

BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the ADTC **APRIL** issue of the Barks & Bytes

Welcome to our April 2025 newsletter. With the return of warmer weather, we hope it will stay a while. We can get outside and practice with our dogs. Parking lots are great places to practice when schools and businesses are closed. We also have our Macungie Park! Years ago, one of our greatly missed members, Clydette Laubach, who many of us learned so much from, suggested using parking lot lines for heeling straight, making nice tight left and right turns and about turns. This is a great time of the year to use her suggestion before the weather gets too hot. But do not train your dog on blacktop during those hot summer days! They can burn their paw pads. So get out and enjoy the nice weather. Your dogs will love it!!

Now that it is staying light longer and with some of our classes starting in the morning. Also, our Fall Obedience and Rally Trials in November. We always had a bit of a problem with the sun shining in the side windows on the left as you come in the door. Some dogs were put off by the sunspots on the floor. Shades were suggested and apparently the pickleball players who come in the mornings had problems with the sun as well. Amy suggested that ADTC and the Pickleball players group might be willing to split the cost of having shades put in. Many thanks to Amy for suggesting this and to the Pickleball group for helping fund the shades. Be sure to tell our officers and Amy how nice they look. Hopefully she will pass it on to the Pickleball players. THANK YOU THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED IN GETTING THESE SHADES.

And the most important thing to keep in mind is that our point show at Barto will open on April 2. If you are planning to enter, please do not wait to send in your entry to Dog Show Entries. Also, our fellow dog training club, Berks County Dog Training Club's entry will open on April 1. Our show will be on Saturday, May 17 and Berks County will be held on Sunday May 18, Both at Barto where they were held last year and the last several years. If you have used Dog Show Entries before, you are already in their system so it will be super easy to enter. If this is the first time you are using them to enter, do not worry as it is also easy for that also. And then you will be on their records and in their system. There will be more information further down under ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB POINT SHOW. Gail James will be looking for lots of volunteers as dog shows do not run by themselves.

So, enjoy the BARKS & BYTES.

– all the best, *Jacqui*



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2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The next general meeting just ended April 9th.

The 2025 board of directors and officers are listed below.

President:	Gail James	Board Members:	Debbie Achenzie
Vice President:	Chuck Achenzie		Edie Rysdyk
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Krapf		Steve Markowitz
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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.
May 14th at 7pm.**



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL

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

TRAINING

We hope that everyone got into the classes they applied to. We are now mid way through. As has been said before, our time in the building is limited from early Wednesday afternoon into Thursday evening. So when the schedules come out, do not wait to enter. Again, this is a reminder to check your emails for information on our weekly training. Yes, the weather should be better but now we must worry about it being too hot outside and in the building, although not for a while. So please remember to check your emails!!! Terry is always trying to get more time but the building is very popular.

Many thanks to Phyllis Broderick who teaches our Open and Utility classes on Wednesday night, for putting on an information seminar on where you lose points in Open. It is geared for Open but it is also good to know for Novice (which is where it all starts) on up to and through Utility. **No matter how many years we have been involved in competitive obedience, it seems as though there is always something to learn.** We hope that everyone did learn something. As your instructor, she is right there watching you just like a judge would be doing in the ring. And as most of you know she is a long time AKC Obedience and Rally judge. Thank you again Phyllis, for doing this!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Linda Eldon has reported that she received a check in the amount of \$900 from the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club thanking us for providing stewards for their shows. We provide Obedience and Rally stewards for their trials in September and December. Since LVKC is a breed club, they would probably drop Obedience and Rally if we would not provide stewards. Shows cannot go on without stewards. We are always complemented by the judges on how good our stewards are!! Be sure to read the nice note from LVKC that was sent along with the check. It should make you realize how important stewards are.

I will also add that thanks to Phyllis Broderick telling the Pocono KC that we would also provide stewards for their Obedience and Rally trials in September at Macungie Park. A few years ago the Pocono Club was thinking of dropping Obedience/Rally as it is a small Club with few members and volunteers. Phyllis kept them from dropping Obedience/Rally. **Thank you to all who have helped keep these trials providing Obedience and Rally competitions. Remember the old adage "no stewards, no dog shows".**

MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Achenzie reported that we do not have any new members to report this month.

- CLUB SECRETARY Tracy Krapf has a new email. TracyKrapf@outlook.com
Please note it on your membership list.

ADTC AWARDS PROGRAM & PICNIC

Please find the flyer for our ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM AND PICNIC. It will be held on June 7 at the Macungie Park on June 7. This is a wonderful event we hold every year to honor those members and their dogs for achieving wonderful things during the year 2024. We hope that everyone who is getting a title or recognition this year sent it into Judy Lasso by the end of December. So please mark your calendars and we hope to see everyone there. It is also a great time for fellowship and seeing friends who we have not seen in quite a while. Be sure to read Chuck's letter along with the flyer.

(see flyer at the end)

WEBSITE

Steve Markowitz is always looking for members to send him pictures of your dogs. They can be dogs having fun, playing with other dogs, anything you think the members would love to see. Do check out the website as it lists all our classes, back newsletters and minutes from prior meetings.

Steve can be reached at: smarko1@rcn.com

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.

SPRING SHOW

Our spring 2025 Obedience and Rally point show will be held on May 17 at the Orchard view Hills in Barto. We have held it here for the last several years and it has worked out well. There is plenty of parking and inside crating as well. The Berks County Dog Training Club is also holding their point show that same weekend but on Sunday. Last year they only had one Rally trial and since it was successful, they are adding a second PM trial. For you Rally members, that is four Rally trials in that weekend to earn points and titles. And for Obedience that is two chances for points and titles all in the same location.



Gail James is the chairperson as well as President of ADTC. **Let us all make her job easier by volunteering.** We will need members to help set up the rings, to load up gates and jumps to take to Barto as well as helping tear everything down when it is over. Stewards are also needed as well for both obedience and rally. And we also need members to enter their dogs. **As Gail has said before: REMEMBER THE OPENING DATE IS APRIL 2!! BERKS COUNTY IS APRIL 1**

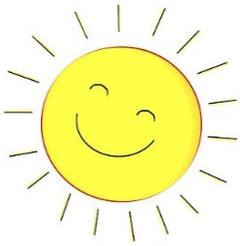
The boy scouts will again be serving lunch. Let's support them, so they are willing to return next year. It is so nice to have food on site. (and their food is quite good). Lets support the boy scouts.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN

There is a Companion Dog Sports Program (CDSP) trial coming up on April 19 at Lets Speak Dog outside of Easton and easy to get to. This is a great way to get your dog used to competing in the ring. You are allowed to talk to your dog and treat them after certain exercises. The premium list is online at Lets Speak Dog. You can get more information on this form of competitive obedience on their website—CDSP. **BE SURE TO READ THE RULES!!!** It is more relaxed than AKC and a great way to start out new dogs. Several of our members enjoy competing in it. Hope to see some of you at Lets Speak Dog.



SUNSHINE



Although, this is not old news and was sent out to the membership, but our Amy Hillegass just celebrated her 60th birthday last month. We wish her many many more and hope that she had a great birthday. She does so much for Macungie Park itself and our Club. When you see her, thank her for all she does, and wish her a Happy Birthday!!

Edie Rysdyk's husband, Joe Quinn, passed away. Joe was a long-time member of Allentown Dog training club and will be missed dearly. Our sincere condolences to Edie and her family during this difficult and sad time. If you would like to send a card to Edie her address is 8832 Valley Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051

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

ACHIEVEMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

New and fun achievements this month!

The AKC has sent out invitations to those who are eligible to compete in the 12th Rally National Championship at Purina Farms on July 3, 4 and 5. We just got notice that it will held there. (it had been hit by a tornado earlier this year). It is a great place although because of the damage quite a few of the buildings will probably not be repaired by the time of the Rally and Obedience Championship. The big convention center did not receive any damage. [Whether you are planning on going or not, you are welcome to send us your information and a picture of your certificate \(optional\) to Stacey and Jacqui as you did last year.](#) We will try to get them in the May newsletter. If you are thinking about or planning on going... get in touch with Judy Skorup. She has competed there for two years in a row and she can give you more information.

The national rankings in CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) have come out and some of our members made the rankings. I did go through them and I hope that I got everyone from ADTC who is listed. If I missed someone, let me know and I will be sure to list them next month. The listings are national. It is a nice honor to be listed. Here are the listings that I found.

- **BIG BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO STACEY NASH AND MILO** who are listed in the COMPANION DOG SPORTS PROGRAM national rankings. Milo was listed 8th in Starter Novice A and 15th in Starter Novice C. These listings are national so quite an honor!
- Also, **BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUI HARTRANFT AND COOPER** who is also listed 15th in the COMPANION DOG SPORTS PROGRAM, Utility B. He is presently working on his CDSP OTCH. He also finished his AKC Rally Advanced title at Golden Rule, NJ on March 16.
- And not to be outdone by her brother, **ABBEY AND JACQUI HARTRANFT**, were listed 17th in the 2024 rankings in Utility B. Abbey is working on her 2nd OTCH in the Companion Dog Sports Program.

STAR PUPPIES!



CONGRATULATIONS, also to Sue lobst, Joanne Stocker, and Jacqui Hartranft and their puppies for earning their AKC STAR PUPPY PROGRAM TITLE. Many thanks to Terry Papineau for teaching them how to be a STAR PUPPY!!

2025 PET SPECIAL DAYS

1st Week – International Pooper Scooper Week ([Best scooper reviews](#))

2nd Week– Animal Care & Control Appreciation Week

April 11 – National Pet Day

3rd Week – Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week

3rd Week – National Pet ID Week ([Dog tags](#))

Last Saturday of April– World Veterinary Day ([How to pick a vet](#))

April 30 – Adopt a Shelter Pet Day ([Adopt don't shop](#))

April 30 – National Therapy Animal Day ([Therapy and service dogs](#))



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION / TIPS

- Structure the environment for success, inconvenience will happen!
- Your dog will enjoy training more if you train with cookies instead of corrections.
- If you spend your energy correcting, they won't be very interested in training. Using treats, toys and attention for your focus in training, you'll have a more willing partner.

