



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Indoor training is going well. The schedule is listed below. We urge everyone to keep up with their training and hopefully next year things will get back to normal. Again, a reminder to everyone be aware of the other dogs. Not every dog likes another dog coming over to him or her. There is not as much room in the building as we are used to outside, so just a reminder to keep your dog under control and not allow him or her to go visit other dogs. Let's all be safe. And yes, you will have to wear a mask. But it is good to get your dog used to working with you wearing a mask.

A few shows are starting up but a lot still remain cancelled. Sadly, Gail James announced that the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club has cancelled their obedience and rally trial in December. Connie Cleveland's seminar is November 21st and 22nd. The seminar has 19 working slots and 7 auditors. The seminar will have lots of information you can use while training your dog. She is one of the nation's top trainers.

There are always match shows which are a great way to see where you are and if you and your dog are ready to go in the ring. Not to mention, it is a great way to get your dog used to the ring experience. We hope everyone participated in our member's only match show on October 28 and 29. It was your time in the ring and hopefully you worked on exercises you are having problems with or did a run through. In order to continue having these great training opportunities, please volunteer to help out by stewarding. It is not a difficult job and will help you learn what stewarding is about. For members who have never been in a ring, stewarding will give you a good idea of what happens there and perhaps you can pick up some ideas. We are hoping that Phyllis will offer more of these matches for members next year. But we need people to help out!!

TRAINING INFORMATION

Pre-Entry Classes on Wednesday Evening....

Phyllis Broderick's Open Class 5:15 to 6:15pm.

Phyllis' Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Carol McCarthy's Advanced Beginner/Novice 7:30 to 8:30pm

Carol's Beginner Utility Class 8:30 to 9:30pm.

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Dusty Springer's Novice Class 12:00 to 1:00pm

Anna Guglielmo – Utility 9:30 to 10:30am

Open 10:45 to 11:45am

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Please contact Phyllis to sign up. phyllisbrod@comcast.net

RALLY INFORMATION

Linda's next 6 week session will be Advanced/Excellent and will start October 29th and ends December 10th. Cost for six-week class is \$48.00. Since this newsletter only comes out the beginning of each month, time sensitive things might not get in it, so it is wise to check the website for more up to date information. Please get in touch with Linda kenlin@rcn.com.

RING RENTALS

This is a great opportunity to take advantage of indoor training with gates and jumps on a Thursday afternoon especially during the winter months when the weather outside is not good. Please check with Phyllis to see what times are available. You may rent on a permanent basis or just one time. The cost is \$25 for the whole room or \$15 for half the room. You may share with a friend.

ADTC 2021 POINT SHOW

At our recent ADTC Board Meeting on October 25th, Lois Linker, Trial Chairperson for our 2021 Point Show, presented her report on the ongoing plans for the 2021 Point Show.

There were several options presented by Lois and after much discussion the Board decided the show will be held inside at Macungie Hall over 2 days.

We will be having one ring inside the building and will be offering Rally, Novice A & B and Beginner Novice A & B on Friday, May 21st. We will offer Open A & B and Utility A & B on Saturday, May 22nd. More information will be available at our November 11th General Membership Meeting at 7:30.

ADTC MATCH SHOW

From Phyllis...

Dear Members,

Our match show that we held Wednesday and Thursday was well attended. All time slots were filled and it was so nice to see quite a few of the newer members participate and assist.

Big thanks to judges: Wednesday, Carol McCarthy and Kathy Pugh and on Thursday both Carol and Anna Guglielmo helped out judging. It made my day shorter. Thanks also for everyone who came in the rain just to steward and for those that were entered and stayed to steward and help break down. You know who you are and I do not want to name names for fear that I would miss someone.

Thanks Dusty and Bill for helping me set up Wednesday afternoon and for returning Thursday afternoon to help put stuff away. You two are always there for me and I so appreciate all you do. I feel I have to mention two newer members who volunteered to steward both days. Thanks Rachael and Lindsay Bockman, I am so happy to have you both in my classes and appreciate your help.

I plan on offering another match in 2021. Thanks everyone, Phyllis

LVKC UPDATE

Gail James has informed us that the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club four-day trial which was to be held at Ag Hall in Allentown has been moved to Morgantown. However, since that location is not as large as Ag Hall, they are not able to offer the four days of obedience and rally. Sadly, they had to cancel the obedience and rally trials. I know this is a big disappointment to those of us who were planning on entering. But thanks to those who volunteered to steward. We can hope things will be back to normal next year.

