



# BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to the ADTC **JUNE** issue of Barks & Bytes

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Welcome to the June newsletter of BARKS & BYTES. We hope that everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day. Please remember all the sacrifices that were made by many so we can live in freedom in this great Country. Now the summer will begin although the weather we had in May did not feel very summery.

As I write this, I think back to what an exciting weekend it was in Barto at our annual Obedience and Rally Point Show which we held along with Berks County Dog Training Club. We saw many of our members participating in the various classes and some of our new members either entered or helped to steward. And not to mention seeing and greeting old friends we only get to see at shows. We hope that everyone was successful. And if not, there is always another show. The weather was quite nice, not too hot nor too cold. Plenty of parking and NO RAIN! Setup went well on Friday and tear down was finished in no time thanks to great teamwork between the two clubs.

Many, many thanks to all who entered or came to help or just to watch. The Boy Scouts were there again to have tasty food to purchase. We hope that everyone supported them so they will come back next year. It is nice to have good and reasonable priced food at trials. And thanks to Cris Courduff for having such beautiful rosettes, especially those large red, white, and blue rosettes!! And we cannot forget to thank Beverly Melchor for allowing us to rent her huge building. She always co-operates and has the building ready for us to set up for the trials.

AND MANY MANY THANKS TO GAIL AND HER COMMITTEE OF HELPERS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO PUT THIS ON. IT TAKES MANY HANDS TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. I will not mention names for fear of missing someone but all who were there know who these members are. We are sure Gail will have a full report later on as soon as all the expenses, etc. are in.

THANK YOU THANK YOU TO ALL!!!

AND FINALLY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THESE TWO TRIALS. WHETHER YOU QUALIFIED OR NOT, WE KNOW THAT IT TAKES QUITE A BIT OF COURAGE TO ENTER YOUR DOG.

But what a thrill when you either place or qualify!!

– all the best, *Jacqui*

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## 2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The next general meeting just ended June 4<sup>th</sup>. The next is the second Wednesday (July 9<sup>th</sup>).

The 2025 board of directors and officers are listed below.

<b>President:</b>	Gail James	<b>Board Members:</b>	Debbie Achenzie
<b>Vice President:</b>	Chuck Achenzie		Edie Rysdyk
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<b>Librarian:</b>	Edie Rysdyk
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<b>Newsletter co-editor:</b>	Stacey Nash
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**NOTE: Our general membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.**

# ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL

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The group email is: [ADTC-MembershipGroup@groups.io](mailto:ADTC-MembershipGroup@groups.io)



## TRAINING

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**Training will go on as usual this month and in June.** After that classes will be held outdoors and be drop ins only. We will be going indoors in September but do remember that there will be no classes the week of the Blue Mountain Cluster Dog shows. If you have any questions, be sure to come to the next general meeting which will be June 4, instead of June 11 this month. The meeting will be held in the building. In September we will go back to our regular prepaid sessions..

## SPRING SHOW

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**To all who were there as participants or helpers or came to see the trials, many thanks.** Both trials were well run, and the judges were happy with the stewards. THANK YOU ALL WHO STEWARDED. For new people, we hope that this was a great learning experience. This is a sport where there is so much to learn and there is always something more to learn as learning never ends.

“Good Morning All.

I received a very nice Thank You email from judge Frank Cardillino. He appreciated our gift as he loves coffee and he said the stewards were top notch!

-Gail “

“Good Evening All!

Our Spring Trial is a Wrap!! Great Event from start to finish. Our setup crew had the site in shape quickly, everything ran smoothly on Saturday. Our stewards were top notch, and so nice to see so many of our new members helping! I am terrible with names and don't want to miss anyone, so just a Big Thank You to our helpers!! The clean-up also went smoothly, Bev is pleased with how well we cleaned up the building. As the saying goes It Takes a Village, and the ADTC members are the Best! I am looking forward to hearing our members' brags at the next meeting.

Thank you, Gail

# MEMBERSHIP

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**WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED ADTC.** We hope to see all of you in our classes or at our meetings. And do not forget our Awards Program and Picnic which are fast approaching on June 7. See the flyer for more information.

