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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 5, 2011 at 7pm. 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 1, 2011. The executive board meeting will be held prior to the open meeting (place and time TBD).

Diane Townsend. President



Open Meeting Oct 5, 2011
@ 7:00PM

Important Dates

Oct 5 th	Open Meeting
Oct 8 th	TD Test
Oct 9 th	VST Test
Oct 10 th	Agility Classes
Oct 11 th	Non-Member Classes
Oct 12 th	Member Classes
Nov 18 th	BT Deadline
Dec 7 th	Christmas Party



MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2011

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Sherry Bell made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Bill Johnston seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barb Croy, Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$35,621 in various accounts due to income from the August Agility Trial. All expenses for the trial have not been recorded at this time. The Club is showing a profit of \$19,889 as of the end of July, 2011. Barb reported that the club had made \$1400 on the obedience trial which is the first time the club has realized a profit for this event in recent history.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Karen Smallwood, 1st Vice President reported that the 2012 Obedience Trial will be the first weekend in May 2012. Three judges are under contract for the trial. She announced that the Obedience Trial committee will be meeting in August or September. One item on the agenda will be judges for future trials. Every year a trial secretary is needed. Kate Barton is the unofficial trial secretary, but the club is in need of someone to volunteer for the formal trial secretary spot. This person cannot show a dog and must be available at the site both days of the trial. Karen said that she would check into the possibility of having separate secretaries for Rally and Obedience.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Kellams, 2nd Vice President, had nothing to report. She is looking for someone to put down mats on Monday mornings.

CLUB MEMBER DOT

Dean Lund, Club Member DOT reported that everyone got the class that they wanted. All confirmations have not been sent yet. Dean asked for suggestions from club members about classes that they might want to have.

AGILITY – DOT

Mike Evard, Agility DOT, reported that there would be an Obedience for agility class on Tuesday's at 6:15. There is some room in some of the classes and especially for those who just want to do run-thrus. This option would just be for experienced dogs.

PUBLIC CLASS – DOT

Lynn Swager, Public DOT reported that all trainers have been found for the coming session. She is in need of one assistant for this next session for the 7:00 PM class. She may also need one for the 8:15 class.

TRACKING DOT

Pam Johnson reported that she needs volunteers for track laying as well as help with food and judge transportation. They will be plotting tracks on October 7th. Test will take place on October 8th in Auburn in the morning and in the afternoon will be laying the course for the VST test. The VST test will take place on October 9th. There may be a random tracking test in the fall. Pam has scheduled a Chiropractic day for September 10th. Call Pam to schedule.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Kersjes reported that there were currently 10 dogs for the 7:00 PM class and 2 for the 8:15 class. She currently has 2 puppies registered.

PRESIDENT

Diane Townsend asked members to please clean up outside. The agility demo for the fair went well. Thanks to the members who came out in the heat. She reminded club members that RDO day is September 10th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and we are scheduled for an agility demo. There will be vendors, food. She encouraged members to come out to help.

SUNSHINE:

Jim and Angie Weins loss of their son/brother and Angie had hip replaced.

BARKING TIMES

Yvonne Wakeman was not present.

FAIR BOARD

Nothing to report.

AGILITY COMMITTEE

Lisa Fair thanked workers for work today in preparation for the trial. Volunteer workers should be at the Plex tomorrow at 7:30 PM. The building will be open at 8:00 PM and set up at 9:00 PM. Workers should be at the Plex on Friday at 6:00 AM. Judges will be arriving at 7:00 AM. Be sure to give worker recognition gifts Gail Chobot. Workers will get paw points for working, but if a worker is not working all day they will not get meal tickets. If a worker is running their dog please be considerate. Workers are still needed for Sunday, especially to load equipment for return to the building.

Diane asked that the mats be laid in the building on Sunday night when the equipment is unloaded. Nancy announced that workers should plan to be on time for the class to which they have been assigned.

PAW POINTS:

Vicki Galloway was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

The club had a drawing for a free class through the Pet Expo. The winner was Jessica Tobolski. Dave will be returning to do some minor work on the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

New club members were announced.

