

The Barking Times

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President's Message & Open Meeting

I would like to welcome all of the new club members to our club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the board members that are listed on the front page of the Barking Times. Please review the "important dates" below so that you are familiar with the class schedule and any upcoming events.

Please remember to clean up after your dogs both inside and outside. Please remember to NOT let your dog go to the end of your leash when entering and exiting the building. It is important to keep control of your dog at all times. If you are using club equipment to practice with your dog prior to classes starting, please return the equipment to the storage room when you are finished. Also, try to be out of the rings about 10 minutes prior to classes starting so students may enter the rings with their dogs and keep traffic flowing throughout the building.

Please note that the next open meeting will be held on October 8, 2008 at 7pm. **The meeting will be held in the 4H Building, which is connected to our training building due to a scheduling conflict.** We will need to roll the mats in our building after the meeting. Please stay to help if you can. The meeting will last about an hour and a half. All those in attendance will receive 10 paws points for the meeting. If you have a business matter that you feel needs to be heard by the club membership, please contact the President, Diane Townsend, at 260-485-2965 prior to October 5, 2008. The executive board meeting will be held prior to the open meeting (place and time TBD).

Diane Townsend, President

Important Dates

Sept 28	AKC Tracking Test
Oct 8	Open Meeting
Oct 13	Agility Classes
Oct 14	Public Classes
Oct 15	Member Classes
Oct 17-19	AKC Agility Trial
Nov 12	BT Deadline
Dec 10	Christmas Party

***Open Meeting Oct. 8th @
7:00PM in the 4-H Building***



\$\$\$\$\$ New Class Fees \$\$\$\$\$

FWOTC will be charging everyone taking a club member class a base fee of \$10.00 plus 30 paws points beginning with the October session for each class. If you do not have 30 paws points, then you will make up the difference monetarily in addition to the base fee of \$10.00. This is a one time fee per class that each club member is taking. Those exempt would be the following:

- 1) Senior citizen (65yrs. and over)
- 2) Children under 18yrs. of age
- 3) New members taking first class which is free

Please note that the Club DOT's and/or the instructors will forward their class lists to the Paws Points Coordinator after the first night of class. We will provide you with what your fee will be if you do not have enough paws points by the 2nd night of your class. If you need to know what your paws points are at any time, you can email or call Vickie Galloway (see front of newsletter). If you have any questions or problems, you can email or call Diane Townsend (see front of newsletter).

Brag!

CH Carol Michel and Border Collie Sydney finished her Championship at the Kane County Fairgrounds. She is now **CH Wildfire from Sydney**

RN Diane Townsend's Pointer "Stratton" finished her Rally Novice title this past July in Monroe, MI while trying to keep pace with her brother Bud. She is now known as Jester's You Can't Bee Serious, RN, NJP.

RA Diane Townsend's Pointer "Bud" finished his Rally Advanced title this past June in Troy, OH. He placed 2nd in his class each time. He is now known as "CH Jester's Dead Serious, RA, RN.

RE Gayle Chobot's Labrador Retriever, Racer, finished his Rally Excellent Title on August 2 in Marshall, MI. He is now **Gunshot Ready Set Go (Racer) CD RE OA AXJ.**

U-CD Sheila Boneham's 2-year-old Labrador Retriever, Lily, finished her U-CD on Aug 16 in LaPorte, earning her third leg with a third place in Novice B. Lily earned three legs in June in Montpelier, OH, with two second places and a third place, but only 2 counted because the same judge officiated both days (3 legs must be earned under at least 2 judges). That's 3 titles in 3 different sports since May, so Lily is now officially **U-CD Diamond's Perennial Waterlily TD RN CG**

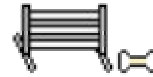
U-CDX Continuing towards the goal of the United Kennel Club Utility Dog title, Gayle Chobot's Deacon earned his UCDX on September 14 at Dexter, Michigan. All three legs were first places AND High in Trial. Deacon is now **UCDX Jaunty Deacon UDX, AX, AXJ, CGC.**

ASCA-CD The following weekend (Aug 23 & 24), Lily earned her ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) CD from the Novice B class in Winchester, IN. On Sat., Lily earned her first leg with a 4th place. Then on Sunday, she earned her second leg with another 4th place, and her third leg with a 2nd place in very nice competition. That's 3 titles in 3 different sports since May, making Lily's official name **U-CD Diamond's Perennial Waterlily [ASCA] CD, [AKC] TD RN CGC.**

MACH 3 Steve Wheeler's Sheltie Ivy, got her MACH 3 after this weekend in Grand Rapids. She is now **MACH 3 Ivy Green With Envy**

Class signup for the Next session is Oct 6th Don't miss out!

