. The video is being judged by AKC judges. Even though you are not judged by your personal appearance, I have noticed some of the handlers need a course on how to dress for a trial!! By presenting yourself with a rather shabby and poor appearance, it certainly can distract from the performance you are asking to be judged. So to anyone, thinking of doing this, please do present yourself as you would if you were entering a regular trial. It shows respect for not only for the judge but also RALLY itself.

Linda has started a Rally Masters Class on July 2. It is running from July 2 to August 6 weather permitting. Once the Master Class is finished, Linda is planning on starting a new Novice class. This is a great opportunity for those interested in Rally to get started and learn the rules and regulations as well. At this point the Rally Novice class will start on August 13, depending on the weather and cancellations. Please get in touch with Linda to sign up and for more information. Linda's email is kenlin@rcn.com.

After the Novice class Linda is planning on a Rally Advanced Excellent class in the future. So look for further announcements.



SEMINAR

Kathy Pugh reported that most of the working spots for the Connie Cleveland seminar have been spoken for. There is an unlimited number of audit spots available. This is a great opportunity to see and hear one of the country's excellent obedience and field trainers. Please contact Kathy to see if any of the working spots are still available or possibly being put on a waiting list. She can be reached at kwpugh@centrylink.net or by phone at 908-537-7869.

UPCOMING SHOWS

At this point nothing much has changed with regard to trials and matches. Please be sure to check with the various clubs to be sure they are still holding their shows before sending in your money. At this point the Williamsport Dog Training Club is planning on holding their trials in October. If you are interested please check them out on Info Dog or their website. There will be limited entries,

We had mentioned the Companion Dog Sports Program which seems to be starting their trials. You do need a registration number which is easy to get by going on their website. It is similar to AKC but with its own twists. The nice thing about it is that it is a great way to get your novice dog or more experienced dog in the ring as you can talk to them and treat them at certain times. Do check it out on their website. We have both participated in their trials and it is a great way to introduce your dog to trials. The program runs classes from Starter Novice up to the Utility title. Unfortunately, CDSP does not have a Rally program.

But you can check that out on CynoSport Rally and also UKC Rally and Obedience. They are starting to hold trials again.

STEWARDS NEEDED

Gail James has announced that she will be looking for stewards for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club trials which will be held with Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club in December. Lehigh Valley will hold their trial December 10 and 11 which is a Thursday and Friday. They will have Rally and Obedience those two days as well as conformation. Linda Krasley stated that she has procured her Rally Stewards so we only need stewards for obedience. Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club will have Saturday and Sunday trials but will only offer conformation—not Obedience and Rally. It is early but put it on your calendar. We cannot have Rally and Obedience trials without stewards and it would be nice to have enough volunteers to steward so stewards do not have to work all day. You usually get a wonderful lunch. And most of all, for you new people, it is a great way to see how a trial works and what goes on there. I highly recommend you offer to help out. The judges are very nice and will help you as well as other members who have stewarded before. So please consider volunteering. Shows cannot go on if there are no stewards.

ADTC CLUB ATTIRE

Donna Barto has announced that the clothing has arrived. She will be bringing it to meetings and training for members to pick up. We hope that everyone is happy with what they bought as it is a good quality. And a very special THANKS TO DONNA FOR DOING THIS!! It is a big job getting everything together and the shutdown did not make it any easier. So when you see Donna be sure to thank her. It is nice to have new club apparel.

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW Nothing To Report

This is not only for new members but also for those who have a new dog or puppy

MEMBER OF THE MONTH...LINDA KRASLEY

I started in obedience in 1980 after getting our first dog – a very unruly Cocker Spaniel named Barney. After multiple attempts, Barney earned his CD in 1981. He seemed to think every off leash about turn was the time to eliminate himself in the ring. It took quite a while to get over that, but he did. Due to a slipped disc, he had to be retired half way through his open training, but he still gave us many years of laughs. I've trained mainly Golden Retrievers since then with a Field Spaniel or two thrown in the mix.

have mostly been involved in obedience and rally although I did a bit of field work and agility with my goldens. When I started out, obedience training was all pop and correct – no food was used at all. Times have really changed – for the best.

