



BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the ADTC February issue of the Barks & Bytes

Welcome to February 2025. Things have come back to normal since all the classes being cancelled Due to the local obedience/rally trials and the Christmas/New Years holidays. It has been an unusual end to the year 2024. Despite this we hope that it has been a good year for everyone ... and now on to 2025!

Now we must deal with very cold weather! Which we have not had for a long time, and it certainly seems to be unending. As far as this is being written, there have been no cancellations due to ice and snow. But the month of February can have some very nasty weather! As I am writing, this some very cold weather. The new training sessions have started at the end of January. We hope that everyone got into the classes that they wanted to. Please remember, although Terry has tried to get more time, we are limited to half of Wednesday and all day and evening Thursday. This is because the Macungie building has been booked by long-term groups for many years. However, that does not mean that just because you did not get into a class of your choice, you cannot keep training.

You can practice what you have learned in class each day...this will enable your dog to remember the exercises! There are many things you can do in your house while the weather is not co-operating, such as: attention, recalls, stands for exams, short retrieves and front and finishes to name a few things. You can purchase a cheap mirror at Walmart and set it up and practice straight fronts and finishes (which are so important). There are also many videos online for you to study and learn from. Take the time to check out upcoming shows. **IF** you feel your dog is ready and write down the opening date on your calendar. So many of the more popular shows have early opening dates and if you do not enter on that date, you may not get in. There are also match shows. Often you also need to enter many months in advance or there are no more time slots available. So even though it is the "dead of winter" and we cannot do much outside or if you did not get into a class of your choice, there are still many things you can do until the next session starts up

So, enjoy the BARKS & BYTES.

– all the best, *Jacqui*



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2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Be sure to attend our first general meeting of 2025 on February 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM

The new board of directors and officers was elected into office last month. Many thanks to all who have offered to serve. Chuck and Gail have changed places, and Gail James will now take on the role of President and Chuck Achenzie will now be Vice-President. Here is the list of Officers and Board members for 2025.

President:	Gail James	Board Members:	Debbie Achenzie
Vice President:	Chuck Achenzie		Edie Rysdyk
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Krapf		Steve Markowitz
Treasurer:	Linda Eldon		Sherry Hanley
Correspondence Secretary:	Katie Dyer		Lilliann Sanderlin
Training Director	Terry Papineau		

ADTC committee chairs

Publicity	Jennifer Weidman
Website:	Steve Markowitz
Librarian:	Edie Rysdyk
Membership:	Debbie Achenzie
Donations:	Chris Courduff
Newsletter editor:	Jacqui Hartranft
Newsletter co-editor:	Stacey Nash
Sunshine coordinator:	Sherry Hanley



NOTE: Our general membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. This coming month it will be February 12, 2025, at 7 pm

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL

The group email is: ADTC-MembershipGroup@groups.io

TRAINING

The new training session has started on January 30. Most classes are full but perhaps some may take drop-ins. Do contact the trainer to see if they take drop-ins. Please check the website for the list of classes and times. And do not forget, since it is winter, there may be times when classes are cancelled so if the weather is “iffy” be sure to check emails to be sure that classes are still being held that day.....and to come to classes regularly. **We hope to see all of you at one or both training days!**



MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Achenzie has sent out a list of members who have not renewed their membership. She has extended the time until the end of January. If you have not sent in your membership, you will no longer be able to train with ADTC nor will you get BARKS & BYTES. If you change your mind, you will have to go through the membership process again.

ADTC AWARDS PROGRAM

Hopefully you are all aware that Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz will no longer accept applications for the 2024 Awards program. Those who have not yet gotten certificates from AKC are reminded to get a copy of them to Judy asap. It takes quite a bit of time to get everything together with making sure spelling is correct and that the titles are correct.

We will have our annual awards program at our summer picnic which will be in July.

WEBSITE

Steve Markowitz urges members to send him pictures for the website. Also, anything you wish to have him publish, please send to him. It is nice of have some pictures of our dogs having fun in the snow and sitting at the Christmas tree—anything you would like members to see. We are also about having fun with your dogs!