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## ADTC AWARDS PROGRAM & PICNIC

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**Our ANNUAL PICNIC and AWARDS CELEBRATION will be on us by the time this newsletter comes out. It is a time of great fun and fellowship.** Not to mention CONGRATULATING ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE EARNED THE AWARDS FOR DOING GREAT THINGS WITH THEIR DOGS. How great it is to see everyone who received a special award. But not only that, it is nice to see members who we do not get to talk to very often. You do not need to be getting an award to attend. But there is great food and fellowship!! And remember you can do this also!! I also want to add that since ADTC is an AKC sponsored club, so the awards are only given to those participating in AKC events.

And many thanks to Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz for compiling and the information and making sure that everything is correct for the plaques and certificates. Be sure to thank them when you see them as they do such an excellent job. Even if you are not getting an award for the year 2024, we hope that this will inspire you to work hard with your dog and be part of those getting awards this year. The AKC recognizes many different titles now so check their website to see what they will recognize. Your Star Puppy title (as of this year) is recognized to be listed after your dog's name. If you have any questions, Judy and Pat can help you.

**WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!!**

## WEBSITE

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**This is your website, and Steve Markowitz would love to have pictures to put on it.** Send any pictures of you and your dog having fun, competing, doing silly things, anything like that. Or just add pictures of your best friend. Do check it from time to time to see what has been added.

If you have any questions give him an email or call.

Steve can be reached at: [smarko1@rcn.com](mailto:smarko1@rcn.com)

## SUNSHINE

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It's with sadness to let you all know that:



**Please keep Liz Long in your thoughts and prayers as she fell and broke her foot.** Sherry had sent an email to the membership a brief time ago. We are sure she would appreciate cards and phone calls.

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**It's with sadness to announce that Barbara Grotzinger's (standard poodle) Clyde crossed rainbow bridge.** Please keep her in your thoughts. If you would like to reach out with condolences to her at:

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[tokirai@yahoo.com](mailto:tokirai@yahoo.com)

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN

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**See the 2025 National Obedience and Rally Championships further down.**

## A PLACE TO TRAIN

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Even though Liz is tied up with a broken foot, she still has rentals available.

# ACHIEVEMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Here is the list of members who have sent me their ACHIEVEMENTS.

**BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!!**

We love to hear about anything that you and your dog have done no matter how big or how small. Enjoy reading about what some of our members have been up to. From Breed to Rally!



**Donna Barto is proud of her chocolate labrador, Glaceudge's The One You Love, known as Dawn, who earned her Rally Novice title.**

**BIG CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**LINDA ELDON and her Bernese Mountain Dog, Mollie, made a big impression at the Bernese Mountain Dog Specialty in Gettysburg last month where she took first place in Utility. Mollie was the first Berner in three years to earn a Utility Dog title and she also earned her RACH title. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club was very proud of what Linda and Mollie achieved with a breed not known for their work in Obedience/Rally. While competing at the National she also qualified in Rally competitions and earned a leg for her RACH2.**



**LINK LINKER and husky, CH Highland's Conspiring at Snoebear CD BN CGC TKN known as Karma earned her Companion Dog title with a fourth place at the Philadelphia Dog Training Club in May. Link also added that Karma earned her three Novice legs with placements! BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!!**

**DIANA SKVASIK and German Shephard Dog, BJ, did well at our weekend at Barto with the Berks Dog Training Club.** They earned their first leg in Rally Novice B with a great score of 100!! I will also add that BJ is a rescue dog and what a good boy he is.

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU!!!

Hello!

I have a brag to share for the newsletter! On Sunday, 5/18, we attended the Berks County Dog Training Club trial at Orchard Hills Training Center in Barto. BJ earned his first leg in Rally Novice B with a perfect score of 100 and 1st place!!! BJ is 4 years old and this was his very first trial! A lot of firsts- (1st trial, 1st leg, 1st place) LOL!

I am so proud and overjoyed!

- Diana



Figure 1 BJ with his ribbons

**JACQUI HARTRANFT reports that her puppy, SUNDOG'S RACING AT STONEY HOLLOW, KNOWN AS TUCKER,** earned his STAR PUPPY AND ALSO HIS CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TITLES. What a good boy he is and they are looking forward to a great future.