I put a WC, NAP, many CDs and a CDX on my dogs. I think my first field spaniel, Bosco, was the most fun to train and show as he was always a goof and just loved to have fun. He made me laugh even when we disqualified. In addition, a few of my goldens and I have done therapy dog work. It was rewarding to bring a smile to an older person's face just by being there and talking, and of course let the person we were visiting pet the dog.

I am an AKC Rally judge and enjoy watching folks work their dogs and seeing the success on their faces when they do particularly well. And sometimes I just like to watch a handler and dog be a great team, win or lose. I only show under AKC rules. I just don't think I want to learn all the different rules of other venues.

I think my biggest challenge with training is the same for a lot of others: keeping it fun and interesting for the dog. I don't think I have a favorite training story. My biggest heart dog, a golden named Cooper, used to just light up when all of a sudden he understood what I was asking of him. I loved seeing it.

My advice to trainers is don't be afraid to ask for help no matter how silly you think your questions are, and please take advantage of online learning as there are a lot of great trainers on the web.

Linda Krasley

kenlin@rcn.com

Linda and Cooper



ADTC Member of the Month Nomination Form

Any member of ADTC is eligible for recognition as a Member of the Month. To nominate someone please complete the following form and return it to Dusty Springer. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Dusty Springer at 1242 W. Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18049 or by emailing them to bohooch@yahoo.com

First and last name of nominee:

Why is this ADTC Member being nominated? (For example, this person has helped me to train my dog; when I was a new member, this person made me feel welcome; this person has served ADTC in numerous capacities for many years, etc.)

Date nominated: _____

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

Please note: The nominee will be contacted within a week after this form has been received. However, inclusion of the nominee's article in the newsletter is dependent on how quickly he or she responds to the request for information and a picture. Also, a nominee may choose to decline to participate in this program. Thank you.

PUBLICITY

Since our last meeting ADTC Member of the Month articles have featured John Landis, Terry Papineau, Linda Eldon, and Phyllis Broderick. We would like to recognize more club members, so please remember that any member may submit the name of an ADTC member for member of the month recognition. Recommendation forms are available for download from the newsletter and in paper form at monthly meetings. Members wishing to make recommendations may also contact Dusty Springer at 610-965-6671 or bohooch@yahoo.com

Information has been received concerning a family pet show scheduled for January 29 -31 in the Lehigh Valley. The club may want to consider participating in this event. More details will be provided as the information becomes available.

Yours for better barkers, Sara Schrum and Dusty Springer ADTC Publicity Co-chairs

ITEMS FOR SALE

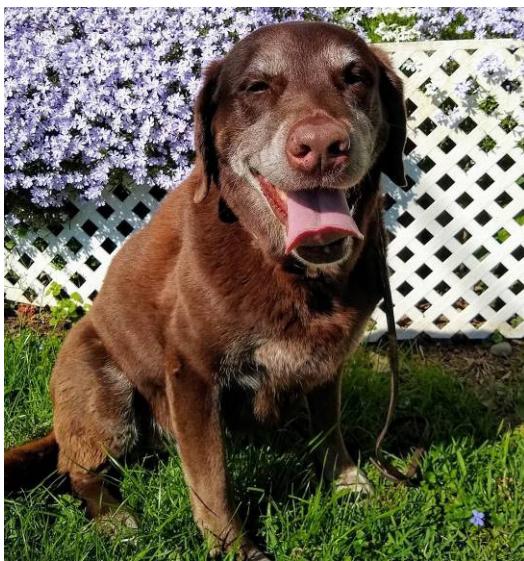
Barb Artim reported that all her agility equipment has found a new home.

Irene Chan is taking orders for facemasks. She comes to Thursday morning novice training with her yellow Labrador, Otis. You can contact her at club training or at kids4sale2004@yahoo.com. She will donate a percentage of her sales to the Club. The masks are \$5.00 each. Thanks Irene, and what a nice thing to do. It is a great way to help out the club and keep everyone safe.



