

DIXIE RECALL

Newsletter of the Nashville Dog Training Club

September 2002

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 9/23: Membership Meeting, 7 pm
Mon. 10/14: Board Meeting, 7 pm
Sun. 10/27: Tracking Dog Test at The Hermitage
Mon. 10/28: Member meeting/Election of 2003 Board members
Sat. 11/9: 2nd Annual NDTC Yard Sale

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2003

OFFICERS

By Bev Watson

We're sorry! Your 2002 Board of Directors in general, and your 2002 President in particular, allowed an important date to slip by. Namely, the appointment of a Nominating Committee, the subsequent nomination of next year's Board of Directors and notification to the members. Thank you to former President Claudia Dickerson for bringing this to our attention. This activity should have taken place by August 31.

The Board responded immediately to this notification of their error, and a Nominating Committee was quickly formed. Those members volunteering their time and efforts on this important Committee are Don Lehr, Kate Ruddy and David Taylor. The report of the Nominating Committee appears elsewhere in this issue of The Recall.

The October 28, 2002 member meeting will also be the night we will elect new officers. It is very important that you plan to attend this meeting. Firstly, a quorum of members must be present. Secondly, the 2003 Board of Directors will be responsible for oversight of an upcoming NDTC event that is detailed in the next article. Your support of these officers is critical.

As previously stated, the slate of officers presented for election by the Nominating Committee appears later in this issue. Please review it carefully, and feel free to contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee should you have any questions.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Don Lehr, Kate Ruddy and David Taylor, the 2002 Nominating Committee present the following slate of officers for election to serve as the 2003 NDTC Board of Directors. This slate of officers will be voted on at the October 28, 2002 Club Member meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

President:	Jenny Cobb
Vice President:	David Taylor
Treasurer:	Deanna Levenhagen
Secretary:	Faye Head
Membership/Historian:	Connie Womack
Training Director:	Beverly Watson
Property Chair:	Erin Hamedi

Four for Four in '04

By Claudia Dickerson

Building on the overwhelming success of the club's 2002 two-day debut agility trial chaired by Jenny Cobb, NDTC will be doubling the size to a four-day agility trial in 2003, and then plans to combine a four-day agility trial with a four-day obedience trial in 2004. No single club has ever sponsored four days of combined agility and obedience, so this is an unprecedented move that should attract top quality exhibitors and record entry fee revenue for the club.

Preliminary discussions with the AKC by AKC obedience judge and club member David Haddock indicate that they would approve an application to move the date of our obedience trial, double it to four days from the current two days, and combine it with the four-day agility trial. They have set several prerequisites to approval, all of which are reasonable and feasible.

An ambitious plan such as this would not have been possible before the Williamson County Agricultural Center opened. This facility is ideal for dog shows in general and this type of event in particular. The dirt arena floor provides excellent footing and ample room for two agility rings and a warm-up area. The upstairs area can hold multiple obedience rings, crating, and vendors.

Publicizing the event and attracting local pet owners will certainly boost club class enrollment and revenue. Members of the public can view the agility runs from the arena seating, and experience has shown that very little seating is required for public viewing of obedience.

The facility provides food concessions, freeing up club members to steward instead of work concessions. Parking is ample and convenient, as are dog exercise areas. The site is close to an excellent selection of hotels and restaurants, and is also easy to find from the interstate. Nashville is centrally located and within a reasonable driving distance of a very large percentage of this country's population.

We are very fortunate to be at the right place at the right time and to have motivated and creative club members who can make this event a tremendous success, not only for the club but for exhibitors.

We are starting now to line up a blue-ribbon panel of judges, explore options for streamlining the administrative end of producing the event, and determine how we can optimize use of the facility.

The Combined Event Committee appointed by the Board is Jenny Cobb (Agility Chair), Claudia Dickerson (Obedience Chair), and David Taylor (Board Liaison). Please pitch in to make this unprecedented event a complete success!

YARD SALE

NDTC will sponsor our second annual yard sale at the club building on Saturday, November 9. This is the perfect time for members who are not yet showing to obtain some of their volunteer hours.

Items that sold well last year were luggage, exercise equipment, tools, furniture, music CDs and videos, and anything with a motor and a cord! Items that did poorly were clothing and shoes. Keep in mind as you clean your closets that our traffic last year was quite local in nature, and largely Hispanic. While books did not sell well at the yard sale, they did slowly sell to members after the sale.