**SHERRY HANDLY and MUZZY and LEGEND at the Belgian Sheepdog National Specialty in Ohio.**

Last month we attended the Belgian Sheepdog National Specialty in Ohio. We came home with some ribbons to brag about. But the biggest brag is that it's been 9 months since Muzzy has been in remission after being diagnosed with lymphoma. He stepped back in the ring after his recovery from chemotherapy treatments and it was so good to be at the end of his leash again. He competed in the Veteran Obedience Class and won 1st place. In Conformation he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7-9yr old class and 4<sup>th</sup> in Veteran Sweeps.

**Legend** earned his 1st leg in rally advanced and made both cuts in the breed competition.



**Muzzy**

Multi Group Placing/OHRBIS/BISS  
GCH Mustang Mufasa Alias Dakota  
CD RA FACT CAX CGCU TKN FMD



**Legend**

CH Celebre Legendary Frozen J BN RI CGC TKN

# NOC and RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

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These two special AKC Events will be held July 3 to 7 at the Purina Event Center in Greys Summit in Missouri. This year the Rally event will be four days rather than three the last year or two. It will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Obedience Championship will be July 7 and 8. Friday and Saturday. It will be televised on AKC TV. We know that many of you have received invitations and please let us know if you are intending on going if your entry is accepted. For Rally because of the substantial number of entries, there is usually a drawing type system.

It is so interesting to watch the top obedience and rally dogs in the country competing. There will be a camera in two rings and usually there is also an announcer to let you know what is going on and who is in the ring. We heard that some of our members are planning to go to the Rally National. If anyone from ADTC is planning on attending please let us know. Judy Skorup and Homer are planning on attending following in the footsteps of Homer's big sister Emma. Judy has written about her and Emma adventures there. It was published in BARKS & BYTES several years ago. Do check it out in the back issues. I believe it might be two or three years ago. Great reading especially if you are planning to go. Judy also is hoping that those planning on going will contact her. She said that this year you can crate with a group, and she felt it would be nice to have members from ADTC crate together. She is planning to send out a notice to members. AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.

My husband and I and our two dogs at the time, Emmett, and Poppy, went out to Purina Farms to get a special award that Emmett was receiving at the Labrador Retriever Specialty. This was over ten years ago. Purina Farms is a wonderful place to hold something like the Obedience/Rally Nationals and breed specialties. It did sustain some damage from those severe storms that went through a few months ago. Fortunately, the large main building where most of events are held was not damaged and many of the other buildings which had great damage are being repaired. So far those planning on going GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!!

## 2025 SPECIAL DAYS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Holiday and Weeklong Celebration</b></li><li>• June 1–7   Pet Appreciation Week (first week in June)</li><li>• June 1–7   National Dog Bite Awareness Week</li><li>• June 16–20   Take Your Pet to Work Week®</li><li>• June 16–22   Animal Rights Awareness Week (third week in June)</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Holidays and Awareness Days</b></li><li>• June 10   World Pet Memorial Day (second Tuesday in June)</li><li>• June 14   Missing Mutts Awareness Day (second Saturday in June)</li><li>• June 14   National Dog Dad Day</li><li>• June 18   Veterinary Appreciation Day</li><li>• June 20   Take Your Dog to Work Day®</li><li>• June 21   National Dog Party Day</li><li>• June 22   National Pet Choking Prevention Day</li><li>• June 28   World Day Against the Abandonment of Domestic Animals (last Saturday in June)</li><li>•</li></ul>
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## FROM CRIS CORDOUF

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Cris sent two nice writings for the newsletter, and we appreciate her thoughts. So, enjoy reading what she wrote. She also wondered why no one, especially in Rally but now becoming more common in obedience, competitors do not take their dogs in the ring for awards any longer. Does anyone know?

Thank you Cris for taking the time to write up something for the newsletter. We love hearing from members.

As a very old member, it is nice to see so many new members that I don't know but am glad for their help!!! Not every Club has so many dedicated members to fill the slack of us "Older Members." Kudos also to our very "Treasured Phyllis Broderick", who filled in for Berks as Trial Secretary, and, to Lois Linker and Allen & Alita Dengler who manned the Rally Table for Berks.  
ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB MEMBERS ARE THE BEST !!!!