SUNSHINE

Written by Jodi Delabar....Since that first day in puppy class, Reese had sent on a journey. My crazy chocolate lab was ready to do whatever I asked her to do. Reese was game to try anything. Be in the obedience ring or, rally ring. She would give her all. Reese said as long as we are together, then life is a party. But most of all she loved the water. When we found Dock Diving it was her kind of fun. Thanks to Reese we have met so many people. Traveling up and down the east coast. She would talk the whole way there. On the way home you didn't even know she was in the car. So I say thank you Reese, to making life fun. Love my chocolate girl to the moon and back and miss her everyday. Love You To Reese Pieces CD, BN, RAE, DS
aka Reese.10/22/08-07/13/20



Written and Submitted by Cris Courduff...

ADTC Member Lucille Gill passed away at the age of 90.

Lucille lived in Stewartville, New Jersey. She joined Allentown Dog Training Club on January 1, 1977 and was a Life-time Member.

She owned and showed many Bouvier Des Flandres to many Championships.

She trained in Obedience with Phyllis Broderick and Marty McClusky. Phyllis said she didn't show, until her dogs were ready:

Lucille entered 3 Shows and got her CD

She entered 3 Shows and got her CDX

Then entered 3 Shows and got her UD.

(Back then, that was as high as we could go for Titles)

She also did some Agility.

In later years and after her husband Andy passed away, Lucille started losing her eyesight. She eventually became legally blind and was pretty much house bound. She had a Nephew and family helping with shopping, etc.

I remember Lucille as a very sweet person.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Since most trials are on hold we do not have much to report. We hope you keep up your training and perhaps send us pictures of your dog learning new skills. We would love to see anything your dogs have learned and it will encourage other members to keep on working. It does not have to be obedience related. Any time spent with your dog is GOOD TIME for both of you.

Beginner Class Graduation Video ...from Carol McCarthy

My beginner class graduated last Thursday and I made a little video for them. If anyone would like to view it they should use the below link to the video on YouTube.

Just copy the link and paste it in your browser and you will go directly to the video.

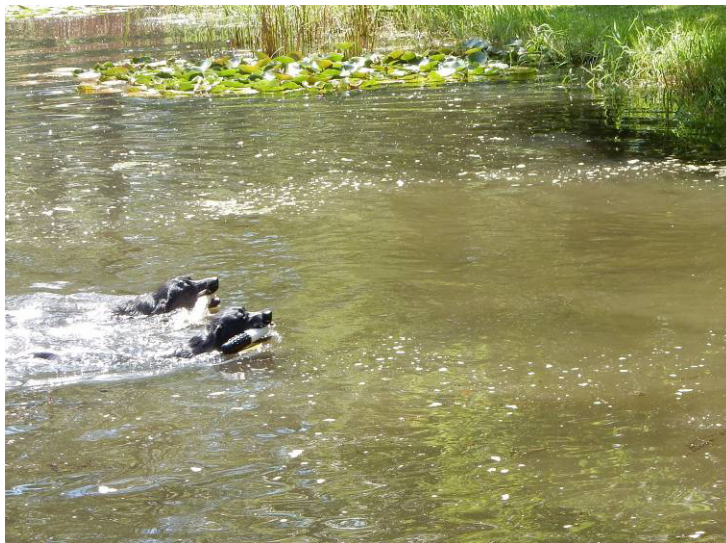
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BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE RING

Every now and then we get something from our members of our dogs doing silly things among other things. Or learning some other skill like dock diving and tracking. We would love to put things like this in the newsletter. Pictures always are great and make the newsletter something special. It is a great way to stay in touch.

Jacqui Hartranft reported that both Abbey and Cooper are perfecting their dock diving and water retrieves. Abbey has even learned how to stand on water!!! They both love jumping in the water to retrieve bumpers as we are lucky enough to have a pond. They now will dive off our dock to do some great retrieves and they love bringing the bumpers back so they can shake off and get me wet. Abbey even learned how to stand on water!! Enjoy some of the pictures my husband took of the dogs and I having a great time on a hot summer day.