Steve can be reached at: smarko1@rcn.com

SPRING SHOW

Cris Courduff is accepting donations for awards for our Spring Point show which will be May 17. If you have not donated as yet, please get in touch with Cris to see if she can still take any more awards. Donations and sponsorships go towards ribbons and monetary prizes. And we all know that there is nothing better than winning a nice rosette for a placement or when you get your new title. **Our point show will be also held in conjunction with the Berks Country Dog Training Club show which will be held May 18. They will be at Barto where they have been held for the last few years.** By the time you get this newsletter, the deadline may have passed but get in contact with Cris to be sure.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

GAIL JAMES, OUR PRESIDENT

Hi, my name is Gail James and many of you know me as the Ridgeback lady!

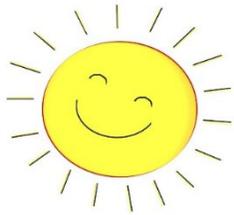
I have had Ridgebacks for 35+ years, my breed of choice in honor of my Grandfather.



I started in 1987 with a Rescue Ridgeback named Brutis while I was waiting for a puppy who came in March 1988. Her name was Chance, she taught me so much because she was reactive and stubborn, I was her person and she would do everything to protect me! With my early dogs we did a lot of conformation and lure coursing, I had always wanted to do more with my dogs after the breed ring but had trouble finding a place to train.

In 2007 I joined Allentown Dog Training and found some of the best trainers who could help me learn and teach my unique breed. Many may have only heard that Ridgebacks, from the Hound Group, are lion hunters, and while they did track and hold lions at bay they were also a farm dog, doing what was required of them on farms in South Africa. They are very intelligent but are not people pleasers, many breeds were bred to work with and for people, not the hounds which were sent to chase or track game and had to think on their own. I enjoy training and have learned so much, but there is still so much to learn!

SUNSHINE



Sherry Hanley is letting members know that Holly Huff's brother passed away. Condolences can be sent to her at 24 Bush Street, Oxford, New Jersey 07863 or email at hollyg_huff@yahoo.com.

Please contact Sherry her email address is: fuzzybadge38@msn.com or 610 767-4537 (H) or 484-347-6116.

A PLACE TO TRAIN

With the summer heat this year and then into Fall and Winter wouldn't it be nice to find a building where you can rent and do some training by yourself or with a friend? **Well, there is such a place near to Macungie on Dillingersville Road in Zionsville**, near to where I live. ADTC member Liz Long has a great building with super flooring (like Colmar flooring), all the equipment you will need, such as gates, jumps, etc. KanDo dog training Club does use it but there are many open dates during the day and in the evening. The rent is \$30 an hour. I rent it every Friday morning. If you are interested contact Liz Long, who is a member of ADTC at 610-967-2085 or k9langtal7@yahoo.com.

ACHIEVEMENTS

There are quite a few ACHIEVEMENTS THIS MONTH!! GREAT BIG CONGRATULATIONS!! All of us at ADTC are proud of all of you. So here they are in no special order.

We had announced in the December newsletter that Anna Guglielmo and Timmy earned their CDX (Open) title with a score of 197. Anna had sent us a picture for last month. It was accidentally omitted.



BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY STEHLY AND RAISIN WHO EARNED THEIR RALLY ADVANCED TITLE AT THE LEHIGH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB TRIAL ON DECEMBER 11 WITH A SCORE OF 88. THEY THEN MOVED UP TO EXCELLENT WHERE THEY QUALIFIED ALSO WITH A SCORE OF 88 AND A THIRD PLACE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who are interested in NACSW Nosework, Country K9 is planning on holding an ORT (odor recognition title) on March 22. It is in the Kunkletown/Albrightsville area. For more information click on to the Country K9 website for more information. They are hoping to hold obedience, and Rally matches in the near future, so stay tuned.

There will be a Nosework match sponsored by Suburban Dog Training Club. Judy Skorup announced that it will be held at Ludwig's Corner Veterinary Hospital on March 2, 2025. Search levels will be NW1, NW2, NW3 and Elite. Each dog will have four searches and five minutes in each area. NW1 begins at 9:00 followed by the others. Elite will be after lunch. Now open at DogMatchShows.com. Cost \$40 plus convenience fee. Sponsored by Suburban DTC. Questions contact ADTC member Judy Skorup for more details at jaskorup@hotmail.com.



For those pets with chronic pain... There have been some reports on the drug Librela to help dogs with arthritis. Some reports have not been good but several of our members have reported good results from it including Wilma Krause and Lynn Birney. Mary Minnich who works for a vet stated that there is more to some of the reports than is reported and that it is best to check with your vet.

A note from our past president:

To the Members of Allentown Dog Training Club,

Thank you very much for the gift cards and card that I received at last night's General Meeting. It is greatly appreciated.

