

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 our 54th Obedience Trial on May 8th and 9th. 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. There will be a "C" match on Friday night. We will need volunteers to help clean mats, equipment, the building, and set up on Wednesday and Thursday (May 5th and 6th) prior to the trial. Paw points will be awarded per hour of work completed. There will be sign up sheets posted prior to that week as reminders. Teamwork will help make this a successful obedience trial. Thank you in advance!

Please note that the next open meeting will be held on May 12, 2010, 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 May 9, 2010. The executive board meeting will be held prior to the open meeting. The date, time, and location to be determined.

Diane Townsend, President



Open Meeting May 12th 2010
@ 7:00PM

Important Date

May 8-9	Obedience Trial
May 12 th	Open Meeting
May 16 th	Tracking Dog Ex Test
Jun 4 th	Banquet
Jun 25 th	BT Deadline
Aug 4 th	Open Meeting
Aug 10 th	Non-Member Classes
Aug 11 th	Member Classes
Aug 12 th	Agility Classes
Sep 13 th	NO CLASSES
Oct 3 rd	Tracking Test



MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING – March 10, 2010

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Deb McCoy moved for the dispensing of the reading of the minutes; Dawn Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Barb Croy, Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$14,271.90 in various accounts. The club has lost \$2,180.77 since June, 2009.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Wright reported that the obedience trial is May 8th and 9th. Building clean up will be start on Wednesday May 5th at 6:00 PM and continue on Thursday May 6th. Friday, May 7th will be final set up while the 'C' match is going on. 4-H will be doing the food again this year. The 'C' Match required pre entry so we will have an idea how many have registered. Club members were encouraged to take some premium lists to distribute at other trials. Our trial is open to mixed breed dogs this year. Lisa asked that the agility mats be cleaned as well. Diane encouraged all club members to donate to the trophy fund.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Kellams had nothing to report.

CLUB MEMBER DOT

Dean Lund reported that all classes are almost full. She asked for volunteers to help with the clean up. There will be a sign up sheet for run throughs for the obedience trial for four different nights. Dates are April, 13th, 20st 27th and May 4th. Members were encouraged to sign up for the classes that they wanted. There will not be a judge to help with run throughs, so it was suggested that club members work in pairs. Leave email on the sheet.

AGILITY – DOT

Steve Wheeler reported signup sheets for agility were available. Contact Steve or Dawn with questions.

PUBLIC CLASS – DOT

Diane Townsend reported we need an instructor for the puppy class.

TRACKING DOT

Pam Johnson reported that tracking class is full. TDX test on May 16 At J Roush Lake. Club members were asked to volunteer as helpers. Chiropractic day was canceled and has not been rescheduled. We are trying to put together two seminars for tracking for this year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Kersjes reported that six dogs have enrolled in the 8:15 P.M. Public class. Ten dogs have enrolled in the 7:00 P.M. class. Nine or maybe eleven puppies have enrolled in Puppy Class. Club members were asked to sign up for taking brochures to various vets in the area.

PRESIDENT

President Diane Townsend advised club members to pay their dues. Those members that paid from August to December last year do not need to pay again. Members were reminded that new titles do not count as of June 2009. List will be purged in the next couple of weeks. Diane talked with Mark Beauprae from the Fair Board about a new building. They are planning on a building 100 ft by 200 ft. and will be built by the Llama building. We would have access to the building except during the fair. The Fair Board is currently looking for donors for the building. FWOTC is their best renter. The goal is to complete a master plan for the fair grounds, which included a building for FWOTC. There might be a possibility of combining with NEIKC so that they can have a home too.

SUNSHINE:

Deb Ward reported that Christine Mussleman had lost her dog. Congratulated Tami Vachon on the birth of baby.

BARKING TIMES

Yvonne Wakeman had no questions.