Abbey and Cooper Retrieving



Abbey Big Air Jump...Cooper Getting Ready to Go



Abbey Standing On the Water



AKC Rally Virtual Pilot Program Frequently Asked Questions

INFORMATION:

Q. Where do I find information?

A. Click these links:

Entry Form Instructions [Entry form](#)

Courses: [Rally Novice Courses](#) [Rally Intermediate Courses](#) Signs: [AKC Rally®Signs](#)

AKC Rally®: [Regulations](#) How to perform AKC Rally Signs: [Novice Videos](#)

[Intermediate Videos](#)

Q. Can I send multiple entries on the same day or do I have to send them in on different days?

A. Yes you can send multiple entries in on the same day.

ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION and TITLING INFORMATION

Q. NOVICE: Is my dog eligible to enter the AKC Rally® Novice B class?

A. Yes, if your dog hasn't won the Rally Advanced title.

Your dog must be at least six months old and be registered with the American Kennel Club or recorded through the AKC Purebred Alternative Listing Program (PAL) or [Canine Partners Program](#). [PAL Program Applications](#) may be submitted via email at PAL@akc.org. For additional registration information click <https://www.akc.org/register/>. [Foreign registered dogs](#) may enter and show for 30 days on the dog's Foreign number. In order to be eligible beyond the 30 days the dog must be registered/recorded with AKC. A title certificate will not be issued until the dog is AKC registered/recorded.

Q. NOVICE: I've never shown in Rally before, I thought I was supposed to enter the "A" class, am I not eligible?

A. All dogs who are eligible to compete in Rally Novice classes are eligible to show in Rally Novice B. The only purpose for separating the classes is for placements, there is no competition with virtual entries so there is no need for placements.

Q. NOVICE: If my dog earns an RN from the Rally Novice B class, will that affect my eligibility later to enter Advanced A and Excellent A?

A. No, if your dog hasn't earned an obedience title, it will remain eligible for the A classes.

Q. How many qualifying scores (legs) does it take to earn a Rally title?

A. Three qualifying scores under two different judges. You must use a different class course for each virtual entry you submit for each title level. Once all three qualifying scores are recorded on your dog's record you will receive a title certificate from AKC.

Q. My dog has two legs he earned at a dog show, do I have to start all over virtually to get three legs to earn a title?

A. No, the previously earned qualifying scores (legs) count towards the title.

Q. Once my dog earns three qualifying scores in Rally Novice B and/or Intermediate; can I still submit entries for fun?

A. Yes! Your dog is eligible to continue showing in Rally Novice B until it earns a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class; and your dog is eligible to continue showing in Intermediate until it earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title. You can enter here virtually, and at trials once they start up again.

Q. If my dog earns the RN title virtually; does that mean I can then enter the Intermediate or Advanced class when clubs start having trials again?

A. Your dog will be eligible for the Intermediate and Advanced classes. Your dog also remains eligible for the Rally Novice B class until it earns a qualifying score in an Advanced class. If the only exposure your dog has had to performing is in familiar areas, moving onto advanced classes that are off leash may not be what is best for your dog. Due to COVID-19 our dogs have been socially isolated for a long period of time. It is likely going to take time to reacclimate our dogs to the world, let alone the dog show world. Both the Novice B and Intermediate classes are performed on leash, which can provide a positive experience before you have your dog off leash in advanced classes.

Q. INTERMEDIATE: What is this class and what are the eligibility requirements for this class?

A. The class is an optional titling class, meaning the dog doesn't have to earn the Rally Intermediate (RI) title to be eligible to enter the Rally Advanced class. It is a great class for Rally Novice titled dogs to gain additional on-leash experience. The dog must have earned the AKC Rally Novice (RN) title and may not have earned the Rally Advanced (RA) title. The course is performed with the dog on leash.

Q. Is there a minimum age for a junior to enter and will the Junior Handler earn points towards the Junior Recognition Program?

A. There is no minimum age for a child and yes, the junior can earn points, please be sure to include the Junior's # on the entry form. For more information go to Junior resources: <https://www.akc.org/sports/juniors/>

Q. How long before I know if I qualified?

A. After AKC confirms receipt of your entry, you should receive email results within 30 days.

GENERAL NEED-TO-KNOW PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Every sport has Rules and Regulations. Here are some tips to help get you started.

Please do your research before you submit an entry and video. Take your time filling out the online entry form, and check that all the information on the form is correct before you click submit. Check that you have entered your dog's AKC # correctly without spaces between letters and numbers. Include all letters that appear in your dog's number. If there are issues with your entry form, payment or video you will be notified. These problems will delay the processing of your entry and results.

Q. Can I have food and/or a toy in my hand or pocket on the course?

A. No, no food on the course, not in your hand, not in your pocket. This is a test to see if your dog can work with you and for you without food/toys. You can talk and praise your dog and use

your hands, without luring, throughout the course. If you are luring, appearing to have a treat/reward in your hand, you will lose at least 6 points for each occurrence. If anything is attached to you, such as a treat bag, or attached to your dog, or attached to the leash (other than the dog and you), it may be considered a training aid and may result in a non-qualifying (NQ) score. 3/7/24/2020

Q. Can I have my dog on a harness or special training collar, and what kind of leash do I have to use?

A. All dogs must wear a properly fitted collar, no harness and no electronic or prong collars are allowed on the course. The leash must be made of fabric or leather, be long enough to provide adequate slack and must be clipped to the collar. Using a harness, incorrect collar or leash, or not using one at all will result in a non-qualifying (NQ) handler error. Anything hanging from the collar will be penalized.

Q. How do I perform the signs?

A. Refer to the Regulations for the most detailed information. Read the performance requirements for each sign in the back of the book. Heel position: the dog is at your left side, facing the same direction as you, close to your left hip without crowding or interfering with you. The judge must be able to see each of the signs in relation to the dog's performance of that sign.

Q. Are dogs that limp, have a bandage, and/or whose coat is dyed allowed to participate?

A. No, these dogs may not participate. Don't submit a video under these conditions as it will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ).

Q. Who views the videos and how is this different than a regular trial?

A. Each video is reviewed by an approved AKC Rally judge. You and your dog are judged the same as you would be at a regular trial. The main differences are that you are responsible for setting up the course according to the course map, capturing a clear video performance and submitting the entry correctly. Each qualifying score counts as a leg towards the Rally title. You are not competing against anyone. There is no time recorded because there are no placements. There is no need for an A and B class because there are no placements.

Q. How are points lost?

A. In addition to what is addressed in this FAQ document, please refer to the AKC Rally® Regulations, Chapter 2 and the Glossary, pages 44 and 45 by clicking this link. [Regulations](#)

SETTING UP THE COURSE – SIGNS & EQUIPMENT

Q. Can I set up the course at a park or training building?

A. Yes, you may set up inside or outside, at a park, or at a building. Be sure to follow local, state, and CDC guidelines.

Q. Are there specific requirements for ring size, spacing between signs and/or where to set the signs?

A. Set the course up according to the course map. Signs must be placed to the handlers right, and change of direction signs are placed in front of the handler. There is not a required ring size for this pilot program but make sure you have enough room to perform the course correctly. The

spacing between each sign is up to the exhibitor, except that spacing between the pylons is required to be 6-8 feet. You must use signs, the signs must be obvious in the video, and the judge must be able to *see* (not read) each of the signs as you and your dog are performing that sign. Incorrect course set up and signs out of view of the camera will result in handler error penalties.

Q. The courses have pylons on them. Can we use something besides pylons, like buckets etc.?

A. Yes, absolutely!

Q. Do we have to print the signs that are on the AKC website?

A. No, you don't have to. You can hand write your own signs.

Q. Do we have to use sign holder of some type?

A. No, the exhibitor is the only one who needs to be able to *read* the signs. You can lay them on the ground/floor and secure as needed, but the judge must be able to *see* that each sign is correctly placed. Check your video before you submit it. If the judge can't see the sign you are performing points will be deducted.

CAMERA POSITION, VIDEOTAPING & YOUTUBE

Q. Do we have to place the camera where it is indicated on the map, or can someone video me instead?

A. If the camera is in a stationary position, then yes, use the camera placement on the course map. Elevate the camera to approximately eye level. You may have someone video tape you. The person with the camera should capture the performance with the dog between the camera and the handler as much as possible.

Q. Does the camera have to show all the signs all the time on the course?

A. If the camera is stationary, yes. If you have someone videotaping the performance, zooming in and out is fine. Check your video before you submit it to avoid penalties.

Q. Can we share videos with other people?

A. The videos belong to you, so yes you may. You control who can see your YouTube video files by setting the privacy settings on your videos. If you want to make them public, it is up to you.