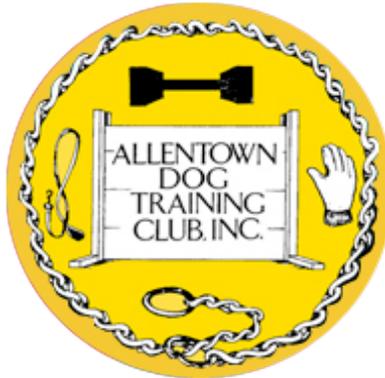
It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past six years. It has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated Board of Directors. The membership at ADTC has always stepped up and volunteered for any activities that the club has been involved. I strongly believe that ADTC is one of the best training facilities in the Lehigh Valley.

Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support of Allentown Dog Training Club.

Have A Great Day

Chuck Achenzie

Past President ADTC



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2025

Macungie Park

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ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Date Januaryr. 26, 2025
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM by Vice-President Chuck Achenzie.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were the following: Vice President, Chuck Achenzie; Recording Secretary, Tracy Krapf; Training Director, Terry Papineau; Corresponding Secretary, Katie Dyer; and Board Members, Debbie Achenzie, Lili Sanderlin, and Steve Markowitz

Absent: Board Members: President, Gail James; Treasurer, Linda Eldon; Board Members, Sherry Hanley and Edie Rysdyk

Minutes:

The board had before it for approval the minutes of the board meeting held on November 24, 2024. Katie Dyer moved to accept the November 24, 2024 minutes.. The motion was seconded by Steve Markowitz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon: (see attached page 5).

Absent - Chuck read report

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Terry Papineau and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

- Letter from AKC regarding an update on eligibility of points for conformation
- A letter was received from AKC notifying the club about close-out on Oct/Nov shows
- Acceptance letter received for 2025 October/November point shows.
- All show correspondence was forwarded to Gail James.

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

absent no report

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

New Applications - Require Board Approval

Lance Beatty
2310 Mill Hill Road
Quakertown, PA 18951
All American
C: 610-216-0961
lancebeattyofhandg@gmail.com

Rebekah Stem-Zmoda
316 Brookfield Circle
Macungie, PA 18062
Labrador Retriever
C: 570-730-5269
rebekahstem@gmail.com

Thank You for including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership

A motion was made by Katie Dyer to accept the 2 new membership applications. Lili Sanderlin seconded the motion and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Additionally, Debbie reported there are 25 outstanding membership renewals. A note was made, if you are enrolled in a class and have not yet renewed your membership, you cannot take classes. There are a few people that fall into this category and Debbie will contact them to remind them of this rule.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:

Next round of classes begin this week, January 28 & 29. All classes are full and some have wait lists.

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz

-Steve was contacted by a member regarding charitable donations and the mission statement relating that is posted on the club website. The Board previously amended the website to match the Club's Charter Statement. The member asked Steve to bring to the Board's attention about putting the wording back on the website. The Board, having already discussed the

wording as it relates to the Club's Charter, stands on its original decision to keep the website consistent with the Club Charter and wording on charitable donations.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

(deadline for February Newsletter is January 25th)

Publicity -Jennifer Weidman

absent

Gail to contact Jennifer as the Board has not heard from her in a while. Is she still able to act as club Publicity Chair Person?

Sunshine committee - Sherry Hanley

Absent - Tracy read report

Phyllis informed me that Holly Huff lost her brother and a Sympathy card was sent out.

Concern was raised that Jen Weidman and Edie Rysdyk have not been heard from in quite a while. For the record it was noted: Board Member, Edie Rysdyk, has excused absence and does not fall under the Club Charter that states a Board Member may not miss three meetings without reasonable excuse.

Trophies - Cris Courduff

Absent - report sent by Gail James

Ribbons have been ordered and I believe we have about \$1,100 in trophy fund. Gail will be called Cris on Jan 22 to confirm, and will update if she has new information.

Point Show - Gail James

absent - Chuck read report

Everything is in order, Gail will get the premium list started, and will have it finished by the end of the month. We will have the same open and close dates as Berks.

Old Business:

New Business:

-We will need to form an auditing committee again. Chuck requested Steve Markowitz chair the committee again. Steve has agreed to chair the committee and Debbie Achenzie also committed to serving on the committee again. Steve will reach out to John Landis to see if he will participate again. The audit needs to be completed by February's Board Meeting, February 23, 2025.