Be sure items are in good condition and marketable. Anything not sold will have to be taken to Goodwill or the dump by our weary volunteers. You can start

dropping items for the yard sale off at the building and leaving them in the concession area.

There is no need to price the items. The savvy volunteers working at the event will accept any best offer on an item.

"KEY" CHANGES

The building locks were changed over Labor Day weekend. If you are an instructor or otherwise entitled to a key, and have not yet picked it up, please contact Bev Watson at 615-297-1229 or Trackingnut@aol.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming new members Sonia Lopez with her Aussies and Lauren Newsome with her corgi. Their contact information is listed with the membership list update in this issue.

TICK ALERT

This is the time of year in our part of the country when you may notice symptoms of tick-borne diseases in your dogs. They can occur any time of the year, but most cases will slightly lag the summer's peak tick season.

Be on the alert for the very subtle signs of tick-borne diseases, even if you think your dog has not been bitten. The tiny seed ticks are actually the most likely to transmit disease, because they can be so hard to detect.

Do not be complacent if your dogs have been on tick preventives. You may not have applied them often enough or correctly (the dogs is not supposed to be bathed for several days before and after), or you may have removed a tick incorrectly.

Tick-borne diseases can mimic other diseases, and the symptoms can often be mild in the early stages. If not treated promptly and early, these diseases can kill the dog or leave it physically incapacitated.

Symptoms to watch out for include, but are not limited to, lethargy (dog acts old or just isn't as active as usual), mild lameness in one or more limbs, stiffness, bleeding, kidney problems, and fever. A dog can be ill and show none of these symptoms until the disease progresses to a chronic stage at which time they may be untreatable.

If in doubt, take your dog to the vet and specifically ask to have your dog tested for tick-borne diseases.

NDTC WEBSITE STATISTICS

Total visitors = 12,074
Total page views = 25,373
Total Hits = 95,679
Average visitors per day = 52
Average page views/day = 110
Average hits/day = 415

The NDTC website <http://www.nashvilledog.com> has been an unprecedented success. We have received many new students via the site, and have saved countless volunteer hours since new students are using the website to obtain information and registration forms.



**Students: We want to brag on you if your dog earns its CGC.
Submit your dog's name and any information or stories you want printed.**

Bill and Sandra Edson's nine year old Standard Poodle, Sancrest Dallas CDX MX AXJ CGC, received the Versatility Certificate from Versatility in Poodles, Inc. Dallas earned the 10 points required for this certificate with 6 pts in agility, 3 in obedience, and 1 CGC. The certificate was awarded on July 31, 2002.

Don Lehr has been racking up brags for several months now, and has quite a bit to report. Don's Buddy, American Cocker Spaniel ('Buddy) completed his AX title way back at Gainesville, GA on March 3rd. Since then he got his 4th MXJ leg at Louisville on March 15th, 5th MXJ leg at Harriman, TN on March 24th, 6th MXJ leg at Clarksville, TN on April 2nd, 7th and 8th MXJ legs at Corydon, IN on June 1 and 2, two USDAA STD Novice Legs at White Pines on June 29th and 30th. Buddy's 9th AKC MXJ leg was at Shelby on August 31 and he completed his MXJ Title on Sept 7th followed by another MXJ leg the following day at Harriman. So far he has 48 Mach (Master Agility Champion) points. Way to go, Don and Buddy!

David Taylor and his Shetland Sheepdog Ross Roi Inherit the Wind NA OAJ CGC ("Tyler") earned his OAJ at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club agility trials in Harriman, TN on September 7 and 8.

Nola Simmons' Miniature Schnauzer, Razie Jake CD, earned their first Open A leg at the Murfreesboro Obedience Trial on July 20th. What a team!

Judy Hackett's Border Collie, VX Ch. Shoreland's Doublestuff Magee CDX AX OAJ PT HTDI HRDI TT CGC (Magee), earned two agility legs at the Knoxville Kennel Club's Trial in Harriman. On Sept. 7th, Magee got his fourth leg towards his MX and on Sept. 8th he got his second leg towards his AXJ with a first place win. What a great weekend for Judy and Magee!