Q. What are the video requirements and what settings should be used?

A. The video must be clear, not blurry. Minimum required resolution is 720p HD. The video must be continuous, no pauses, no edits and must contain audio. Outside background noises are expected. Please do not add music to the performance. The judge must be able to hear the sounds closest to the camera. Check the camera settings. Set the camera in landscape/normal mode. Do not use the selfie mode as this will flip the course and will result in a non-qualifying score. Start recording at least 5 seconds before starting the course, and don't stop the recording until 10 seconds after the team crosses the finish sign.

We hope you enjoy the virtual Rally opportunity. Enjoy your dogs and remember, good sportsmanship is when people who are playing or watching a sport treat each other with respect. This includes players, coaches, and officials.

Titling Requirements Temporarily Amended – Obedience/Rally/Agility

July 16, 2020

To All Clubs Licensed for Obedience, Rally and Agility:

To better assist clubs and exhibitors during this unusual time in our sports, the Obedience, Rally and Agility departments received approval by the AKC Board of Directors to change the number of judges required for awarding some titles in obedience, rally and agility. Due to the travel restrictions and other local regulations impacting the country from COVID-19, many clubs are struggling to bring in judges from outside their area, plus exhibitors are looking to stay close to home.

This change will eliminate the requirement that two different judges are required for the titles shown below that require three qualifying scores (legs) to earn the titles. The change is effective retroactively to July 1, 2020 and will be in effect through December 31, 2020. The Regulations suspension will be revisited at the end of the year.

For all of the titles listed at the bottom of this announcement exhibitors may earn three qualifying scores (legs) under the same judge through December 31, 2020.

List of Titles by Sport Where the Two-Judge Requirement Currently Applies

Agility — 18 titles

Novice level: NA – NAP – NAJ – NJP – NF – NFP

Open level: OA – OAP – OAJ – OJP – OF – OFF

Excellent level: AX – AXP – AXJ – AJP – XF – XFP

Obedience — 10 titles

Novice level: CD – PCD

Open level: CDX – PCDX

Utility level: UD – PUTD

Beginner Novice: BN

Graduate Novice: GN

Graduate Open: GO

Versatility: VER

Rally— 4 titles

Novice: RN

Intermediate: RI

Advanced: RA

Excellent: RE

Please address questions to obedience@akc.org, rally@akc.org, or agility@akc.org

NATIONAL DOG DAY AUGUST 26, 2020

Celebrated annually every August 26th, National Dog Day is a day for people to recognize the importance of dogs and how they impact their lives on a daily basis. It is also a day to recognize how hard service dogs work on our behalf and also to draw attention to the plight of abused and abandoned dogs.

This day was founded by author and animal behaviorist, Colleen Paige in 2004. She invented this observational holiday to not only show appreciation for dogs, but to bring attention to the plight of abused dogs, to end puppy mills and to bring an end to breed-specific legislation that regulates, or outright bans, certain breeds in the hope of minimizing dog attacks.

There are a number of different ways to celebrate this day. Some people choose to use this day to spend more time with their dog and to buy him/her new toys or sweaters. Other people take time during this day to volunteer their time and money to various dog welfare organizations.

This day is the perfect time to not only reconnect with your furry family member, but also to consider how you can help society realize the importance of dogs and how their treatment should become more humane.



ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on March 11, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Barbara Katz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Artim presented the Treasurer's Report

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

Federation Report

Edie Rysdyk reported the Federation will hold their annual meeting in September and noted that the Federation is considering waiving dues for the various clubs.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report

There were no first readings:

There were four second readings:

Nadine Bosico, Aussie

David Kennedy, Golden Doodle

Rachel Bockman, Irish Red and White Setter

Lindsay Bockman, Irish Red and White Setter

Dusty Springer moved to accept the above-stated four applicants as members. Linda Krasley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Report

*See report below

Committees

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft would like pictures of things members are doing with their dogs. Anything is welcome such as tricks or anything your dog has learned. She was unsure of the deadline for the next newsletter.

Website

Phyllis Broderick noted she gave Lois Linker up-to-date information for the website and she will check back to ensure all is updated.