-Terry received correspondence from Amy regarding ordering shades for the windows. The Pickleball people would help pay some of the cost and Amy was wondering if we wanted to help

with the costs. Terry can elaborate a little more. I (Gail James) am in favor of this as it will be helpful for not only our classes but also our shows.

-A motion was made by Lili Sanderlin to donate a total of \$500 to Macungie Park for installment of window shades. Steve Markowitz seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

-If Macungie Park has window shades installed before summer, Terry Papineau will discuss with Amy if we can stay indoors through June.

- Steve Markowitz requests the club consider adding a Fetch trial to our shows trials. Fetch is an easy title for participants, and can earn the club additional money. Currently our club has 4 Fetch certified judges. A one day show could allow for two trials. For a one day show with two trials, 2 judges would be needed as well as volunteers. (2 table and 2 assistants). Steve will gather more information for presentation to the Board at the February 23, 2025 Board Meeting.

-Tracy Krapf shared a press release from AKC that AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is now an AKC official title. Any dog registered with the AKC can receive the official title. Also, if the title was previously earned, the AKC is allowing the title to be “grand-fathered”. To apply for the grand-fathered title, go to the AKC website. The cost is \$20

General Business

- The next Board meeting will be held February 23, 2025 6:00PM inside Macungie hall.
- The next General Meeting will be held on February 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM inside in Macungie Hall.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, Terry Papineau moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lili Sanderlin. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Vice President Chuck Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 6:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary

Board Meeting Treasurer's Report January 26, 2025

- I. Books are closed for 2024.

Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
November 25, 2024 through January 25, 2025

2.
Trainers

	Nov 25, '24 - Jan 25, 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues-Membership	
Renewal	3,500.00
Total Dues-Membership	3,500.00
Entertainment - Income	
Xmas Party - Income	240.00
Total Entertainment - Income	240.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	287.09
Total Investments	287.09
Miscellaneous Income	
Brag Box	211.70
Miscellaneous Income - Other	50.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	261.70
Point Show Income - May	
Trophy Income - May	1,286.00
Total Point Show Income - May	1,286.00
Raffle - Income	410.00
Training Income	
Training Income - Rally	
Adv/Excel Income - Rally	1,152.00
Masters-Income - Rally	768.00
Total Training Income - Rally	1,920.00
Training Income - Obedience	
Adv Beg- Income - Terry/Gail	
Adv. Beginner - Non Member	480.00
Total Adv Beg- Income - Terry/Gail	480.00
Beg Class Income - Terry	
Beginner - Terry - Non-Member	1,168.00
Total Beg Class Income - Terry	1,168.00
Handling Inc.	394.00
Misc. Training Income	30.00
Nosework - Income	288.00
Novice -Thur. AM Income- Debbie	388.00
Novice Thur. AM Income - Dusty	646.00
Open - Income - Phyllis	1,500.00
Open/utility - Income - Terry	720.00
Ring Rental - Thursday	200.00
Star Puppy - Income - Terry	
Star Puppy - Non Member	480.00
Star Puppy - Income - Terry - Other	160.00
Total Star Puppy - Income - Terry	640.00
Teach Open - Income - Phyllis	1,224.00

Insurance form completed and paid to Equisure.

3. Discontinued the Quicken program. In the future we will now be using QuickBooks.
4. 2024 year end training report completed.
5. Trainer 1099's sent.
6. 2024 Federal Tax Info calculated and delivered to CPA

Total Income 11/25/2024 - 01/26/2024	\$16,658.79
Total Expenses 11/25/2024 – 01/26/2025	\$ 9,586.70
Net Income	\$ 7,072.09

Total Assets 11/26/2025: \$110,802.23



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

Macungie Park

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**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
Date: January 8, 2025
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by President Chuck Achenzie, who noted that there were 25 members in attendance.

Minutes:

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on December 3, 2024 which are posted on the website. No corrections or additions were noted. Joanne Stock moved to accept the December 3, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie. The motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:

(see attached page 5)

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Phyllis Broderick moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mary Minnich and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

Absent

Chuck Achenzie read a thank you letter received from The Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue regarding the club's donation.

Terry Papineau read a thank you letter from Amy, Macungie Park, in gratitude for holiday tip and her Holiday gift.

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

absent - no report

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

The following Membership information will be presented at the General Meeting on 1/8/2025

First Readings ... Please mark present or not present for the minutes.