For those who enter in breed, though, that will go on in the Morgantown location. For more information on that check with the LV Kennel Club and Rau Dog shows.

SEMINAR

We hope that everyone who wanted to attend the Connie Cleveland seminar sent in their application and check. Thanks You to Phyllis Broderick and Kathy Pugh for setting this up. We are lucky to have well known trainers come to speak to our club and to give many of us the opportunity to either audit the seminar or be a working team. The seminar is full with both auditors and working teams.

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

This is for not only our new members but also anyone who has a new dog or puppy.

No new members for October

2021 DUES RENEWAL

Your Allentown Dog Training Club dues are due by January 1, 2021.

Payment of your membership dues by 1/1/21 allows you to vote at the January meeting, be eligible for awards and continue to train with the club.

The Renewal Form will be available on the club website. www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com

Under Members tab, password ADTC1953

Complete the form and remember to sign the Waiver on page 2.

Make checks payable to ADTC, Inc.

Return Form to:

ADTC, Inc.

c/o Debbie Achenzie

1935 Kensington Road

Bethlehem, PA 18018

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$35.00

EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER \$15.00 (include all names)

AWARDS

Judy Lasso reminds members if you are anticipating getting a new title award for 2020, please be sure to get your information to her BEFORE DECEMBER 31!! After that date, she will no longer take applications. It is a time consuming job to process the applications and to make sure that everything is correct for the plaques and certificates. Even though there were many trials that were cancelled this year, there are still some members who earned AKC Rally and Obedience titles, plus other AKC titles. Please check with Judy to see which other AKC titles are recognized. If you have questions, please get in touch with Judy at judylasso319@gmail.com.



2020 AWARDS APPLICATION AND TITLE RECOGNITION

If you and your dog earned an AKC Title in 2020 while you were a member of ADTC, please fill out this application.

The Awards Application is available on the club website. www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com

Under Members tab, password ADTC1953

Directions for filling out this application:

1. Application must be filled out completely
2. Include a copy of your AKC certificate for the most recent title earned in 2020 with your application
3. Mail application to:

Judy Lasso
319 Chestnut Street
Freemansburg, PA 18017-6862.

Application must be received by the deadline of December 31, 2020

4. Any questions, please contact Judy Lasso at judylasso319@gmail.com
For Club Award eligibility requirements please refer to the ADTC Regulations section 8.

***PUBLICITY* ADTC Publicity Report**

Last month's Member of the Month Article featured Deb Achenzie. Members are encouraged to nominate Members of the Month by contacting Dusty through email at bohooch@yahoo.com or calling 610-965-6671.

After careful consideration, members of the ADTC Demonstration and Publicity Committees decided to forego entering the family pet show scheduled for January 29 -31 at Ag Hall in Allentown. The duration of the show and the continuing difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic make participation in this event unworkable this year.

Dusty Springer

Sara Schrum

ADTC Publicity Co-chairs

***PUBLICITY UPDATE* October 25, 2020**

To the Allentown Dog Training Club Board of Directors:

Over the past six years I have had the pleasure of serving as a chairperson for the club's publicity committee. Although I still enjoy working on publicity, I feel the need to take some time off. Therefore, effective as of January 1, 2021, I am resigning from this position.

Should an opening on the publicity committee be available at the end of 2021, I would consider rejoining the committee at that time.

Respectfully submitted, Dusty Springer

ADTC WEBSITE

Allentown Dog Training Club Website Announcement

From Steve...

Dear ADTC Members,

The new Allentown Dog Training Club website has just gone live. It can be viewed at the same address: <https://www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com/> .

There are two purposes for our website. First, it is to keep members informed as to Club activities. In addition, we share information with the greater public about what ADTC is all about. This will hopefully create more interest in the Club.

The new Website relies heavily on material put together for the previous site by Lois Linker. The navigation has been modified to make it easier to locate the great deal of information included. The “For ADTC Members” section remains and can be accessed by members using the password ADTC1953.

In addition, the new site includes videos that are not only informative for Club members, but also can help create increased interest by the greater public. The “ADTC Photo Gallery” section will be updated as new photos are submitted.