Four keys to overcoming distractions:

1. Knowing the environment
2. Know the dog.
3. Know the value of the reinforcement in that environment.
4. Be 'present' as a dog owner.

Be Proactive rather than reactive, catch the dog being right! If the dog is bad, the behavior has already happened. Think spilled milk –it's already spilled and nothing you do now will keep it from not spilling.

If you already know certain situations set your dog off to do behaviors you don't want. Don't ignore it and then try to fix it – it's too late at that point.

Assuming your dog will always be "bad".... If you assume your dog will always be bad, then guess what???

You will be:

- More prepared
- A better planner
- Use more appropriate management
- Have better judgment
- Develop faster reflexes
- Read your dog better
- Actually watch your dog
- Not put your dog in a situation where your dog will fail





4338 Clear Way
Allentown, PA 18103
March 20, 2025

Allentown Dog Training Club
Linda Eldon
68 Bull Rd.
Barto, PA 19504

Dear Linda

It is time again for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club to show their appreciation to the Allentown Dog Training Club for the fine job you have done stewarding our obedience and rally events at the September Point Show, and the December Point Shows. Please accept the enclosed check as our way of saying "Thank You". Stewards are very hard to get and if it wasn't for the dedication of your club members, we would be forced to stop offering obedience and rally at our shows.

Please use the money in any way you see fit to help your club in their training endeavors. Thank you again to all of the members who have continued to offer their services at our events.

Sincerely,

Barbara E Dunkling

Barbara E. Dunkling
Corresponding Secretary



ADTC AWARDS PICNIC

This picnic is for all members and guests!

DATE: June 7, 2025 Time: 12:00pm
RAIN OR SHINE!

Food served from 1pm-3pm

Location: Macungie Memorial Park
Lions Pavilion

MENU

Food to include: Fruit Salad, Vegetable Tray, Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers, Oven Roasted Chicken Pieces, Roasted Red Skin
Potatoes, Baked Beans!

Drinks to include: Water and Soda

please bring a dessert to share

(Catered by A&L Catering)

Members: \$10.00 Guest: \$17.25

RSVP by June 1st 2025 (include payment)



NAME(S): _____

Members: _____ @ \$10.00 Guest(s): _____ @ \$17.25

TOTAL DUE: _____

ADTC Awards Picnic completed form and check can be returned to:



Chuck or Debbie Achenzie

on training nights or by Mail to:

1935 Kensington Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018

send payment and RSVP by June 1st, 2025



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

Macungie Park

ADTC General Meeting Minutes

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**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Date: March 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by President Gail James, who noted that there were 34 members in attendance.

Minutes:

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on February 19, 2025 which are posted on the website. No corrections or additions were noted. Joanne Stock moved to accept the February 19, 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie. The motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:

Treasurer's report read to the General Membership in attendance. No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Katie Dyer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Lili Sanderlin and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

AKC update received regarding the addition of two breeds to conformation. The updates were to the Hound and Toy groups.

AKC has updated their misconduct procedures and fines for dogs that show signs of illness at shows.

All updates and correspondence from then AKC will be shared with the general membership via the email portal.

AKC announced their prior proposal for event fee increases has been postponed.

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

absent - no report

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

The following Membership information will be presented at the General Meeting on 3/12/2025

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

There are no first readings.

Second Readings...vote into membership

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A motion was made by Wilma Brucker Krause to accept the 3 new members. Sharon Merkel seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:

Classes start March 26 & 27

There will be a Seminar on April 19th regarding common ways to loose points. The seminar is for members only. Please sign up with Phyllis if you would like to attend.

Reminder to please be careful with club equipment and putting things away. We will be purchasing new equipment and it is important that we take extra care of it.

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz.

Trial information/premium has been added to the website home page.

Publicity – Jennifer Weidman

Jennifer will be sending out sign ups for two upcoming events: Sunday May 4th, Paws at the Park and Sunday June 8, Paw Prints On The Canal.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due March 25th. Jacqui requested that members send their brags and pictures to be published in the Newsletter. Please send information and pictures to Stacey Nash: staceyhayesnash@gmail.com or Jacqui Hartranft: japhart@ptd.net

Sunshine committee Sherry Hanley

no report

Point Show – Gail James

Premium is on the website home page. Berks opens April 1st and Ours opens April 2nd. Go to Show Entries to register.

Berks brought Utility equipment last year and will do so again. Our club will bring Rally equipment and may need to help supply other items if Berks requests.

We will need Stewards and helpers. Signs ups will come at a later date.

Boy Scouts will once again provide food.

Old Business:

New Business:

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The next Board meeting will be held on March 23, 2025 at 6:00PM. in Macungie Hall.
- The next General Meeting will be held on April 9, 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 Joanne Stock moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Deborah Knappenberger. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President, Gail James adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary