

# 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 mark your calendars regarding the Obedience Trial on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in our building and the 4H building next door. The trial will begin at 8:00am and finish around 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. We will need volunteers to help clean the mats, equipment, and the building on Wednesday and Thursday (May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) prior to the trial. There will be a "C" match on Friday night, May 7<sup>th</sup> prior to the trial. This match is a practice session and requires pre-entry. This match will require workers along with final set up on Friday night. A total of (5) paw points will be awarded per hour of work completed for anything that needs to be done. There will be sign up sheets posted during the next session as reminders. We will also need ring stewards. We will appoint a Chief Ring Steward who will take the names of volunteers and work out a schedule. Trophy donations will need to be paid prior to the obedience trial as well and I will be contacting those individuals. Teamwork will help make this a successful obedience trial. Thank you in advance!

Please note that membership dues were due on February 1, 2010. If you did not receive a dues notice either by mail or email, please notify Diane Townsend. Dues not paid by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be considered late and a reinstate vote will be necessary.

Please note that the next open meeting will be held on March 10, 2010, starting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in our training building and will last about an hour and a half. All those in attendance will receive 10 paws points. 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 March 6, 2010. The executive board meeting will be held on March 7, 2010 (location to be determined).

*Diane Townsend, President*



**Open Meeting Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**@ 7:00PM**

## Important Date

Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Public Classes
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Member Classes
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Agility Classes
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	BT Deadline
May 8-9	Obedience Trial
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking Dog Ex Test
Jun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Banquet



## MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING – December 9, 2009

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 8:20 P. M. Lynn Swager moved for the dispensing of the reading of the minutes; Deb Ward seconded, and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** –Barb Croy- Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$17,161.75 in various accounts. The club has earned a profit of \$709.08 since June, 2009. The agility trial income was \$14,736.00. The agility trial expenses were \$11,806.49. The net profit for the agility trial was \$2,929.51.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Sharon Kersjes had nothing to report at this time. No applications have been received.

### **1st VICE PRESIDENT**

Nancy Wright reported things were moving along with the obedience trial and everything was on schedule.

### **2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

Bonnie Kellams thanked those that donated to the Christmas raffle.

### **AGILITY – DOT**

Steve Wheeler had nothing to report.

### **CLUB MEMBER DOT**

hDean Lund thanked club members who either taught or assisted with the classes this past 8 weeks.

### **PUBLIC CLASS – DOTS**

Diane Townsend thanked those that taught this past session. She also stated that if anyone was interested in teaching or assisting in a public class to contact her.

### **TRACKING DOT**

No classes planned at this time. There was an upcoming chiropractic/massage day planned for 1/9/10 that had been emailed out to all club members. The appointments were full at this time.

### **PRESIDENT**

President Diane Townsend stated that there was new trim going in around the main door and the east doors and it should be done before we come back from our holiday break. She also stated that the club needed to make some repairs to the wall board or replace it and she would look into this further.

### **BARKING TIMES**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **FAIR BOARD**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **AGILITY**

The Agility Committee had nothing to report at this time.



**SUNSHINE**

Our deepest  
sympathy goes out  
to Christine  
Musselman on the  
loss of her German  
Shepherd, Logan.



### **OLD BUSINESS**

Whatever happened to the oxygen masks. Judy Bireley stated that the fire departments all had oxygen masks for the dogs. She said that maybe some of the ambulances might need some and she would check on it and report back.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Diane Townsend introduced the new members that had just joined the club.

Lynn Swager motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Deb Ward seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:05.

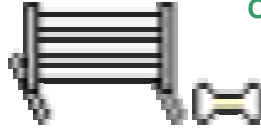
*-Diane Townsend, President*





## Member Obedience Classes

**RUN-THROUGH'S  
FOR OUR TRIAL  
WILL BE DONE ON  
TUES. NIGHTS.**



**Schedule beginning March 17, 2010  
Running through April 28 "OR" May 5  
Our Trial is May 8-9 and the 8<sup>th</sup> week may be  
cancelled to set up for the trial.  
(Wednesday nights)**

**MARCH MADNESS:** 7:00-8:00 PM Instructor: Rhonda Woody Assistant: Marlene Hill  
This class will cover the fun and useful application of obedience exercises! Pick up the odd hints on training and fun-filled uses! A little bit of everything. All levels can learn and use this class.  
Requirements: To have fun while learning.

**CGC (Canine Good Citizen):** 7:00-8:00 PM Instructor: Barb Croy Assistant: Sherry Stratton  
CGC is explained and worked through the first 6 weeks.  
Testing will be on week 7, April 28, Wed. 7:00-9:00 PM First priority will be class students. (students signed up must attend classes)  
🐾 Club members may sign up for testing, based on room, but sign-up is required by April 21 with an e-mail to Barb. (glddogs2@yahoo.com)

**SUB-NOVICE CLASS:** 8:00-9:00 PM Instructor: Robin Katen Assistant: Larry Libbee  
*Free to new students.*  
Students will learn how to get and keep their dog's attention, how to give commands, corrections and praise plus controlled walking on a leash. You will expand your training of sit, down, stay, and come. Training will include stands, long sit & downs, and recalls with fronts.  
Requirements: Sense of humor, lots of treats, and loads of patients!

**RALLY REVIEW CLASS:** 8:00-9:00 PM Instructor: Karen Smallwood Assistant: Cindy Beard  
This class will cover all levels where dog/handler teams work on individual signs to make sure they are doing the exercises correctly, practice loose leash heeling, work on down-stays and sit-stays, practice jumping, and practice putting together short sequences.  
The last 3 weeks will be set-ups for novice, advanced, and excellent courses.

**E-MAIL OR CALL DEAN:** BenCedar@aol.com / 260-490-5268 FOR ALL OBEDIENCE CLASSES  
**ALL CLASSES REQUIRE** A \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points (Except New Students)

**When requesting a class have the following information ready:**

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

**Sign-up now to become one of the all important Stewards at the Obedience Trial May 8-9. Schedule is flexible and in addition to the fun you will have, 5 paw points are earned for each hour you work. No experience necessary. This is a great opportunity to learn the ropes of competition and socialize with fellow club members.**

**Thank you,  
Dean Lund, Chief Ring Steward**

**Please email Dean to Volunteer at: BenCedar@aol.com at your earliest convenience**

# Tracking



## TD Test

*Tracking Dog Excellent Test* - Sunday May 16 2010



**Contact: Pam Johnson** at [blackyellowlabs@verizon.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@verizon.net)

## CLASS

Six week class on **Mondays April 19 - May 24 - 6pm-8pm** - Outside at different locations in Auburn and Fort Wayne. Teachers Cindy Beard and Rick Reiff. This class is geared toward beginners and those with some tracking experience. You will learn how to start tracking, do straight tracks, cross tracks, learn to read and handle your dog, play motivational games and much more.

**Contact** Pam Johnson at [blackyellowlabs@verizon.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@verizon.net) to sign up for class. **Cost:** \$40 or \$10 and 30 paw points



Please give your name, dogs name,  
breed, tracking experience,  
email and phone number (prefer cell).



## HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed for our TDX test on Sunday May 16 2010. A great way to learn what tracking is all about. We will train you on the job, feed you and pay your entrance into the park :)

Contact Pam Johnson  
[blackyellowlabs@verizon.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@verizon.net)

## This and That

**Tuesday Night Practice:** If you want ring time to practice obedience on Tuesdays nights after 6pm contact Pam Johnson at [blackyellowlabs@verizon.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@verizon.net). Email me on Friday of the week prior to the Tuesday you want ring time. We are only reserving times on a week by week basis. The building is open on Tuesdays and can be used until 6pm without contacting me.

**Daytime Practice:** The bldg. is open 8:30am to 10pm. If you want to go out there to practice you can. You don't need to contact anyone. Just go out, turn the lights on, and turn the heat up to 68 if it isn't already. Make sure you sign the book so we know you were there. Pick a ring to work in then if anyone else comes, they can use a different ring. When you leave, put the stuff away that you may have gotten out, turn the heat back to 55, and turn the lights off. This applies to the obedience stuff.

**Tracking Camp:** Susan and Orrin Eldred of Honor Michigan, AKC tracking judges, offer tracking camps. Information about them and their camps can be found at their new web site <http://fascinating scent.com/>



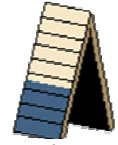
## Attention Shoppers!

Start collecting items NOW for the May FWOTC Show Raffle! Thanks to you, our past Raffles have been FANTASTIC!! Please keep up the good work and make this years a huge success too! You can bring your Raffle items to the club any WED. starting in April. Please give them to Debbie McCoy or Judy Bireley. Or if you are just dropping them off- please email us and let us know that the items are out there!