ADJOURN: Pam Johnston made the motion to adjourn. Jan Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

-Chris Myers, Recording Secretary



CH UCH UCD SHR Fireside Back Seat Driver, CD, JH, WC "Pia" and SHR Fireside LOL Always, JH, WC "Lola" finished their Junior Hunter titles in September at the Backwater Retriever Club's hunt test. There were four Fireside dogs finishing titles at this event. ~~Kate Barton~~

Class Sign-up "Revised"

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 at 7:00pm on Sunday prior to the open meeting.**
2. **Class sign up for *Agility classes* that meet on Monday and Tuesday will begin at 7:00 pm on the Sunday prior to 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 some time 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

"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.

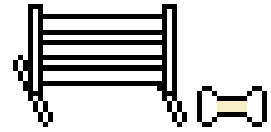
Paw Points - Vickie Galloway
Dues - Diane Townsend
Agility Trial / Trial chair – Mike Evard
Obedience Trial / Trial chair – Karen Smallwood
Tracking DOT - Pam Johnson

Barking Times – Yvonne Wakeman
Public night – Lynn Swager
Club night - Dean Lund
Agility (AM & PM sessions) – Mike Evard

Member Obedience Classes



Schedule beginning Oct 12, 2011
Running through Nov 30, 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 LET'S WORK IT OUT!

Instructor: Kate Barton Assistant: Cathy Martin

Purpose: To work out problems which advanced dogs and handlers are having with specific exercises. A questionnaire will be emailed to participants prior to the first night of class, and needs returned also prior to the 1st night.

Prerequisites: Dog must have a CD and either be competing in a higher class (Grad Nov. thru Utility) or be ready to be competing. Must bring Crate. Handlers must be ready to help each other (be a post, provide a distraction, etc.).

Limit 10

7:00-8:00 PM TRICKS!

Instructor: Jane Bowman

Tricks! Why teach your dog tricks? Tricks are a fun way to teach you dog to learn, to have better focus, and to motivate your dog. Dogs love to do tricks and watching dogs do tricks just naturally put smiles on peoples' faces. Once dogs find out that learning a trick is fun, then they are more willing to learn other behaviors quicker and easier. In this class we will work on tricks such as roll over, walk backwards, high five, wave to name just a few. We will also have obedience "tricks" as well such as teaching heeling as if it were a "trick". Prerequisite for the class is a friendly, hungry dog with a handler that is willing to try new things. A clicker is preferred but not necessary.

Limit 12

8:00-9:00 PM IMPROVE YOUR SCORES!

Instructor: Carol Michel

This class will be geared toward guiding teams through improving all phases of competition towards the companion dog title. I found that the best preparation I ever had was attending judging seminars where scenarios are discussed or demonstrated. Participants will be asked to analyze and be evaluated by their peers weekly with the objective being a reduction in penalty points in overall performance. Each week you will act as judge and participate in a heeling exercise and will carry a clipboard and mark the judge's sheet. You can take your sheet home so you can measure your improvement week to week. The class will focus on problem solving for lagging, forging, wide turns, fronts and finishes as well as other noted scoreable deductions as noted in the AKC Obedience Rules. Dogs in this class should be able to perform at a reliable fundamental level of heeling. We will focus on how to improve the scores and performance instead of minimal passing. Dogs that haven't mastered their barking in class should wait. Please bring treats or your dog's inspirational toy. The goal is to improve your knowledge of how to evaluate your own performance so you can judge your progress.

Limit 9

8:00-9:00 PM SUB-NOVICE

Instructor: T.B.D.

This class will start teaching that "stay" means STAY! 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)

Limit 12

E-MAIL DEAN: BenCedar@aol.com **FOR ALL WED. OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

ALL CLASSES REQUIRE A \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points (Except New Students)

PHONE CALLS ARE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS. Dean 627-1067 Just leave class request & name

Class Sign-up Begins: Sunday, Oct 2nd , After 7:00pm

AGILITY CLASSES

Class Schedules for Mondays
Classes run from Oct 10th – Nov 28th
Class sign up will start on Oct 2nd at 7pm

6:00-6:45 Beginners:

Instructor: Mike Evard

This will be two separate classes in each side of the ring. Teams will be grouped for those starting to work on individual obstacles, and those who are ready to or are just beginning to work sequences.