It is our desire to continually improve the ADTC website. As you go through it, please share any ideas or suggestions you might have.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Lois Linker for not only the significant efforts she has put out creating much of material on the site, but also in the transition process.

Steve Markowitz smarko1@rcn.com

ITEMS FOR SALE

We are happy to list dog and training items that you no longer have any use for. However, please let us know when these items are no longer available. We may forget or not have the time to get in touch with you to check to see if the items are still available.

Judy Skorup and Irene Chen are still selling their masks. This has been listed several times in previous newsletters.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH...ANNA GUGLIELMO

I was introduced to AKC Obedience in 1973, and after seeing my first dog show I was bitten by the bug, but a series of unfortunate circumstances prevented me from staying involved. It wasn't until 1986 when my neighbor gifted me with a German Shepherd puppy, that I was able to get back into the sport, and proceeded to earn Utility titles on three German Shepherds. In 1999 I purchased a Belgian Tervuren (Cayenne) who became my first OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) dog.

After moving to Pennsylvania in 2002 I became a member and eventually an Instructor for ADTC. In addition, I am currently serving on the Board of Directors.

In 2004 I purchased a Shetland Sheepdog, who was to become my biggest success story in the Obedience Ring, having earned the equivalent of six OTCH's, an OGM (Obedience Grand Master) and even scoring a couple of 200"s. My current partner in the ring is my Belgian Malinois, Luna, who to date has earned her second OTCH, and was well on her way to earning a OGM. Unfortunately, like so many others, we have been halted on our journey due to COVID-19.

I have had many wonderful memories from being in the ring, but two stand out above the others.

The first was with my Sheltie, Rusty who while doing the directed jumping exercises in Utility slipped on wet grass as he was about to take the high jump He hit the jump and more or less used it to bolster himself over. The dog's hitting a jump is usually an NQ, but the judge was going to give him the exercise since it was not his fault. Rusty would have none of that. Before I could set him up for the second half, he went back out and re-did the high jump, knowing he had messed up. He naturally NQ'd but I was extremely proud of his work ethic and the pride he took in doing a good job, which meant more to me than the win.



The second was with my Malinois, Luna, who just last year completed a lovely Open class. All that was left to do was the Stand/ Go Get Your Leash, when she began shaking her foot violently. She had stepped on bee. I just wanted to get her out of the ring, but since I had to get her leash anyway, I told the judge, "Let's see if she wants to stand while I go." I never expected her to do it, but she did. She stood on three legs while holding her painful foot in the air. I was proud of her!

Here are some thoughts I would like to pass on to newcomer. Be firm, but fair.

Make sure you are giving a clear message to your dog. Are you demanding too much too soon? Just because they do an exercise correctly once or twice doesn't mean they fully understand it. Listen and learn all you can from experienced trainers, but don't be too quick to try anything on your dog. When you have a problem, make sure you consider what you are doing before you correct. Talk to someone who you trust before correcting.



Lastly, Have Fun!

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.

SUNSHINE

From Dusty Springer... October 26th



Our dear friend and companion Sam passed away today. He went as he had lived, quietly and without complaint. I have always wanted to be as good a person as Sam believed me to be -- he was always a better dog than I deserved.



From Lois Obelcz... October 27th

Lois and Paul Obelcz had to say goodbye to Weaver (formally BIF Daydream's Dream Weaver CD RN MC FCh CR OTR CGC), a couple of weeks before he would have turned 14. Some may remember him as a mostly white Whippet who attended many Obedience classes and practices a number of years ago, although those who saw him in the ring may sometimes have wondered about the training :). At home he was known as "The Sheriff" as he always wanted to ensure that meals were on time and everyone was behaving (although he was a kind ruler!). He was a sweet and funny dog and we miss him immensely.





WHAT IS THIS?

VIRTUAL HOME MANNERS TITLE

The AKC has started a new virtual title program for puppies and adult dogs. There is a title for puppies and a title for adult dogs. With more people at home and getting new companions, the AKC felt it was a good time to offer a title to people who are just training their dogs for good behavior when at home and about. It is virtual like the Rally Novice and Intermediate titles and is judged by CGC evaluators. For more information go to this website: <http://akc.org/virtual-home-manners/> or for more questions cgc@akc.org. After completing this title, it may give you the urge to go further and give Rally or Obedience a try. Your dog will love the time and attention you spend with them.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Linda Eldon reports...



Someone (Mollie) had a very successful show at the BMDCW regional. Two firsts in rally excellent and advance, high combined score and two high point Bernese Mountain Dog scores.

Steve Markowitz reports...

Barkley obtained his Novice Title on 10/3/20 at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung event. His score was 194.5 and a first place. During his 3 Beginner Novice and 3 Novice tests Barkley received 1 second place and 5 first place showings. Now on to Open. Things are getting tougher!



Judy Skorup reports...

We competed in three Rally Trials in the Master, Excellent and Advanced classes on 9/26, 9/27 and on 10/3. Emma qualified in all her classes, resulting in lots of green ribbons and several placements- first second and third. On 10/3, we competed at a regional Bernese Mt. Dog Specialty in Bethlehem, PA and earned the large rosettes - first for Master, and second for Excellent and Advanced. We also earned the high score Triple qualifying rosette for the trial. That was her 15th triple qualifying leg of the twenty we need for the RACH title. However, we have many more points to earn in the Master level class before we earn the title. We are taking a little break from Rally now to concentrate on Draft and Fast CAT. We will compete in Rally again in December.



Debbie Achenzie reports...



So this finally happened ...Ginger finished her Beginner Novice Title at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club Trial. I had entered trials that were cancelled due to COVID. Then there was 6 months of no trials being held. Being in the ring wearing a mask is strange but at least it was great to be back out there. The wait was worth it!

Terry Papineau reports...

Baci is competing in herding. Baci has done such a good job she got High in Trial and a second place in AKC Starter Novice Herding. Good job to you both! Baci will also be competing in obedience in the near future. They are a busy team.



Congratulations to Berdell Koch and Tazio on more ACHIEVEMENTS. They are quite a great team. Tazio earned his UKC UDX at the OTCH dog training club trial outside of Harrisburg.



Debbie Petrusjanz reporting for Annie...

Hi There Smiling Annie Here, I'm Very Proud of Myself and so are My Mom and Dad. The First 2 Weekends of October were Wonderful. I Got 2 Perfect Scores in UKC Agility which gave Me Points toward My UACH 2. Thank you to the Judges and Dandy Dog for Hosting the Trial. Thank you to the Judges and OTCH for hosting a UKC Obedience Trial. I Worked Really Well with my Mom and Got a 199 . 2 High in Trial and Finished my UKC, CD and got my 1st Leg on my UKC CDX. 2 Great Weekends. Thank you to everyone who helped make these Trials Possible.



Beginner Class Graduation Video ...from Carol McCarthy

My beginner class graduated and I made a little video for them. If anyone would like to view it 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.

<https://youtu.be/dE8sh3AWVcw>

Bernese Mountain Dog Training Club's Trial Video...from Carol McCarthy

For any members who would like to view it.

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

<https://youtu.be/VIwaEJtYCpk>

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 32 attendees.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on August 18, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Joanne Stock moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Terry Papineau and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The membership also had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on September 9, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Linda Krasley moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Wilma Brucker 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. Gail James moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mary Spatz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Federation Report

Edie Rysdyk reported the Federation is opposed to Senate Bill 144, known as Victoria's law, which would restrict the retail sale in pet stores of puppies, kittens and rabbits to only those that are sourced from animal shelters or rescue organizations.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented her Membership Report

There were two first readings:

Julie Leboutitz, Golden Retriever - (Not Present)

Matthew W. Joseph, Rhodesian Ridgeback - (Not Present)

There were three second readings:

Clyde Norelli, Hovawart

Joanne Stock, Shetland Sheepdog

James Stock, Shetland Sheepdog

Linda Krasley moved to accept the above-stated three applicants as members. Terry Papineau seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Debbie also announced that Membership Renewal forms are now available on the club website.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report

*See report below

Committees

Website

Steve Markowitz noted that the new website is generally the same with a few changes in the way it looks. The password is the same. Once the Board of Directors approves it an email will be sent to the membership and the new website will replace the current website.

Publicity

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Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is October 27, 2020.

Awards and Certificates

President Achenzie announced that the form to complete for awards earned in 2020 is on the website. The form needs to be submitted prior to the deadline of December 31, 2020.

Nominating Committee

Dusty Springer presented the Nominating Committee report

This year's nomination committee for ADTC's officers and board of directors consists of Dusty Springer, chairperson; Terry Papineau, board representative; Deb Achenzie, Gail James, and Joanne Sora, ADTC members. Nominations are currently being accepted. If you wish to run for a position, please contact a nomination committee member.