Awards Banquet

Phyllis Broderick reported that the Awards Banquet for 2021 is scheduled for July 16, 2021, which is a Friday, at The Brass Rail. After she receives approval, she will contact The Brass Rail to guarantee the reservation.

The awards for 2020 will be presented during the August General Meeting. An email will go out to the membership.

Publicity

Dusty Springer presented the publicity report.

Sunshine

President Achenzie announced that a card from the club was sent to Barb Artim on the passing of her canine companion Skylar. Additionally, a card will be sent to Jodi Delabar on the passing of her dog Reese.

Clothing Order

Donna Barto passed out the clothing orders to various members at the meeting. She also noted that there are several zippered bags in the royal blue color available for \$10.00 each. President Achenzie thanked Donna for all the work she did with the clothing order.

Point Show

President Achenzie announced the club did not lose any money for the show being canceled in 2020. It is his understanding that the 4-H Building will be used in 2021. President Achenzie will contact Lois Linker for confirmation of his.

Phyllis Broderick noted that a new rally judge will be needed for the 2021 show but that all three obedience judges contracted for the 2020 show will be available for the 2021 show.

Connie Cleveland Seminar

Kathy Pugh reported she has been taking applications for the upcoming seminar. She has contacted many clubs and the seminar is also listed on Dog Match Show.

There are 20 working spots available and 18 have been filled, with 11 being club members. There are presently only six auditor positions filled.

As this is a problem solving seminar, a questioner will be sent to the handlers with working spots on both days to get exactly what problem/problems they want to work on. From that, Connie can prepare better for the seminar.

New Business

President Achenzie announced that the club is looking for a new obedience chairman for the 2022 point show. This can be a single chairman or two or more people could co-chair the show. Lois Linker would like to work with who will replace her for the 2022 show.

Gail James announced that she needs stewards for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club obedience trials scheduled for December 10 and 11, 2020. Jacqui Hartranft stated she will include this request in the next newsletter.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on July 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on August 12, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the park.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Braggs

Several members stepped forward to announce their latest brags.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership, Rose Mitman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wilma Brucker and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB Training Director Report

July 15, 2020

Training resumed June 17th with 6 week prepaid sessions due to the corona virus, making it easier to maintain distancing while training. This has worked out really well. A small profit for the 8, 6 week sessions was realized.

A new 6 week session will start August 5th and 6th subject to change if classes have to be cancelled due to rain or heat. The class size will increase to 8 instead of 6, still maintaining distancing.

The prepaid classes are as follows:

Wednesday:

Carol McCarthy

Advanced Beginner/Novice 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Beginner Utility 6:45 to 7:45pm.

Phyllis Broderick

Open 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:45 to 7:45pm.

Thursday:

Anna Guglielmo-

Utility 9:00 to 10:00am.

Open 10:15 to 11:15am.

Dusty Springer-

Novice Class 1 - 9:00 to 10:00am.

Novice Class 2 - 10:15 to 11:15am.

Linda Krasley started a Masters rally class Thursday, July 2nd. Her next rally session will be Novice and that is scheduled to start Thursday, August. 13th.

Carol McCarthy is in Week 7 of her Beginner class.

Terry Papineau's puppy class with Debbie Achenzie Assisting started Thursday, July 2nd with 10 puppies in attendance.

At one time Anna's open and utility classes were not considered regular club training as members had to contact Anna to sign up for the class. The charge was \$10 per class. After a discussion at the last Board meeting it was voted to have Anna's open and utility classes as club training and the weekly fee \$8.00, keeping the training fees uniform. This goes into effect for the next 6 week session.

A new beginner class is scheduled to start Thursday, July 30th. Applications are being set out. The start date may be delayed if there are not enough students signed up for this class.

CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR:

Saturday and Sunday, November 21 & 22, 2020

Kathy Pugh has kindly offered to take applications for the seminar and contacting various clubs and web sites with the information. DogMatch.com also had it on their web site and is authorized to take participants both working and auditing. Kathy is also in contact with Connie coordinating the event. Kathy will give her report.

Banquet: The Brass Rail called me. I have tentatively scheduled the 2021 Awards Banquet for Friday, April 16th, 2021, pending Club approval. Upon approval, I will call the Brass Rail and confirm the date.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Broderick