Member Obedience Classes
Schedule beginning Oct. 15th 2008 (Wednesday nights)



SUB-NOVICE CLASS - Instructor: Diane Townsend. 8:00 Class, Limit 12 students (Priority given to incoming public students) \$10.00 Fee AND \$30.00 OR 30 Paw Points.

Start to fine tune your obedience work here! This class will take a 10 second "stay" and make it to one minute! Or so we hope. Basic obedience commands will be covered. You will need a sense of humor, hungry dog, & lots of patience. Have some fun! Call or e-mail: Dean 260-490-5268 BenCedar@aol.com

NOVICE/GRAD NOVICE CLASS - Instructor: Nancy Wright. 7:00 Class, Limit 12 students, \$10.00 Fee AND \$30.00 OR 30 Paw Points. This class will work on the Novice exercises with proofing and getting the dogs ready for the ring. Introducing the dogs to Grad Novice exercises which will include: high jump, broad jump, & dumbbell work. Treats, clicker (if you use one), & dumbbell needed. Heeling will be done off leash. Be ready to work! Call or e-mail: Dean 260-490-5268, BenCedar@aol.com

TRICK YOUR DOG! - Instructor: Jane Bowman. 7:00 Class, Limit 12 students, \$10.00 Fee AND \$30.00 OR 30 Paw Points. "Sit!"-Excuse ME? "Come!"-You have to be kidding! Let Jane show you some tricks to help with these, and more problems. "ROVER" will never know what is coming! There will be some help for Open & Rally as well. Learn, enjoy, & get the upper hand! Call or e-mail: Dean 260-490-5268, BenCedar@aol.com

RALLY: NOVICE, ADVANCED, & EXCELLENT - Instructor: Judy Bireley and Cathy Martin. 6:30-8:00. Prerequisite: *Working knowledge of the signs*. Limit 12 students, \$10.00 Fee AND \$30.00 OR 30 Paw Points. All students should have a working knowledge of the signs. These signs can be pulled down from the AKC web-site which includes information on each sign. Know your signs and we will teach you how to go thru the course with your dog. Rally on! Call or e-mail: Dean 260-490-5268, BenCedar@aol.com

When requesting a class have the following information ready:

**Your e-mail & phone #
Dogs name, breed, & age
Method of payment**

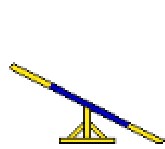
Tracking for Fall and Winter



For the Fall and Winter sessions we are not offering any structured tracking classes. But, any FWOTC member who would like to track can contact any of the following people to set up a time to track with them. Please keep in mind that we may not be able to accommodate your schedule and that we may sometimes need to make allowances for change of schedule. Having said that it is our desire to offer this as a way to help you with your tracking during a time that we cannot offer structured classes.

Although we do understand emergencies, what we ask from you in return is the commitment to arrive on time, call 24 hours ahead if you cannot make it, stay the entire time until all dogs are tracked, learn to lay track, follow along and pick up flags for other tracking teams, and agree to volunteer to work at our tracking tests and seminars. We ask for this commitment from you for several reasons. The 1st is that we are volunteering our training time to help you with your tracking. The 2nd reason is that tracking is a time intensive sport and it is helpful to have others that can assist when we train and at our tests and seminars.

Pam Johnson- blackyellowlabs@comcast.net Rhonda Woody- gr8rotts@aol.com Barb Croy- glddogs2@yahoo.com.



AGILITY SCHEDULE



Agility Classes Beginning Monday, Oct 13th 2008

Agility runs on Monday this session.

Thanks to all instructors this session: Jane, Sharon, Mike and Steve. We are always looking for new people to step up and volunteer to help. If you are interested let me know.

Monday AM.-

Open Ring to practice Agility: This is not a structured class. Everyone who shows up on time and assists with equipment set up will be allowed to work their dogs.

Rules:

1. *You must be in the building ready to help set up equipment by 9:30.*

(We had a request to change the time to 10, however a poll of individuals participating showed that the majority desired to keep the time at 9:30 so no change will be made at this time).

2. *Dogs running must be comfortable on the equipment: Dog safety is the priority.*

Equipment set up is a team effort. Everyone please feel free to bring course ideas as we welcome everyone's input. As DOT I want to thank everyone who comes in on Monday and helps set up equipment. We have appreciated the courses we have seen in the evenings!

Monday PM:

Evening classes: 6:15pm to 9:15pm

October 13th is the first class of the new session. This is the Monday before the trial, so we will have practice runs and an opportunity for anyone volunteering to work to practice the various jobs. Practice starts at 6:15 and will run until everyone is finished or 9:15 whichever comes first.

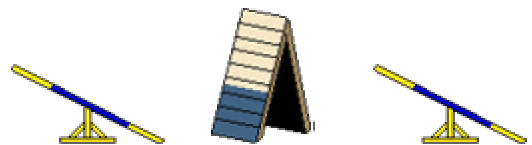
October 20th there will be no classes as this is the Monday after the trial.