Prerequisite: Bring toys, good treats and targets, Crates are recommended

6:45-7:30 More Cues and course management:

Instructor: Mike Evard

Common sequences will be used to explore different handling strategies utilizing the cues that dogs naturally respond to. Progression to the full course will be done as time allows. Consistent and effective use of cues will improve accuracy and your dog's confidence

Prerequisite: All levels of teams considered but dog should have good obstacle focus and drive

Dogs should be confident on at least 6 weave polls.

Crates are required for this class as we will work without dogs during part of the class.

7:45-8:15

Instructors: Steve Wheeler and Dawn Taylor

Limit: 8 Teams

Prerequisite: Crates are required for this class as we will work without dogs during part of the class.

Dogs must be confident on all contacts as we will be working distance and dog safety is a priority.

Dogs must also be confident on at least 6 weave polls.

Class instructors will have final approval on the teams attending this class.

8:30-9:15 Course Time:

Non-instructional run through time for those wanting to work the full course of proof Specific areas on their own.

Prerequisite: Teams currently showing or ready to show (by DOT approval) specific This can be a second class with priority given to those not enrolled in another class C rates are required for this class

Non-Member DOT

Thanks to all my Tue night trainers. Nancy Wright Kathy Kruckeberg Steve Wheeler Carol Michel Lynette Swineheart Dawn Taylor and Dean Lund. Thank you for the great job this eight weeks. thank you to Bonnie Kelly and Diane for all your help. Lynn

Correction:

TopKnob Designs will do custom embroidery for you or your events! Contact Barrie Fleetwood at 260-280-2942 or visit the website: <http://www.topknobdesigns.com/>

Tracking



FWOTC tracking tests will be held on Saturday October 8 and Sunday October 9 2011. On Saturday our Tracking Test Headquarters are in Auburn Indiana at 2 separate sites. On Sunday our Variable Surface Tracking Test Headquarters will be at the Dupont Medical Office Park in Fort Wayne. We will be moving around this site and may have tracks at an additional site nearby. If you would like to come out and observe, please contact Pam Johnson for times and locations of these tests. Pam Johnson blackyellowlabs@frontier.com

CHECK OUT THE COMPANION DOG SPORTS PROGRAM

If you are interested in a more relaxed environment in which to do obedience you may want to look into the Companion Dog Sports Program. The exercises at each level are similar to AKC but not exactly the same. What I like best about the registry is that you can praise your dog during the exercises. Food is allowed at the completion of each exercise. They offer Novice, Open and Utility classes. There are no group stays only an honor stay in Novice. Check out their web site at <http://companiondogsportsprogram.com/>



Brrrr...it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) more information.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

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.

August Agility Trial went well except for the heat. Thanks to those who put in the above and beyond to help the club. I always hate to name names because some can feel left out however... Thanks to Linda Wagner for her equipment for the JWW ring, Mike Evard for the FAST ring equipment and Jane Bowman and Diane Townsend for the extra weaves. Jan Smith also let us use her horse trailer to get equipment to and from the Plex. Kent and Connie Strong allowed us to use their camper so campers could stay onsite. Thanks to Gayle and Steve Chobot for the generator. Nancy Wright for giving a frame work for the workers. Thanks to those who were always looking for a job to do! The exhibitors said they would back in October.

The agility trial will be October 21, 22, 23 2011. Each day will start at 6am with course building and end around 5pm. To make this as big of a success as in the past we need a lot of volunteer help. If you can help the club, Nancy Wright will have volunteer forms at the club or you can contact her at njwright731@hotmail.com.

Several people wanted more training. I think this is a great idea. We will meet at the club on October 17th starting at 6pm until ?. We will work on timers and other aspects of running the trial.

The final planning for loading, unloading and setting up at the Plex is still in the planning stages. We will let you know as things get finalized.

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FWOTC Schedule – 2011

Barking Times Deadline is Nov 18th
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TD Test Saturday – Saturday Oct 8, 2011
VST Test – Saturday Oct 9, 2011

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