

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 7th and 8th. 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 4th & 5th) prior to the trial. There will be a "C" match on Friday night, May 6th 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, 2011. If you did not receive a dues notice either by mail or email, please notify Diane Townsend. Dues not paid by March 3rd, will be considered late and a reinstate vote will be necessary.

Please note that the next open meeting will be held on March 9, 2011, 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 paw 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 5, 2011. The executive board meeting will be held on March 6, 2011 (location to be determined).

Diane Townsend, President



Open Meeting Mar 9, 2011
@ 7:00PM

Important Dates

Mar 9 th	Open Meeting
Mar 13 th	Daylight Savings Time
Mar 15 th	Non-Member Classes
Mar 16 th	Member Classes
Mar 17 th	Agility Classes
May 7 th & 8 th	Obedience Trial
May 11 th	Open Meeting
Jun 10 th	Election/Banquet



MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING – December 8, 2010

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 815 PM. Tracy White made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Lisa Fair seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Barb Croy, Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$21,138.62 in various accounts. The club has made \$7,826.690 since June, 2010. Approximately \$3800 was made on the Agility Trial.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Karen Smallwood, 1st Vice President, was absent. Judges for the Obedience trial have been signed for 2011. A formal trial secretary is still needed. This position would work the weekend of the trial and in the weeks before the trial, however, the trial secretary cannot show their dog at the trial. If a club member is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Karen. The trial dates are May 7th and 8th 2011.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Kellams had nothing to report but thanked those that helped set up for the banquet and thanked members for their donations to the raffle.

CLUB MEMBER DOT

Dean Lund reported that most classes were full. Starting the first of the year, mats do not have to be rolled on Wednesday night.

AGILITY – DOT

Lisa Fair reported classes were full and would be getting out confirmations soon.

PUBLIC CLASS – DOT

Lynn Swager was not present. Trainers for the puppy class and the 7:00 PM class are needed.

TRACKING DOT

Pam Johnson reported that there is nothing going on with tracking until spring.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Kersjes reported that she currently has four applications, but we still have a month before classes resume.

PRESIDENT

Diane Townsend announced the Christmas festivities at the Fairgrounds.

SUNSHINE:

Karen Smallwood, loss of CJ.

BARKING TIMES

Yvonne Wakeman was not present. If you have brag be sure to email them to Yvonne.

FAIR BOARD

Nothing to report.

AGILITY COMMITTEE

Lisa reported that next trial will be August 5, 6 and 7. She is currently looking for judges for this trial. Judges are set for October trial. Rubber will be applied to all contact equipment. Mike Evard will be applying the rubber contact himself.

PAW POINTS:

Vicki was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

ADJOURN: Tracy White made the motion to adjourn. Lauren Franke seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

-Chris Myers, Recording Secretary

Braggs!

RN

Sandy, Judy Bireley's yellow Lab, earned her Rally Novice title at Toledo on February 11 with a perfect score of 100! She got her first title just 5 months after being adopted by Judy. She is now "Sandy Beaches CGC RN".

RA

Nancy Wright's (Samoyed) Holly finished her RA title at the Toledo Kennel Club rally trial on Feb 11,2011. Holly finished with 2 4th places and a 3rd place.

RN

Nancy Wright's, all american. Kiera finished her RN title at the Toledo Kennel Club rally on Feb 11,2011. Kiera has title in obedience, agility and rally in the past year, since AKC started the canine partner program. It has been a great year, with a wonderful dog. She is now URO1 UCD Kiera RL1 CD NAP NJP RN.

Class Sign-up

There have been many questions about when people can sign up for the upcoming classes each session. 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 for **Obedience classes** that meet on Wednesday will begin as soon as you have received your Barking Times either by mail, email, or the website.
2. Class sign up for **Agility classes** that meet on Tuesday and Thursday will begin at 8:00 am on the Monday of our open week when we have the open meeting.
3. 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.
4. Please keep in mind that the Subnovice class is offered each session and the people coming out of the public classes will be given priority over club members.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. If nobody drops the class, then those people on the waiting list will be given priority over other club members for the next session.

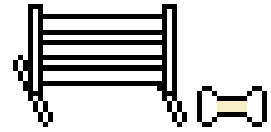
Please keep in mind this is an attempt to make signing up for classes as fair as possible for everyone. However, you are the one that is responsible for signing up for classes and you must be diligent about it. It's a great thing to have so many new people wanting to train their dogs and joining our 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

Member Obedience Classes



Schedule beginning Mar 16, 2011
Running through May 4, 2011
(Wednesday nights)



When requesting a class have the following information ready:

Handlers full name, e-mail address & phone number

Dogs name, breed, & age

Method of payment

7:00-8:00 PM CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (C.G.C.) PROGRAM

Instructor: Barb Croy Assistant: TBD

Each of the ten steps will be explained and practiced over the first 7 weeks with testing on the 8th week. Students attending all classes will have testing first. Members may request testing as time allows. Sign up will be necessary.

7:00-8:00 PM RALLY

Instructor: Deb Gatchell Assistant: TBD

This class will start with the Novice level and then cover Advanced and Excellent as ability presents. Students must know the Rally signs. A Rally regulations/signs book will be given to each student before the class starts.

8:00-9:00 PM SUB-NOVICE

Instructor: Lynette Swineheart Assistant: Sherry Stratton

This class will start teaching that "stay" means STAY and "down" is actually laying on the ground. You and your dog will become a "team" that can really work together. You and your dog will develop the foundation skills that will help you through all levels of obedience and rally. Novice exercises will be covered each week, footwork and handling skills will also be worked on. Laughter is good here! Please bring lots of soft treats, a very hungry dog, patience, and a great sense of humor.

Free to new members.

8:00-9:00 PM NOVICE

Instructor: Diane Townsend Assistant: TBD

This class will cover the Novice level: heeling on/off leash, stand for exam, recall, long sit/down, and some Open introduction.

E-MAIL OR CALL DEAN: BenCedar@aol.com / 260-627-1067 FOR ALL WED. OBEDIENCE CLASSES
ALL CLASSES REQUIRE A \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points (Except New Students)

Future Sale!

The club has purchased a new teeter and A-frame that are lighter and easier to manage.

They are not done yet and won't be ready for several more weeks.

Therefore, the old teeter and A-Frame will need to find new homes due to limited storage space.

We will have a sale in the near future with a set base price for each item.

Please look in the next Barking Times for information on the sale and how it will work.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Townsend at townsend_diane@frontier.com.

Agility Program

I can not begin to Thank the people who were able to make this session possible.

Jane Bowman, Kathy Dullghan, Gayle Chobot, Lauren Franke, Tammi Vachon, Mike Evard, Bill Johnston, and Chuck Edwards.

Lisa Agility DOT

Tuesday Night

5:45 to 6:45 Agility Junkie. This will be an agility time to work on motivation issues, work on gaining control of high drive, 2 on 2 off contacts, weaves and jump training. There must be 7 teams sign up before class will be held. This can be a second class. Limit 10

8:15 pm to 9:15 pm Beginning Agility This is for the teams coming out of the Foundation class. Jumping and obstacles will be introduced. Limit 10

Thursday

10:00 am morning session is not a class. Your dog must be able to perform all of the obstacles safely and be running courses. It gives people who have come to set up for the night classes a chance to work their dogs. Set up starts at 10 am. Please come early and have your dogs and crates in before that time. You need to help set up to run your dogs. New people to the morning session must be OK'd by the Agility DOT.

5:00 pm to 6:15 Instructor's time

6:15pm to 7 Beginning Handling. This will be a good class for the Intro to agility people or for those who need help with handling their dogs from obstacle to obstacle with accuracy and confidence. Limit 12

7pm to 7:45 Novice This class is for teams that are ready to show in Novice or that is currently competing in Novice. Limit 10

7:45 to 8:30 Open This class for dogs that have earned a Novice title. Limit 10

8:30 until ?? Excellent and Masters This is for teams competing in Ex A or Ex B Everyone in this class has to stay to clean up. (rare exception for not staying) Limit 10

~~~~~ Club Wear ~~~~~

I will be taking orders for FWOTC Club Tee Shirts and Sweat Shirts. The designs can be seen at Club for Agility, Rally, Tracking, FWOTC club designs and a fun shirt for "JOLT" agility members.

Jolt Stands for: Just One Little Thing

{which seems the case we do not Qualify in most runs.}

I will not be ordering any extras, if you are interested please get your order to me before the 10th.

Thanks Lisa Fair

Tracking



INFORMATION

FWOTC is again hosting Paul Helling's of Animal Holistic Health **on Tuesday and Wednesday April 19 and 20**. The healing and energy work he does with our dogs is amazing and wonderful. Please visit his website and/or contact him via email or Facebook for more information on what he does and to schedule appointments. You can access his bio and information at his website <http://www.ahh.co.nz/> and contact him at paul@ahh.co.nz. **Pam Johnson is our club contact for this event at blackyellowlabs@frontier.com**



TRACKING EVENT



COME ON OUT AND JOIN US FOR A FUN TRACKING EVENT

Save the dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 7, 8 and 9 2011.

Volunteers are needed for our 3 day tracking event. We will be offering a TD test on Saturday October 8 and a VST (Variable Surface Tracking) Test on Sunday October 9 2011. Please help to make these tests a success for our club. We will need tracklayers for both tests as well as other folks to help out. Club member, Cindy Beard will be judging for our TD. Contact Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@frontier.com



TRACKING CLASSES



ADVANCED TRACKING CLASS: Tuesdays for 6 weeks starting April 5 from 6pm-8pm at various locations in the Fort Wayne and Auburn area. **LIMITED TO MAXIMUM OF 4 TEAMS.** For teams with some tracking experience. This is a "pick your topic" class. All teams are encouraged to e-mail Cindy with one or more topics that they would like covered in class and we will develop exercises and handouts dealing with one of those topics each night in class. Examples include solving any problems that you may be having, reading your dog, starting TDX training, starting VST training, corners and blind tracks. The percentage of teams failing tests due to "guiding" has been increasing dramatically every year. Bring questions about the rules so you are not one of those teams. Cost: \$10 plus 30 paws points or \$40. To sign up for class contact Cindy Beard at morgan46808@yahoo.com.

BEGINNER TRACKING CLASS: Mondays for 6 weeks starting April 11 from 6pm-8pm at various locations in the Fort Wayne and Auburn area. For teams with little or no tracking experience. **CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 6 TEAMS.** Contact Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@frontier.com to sign up for class. \$10 plus 30 paws points or \$40.



SUNSHINE

Our Deepest Sympathy go to

Debbie Ward on the loss of her Clumber Spaniel Daisy and
Bonnie Kellams on the loss of her Sheltie Jade.

Non-Member DOT

Thank you to my trainers:

Puppy class: Vickie Galloway & Bonnie Kellams.

7:00 class: Diane Townsend, Tracy White, & Lynnette Swineheart.

8:15 class: Dean Lund.

Thanks to all for doing a great job. Lynn

This and That

Tuesday Night Practice: If you want ring time to practice obedience on Tuesdays nights after 6pm contact Lynn Swager at summer812@frontier.com or Diane Townsend at townsend_diane@frontier.com. Please email them by Friday of the week prior to when 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 them.

Daytime Practice: The bldg. is open 9am to 6pm on Tuesday and Wednesday for obedience practice only. If you would like to go out there to practice, then you may do so without contacting 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. Please work in one ring at a time so if anyone else comes they can use a different ring. Please put any equipment away that you may have gotten out, turn the heat back to 55, and the lights off before you leave. Thank you for your cooperation.

"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 - Karen Smallwood

Tracking DOT - Pam Johnson

Barking Times - Yvonne Wakeman

Public night - Lynn Swager

Club night - Dean Lund

Agility (AM & PM sessions) - Lisa Fair

Obedience Run-Thrus

Obedience and rally run-thrus can be scheduled on Tuesdays leading up to our trial. This way they will not interfere with the classes being offered so everyone can get what they want. We encourage you to get with your buddies to help each other with run-thrus because the club will not provide anyone to assist you. There will be sign-up sheets at the open meeting to see what kind of interest there is. We will determine some type of schedule once we have reviewed who has signed up for each discipline. You will be contacted with the schedule prior to the first night of the session.

Sign up for one or more of the following: Rally (any level), Obedience (novice, open, and utility)

Contact: Lynn Swager @ 437-8896 or summer812@frontier.com

Diane Townsend @ 485-2965 or townsend_diane@frontier.com



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FWOTC Schedule – 2011

Barking Times Deadline is Apr 15th
Open Meeting – May 11th
Obedience Trial – May 7th and 8th
TD Test Saturday – Saturday Oct 8, 2011
VST Test – Saturday Oct 9, 2011

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Public Classes: Mar 15 – May 3
Member Classes: Mar 16 – May 4
Agility Classes: Mar 17 – May 5
Obedience Trial: May 7 & 8
Open Meeting: May 11, 2011

Session 3: May 17 – Jul 7
Public Classes: May 17 – Jul 5
Member Classes: May 18 – Jul 6
Agility Classes: May 19 – Jul 7
Election / Banquet: Jun 10, 2011

Session 4: Aug 9 – Sep 29
Public Classes: Aug 9 – Sep 27
Member Classes: Aug 10 – Sep 28
Agility Classes: Aug 11 – Sep 29
Open Meeting: Oct 5, 2011