6:15-7:15: Handling for Success: Limit 8 teams, Jane and Sharon will do a continuation of the class they are teaching. Learning handling tips, walking courses, map reading etc. For those teams who want some help with handling issues. We will work on walking the course to learn how to identify sequences such as Pinwheels, Serpentine, 180's, Weave entrances, discriminations, and challenges such as side switches and handler vs. obstacle focus. This class will spend some time without the dogs so you **MUST HAVE A CRATE** for your dog to participate.

7:15 to 8:15 and 8:15 to 9:15 classes for anyone interested in working on handling, sequences and challenges/discriminations. We will work on crosses such as front, rear, blind, RVPs etc. and determining which to use in different situations.

This class will spend some time without the dogs so you **MUST HAVE A CRATE** for your dog to participate.

Agility Trial October 17, 18, 19
at the Plex!



Keep in mind the agility trial is October 17, 18 and 19th. We will be looking for help Thursday night loading equipment and if we can get the Plex, unloading and setting up. The trial runs all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday with clean up and equipment return to the club Sunday late afternoon. There will be plenty of opportunity to volunteer to work and earn Paw Points.

Sign up sheets to volunteer will be at the Open meeting Wednesday if you have not signed up already and want to help, please sign up then or contact Dawn at 637-0368.

Good Luck to everyone entered to run at the trial.



MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING August 6, 2008

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 P. M. Lynn swager moved for the dispensing of the reading of the minutes; Dawn Taylor seconded, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barb Croy reported that FWOTC has \$14,688.36 in various accounts, reflecting a loss of \$606.19 since June 2008.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Kersjes asked that the FWOTC web site be changed to reflect the increase in Puppy and Adult class fees.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Sherry Bell presented information regarding the May 2nd & 3rd 2009 Obedience Trial: (1) Entry fees will be \$23.00 for the first entry and \$17.00 for the second entry of the same dog. (2) High-in-Trail each day will receive \$50.00 and High-Combined will receive \$100.00. (3) Catalogs will cost \$5.00. The judges for the Trail are David Mauer, Jim Ham and Linda MacDonald. Barb Croy moved to increase entry fees from \$23.00 to \$25.00. Pam Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Kellams reported that there is enough equipment to begin the next session of classes.

AGILITY – DOT

Dawn Taylor will act as volunteer co-coordinator for the upcoming Agility Trial.

CLUB MEMBER DOT

Dean Lund and Nancy Wright informed the membership that a Novice instructor and an assistant are needed on Wednesday evenings. The Sub-Novice class is full and the Novice class is almost full.

PUBLIC CLASS – DOTS

Steve Wheeler stated that a 7:00 P.M. instructor is needed. Any club member interested in training in the open rind on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 P.M. -6:45 P.M. should contact Steve.

OLD BUSINESS

TRACKING SEMINAR

Cindy Beard is in charge of volunteers for the Tracking Test on Sept. 28, 2008. Volunteers will receive 5 Paws Points for every hour worked. Premium Lists are now available. Judge Sandy McMillen will offer one hour private tracking lessons during the week she is here. Her Clinic will take place Sept. 20th from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There are limited working spots and unlimited auditing spots.

MATTING - Any club member interested in obtaining used FWOTC matting should contact Diane Townsend. A drawing will take place if there are many club members interested in the equipment. There are 4-6 mats 50' long and approximately 12 gates.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY – FWOTC will participate in this event on Saturday, Sept 13th 2008 at Franke Park. Club members will demonstrate Rally and Agility. A schedule of events will soon be available.

PRESIDENT - President Diane Townsend thanked club members who participated in the Agility and Rally demos at the Allen County Fair.

BARKING TIMES - Deb McCoy reminded club members that the BT deadline is Sept. 12th 2008.

AGILITY COMMITTEE

Lisa Fair reported that FWOTC has purchased toys for the Trial, Oct. 17th – 19th. Several corrections need to be made to the Premium List prepared by Amy Sugars.

FAIR BOARD

President Diane Townsend reported that the Board will raise funds to re-roof our building, the 4-H building, and the hallway roof in between the two buildings. The demos performed by FWOTC members at the 2008 Allen County Fair were well received.

NEW BUSINESS

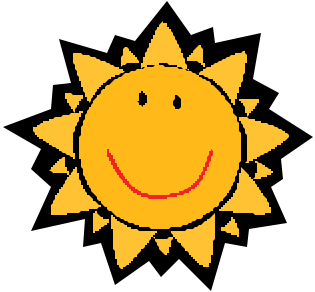
The FWOTC Board voted to charge club members \$10.00 and 30 Paws Points to attend a Club member class beginning in October 2008.

Minutes continued.....

FREE MEMBERSHIPS - The FWOTC Board recommended to the membership that the club no longer offer free membership to club members earning titles. Lynn Thomas seconded, and the motion carried.

LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING- Barb Croy asked for volunteers to attend the benefit golf tournament at Whispering Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 16th in New Haven. FWOTC will sponsor Hole # 8 at this event with proceeds to be used to purchase seizure-alert dogs for two New Haven boys. Volunteers are asked to bring their dogs to the pavilion from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon.

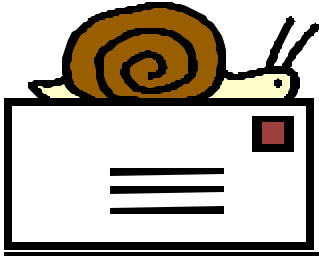
*Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ward, Recording Secretary*



SUNSHINE

Well wishes for a speedy recovery to Della Lutter who was recently released from the hospital.

Good Luck to Judy Bireley who will have hand surgery in November.



Email Addresses

We need your email address. **The Barking Times will no longer be mailed** (except to those who do not have an email address) starting with this issue as discussed at the last open meeting. We will issue a notice to our club members via email that the newsletter is available for viewing. If you have a new email address or don't think that we have your current e-address, then email it to Diane Townsend:

townsend_diane@msn.com



HAPPY FALL EVERYONE!

Remember to **FALL** back with your clocks on November 2nd for day light savings.

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW???

TRACKING POLL:

The tracking committee is in the process of scheduling a tracking seminar for next spring. We would like to have your feedback on your interest in attending a tracking seminar. We have had much positive response in the past to our seminars and wanted to check with the membership for their feedback on future seminars. Please take a few minutes to jot down your comments and send them to; Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@comcast.net.



FOOD POLL:

What are you feeding your dog at home?

With all of the recent formula changes and Corn Gluten scares, who knows what to feed your dog? We would like to hear from you and compile a list of the most popular fed commercial foods by club members. Please e-mail the name of the commercial food that you feed your dog to: Debbie@acmc.biz BE SURE to put FOOD POLL in the message line- so you don't get lost in cyber space! If you prepare holistic dog meals yourself- just list; Home Made.



KENNEL POLL:

The Holidays are just around the corner, and its time to pack up and head off to Grandma's house! But what do you do with Rover?

We would love to know who takes care of your baby when you're away. Please let us know what kennel you use, or if your dog goes to a friend or family member. We will compile a list of the most popular places to send your dogs. Please e-mail your response to Debbie@acmc.biz and BE SURE to put KENNEL POLL in the message line.



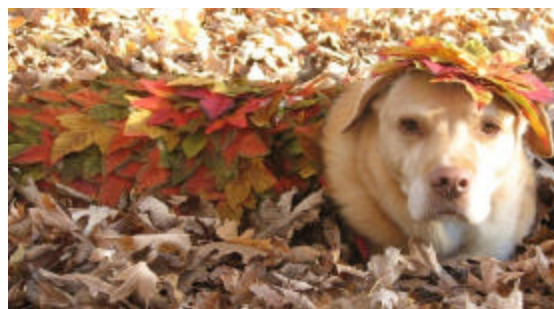
LIBRARY NEWS: We have a new book; *Training Your Dog for Life* by Sheila Webster Boneham, Ph.D. (TFH Publications, 2008) has been nominated for a Maxwell award in the Dog Writers Assoc. of America's 2008 writing competition, as have Sheila's books on Dachshunds and on Golden Retrievers. (Sheila has won Maxwell Awards for 3 previous books). Her article "5 Habits of Highly Successful Pet Owners" (*Fort Wayne Magazine*, January 2008) and her short mystery story "Tracks," starring an Australian Shepherd (in *Racing Can Be Murder*, an anthology focused on the Indy 500) have also been nominated for awards. For more info on current and new books, go to www.sheilaboneham.com. Watch for photos of some FWOTC dogs and other pets in Sheila's book *Rescue Matters: How to Find, Foster, and Rehome Companion Animals: A Guide for Volunteers and Organizers*, coming from Alpine Publications in 2009!

Coming Attractions

**AGILITY TRIAL
THE PLEX
OCTOBER 17-19
8AM TO 5PM**

Fort Wayne Newspapers: Pet Star Contest!

Judy Bireley's Lab "Winston" is at it again! Winston is entered as a "Pile of Leaves" in the Fort Wayne Newspaper Pet Star Contest. The top 12 winners will appear on the local Pet Star calendar. Voting commences Sunday September 14 with the top 75% continuing on in the competition. Donations go toward the Fort Wayne Newspapers in Education program for our local schools. www.petstar.fortwayne.com He is photo #312 on page 13 and is dressed as a pile of leaves.





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FWOTC Schedule – 2008

Barking Times Deadline is Nov. 12th
Next OPEN MEETING is Oct 8th and Dec 10th

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