Tom and Chris Warmouth report that their buff & white American Cocker Spaniel, Knash (My Buddy Knash CGC NA NAJ OAJ), took 3rd place in Louisville, 3/15/02, in Open JWW; he now moves up to Ex A JWW! In Chattanooga on 4/6/02 he took first place earning his first Ex A JWW leg!

Not to be outdone, Tom and Chris' black & tan American Cocker, Charlie (Brookwood's Little Boy Blue) took 1st place in puppy dog 9-12 months and Best of Winners in Louisville on March 16, 2002 earning him his 1st Championship point! In Perry, GA he took 2nd place in puppy dog 9-12 months on 4/13/02 and again on 4/14/02. On May 4, 2002 he took 1st place & Best of Breed in Hodgenville, KY. Then on May 5 in Lexington, KY he again took 1st place and Best of Breed. At this time, Charlie is not being shown in conformation, but is going to grooming competitions. His first was in June in North Carolina and he and his groomer, Judy Hudson, took 2nd place.

Congratulations to Linda Hargett and her Standard Poodle, Topiary Project Bonzai Dot Com, CDX, AX, OAJ ("Bonzai") who completed their CDX at MOTC's trial on Saturday with a Second place. Bonzai's first two legs were achieved in Louisville last March. Additionally, he finished his AX at Clarksville's agility trial in April.

Denise McClure's 4 1/2 month old Bernese Mountain Dog puppy, Brighteye Shooting Star (Hayley), earned her tracking certification on 9/06/02, so as soon as she is old enough, she can enter a TD test.

Pat and Tammy Haney and their versatile Miniature Pinschers have been racking up the brags as well. From the Haney's come the following accomplishments:

Ch Mic-Lyn Rapid Fire of Aries ("Nelson") went Best of Opposite and got a 4 point major at the Spartanburg Kennel Club, Spartanburg, SC on July 28th and then at the Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Atlanta GA on August 24th Nelson got his 2nd major and completed his Championship. What a guy!

Aries Amazing Grace, CD ("Ashley") received her 3rd leg (in 3 shows) to complete her CD at the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club, Atlanta GA on August 23rd. At the Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Atlanta GA August 24th Ashley received a bonus leg in Novice.

And last but definitely not least, Ch Desperado's Grace Under Fire, CDX ("Gracie") obtained her 3rd leg and completed her CDX at the Conyers Kennel Club, Atlanta, GA on August 25th. Pat and Tammy, kudos to both of you for your MAJOR accomplishments!

Deanna Levenhagen and her Rough Collie, Starphase Spirit of Peyto CDX OA OAJ PI HIC CGC Delta Pet Partner (Hayden) have earned several titles recently. Hayden completed her USDAA PI title at Magic City Canine Club's USDAA Agility Trial at Columbia, Alabama with a first place win.

Hayden also earned her CDX title recently. Her first open leg was earned in Louisville, KY in March at the Greater Louisville Training Club's obedience trial. Her second and titling legs were won at Murfreesboro Obedience Club's obedience trial in July with a third place and a second place.

There's more! Hayden completed her OAJ agility title on September 8 at Tennessee Valley Kennel Club's trial in Harriman, TN. She won first place with this titling run. This past April, Hayden earned her first AX leg at Chattanooga Kennel Club's agility trial with a second place win.

And last but not least, Hayden earned her first P2 Snooker leg (USDAA) with a first place win at the Agility Club of East Tennessee's USDAA trial in White Pines, TN.

Kate Ruddy and her 10 year old Shetland Sheepdog, Buffalo Bill Cody, XXI, CD, CGC ("Cody"), had quite an exciting weekend at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club's AKC agility trials in Harriman, TN on Sept. 7 and 8. They obtained 2 Novice jumpers legs and 2 Standard legs, with two first places and two third places. Kate, you go, girl! Cody, what a trooper – you made your Mom proud!

Debbie Cutter and her young Scottish Deerhound, Ariel, passed their tracking certification test on September 11, 2002 under the watchful eye of AKC Judge Jane Kline. Congratulations, Debbie and Ariel. Entering our TD trial, are you?

To submit brags, please help Denise by providing the following information:

Your name; dog's registered name, if any; dog's call name; dog's breed or approximate composition; legs/placements/titles earned; date and show at which earned. Submit brags to Denise McClure at emcclure@bellsouth.net, 1733 Charity Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027, or put them in her box in the office at the Club.

NDTC CLOTHING UPDATE

Many of our members who ordered clothing with the NDTC logo were disappointed to find that the logo did not appear on the back of each article. While this was not offered on the golf shirt, it was to have been included on the back of most other items.

Vice President Debbi Martin has been in contact with the provider, Brian Hunter of Hunter Enterprises, and he has agreed to remedy this oversight by printing the logo on the back of any items returned to him by NDTC members.

If you would like to have the NDTC logo printed on the back of your NDTC clothing, please contact Debbi Martin at 615-367-1931 or basset515@comcast.net. Please personally identify your clothing items, either by returning them in a plastic bag with a copy of your original order form attached, or by pinning a copy of your original order form to the item(s). If you do not have your original order form, please attach a piece of paper to your clothing items with your name, phone number and the words "Want back logo." If your clothing is still in the box in the office, we will assume you want the logo placed on the back of the items. Clothing will be collected in the big box behind the desk in the office at the training building. The **deadline** for returning your clothing items is **October 2**. Any items returned after that date will be returned to their owners as originally received.



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLASSES

Puppy Kindergarten

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 12:30 pm
Tuesday, October 22, 8 pm
Thursday, October 24, 7 pm

Level 1

Wed., September 25, 8 pm
Tuesday, October 22, 7 pm
Thursday, October 24, 7 pm
Wed., October 30, 12:30 pm

Level 2 (CGC)

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 8pm
Tuesday, October 22, 8 pm

Level 3

Tuesday, August 27, 8 pm

Level 4

Thursday, August 29, 8 pm

Heeling

Classes resume on Wednesday,
September 18, 7 pm

Open

Tuesdays, 7 pm, ongoing
Call 565-7099 within two hours
before class starts to confirm.

Utility

Thursdays, 7 pm, ongoing

Conformation

Mondays, 7 pm, ongoing

Tracking

Sunday, September 27, 7 AM

Novice Agility

Monday, September 9, 8pm

Introductory Agility

Monday, September 9, 6:45pm

President's Corner – Bev Watson

I must first apologize to the membership for allowing the Board to overlook a pivotal club date. A nominating committee was to have been formed and candidates identified for the 2003 Board of Directors by August 31. However, once this error was pointed out, a Nominating Committee was immediately organized. I want to thank those members of the Club who happily stepped up to the plate to provide this important service to the Club. The 2002 NDTC

Nominating Committee consists of Don Lehr, Kate Ruddy and David Taylor. After making lots of calls to club members in a very short period of time, they were able to provide a slate of club members willing to serve on the 2003 Board of Directors. I want to thank them for their ability and willingness to mobilize in an emergency club situation.

Secondly, I want to address a situation that has plagued this organization for many years. We continually face a marked deficit in instructors for the Puppy, Level I and Level II classes. It seems that once new students have progressed beyond Level II, they obtain their CGC and disappear or go on to competitive obedience or agility training. Either way, they seem to forget that they were once Level I students, and depended on an experienced instructor, from NDTC or elsewhere, to help them. Once students and member's progress to Level III, many of them become more interested in their individual success in their dog sport of choice, and don't realize that the Club needs their experience more than ever. We desperately need Puppy, Level I and Level II instructors. These are the classes that annually provide approximately \$48,000 of revenue for the Club. This building would not be available for your use was it not for these students. These are also the classes that keep dogs from being re-homed or euthanized because of behavior problems. You can make a huge difference in a dog's life by teaching one of these classes. You can make a difference in a human's understanding of the dog in their household. In fact, of all the responsibilities available to members, this is where you can truly change the world as we know it. I beg those members who enjoy the use of this building to remember their first dog training class, and call Pat Thorne at 794-4708 to volunteer to teach. Pat has an upcoming Wednesday night class that still needs an instructor. Don't tell Pat no again! Volunteer today! Again, that phone number is 794-4708.

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Mary Dowden's correct email is:
mmdowden@tds.net

Beth Clark has moved and has a new phone number: We don't know what it is just yet. Congrats, Beth on your new "Yorkie Den."

Pat Thorne and Joyce Garman do not have email at this time.

Rita Kinzer's correct address is:
1524 Dresden Circle
Nashville, TN 37215

Curt Brock's correct street address is:
1560 Craft Center Dr.

Bev Watson's correct email address is:
Trackingnut@aol.com

Please send any corrections to Denise McClure.

OPERATION "PAD"

Thank you to those of you who contributed to Operation "Pad." Our combined donations provided the necessary to pay for padding all three rings, making NDTC a nicer and more comfortable place to teach, train, and host events.

Aerial Aces Agility	Anonymous	Ken Bell	Karen Booker
Beth Clark	Judy Clarke-Beatty	Jenny Cobb	Debbie Cutter
Melanie Del Villagio	Claudia Dickerson	Cindy Franks	Joyce Garman
Judy Hackett	Pat Haney	Tammy Haney	Linda Hargett
Janiece Harrison	Faye Head	Lynn James	Lee Kasten
Cheryl Lanning	Leaps & Bounds Agility	Don Lehr	Deanna Levenhagen
Debbi Martin	Debra Maxwell	Denise McClure	Diane Overstreet
Paws Abilities	Nola Simmons	Jimmy Sloop	Angela Still
David Taylor	Pat Thorne	Bev Watson	Connie Womack
Donna Zeeder			

NDTC BUILDING RENTAL

We have a wonderful training facility! Fully padded and matted, well ventilated and heated. It's only natural that members would want to work in the building at their convenience. The building is available to individual members during any period that does not conflict with a club-sponsored event. This would include NDTC-sponsored classes, show'n goes (obedience or agility), Paws Abilities scheduled classes and club-sponsored or outsourced training seminars. This might also include occasional building improvement processes, (i.e., padding installation, light replacement, etc.)

To schedule the building for any personal training activities, please contact Pat Thorne at 615-794-4708. Pat will be aware of any existing conflicts and will be able to schedule your training session in coordination with other activities taking place at the training building. Please be sure to tell Pat what your training plans are –if you need just one ring to work on obedience work, or if you would like to set up any agility equipment that might require multiple rings. And please remember – you are responsible for putting your toys away when you've finished. Whether you set up a regulation Utility ring or haul all the agility equipment out for a full agility training session, you are expected to return the equipment to the condition and location in which you found it. And while you're at it – as you're enjoying this wonderful facility - please keep in mind that it is primarily the beginner classes that make it possible for you to enjoy this luxury. Give some thought to what your training sessions would be like if this facility didn't exist. When you call Pat Thorne to schedule training time at the building, volunteer to teach a Puppy, Level I or II class. We were all beginners once – wouldn't it be nice if you could, somewhere down the road, ring steward in utility for a student you influenced in Level I?

Connie Cleveland

Obedience Problem Solving Seminar

December 7-8, 2002

Nashville, TN

Some of Connie's past accomplishments include:

- 5 OTCHs
- 1995 and 1996 Super Dog Winner at Gaines/Cycle Central Regionals
- UDT Maltese (her first dog)
- CDX Shih Tzu
- FC-AFC-OTCH Lab

Connie has recently completed UD's on her Labrador Retriever FC AFC "Ezra" (OTCH pointed) and Golden Retriever ARC "Eli". She is now working on their OTCHs.

This is a working seminar. If you would like Connie to work with you and your dog, please specify the problem on a separate sheet of paper.

Cost: \$150.00 per dog/handler team for 2 days (limited number of participants)

\$75.00 per person for 2 days to audit (unlimited)

Continental breakfast and lunch included. Plenty of crating space available.

Registration opens September 4, 2002.

Registration closes November 1, 2002.

Directions to the clinic and a list of motels will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

_____ **Working seminar \$150**

_____ **Audit seminar \$75**

If all working slots are filled, do you want to audit the seminar? ____ Yes ____ No

Please make checks payable to Nashville Dog Training Club and mail registration to:

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Nashville Dog Training Club is an American Kennel Club-licensed dog club dedicated to encouraging responsible dog ownership and the conscientious training of dogs. Training classes for puppies through adult dogs are offered Monday through Thursday evenings. The Club sponsors AKC-sanctioned events such as obedience and tracking trials, and a range of activities, including Canine Good Citizenship tests, recreational agility, Show'N'Go's, and workshops. Visit <http://www.nashvilledog.com> for updates, photos, and class registration forms.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

CLUB MEETING 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – DOG CPR!!!