FAIR BOARD

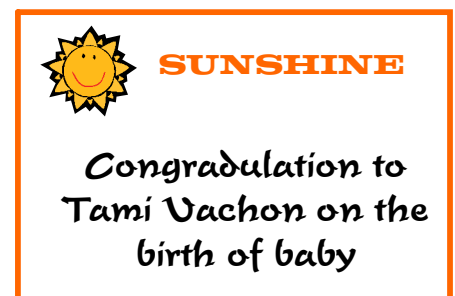
President Diane Townsend reported that she had asked for some stone. Club will purchase limestone and Jimmy will spread it. It should pack like driveway stone. She also discussed the security lighting with them.

AGILITY Trial

The Agility Committee reported that judges were confirmed. They are talking with the Plex about the slippery flooring.

PAW POINTS:

Vicki reported that she had the book up to date with the last session.



MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING – March 10, 2010

(Continued)

NOMINATING

The election of club officers will take place at the annual banquet on Friday, June 4th. Any club member interested in holding an office should contact Jane Bowman or Lynn Swager. Nominations will appear in the Barking Times in May. Any club member nominated from the floor at the banquet must be present.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Diane reminded club members to turn in their new titles through the website by the end of our trial in May. Traveling awards should be back to Diane by our trial. If you are bringing one of the larger trophies be sure to let Diane know.

Be sure to put away any equipment that you get out. Do not put things in front of the door at the back of the room and do not block the exits with crates. The Fair Board is getting concerned about blocking exits. Also, do not block the vents so that the airflow will continue to flow.

Lisa Fair suggested that the club pay for having the agility table covered with a rubberized cover. There are skins available that can be applied with epoxy to the top of the table. Agility DOT's thought it would be a good idea for dogs to get used to this kind of surface. It was suggested that Lisa contact the maker and have them install it for us.

Deb McCoy asked for donations for the raffle. She will be here on Wednesdays to pick up stuff for the raffle for the obedience trial

Adjourn: Deb McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lynn Swager seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

-Chris Myers, Recording Secretary



SUNSHINE

I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, e-mails, and words of encouragement about my German shepherd, Logan's death which happened Feb. 25 2010. As everyone knows losing a dog, or any loved pet is never easy; losing Logan was no different. Night Guardian Von Fenja "Logan" was by far the hardest working dog I have ever had the privilege to own and train. At only 1.5 years of age he was narcotic trained, was doing wonderful in tracking, and learning (and excelling) in Utility. He was definitely a rising star and would have done many great things. But all of the wonderful training, drive, and potential does not compare to the great pet he was. He was my guardian, my counselor, my personal clown and must of all my friend. I miss him a lot and I will never forget him. But, Logan's line will be at FWTOC soon! Be looking for Logan's "nephew" in July and come and say hi!!



Logan



Whole family- Blake (Collie), Me(Christine Musselman), Corey (Corgi), Logan (GSD), and Mia (GSD)

Traveling awards should be back to Diane by our next open meeting on May 12, 2010. If you are bringing one of the larger trophies be sure to let Diane know.



NEW TITLES

Please turn in your new titles through the website by the end of our trial in May.

Titles may also be turned into Diane or Gayle.

Category Description 4/19/2010- 4/18/2011 Proposed Budget 2011

INFLOWS

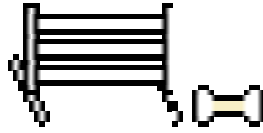
Agility	14,779.00	17,000.00
Dues	3,595.00	4,500.00
Fees	10,465.00	11,465.00
Fees-Member	4,086.00	5,500.00
Int	75.64	60.00
Obedience Trial		
Obedience Trial	2,009.00	7,007.70
Obedience Trial	2,010.00	260.00
TOTAL Obedience Trial	7,080.00	7,100.00
Sales	-282.97	500.00
Tracking Test Income	3,280.00	3,500.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	43,265.37	49,625.00

OUTFLOWS

1-Vice		
2009 Obedience Trial	7,495.90	
Obedience 2008	25.72	
Obedience Trial-2010	497.20	
Other 1-Vice	75.00	
TOTAL 1-Vice	8,093.82	8,100.00
2-Vice	150.00	75.00
Agility 2009	11,806.49	12,000.00
Agility Equipment	658.68	800.00
BTimes	324.48	350.00
Charitable Donation	236.00	200.00
DOT		
Awards	706.71	700.00
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Expenses	602.64	700.00
Other DOT	45.26	45.00
TOTAL DOT	1,354.61	1,360.00
President		
Banquet	219.56	
TOTAL President	219.56	220.00
Tracking Expense	2,753.00	
Tracking Seminar Exp-	8.09	
Tracking TD Expenses	1,882.40	
Tracking Trial 2008	76.84	4,635.00
Training Equipment	1,171.50	1,200.00
Treas		
Ads	1,365.20	1,365.20
BuildImp	843.05	500.00
Due,Sub	79.00	50.00
Ins	1,550.00	1,550.00
Phone	847.95	848.00
Rent	12,767.50	12,767.50
Tax	7.14	7.14
Web-Site	1,739.00	1,750.00
Other Treas	37.45	37.45
TOTAL Treas	19,236.29	18,875.29
Treasurer	27.41	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	47,999.17	49,260.29
OVERALL TOTAL	-4,733.80	364.71



Member Obedience Classes



Schedule beginning May 19, 2010
Running through July 7, 2010
(Wednesday nights)

COME TO ATTENTION!

Instructor: Kathy Dullaghan 7:00-8:00 PM

This class is for anyone wanting to concentrate on their dog's attention. Dogs will learn to focus on YOU. Class will start with stationary work and go on to progressive movement. Depending on time Kathy may add stays and exams. This class covers all levels.

SUB-NOVICE CLASS

Instructor: Mike Braun 8:00-9:00 PM

This class will expand the obedience foundation with: Attention and heeling with attention, Automatic sits and turns with heeling, Stand and stand for exam, off lease recalls and stays, and how to correct and praise!

REQUIREMENTS: Big sense of humor and a very hungry dog!

This class is free to new students.

RALLY AROUND WITH LOTS OF FUN.

Instructors: Yvonne Wakeman & Bea Elias Assisting: Sherry Stratton 8:00-9:00 PM

This is a great time to come out and learn Rally or just work on improving your present Rally level! This class will cover some of all levels-----depending on class demands. Lots of new ideas coming.

NEW TITLING CLASS-----GRADUATE NOVICE

Instructor: Nancy Wright 7:00-8:00 PM

GN requirements: 1--Heel on leash & figure 8 off leash 2--Drop on Recall 3--Dumbbell recall 4--Recall over high jump 5--Recall over high jump 6--Long down (3 min.)

No prerequisites required to enter this class.

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

Attention Shoppers!

- Raffle items are needed 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! Please give them to Debbie McCoy or Judy Bireley.

Thank you!

Debbie McCoy-Warstler - debbie@acmc.biz,
Judy Bireley- Judyandwinston@verizon.net



Tracking



TD Test

Tracking Dog Excellent Test - Sunday May 16 2010

The test is being held in Huntington Indiana. If you would like to see what tracking tests are all about come down and observe. Contact Pam Johnson for further information.

Contact: Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@verizon.net

CLASS

No Class scheduled at this time.

Great Success

The tracking lessons with Sandy McMillan were a great success.

We hope to get her back in the fall for more lessons.

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. 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 10:0am to 6pm. 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/>

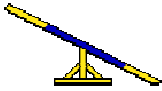
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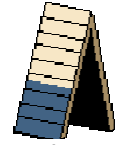
NEW MEMBERS

Scott Kimmel - Golden Retriever
Ann Bogenschutz - Aussie
Charles Edwards - Aussie
Melinda Hasselman - German Shorthaired Pointer





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 -- Each class will be tailored for the level of the dogs and will address 2 to 3 key issues per week. Please contact Dawn Taylor or Steve for details and sign up.

6:15-7:00 **Intermediate Class**-Taught by Jane and Sharon. For those coming out of the 7:45 Beginning class.

7:00-7:45 Taught by Dawn and Steve. For those coming out of the 7:00 Beginning sequencing class

7:45-8:30 **Advanced Class**-Taught by Dawn and Steve

8:30-9:15 **Advanced Class**-Taught by Dawn and Steve



"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 – Lisa Fair
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

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

Non-Member DOT

Thanks to instructors for this past session. Della Lutter and her able assistants Yvonne Wakeman and Charlene Aldridge did a marvelous job with 12 puppies and their handlers. Diane Townsend, Dean Lund, and Lynn Swager did smashing job again this session with the older dogs in the 3 public classes.

Obedience run throughs were handled by Pam Johnson, Gayle Chobot and Lisa Fair to help those folks getting ready to show at our May trial.

Braggs!

U-CD

Kate Barton's Flat-Coat "Rider" (**SHR U-CD Fireside Are We There Yet, CDX, JH, WCX**) completed his U-CD at the Paw Power Blues Club in Lowell, IN, over the March 20-21 weekend. He earned 1st, 2nd, and 4th placements for his 3 legs.

U-CD

Cathy Martin and Kate Barton's "Traveler" earned his U-CD on March 20 and 21st in Lowell, IN. Thank you Kate for all the help training both Traveler and myself! He is now **U-CD CH Fireside Movin Down the Hwy RE**.



CDX

Creekwood "Clancy" a Novel Dog RN,TD,CDX,CCA obtained his 3rd leg for the AKC CDX at Muncie with a 1st Place and a score of 192 1/2. He sure was having fun!! *Barbara Croy* 🌹

OAJ

Lisa Fair's Lanie (Sheltie) finished her OAJ April 16 in Dexter Michigan. All with perfect scores and 1st places.

OA

Lisa Fair's Jester (German Shepherd) finished his OA April 16 in Dexter Michigan. All of the legs were perfect scores and 1st places.

CDX

Lisa Fair's Trucker finished his CDX in Dexter on March. With this title it takes Trucker's titles to **U-AGI, U-CD, U-Ch, U-GrCh, BIS, MACH Trucker, CD, CDX, RN, NF, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, 9MX, 10MXJ, CGC, National Q**.

MX

Gayle Chobot's "Racer" finished his Master Agility Excellent title on March 19 with Lisa Fair handling him for all 10 legs. Racer is now **U-CDX Gunshot Ready Set Go CDX RE MX MXJ**.

UD

Gayle Chobot's "Racer", not to be outdone by his brother Deacon, also finished his Utility Dog Title with three qualifying legs out of four tries. Leg #1 was in Dexter on March 13 and legs two and three were in the Anderson/Muncie shows on April 10 and 11. So Racer is now **U-CDX Gunshot Ready Set Go UD RE MX MXJ**.

UKC URO1

Nancy Wright's Holly (Samoyed) finished her UKC URO1 title in Dayton on March 6.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Message from Dr. Missy Jewell, DVM. Be aware.

Please tell every dog or cat owner you know. Even if you don't have a pet, please pass this to those who do. Over the weekend, the doting owner of two young lab mixes purchased Cocoa Mulch from Target to use in their garden. The dogs loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden. Their dog (Calypso) decided the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way. The next day, they woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's web site,

This product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it." *Snopes site gives the following information

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks.

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

****PLEASE PASS THIS ON****

A vet was telling us about a case she had. A dog ate a child's teddy bear and was very sick. When she opened the dog up to remove what she thought was an intestinal obstruction she found a huge gelatin type mess inside and the dogs intestines were black and the tissue dead. The dog will die no surgery can fix him; there was no living intestine left from stomach to colon.

This was not an obstruction. so she called the manufacturer of the Teddy Bear on a quest to find out what the gel was and what killed the dog. Turns out the stuffing in children's toys contains ingredients for flame retardants and mite control! It is designed to become a gel. It is highly toxic. Now you would think a child's toy would be safe because it is for children, but they don't expect a child to eat the stuffing of the toys... huuummm that seems a bit scary too. But we all know dogs demolish stuffed toys.

So do not give or buy your dog any children's stuffed animals... some people get them at goodwill etc. Maybe some children's toys do not have this ingredient, but better to be safe then sorry. So meanwhile, make sure all your dog toys are for dogs. Please pass this on... it is a horrible death she described and one that can be avoided.



FWOTC ELECTION OF OFFICER'S



FWOTC 2010 Current Slate

President: Diane Townsend

1st Vice President: Nobody at this time

1st Vice President is in charge of the annual obedience trial. This is a very demanding position. There are a lot of things to be managed and it is a lot to ask of anyone person. We would like to look at doing this job by committee. If we could get 2-3 people to volunteer, then each person could oversee different things. If you are interested, please contact Diane Townsend. See information below.

2nd Vice President: Bonnie Kellams

Treasurer: Barb Croy

Recording Secretary: Chris Myers

Corresponding Sec.: Sharon Kersjes

Public Class DOT: Nobody at this time

Public DOT is a very demanding job. The public classes are our life line. There are (5) sessions each year that need to be managed. That is a lot to ask of anyone person. We would like to look at doing this job by committee. If we could get (5) people to volunteer, then each person could manage one session. If you are interested, please contact Diane Townsend. See information below.

Agility Co-DOT's: Dawn Taylor & Steve Wheeler
OR
Lisa Fair

Club Member DOT: Dean Lund

Tracking DOT: Pam Johnson

Board Members: Lynn Swager
Jane Bowman
Nancy Wright

Please note that there are (2) 2 year board member positions available. Nominations will be open until the banquet. If you would like to run for a position on the board, please contact Diane Townsend at 260-485-2965 or townsend_diane@msn.com.

My name is Lisa Fair. I have been asked to run for the Agility Director of Training. My FWOTC membership started in 1994. I have served as the Agility Trial Chairperson for several years. I have taken and passed the AKC Judges Agility test. Currently I work at Lutheran Hospital as a Coronary Intensive Care Registered Nurse.

Two German Shepherds and 7 Shetland Sheepdogs live with me. I started in agility in 1999. I showed heavily from 2005 to 2007 while putting a Master Agility Champion (MACH) titles on a Sheltie and German Shepherd. I have started showing again steadily 4 Shelties and 2 German Shepherds. I am also showing a Lab, finishing his MX, MXJ and taking the agility High in Trial at the Lab Nationals October 2009. I also put an AX, AXJ on a Samoyed in 2009. I have had the opportunity to work with various drives and temperaments in my own dogs and other people's dogs. Working with big, small, high drive and motivationally challenged dogs has given me insight on training a variety of dogs.

The agility titles I have attained are; 33 Novice, 22 Open, 17 Excellent, and qualifying enough for 33 Master titles and finishing 2 Master Agility (MACH) titles. Maverick was ranked in the Top 10 German Shepherds for 4 years and was invited to the AKC National Invitational in San Diego CA. Two of my dogs have qualified several times for the AKC Nationals and I did compete at the Nationals held in Ohio. Believing obedience is an extremely important part of agility I also train in obedience. I have put 10 CDs, 7 CDXs several Rally titles and getting 6 obedience High in Trails. Along the way the dogs have also gotten a few conformation titles; 4 U-Ch, 1 U-GrCh, 1 Best in Show and 1 Reserve Best in Show.

GOALS FOR AGILITY CLASSES

1. Instructors will be given the equipment set-up the week before the actual class. This will give them time to plan their classes. The instructors will have the first class of the evening. In that time they would have an opportunity to actually work the sequences they will be teaching that night. Feed back and encouragement will be given during their practice time. They will be asked to give their ideas for equipment set up from week to week. Knowing what equipment is needed and the placement in advance will help to not waste class time in moving equipment. This should increase working time for handlers and dogs.
2. Foundation skills for the handlers and dogs will be emphasized. This should help handlers and dogs to become more confident, be able to independently do all obstacles, know the rules, and help the handlers to set and meet training goals.
3. The beginner level handlers and dogs will be tested on the last night of their classes. This testing will be used to help handlers decide what is the best training plan for their team. Again, this encourages confident and knowledgeable handlers and dogs.
4. I would also like to implement **BLUE RIBBON** classes. The purpose of these classes is to take dogs back to foundation work for various behaviors that dogs are having issues mastering. This class should continue to have the handler and dog to move ahead in other training areas while becoming confident and independent in problem areas. Examples of re-visiting foundation work areas could be: the weaves, teeter, end contact behaviors, bar knockers/poor jumpers, motivation problems and attention deficit dogs.

If elected I am determined to make class time beneficial, informative, thought provoking and hopefully fun. If you have any questions my phone number is 260-226-0294 or e-mail address is mach_gsd@yahoo.com.



FWOTC Board Descriptions

President – Preside over all Club meetings and the executive committee. Represent the Club where requested and/or desired. Review and oversee all Club activities. Appoint committees. Maintain order.

1st Vice President – Preside and exercise the duties of the President in their absence. Serve as the Club’s obedience trial chairman and appoint all special committees connected with the obedience trial.

2nd Vice President – Preside and exercise the duties of the President in their absence. They will have the responsibility and care of all the Club’s training equipment.

Treasurer – Establish and maintain a true record of all club monies received and disbursed from or to any person or source. Make payments as authorized. Prepare the annual budget. Prepare any and all tax documents.

Recording Secretary – Make and maintain a permanent record of each meeting of the Club and all Executive committee meetings. Collect club member dues. Exercise the duties of the Corresponding Secretary in their absence.

Corresponding Secretary – Retrieve messages and/or requests from the Club voicemail. Forward all training applications as requested. Receive money for training classes. Notify training applicants of their acceptance, date and location of training sessions. Take care of all Club correspondence. Exercise the duties of the Recording Secretary in their absence.

Club Director of Training – Plan and organize all Club member training classes for each session. Find trainers for these classes. Supervise that evening of classes. Forward a list of instructors and class members to the person in charge of paws points.

Agility Director of Training – Plan and organize all Club member training classes for each session. Find trainers for these classes. Supervise that evening of classes. Forward a list of instructors and class members to the person in charge of paws points.

Public Director of Training – Organize training classes for each session. Find trainers for these classes. Supervise that evening of classes. Teach public classes as required. Sell equipment to the class members as required. Forward a list of instructors to the person in charge of paws points.

Tracking Director of Training – Plan and organize all Club member tracking classes as needed. Forward a list of instructors and class members to the person in charge of paws points. Organize tracking tests and seminars.

Board Members – Serve as required. Help out with committees, classes, etc.

Note! All board members shall attend all meetings, regular and/or special unless excused by just cause.

Banquet Reservation Form

Reserve your seat at the Friday June 4th Annual Awards Banquet now!

Cost is \$15 per person, with children under 12 free.

Banquet starts at 6:30, with dinner @ 7PM

Please bring a Dessert to share! The dinner itself is catered.

Make check payable to FWOTC, and mail to:

Diane Townsend, 6610 Forest Creek Ct., Ft. Wayne, IN 46835.

Name _____
Adults Attending _____ Children Attending _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Must be returned by May 26th with fees!



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FWOTC Schedule – 2009 / 2010

Barking Times Deadline is Jun 20th
Awards Banquet – Jun 4th
Next Election is Jun 4th

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- ✓ **New Titles**



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

Session 5: Oct 12 – Dec 2
Public Classes: Oct 12 – Nov 30
Member Classes: Oct 13 – Dec 1
Agility Classes: Oct 14 – Dec 2
Christmas Party: Dec 8, 2010