Sunshine committee Sherry Hanley

no report

Nominations - Katie Dyer

absent - Tracy Krapf read

The slate for the 2025 Board of Directors is:

President- Gail James
Vice President - Chuck Achenzie
Treasurer - Linda Eldon
Recording Secretary - Tracy Krapf
Corresponding Secretary - Katie Dyer
Training Director - Terry Papineau

Board Members:

Debbie Achenzie
Sherry Hanley
Steve Markowitz
Edie Rysdyk
Lili Sanderlin

Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary, in absence of Katie Dyer, Corresponding Secretary, casts a blanket vote for the 2025 Board of Directors.

The blanket vote was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Awards and Recognition - Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz

absent

Chuck Achenzie reminds that the cut off deadline for awards was December 31, 2024. If you already submitted your award forms, please get your certificates to Judy as soon as possible.

Trophies - Cris Courduff

absent - Gail James reported, we are still looking for trophy donations. Also, Cris is working on the ribbons for the upcoming shows.

Point Show – Gail James

A second Rally Trial has been added to the Fall shows. There will now be an AM Rally and a PM Rally trial with Nancy Withers as judge.

May show has everything in place.

Judge was hoping to get the premiums combined for ease in registration, however, this is not working out with the other organization. Instead, we will list our opening and closing dates the same since premiums cant be combined.

Old Business:

New Business:

Terry Papineau presented outgoing president Chuck Achenzie with a thank you letter of appreciation from the entire club.

Chuck Achenzie thanked the club members, trainers, board members and a special thank you to Phyllis Broderick and Terry Papineau for making his job as president successful.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The next Board meeting will be held on January 26, 2025 at 6:00PM. in Macungie Hall.
- The next General Meeting will be held on February 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM Inside at Macungie Park
- Don't forget our Staples number is 610-439-2800

Braggs:

2 Members shared brags. Congratulations to everyone that shared their achievements.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership Steve Markowitz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Spatz. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President, Chuck Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary

Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
December 3, 2024 through January 8, 2025

	Dec 3, '24 - Jan 8, 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues-Membership	
Renewal	715.00
Total Dues-Membership	715.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	143.84
Total Investments	143.84
Point Show Income - May	
Trophy Income - May	1,356.00
Total Point Show Income - May	1,356.00
Training Income	
Training Income - Obedience	
Handling Inc.	10.00
Misc. Training Income	30.00
Novice -Thur. AM Income- Debbie	40.00
Novice Thur. AM Income - Dusty	10.00
Ring Rental - Thursday	200.00
Teaching Utility - Terry	10.00
Utility - Income - Phyllis	90.00
Total Training Income - Obedience	390.00
Total Training Income	390.00
Total Income	2,604.84
Expense	
Entertainment - Expense	
Xmas Party - Expense	1,250.00
Total Entertainment - Expense	1,250.00
Miscellaneous Expense	-50.00
Point Show - November - Expense	
AKC Fees	100.00
Total Point Show - November - Expense	100.00
Refunds	
Misc. Refunds	50.00
Total Refunds	50.00
Storage Unit	208.00
Telephone	58.36
Training Expenses	
Training Expense	
Rent Macungie	
Mats	160.00
Thursday - Rent	400.00
Wednesday - Rent	350.00
Total Rent Macungie	910.00
Total Training Expense	910.00
Total Training Expenses	910.00

Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
December 3, 2024 through January 8, 2025

	<u>Dec 3, '24 - Jan 8, 25</u>
Training Expenses - Obedience	
Novice Thurs Expense. AM-Debbie	12.00
Open - Expense - Phyllis	84.00
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Total Training Expenses - Obedience	96.00
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Total Expense	2,622.36
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Net Ordinary Income	-17.52
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Net Income	-17.52
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Training Director's Report November 13, 2024

Today is week 5 of all classes. The new session starts on Jan 29/30. No classes week of January 22-23.

There apparently have been some issues getting into your desired class. Our club has grown and we still only have 2 days of classes. We tried to increase the time here but it was not available. We have an email group list and an invitation was sent to everyone. It is up to you to check your emails and to prevent it from going to trash, put the club email in your contacts. That is our only form of communication. As to classes - forms are sent out via the group email. Classes are on a first come first served basis based on postmark date. Forms are also on website. It is your responsibility to get it in timely. If you don't get into your class that's on you. There are class limits. It takes years to train a dog to show and it is unfair to students and instructors to have 15 dogs in a class. That helps no one.