**Thank you!** Debbie McCoy-Warstler - [debbie@acmc.biz](mailto:debbie@acmc.biz), Judy Bireley- [Judyandwinston@verizon.net](mailto:Judyandwinston@verizon.net)



# AGILITY SCHEDULE



**Agility on Thursday** - Thursday Morning runs the same as in the past. Dog safety is the priority in the morning so make sure your dog is comfortable on any equipment you use and make sure your dog is under control at all times. If you want to work your dog in the morning, you must be on time to assist in set-up and you need to be approved by one of the Agility DOT's if you are new. See Steve Wheeler or Dawn Taylor for details.

## Thursday- Evening classes

6:15 **Intermediate** class usual taught by Jane and Sharon. Continue to enhance your handling skills.

7:00 **Beginning Sequencing** class taught by Mike Evard. This is for beginning teams that are ready to work on sequencing and handling issues. Prior approval for this class is needed to make sure it is the best fit for you and your dog. Contact Mike, Dawn or Steve.

7:45 **Beginning** class for Agility – room for 8 dogs. For dogs coming out of fundamentals class or those in beginning class now that are not ready to move on to a more advanced intermediate class.

7:45 **Advanced sequencing/handling**

8:30 **Advanced sequencing/handling**

## Class Sign-up

There have been many questions about when people can sign up for the upcoming classes each session. Class sign up has always been scheduled to start on the Monday following week 8 which is the week of our open meeting. However, this information has not been printed in the Barking Times in the recent past. Therefore, this notification will be posted in all of the Barking Times from this day forward. If you have any questions about the classes, please contact the appropriate Director's of Training. Please read below:

1. Class sign up will begin as soon as you have received your Baking Times either by mail, email, or the website.
2. The Director's of Training may provide you with information regarding what classes will be offered the next session during the last 2 weeks of your current class. This will give you sometime to decide what classes you might be interested in and if it will work with your schedule.
3. Please keep in mind that the Sub-Novice class is offered each session and the people coming out of the public classes will be given priority over club members.
4. Anyone instructing and/or assisting a class will also be given priority when signing up for classes. This is a perk for volunteering to teach a class.
5. If you try to sign up for a class and it is full, you will be put on a waiting list in case someone drops out of that class.
6. If nobody drops the class, then those people on the waiting list will be given priority over other club members for the next session.

Please keep in mind this is an attempt to make signing up for classes as fair as possible for everyone. However, you are the one that is responsible for signing up for classes and you must be diligent about it. It's a great thing to have so many new people wanting to train their dogs and joining our club. We want your experience to be a good one. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. If you have any questions, please contact the Director's of Training or myself.

Diane Townsend – President FWOTC

### **"Questions & Concerns - Use Proper Channels"**

I would like to remind all club members that the best way to resolve any concerns or issues would be to direct them to the appropriate club officer. From now on, I would like to stress that all questions, issues, concerns and suggestions for public night, club night, and agility night be directed to the DOT for the respective day. The DOT will then work with class instructors or president/board members as needed to resolve issues. This method of communication will help keep all issues clearly identified, address those issues, and maintain the appropriate line of communication to all club officers.

Furthermore, if you have questions with regard to the following items, I have indicated the current contacts.

**Paw Points - Vickie Galloway**  
**Dues - Diane Townsend**  
**Agility Trial / Trial chair - Dawn Taylor**  
**Obedience Trial / Trial chair - Nancy Wright**  
**Tracking DOT - Pam Johnson**  
**Barking Times – Yvonne Wakeman**  
**Public night – Diane Townsend**  
**Club night - Dean Lund**  
**Agility (AM & PM sessions) - Dawn Taylor**

# Non-Member DOT

We want to thank our Public DOTs for this past session Lynn Swager and Pam Johnson. And also thanks to our teachers for this past session: Barb Croy, Dean Lund, Lynn Swager, and Diane Townsend.

We would also like to express our thanks to Bonnie Kellams for helping with equipment; Kate Barton and Cathy Martin for doing the obedience demo and Steve Wheeler for photos and certificates.



## Braggs!

**NJC**

Larry's, Gypsy Rai Libbee, TG-N, NJC earned her Nadac Novice Jumper title on November 14, 2009.

**CDSP**

2009 CDSP Achievement Top 20 National Ranking. Pam Johnson's Yellow Labrador Retriever Salty - Dutch Hollow Sand Dunes N Salty Air CD, TD, CD-H - was awarded 2009 National Ranking Award from St Hubert's Companion Dog Sports Program: #13 Team in Open A Class, #15 Team in Novice C Class

**MXJ**

Gayle Chobot's "Racer" finished his Master Excellent Jumper title on December 18, 2009, with Lisa Fair handling him to 9 out of the 10 legs. Thanks Lisa. Racer is now U-CDX Gunshot Ready Set Go CDX RE AX MXJ.

**RA**

Gayle Chobot's 11 1/2 year old Lab "Deacon" finished his Rally Advanced title on February 12. Deacon is now U-UD Jaunty Deacon UDX RA AX AXJ.

**NAJ**

Lisa Fair's Lanie (Sheltie) finished her Novice Agility Jumpers title (NAJ) August 28<sup>th</sup> in Toledo. She finished her Novice Agility (NA) in West Lafayette on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NA**

Lisa Fair's Jester (German Shepherd) finished his Novice Agility (NA) and Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ) at the German Shepherd Nationals in October. He also received 3 Firsts and a Second during the show and finished in the top 8 German Shepherds at the Nationals. Not bad for 18 months old.

**MXJ**

Lisa Fair's Faith (German Shepherd) finished her Master Agility Jumpers (MXJ) title December 18<sup>th</sup> in Dexter Michigan.


**CDX**

Lisa Fair's Faith (German Shepherd) finished her obedience CDX in Indy on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> with a 197 and a First place. All 3 CDX legs were First places.

**CDX**

Lisa Fair's Trucker (Sheltie) received a First place at the Toledo Kennel Club in Open A (CDX) with a 195 on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CDSP**

I would like to announce that Creekwood Clancy A Novel Dog – "Clancy" was ranked #7 dog in the nation with the CDSP-St. Huberts registry as a Novice "C" Dog. He is a very good dog, he has taught me to be a better trainer. Barbara Croy 

## JUDY AND WINSTON JOIN ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIMS

On New Year's Eve afternoon, Judy Bireley and her yellow lab, Winston, joined about 200 crazy people for the annual Hamilton Lake Polar Bear swim. Winston, being the smart one in the family, floated on his raft pulled by his Hamilton Fire Department buddies. He kept warm by wearing his polar bear coat and hat his mom sewed for him. He managed to get just his tail wet, but Judy jumped in four times. It was 33° and the water was a "balmy" 31°

They also joined 200 Fort Wayne Polar Bears on New Year's Day for a chilly dip in the St. Joe River. It was 17° with a wind chill of 1°, and the water was 30°. Winston got just his paws wet, but Judy made her traditional four jumps into the icy waters. Winston has done seven swims at Hamilton and seven more at Fort Wayne and Judy has a total of 39 swims. It's a great way to celebrate the New Year, so you're welcome to join us next year. Don't forget your swimsuits!



### NEW MEMBERS

- Lauren Franke - Labs & German Shepherds
- Marianne Frederick - Chinese Crested
- Brian Howey - Lab & Pit Bull
- Kim Jewell - Westie
- Stacey Pomeroy - Golden Retriever
- Paul Shuler - Weimaraner
- Stephanie Taylor - Italian Mastiff
- Jenna Janda-Timmis - Lab Mix & Pit Bull

## 2010 Fort Wayne Obedience Training Club Dues Notice

Dues are \$40 per year and are due February 1st. Make check payable to FWOTC.  
Mail to: Diane Townsend, 6610 Forest Creek Ct., Ft. Wayne, IN 46835.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal       New

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Trophy Pledge or Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You do not owe for 2010 dues if you qualify under one of the following:

- 1) You joined the club or were reinstated as a club member between 08/01/09 to 12/31/09.
- 2) You served as a board member from June 2008 to June 2009.

If you are not sure if you qualify under one of the items listed above, please contact Diane Townsend at 260-485-2965.





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Fort Wayne IN 46895-5076

### FWOTC Schedule – 2009 / 2010

**Barking Times Deadline is Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**May 8 & 9 is the Obedience Trial**  
**Next OPEN MEETING is May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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- ✓ Tracking Information
- ✓ Member Class Schedule
- ✓ Brags

**Next Issue:**

- ✓ FWOTC Election information
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**Session 2:** Mar 16 – May 6  
Public Classes: Mar 16 – May 4  
Member Classes: Mar 17 – May 5  
Agility Classes: Mar 18 – May 6  
Open Meeting: May 12, 2010

**Session 3:** May 18 – Jul 6  
Public Classes: May 18 – Jul 6  
Member Classes: May 19 – Jul 7  
Agility Classes: May 20 – Jul 8  
Banquet: Jun 4, 2010

**Session 4:** Aug 10 – Sep 30  
Open Meeting: Aug 4, 2010  
Public Classes: Aug 10 – Sep 28  
Member Classes: Aug 11 – Sep 29  
Agility Classes: Aug 12 – Sep 30  
Open Meeting: Oct 6, 2010