Respectfully submitted, Dusty Springer

Bylaws

Edie Rysdyk presented the Bylaws Committee's proposed changes to the club By-Laws.

After some general discussion among the membership, Edie Rysdyk moved to add the following two sentences to the end of the following sections of Article III: Section 1. Club Meetings; Section 2. Special Club Meetings; Section 3. Board Meetings; and Section 4. Special Board Meetings.

"Such Club Meetings may also be held via 'Virtual,' 'Electronic,' or 'Teleconference/Videoconference' means by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a virtual, electronic or teleconference/videoconference means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting."

The motion was seconded by Dusty Springer and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Edie Rysdyk then moved to accept the change to Article IV, Section 1, of the club By-Laws concerning two members of the same household serving on the Board by eliminating the sentence "Only one person from a household can serve on the Board during any one year." and replacing it with the following sentence:

"Two members of a household may serve on the board, but only one member of that household can be a club officer."

Barbara Katz seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 25 to 5.

Edie Rysdyk then moved to accept the change to Article IV, Section 1, of the club By-Laws concerning the payment of annual recurring operating expenses by eliminating the sentence "In addition to the foregoing the Board of Directors may authorize expenditures not in excess of \$500.00, without a vote of the membership." and replacing it with the following two sentences:

"In addition to the foregoing, the Board of Directors may authorize payment of Annual Recurring Operating expenses without general membership approval. All other expenses in excess of \$500.00 must be approved by the General Membership."

Jackie Hartranft seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 29 to 1.

Point Show

Gail James, who is assisting Lois Linker as the Obedience Trial Chairman, noted she has been in touch with Linda at Berks Kennel Club. She will get more information to the next board meeting and will then report back to the general membership.

Phyllis Broderick noted that she had spoken to fellow Judge Nancy Withers who confirmed that Berks Kennel Club wants to do a two-ring show with utility and open in the morning and novice and rally in the afternoon.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

President Achenzie announced the Christmas party is cancelled for this year.

He also noted that there will be coffee, water, soda and individually wrapped desserts of some type at the rules & regulations discussion to be held on December 9, 2020, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on October 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on November 11, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in Macungie Hall.

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 Joanne Stock moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda Krasley and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB Training Director Report

October 14, 2020

Both Wednesday and Thursday obedience and rally classes are running smoothly.

Wednesday and Thursday classes taught by Carol, Dusty and Phyllis are in the 3rd week. Anna's Thursday morning classes are in its 2nd week. Anna will not have classes the weeks of October 22nd and November 5th due to eye surgery. Therefore, the hours of 9am to 12pm are open to the membership for ring rental.

Wednesday indoor class schedule:

5:30 to 6:30pm – Open

6:30 to 7:30pm – Show Ready Novice/Novice

7:30 to 8:30pm - Advanced Beginner/Novice

8:30 to 9:30pm - Utility

Thursday:

9:30 to 10:30am – Utility

10:45 to 11:45am – Open

12:00 to 1:00pm - Novice

Oct. 28th and 29th: there will be a match show for members, the schedule as follows:

Wednesday: Oct 28th 4:30 to 8:30pm -

Thursday: Oct. 29th: 12:00 to 4:30pm –

Cost: \$8.00 1st Entry; \$4.00 2nd Entry, Same Dog Pre Entry Only

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Anna will finish her current 4 week session Thursday, November 12th. Her next session will run November 19th, December 3rd, 10th & 17th.

Debbie has sent the Registration Form and the COVID Release Form to the membership.

Please fill out the registration form and a signed covid release form and send them together. Unless I have a covid release signed form on file, members will not be allowed in the building.

Remember if you are going to attend meetings, you must also submit a signed covid release form. I will have a book in the building with the signed covid forms in alphabetical order so it can be easily checked. I will also have some blank forms that you can sign when you enter the building.

A new STAR puppy class and beginner class started Thursday, Oct 1st. Beginner class 5:30 to 6:30pm and the STAR puppy class 6:30 to 7:15pm. They are both well attended.

Linda's novice rally class has 14 signed up and it is running smoothly. Anne Wheeler assisting. Linda's next 6 week session will be Advanced/Excellent and will start October 29th and ends December 10th.

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Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick