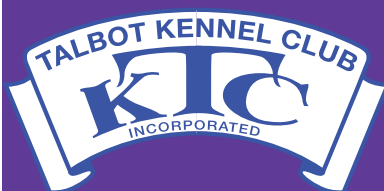


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My Fellow Members



Tom Harding, President

I hope this message finds our two and four legged members well! As this is my first message for the newsletter since being elected your President, I wanted to take this time to thank JoAnn Tolson for her three years as President. I also want to recognize the outgoing Board members: Barbara Paul, Robin Valliant, and Suzanne Smith. My hope is that the current Board and myself can continue the momentum that JoAnn and the previous Board helped facilitate. I also want to recognize the new Board members: Joanne Beavers, Diane Horowitz, and Ivette White. I feel that while the outgoing people will be missed, the club will continue in good hands.

Diane Horowitz and Shirley Bigelow do a great job of producing the newsletter, but are often searching for content. I often hear of the great successes our members have while training, showing, and/or competing. Lest we forget, the new additions (and prospective students) to our members' family. Share these with your editors so that the Club can share your accomplishment and joy.

The Club wants to keep up with the many opportunities and activities that are available out there. For the newsletter to have content, you deserve to know what, where, and when to go. So, if you hear of an upcoming event, you can forward it to me, Ivette, Diane, or Jerry Rollyson. It will be posted onto our NEW Calendar on the website. Then you can brag about the fun you had in our newsletter! Visit www.talbotkennelclub.org and it's on the left of the homepage. We're on Facebook, too. Please visit that site; you're sure to 'like' it!

I want to remind everyone that every Club member in good standing can have an 8 1/2 x 11 picture or award hung on the wall in the Club building. The Club will provide the frame and hang the frame. It can be one photo or a collage; and you are welcome to change the content as often as you like. Just leave the item(s) to be framed in my box at the Club or give it to me when you see me.

In closing, I want to add that this is YOUR Club! Please feel free to reach out to me or the other members of the Board with suggestions or feedback. Until next newsletter, have a safe and happy start to summer.

Tom Harding

For more information, call: 410-822-1229, or go to www.talbotkennelclub.org.

AKC Agility Nationals

Reno, Nevada - April 2012

During 2011, Linda and Dallas were able to meet the qualification standards to be able to enter the AKC Nationals to be held in Reno, Nevada. So, along with our two friends from Salisbury – Kim Kilmer and Seaweed, and Chris Kirn and Rudy, off we flew. Here are their stories.... (sounds like SVU)

For three days in April, the AKC agility community descended on Reno, Nevada for the AKC National competition. With an entry of approximately 900 dogs, the Livestock Arena buzzed with excitement. After arriving on Wednesday and touring around on Thursday (more later), competition started on Friday with Time to Beat (TTB). Everyone in our group did well – all getting some TTB points and a qualifying score, and a good warmup.

Overall our group did well – each receiving some clean runs, but it is very difficult to make it to the Sunday finals. With a total of 4 runs, you MUST be clean and fast, or mostly clean and really fast to make it to the Challengers round. While the top qualifiers in each

height and division (regular and preferred) move on to the finals, ONE dog is allowed to move to the finals from the challengers round.

The challengers round contains 10 dogs with the fastest time who were not clean in all of their rounds or not as fast as those who were clean. Our friend Penny Morgan with Bunny (if you compete in Agility you know her – “Bunny stay, Bunny stay...”), was clean in all of her runs but was not fast enough to go to the Challenger round. The Challenger round is held before the Finals and 10 dogs from each height and division run a Hybrid course – no table, very fast. It's simple – fastest time and clean – you go to the Finals. It is wild to watch and very exciting. Several of our friends from the area made it to Challengers and we yelled and yelled for them.

Moving on the Finals we were able to see all the top dogs and handlers run as fast as they could. It is amazing to see. Great end to a great weekend.

Submitted by Pam Johnson

So, that is the dog competition. Here's what else we did. On Thursday we ventured to Virginia City and after a couple of stops on the way to take some photos, we walked around with the dogs. We stopped in the Washoe Bar and Hotel (seen on Ghost Adventures) and took a photo.

As we passed one of those old time picture places we all looked at each other and said, “Let's do it.”

So the four of us and the three dogs dressed up in western wear and had a photo done. After some great beef brisket we headed back.



We had another free day on Monday, so off we went to see Lake Tahoe. Wow, what a sight. Living here on the east coast, you just don't see mountains like they have out west. So magnificent.

We drove around and found a great beach to walk the dogs and let them run. They just needed to blast a bit. Then we drove farther up the mountains where it was a bit tricky with no guard rails and sheer drop offs, but we were rewarded with some beautiful sights.



Next year the Nationals will be held somewhere in Oklahoma, and if we can do it we will be there.

TKC Agility Trials

Crown Sports Center

Many of our members got a lot of bang out of their entry bucks this time around. Apparently, having the venue indoors at the Crown Sports Center made the dogs more focused as evidenced by such winning results. Congratulations to these who Q'd:

- ◆ Jean Clampitt and Lance, MacKenzie and Patrick
- ◆ Robert Frazier and Higgins
- ◆ Georgann Kates and Bingley
- ◆ Linda Motta and Kooba
- ◆ Harriett Riter and Matrix & Riggins
- ◆ Linda Syner and Dallas
- ◆ Robin Valliant and Ecco & Katrina
- ◆ Lynn Haneke and Liam piled on MACH points by qualifying in JWW and Standard runs (you need 750 pts as part of your MACH).
- ◆ Dasher, Zip, and Zorro all Double Q'd on Sunday. And Ivette White helped!
- ◆ JoAnn Tolson and J.D. finally got a Novice FAST Title on Friday.
- ◆ Pam Johnson and Austin got their Open FAST Title.
- ◆ Bill Wilson and his crew fared well! Nautica had two EX B Standard Q's and two EX B FAST Q's. Jeter had two Novice FAST Q's but dropped a bar on each of his Standard and JWW runs. At 9 ½ years old, Denver, made his official retirement run in Jumpers on Sunday. This Leonberger started his career at 3 ½ and was always a pleasure to watch!

Marian Shaw and her kidz Shore had a great time! Torre, her Norfolk Terrier got 5/6 Q in Excellent with an oh-so-close for the 6th where she dropped the last bar by just a hair. She came back to finish her MX Title on Saturday (the MX is 10 qualifying runs at the EX B level). Hattie, another Norfolk, finished her AX Title on Friday, and got her first Q in EX B on Sunday. Daisy, the Lab, got a Q in Novice FAST and two in Open Jumpers. Whew!



Quest to Qualify to Quench

Obviously, this year's BBQ was gonna be off the hook. The weather was perfect. The pressure was off. Everybody was celebrating another successful trial. There wasn't an empty Red Solo Cup to be filled. This Par-Tay was ON!!

I thought I'd arrive fashionably late. Walking up to the celebratory site, the chairs were empty. Where did everybody go?

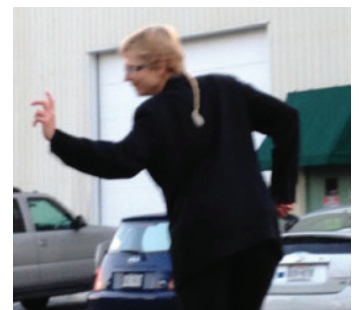


These celebrants were participating in "YMCA".

This wasted (oops, wait) crowd wasted (there we go) NO time in reveling via song & dance! Where did they get the energy?

The evening passed quicker than a Jack Russell's run! (Oops, too much hooch; that pooch is now a Parson Russell).

As adieu's were bid and promises made, I knew they would be kept. There's another trial in the Fall. Where do I get an entry form?



Judge Bowers (with X-treme queue) chose "I'm A Little Teapot"

Announcements

Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club Rally Trial, February 24 and 25

Team PWD Comes Home with the Win!

On February 24th and 25th members of the Talbot Kennel Club had fun with naming their group "Team PWD" when the five ladies competed at the Rally Trial in Salisbury. As the name implies they all competed with Portuguese Water Dogs. Linda Motta and Kooba Q'd on Friday in Novice but were unable to compete on Saturday. Jerry and Teia received a 4th on Friday in excellent and Q'd with their title on Saturday. Ahley Cook with Trini Q'd on Friday with her advanced title and Saturday her first leg in excellent with a second place. Robin and Ecco Q'd Friday for his first leg in excellent and Saturday received a third place in excellent. Martha and Busca Q'd both days in Advance giving them their advanced title. Martha also competed with her 15 month old Lagotto Ramagano, Ceasar and Q'd two legs in advance.



Not shown in the Photo is Terri Meserole and Jake not a PWD but a lovely Snow Golden. Terri handled Jake beautifully to a forth place on Friday in Novice Rally and then on Saturday to receive her novice title. Way to go Terri!

Rally is the meaning of fun and the group really had that and more at Salisbury.

Here Comes the Judge!

Congratulations go out to Linda Syner After a most difficult selection process, she has become a bona fide Agility Judge. Hmmm, I thought she was already certifiable!!

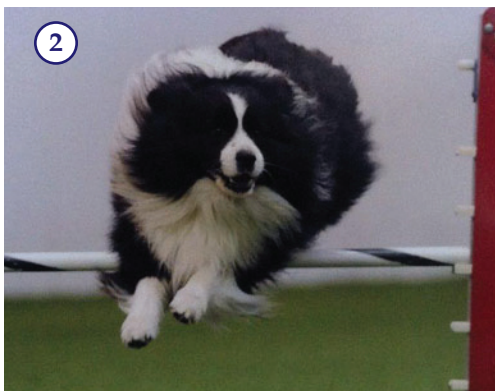
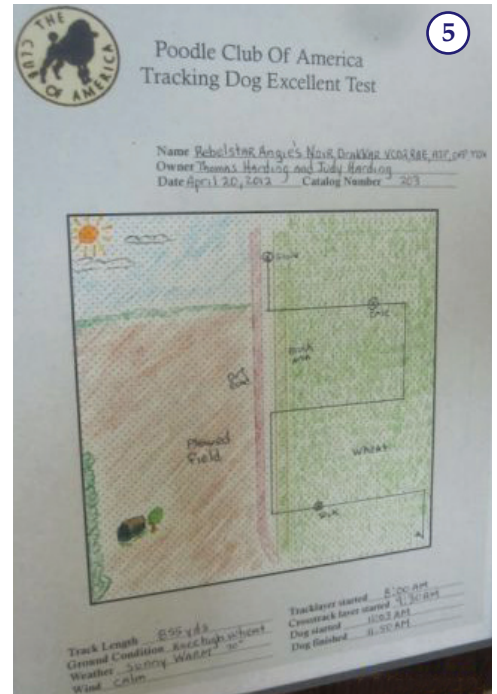


Time to Consider Donations for the November Breed Show

Trophy Letter Coming Soon



BRAGS - New Champ, Wins, Titles



① Since 2004, Mitch Horowitz & Tonka celebrated Valentine week at Westminster in NYC. Two days shy of his 11th b-day, he was honored with the Judge's Award of Merit! What makes this sweet is that Tonka earned his CH at 18 months from the same judge: Walter Sommerfelt. That's amore!

② In April, Lynn Haneke & Liam attended the Salisbury/TKC trial. They Q'd once; then twice; then finally 3 times in one day! They now have their 2nd Double Q (out of 20 needed for MACH) in Standard & Jumpers. The cherry on top their Sunday was getting a MASTER JUMPERS Title!!

③ ④ As members of the U.S. team at the World Agility Open Championships, Zip & Ivette White returned from Belgium with four 1st places and were 4th overall, getting a Bronze medal in the Individual Pentathlon.

⑤ Tom and Judy proudly announce DraKKar got his TDX at the Poodle Club of America Test. Tracking demonstrates the dog's ability to recognize and follow scent; a skill useful in search & rescue efforts.

⑥ Page Jensen's Rocket (with handler) won 2 majors in one week! At Wildwood, NJ, he won a Puppy Group 2. Onward & upward for the prestigious Connecticut River Working Dog show where he won Sweepstakes! Wait, there's more: he got his CH that same day! Now, add a bit more fuel: he passed his CGC test with TKC examiner, Jerry Rollyson. He is now CH Patriot's High Roller AWD, CGC. This boy is turbo-charged!

No Pics available:

- Instead of taking naps when new pup Jinxy was too, Ashley Cook competed at Salisbury/TKC/Sheltie trials with Robin Valliant's PWD, Katrina. They earned Fast Novice 1st leg in 1st place; Std Novice 1st leg in 3rd place; Std Novice 2nd leg in 2nd place; and JWW Novice 2nd leg (with a CLEAN run) in 1st place. I'll bet she took a nap after all that!

- Pat Killilea's Coda earned his BN Title in Obedience during the Memorial Day weekend. Such sweet music for our eyes to read!

New Paws on the Block



Jinxy

Ashley Cook uses her positive reinforcement training skills on Jinxy, a Portuguese Water Dog. It won't be long til this little beauty from Linda Motta's Bantry line is making her Mom proud.



Molly

Needing Ashley's training skills is Molly! MaMa MiMi has her hands full with this lil Chesapeake Bay Retriever. She already has Breeders/Owners Mitchel and Diane Horowitz wrapped around her paws as she insists on doing it her way! But it won't be long before she is doing it the TKC way:

Summer classes start the last week in June -
See ya there!

✓ *Mark Your Calendar*



CERF CLINIC

\$32 per dog

August 26, 2012

VMC Easton proved to be a sell-out last year. For \$32, you get free parking, free food, and an intriguing performance by Dr. Nancy Bromberg! You can enjoy TV in air-conditioned comfort while waiting for the dilation drops to kick in.

Veterinary Medical Center
28966 Information Drive, Easton, MD

Directions:
From Rte 50 turn onto Airport Road
across from Hertrich Ford.
Then right onto Information Lane. (#28966 for GPS).
It's the HUGE red building!

Contact Joann Beavers for appointments
at 410-745-5796 (evening)
or elflane@goeaston.net.

Congratulations



STAR PUPPY CLASSES

Training classes teach you how to best communicate with your puppy. Organized training classes also provide an opportunity for your dog to socialize with other dogs. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training is a natural lead in to the AKC® Canine Good Citizen. Complete a basic training class (taught by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator) with your puppy (up to 1 year old) your puppy is eligible to be enroll in the AKC STAR Puppy Program.

The following Teams Completed all the required elements of the Star Puppy Program on Tuesday May 1, 2012 and are now our new Star Puppy teams. Left to Right: Ashley Cook with Jinxie; Peter Carroll with Tootsie; Diane Horowitz with Molly; Stacy Dulin with Joe and Jon Fisher with Banjo.

Sincerest Condolences

to

Terry Meserole
and her family
on the passing
of her Father.

From All of Your Friends at TKC

Support Our Local Businesses

While You Are in Easton please consider supporting our local economy by buying locally-produced and/or locally-sold products or services, rather than buying online from "foreign" websites or from catalogs that draw money out of our community:

SHOW'S OVER TIME TO SHOW OFF

You finished the Agility Trial; it's time to start a garden. Reward yourself by growing your own bouquet! As many of you know, Pat McNeal grows several hundred different irises and sell the plants locally at the Easton Farmers' Market. She is also offering Gift Certificates this year and will give 10% of the proceeds to various clubs and organizations that refer customers, not only for Gift Certificates, but for purchases throughout the year. You just need to let her know what organization gets the referral credit - and for us, that means TKC.



DRINK UP TO FEED FIDO



Most of you will be picking up your TKC Picnic beverages at Hair O' The Dog. They borrowed one of my wine glasses and filled it with corks. If you know how many are in there (and I know you do), put your money where the donation box is! For \$5, you can win a Bucket O' Booze! ALL proceeds go to Talbot Humane! The winner will be announced July 6th at 6 PM. Can't think of a

better way to start off your weekend and/or continue celebrating the 4th!!



**Don't Forget! TKC Annual Picnic
this Saturday, June 23rd 4 PM
L & P's Funny Farm
Please bring a side dish OR dessert**