*Cris & Ruger*

I would like to acknowledge how Awesome our May Trial was and how our ADTC Members step up to the task of making it Awesome!!  
I have one observation that bothers me. At the end of each Class when the Judge is acknowledging the Qualifiers, I am disappointed in not seeing all the Dogs with their Handlers. After all, you couldn't do it without them at your side in the Ring, so why not bring them in for their shared reward???

Just saying,

*Cris & Ruger*



# PHOTOS FROM OUR SPRING SHOW!





*Thank you to those that took photos!*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT submitted by an anonymous member.

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### **“ATTENTION”**

A dog cannot be made to give your “attention”. They can be lured with food or forced thru props with the leash and collar. However, the attention we are looking for is an action given to us voluntarily. This response has been encouraged and developed through step-by-step motivational training exercises designed to bring out your dog’s desire to follow you because he thinks you’re a neat person to be around.

*“Passion is energy.*

*Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you.”*

*—Oprah Winfrey*



**ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2025**

**Macungie Park**

**ADTC General Meeting Minutes**

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**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Date: May 7, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by President Gail James, who noted that there were 24 members in attendance.

**Minutes:**

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on April 9, 2025 which are posted on the website. No corrections or additions were noted. Katie Dyer moved to accept the April 9, 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie. The motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:** absent - report read by Gail James

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

**Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:**

AKC correspondence received again asking clubs to host their own Responsible Dog Owner day. Katie will forward via email system to all members. The club would need someone to run the event. Let us know if anyone would like to volunteer.

May 8 is National Animal Disaster Day. Katie will also forward information to the members on how to be prepared in case of emergency with your animals.

The Teddy Roosevelt Terrier has joined the Terrier Group and is now recognized by the AKC.. Additionally, the Canadian Kennel Club is now recognized by the AKC.

**Federation – Edie Rysdyk/Gail James:**

We recently voted on and sent payment for the club to be in the directory for 2 years.

**Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:**

The following Membership information will be presented at the General Meeting on 5/7/2025

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

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**Second Readings**...*vote into membership*

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A motion was made by Sue Iobst to accept the 2 new members. Donna Barto Seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:** absent - Tracy Krapf read

Today is the start of a new session. We are indoors until the end of June. There are no classes next week and June 11-12 because of prior commitments. We had lots of people volunteer for the May show including new members. A great way to learn. I'm very happy that so many different people came out to help and I want to thank everyone who volunteered whether or not you are working that day. If I didn't tap you for this show, I hope you can help in November.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Website – Steve Markowitz.**

No report

**Publicity – Jennifer Weidman**

We got rained out for Paws in the Park - Grange Park, Macungie. Maybe next year. Paw Prints on the Canal, Northampton, PA is Sunday June 8th. We would love for you to join us. In the past they asked us to do a small demonstration, would be nice to have more dogs of all training levels come out and join us for demos and talking about the club.

**Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:**

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due May 25th. Jacqui requested that members send their brags and pictures to be published in the Newsletter. Also, if anyone has a story to put in the newsletter, we would love to have it. Please send information and pictures to Stacey Nash: [staceyhayesnash@gmail.com](mailto:staceyhayesnash@gmail.com) or Jacqui Hartranft: [japhart@ptd.net](mailto:japhart@ptd.net)

**Sunshine committee - Sherry Hanley**

Janet Krupp fell and broke her ankle and needs surgery. Sherry will be sending a get well card and also sending information to the membership if they would like to also send a card.

Thank you from Jaqui Hartranft for the sympathy cards and condolences received on the loss of her sister.

**Awards Picnic - Chuck Achenzie:**

So far we have 28 people signed up for the picnic. Please get your RSVP in soon. \$10 for members and \$17.25 for non-member guests. Food will be same as last year. Please bring a dessert to share.

**Point Show – Gail James:**

195 entries - open 55 dogs, Utility and Beginner Novice ring has 39 dogs, 101 Rally entries. Set up is May 16. Will also need help with clean up on Sunday May 18 after the shows. Maps for Rally will be on the website Friday. Show starts at 9AM.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- The next Board meeting will be held on June 22, 2025 at 6:00PM. in Macungie Hall.
- The next General Meeting will be held on June 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM Inside at Macungie Park
- Don't forget our Staples number is 610-439-2800

### **Braggs:**

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

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the general membership Katie Dyer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lili Sanderlin The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary