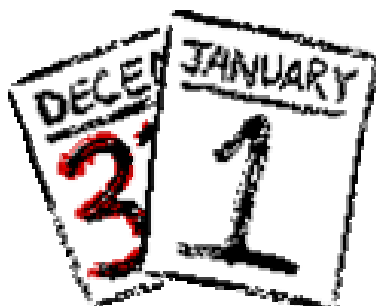


Special points of interest:

- Combined Agility/Obedience Trial
Jan 29—Feb 1
- Check building availability using the
“[Events Calendar](#)”
- Make ring reservations by calling
Holly Waldrop at Work - 615-343-
6161, Cell - 615-243-3257, or e-mail
her at rental@nashvilledog.org
- Next Club Meeting January 25
- Next Board Meeting January 19



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Nashville Dog Training Club Newsletter

NDTC Combined Agility/Obedience Trial Update

Members and Associate Members: Those of you who are in need of volunteer hours to maintain your membership or renew a membership, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for our club's upcoming agility/obedience trial the end of this month. We are in need of stewards and ring volunteers on any of the four days of the trials. We also need people to volunteer to pick up judges and help transport them to and from the trial site. They are all staying only one exit north of the trial site and many of you will be passing right by there on your way to the site anyway. Why not help us out and swing by to pick up one of our judges? We will also need assistance taking them out to dinner after the trial each evening, which gives you a chance to ask all those questions you might have stored up during your own training with your dogs. These judges are very pleasant people and fun to dine with (in my personal experience). Please let Connie Womack or Denise McClure know if you are available and willing to help us with the judges. It takes up the least amount of your time and is not even out of your way. Thanks in advance.

Connie Womack
Membership Chair, Obedience Trial Hospitality Chair

A Bit of History

The following was submitted to the editor in December, 2003. I thought it would be great to read on some "history" of the club.

"One look at the December issue of the Recall, a wonderful, polished edition of a newsletter of which the Club can certainly be proud, prompted me to write this bit of Club history. We all owe a big "Thank You" to the Editor!

Back in the 1960's, when the Club was "young" we soon decided that we needed a newsletter. At that time, as I recall, we had not yet even had a sanctioned Match, much less a real Obedience Trial.

After some discussion, we settled on "The Dixie Recall", its logo featured a hound dog of indeterminate ancestry and a cartoon-type mountaineer. A wonderful lady and dedicated dog trainer, Leola Fitts, was Club Secretary and she also wrote and published—by mimeograph—the RECALL. Leola was so efficient that she eventually was persuaded to become, essentially, our permanent Secretary. And, so she remained for many years.

Leola fancied Miniature Schnauzers and had one, "Up'n-Atem (Atem), a feisty male who thought he was a lion. He once reached over, while doing figure-eights around me and my 90 lb. male Boxer, and managed to nip Kane's hind end. In a half-second Kane had a mouthful of Schnauzer. But it never fazed Atem!

Somehow, Leola managed to also find time to train dogs, help others, make hand-made trophies, as well as hand-made patches of the Club's logo for jackets, etc. She was a jewel and certainly an inspiration as a dog lover and dedicated member of our Club. We can always use more like her."

Ray Throckmorton
(President, 1966)

Thank you, Ray, for your compliment on the newsletter. I try my best. Thank you too, David Taylor for your editing and pictures. I appreciate this bit of history. The club members will certainly enjoy reading this!

Denise

2003 Titles Earned and Explanations

I have gotten a request from a club member for an explanation for what each title is, so that is included along with the titles and teams that earned them this year.

CH—Conformation Champion

CGC —Canine Good Citizen (not an official title)

AGILITY

NA—Novice Standard Agility
 NAJ--Novice Jumpers with Weaves
 OA—Open Standard Jumpers
 OAJ—Open Jumpers with Weaves
 AX — Excellent Standard Agility
 AXJ—Excellent Jumpers with Weaves
 MX—Master Standard Agility
 MXJ—Master Jumpers with Weaves
 MACH—Master Agility Champion

OBEDIENCE

CD — Companion Dog (Novice)
 CDX—Companion Dog Excellent (Open)
 UD — Utility Dog
 UDX—Utility Dog Excellent
 OTCH—Obedience Trial Champion

(Then there are the same titles with a "P" at the end, that means they jumped preferred height, which is 4 inches lower than the required jump height and 5 seconds more time. There is no MACH in preferred division.)

TRACKING

TD—Tracking Dog
 TDX — Tracking Dog Excellent
 VST — Variable Surface Tracking
 CT — Champion Tracking Dog

VERSATILE COMPANION DOG

VCD1 (dog has earned TD, NA, NAJ and CD)
 VCD2 (dog has earned TD OA OAJ and CDX)
 VCD3 (dog has earned TDX, AX, AXJ and UD)
 VCD4 (dog has earned VST, MX, MXJ and UDX)
 VCD5 (earned CT, MACH, and OTCH)

I will need someone that does herding and lure coursing to send me an explanation of their titles.

NDTC MEMBERS—TITLES EARNED IN 2003

Obedience	Agility	Tracking	VCD
CD—10	NA—8	TD —4	VCD1 — 2
CDX—5	NAJ—10	TDX—2	VCD2 —3
UD —3	NAP—5		
CGC—10	NJP —9	Junior Hunter — 5	
	OA — 6	Senior Hunter —2	
	OAJ— 8	Gazehound Racing Champion — 1	
	OAP —3	AKC Herding Started A Course — 3	
	OJP — 5	AKC Herding Started B Course — 1	
	AX — 5	Breed Champion — 2	
	AXJ — 8		
	AXP —2		
	AJP — 4		
	MX —1		
	MXJ —1		

Any members who earned title pins but were not at the Christmas party to receive them can collect them from my mailbox at the club, under membership slot, anytime after January 8, 2004. Those pins not claimed by April 1, 2004, will become the property of NDTC again.

Everyone, keep up the good work with your title pursuit and let me know of your brags for the Recall as soon as you have them available.

Connie Womack

**A Happy
 New
 Year!**



Instructors Needed !!!

We are in desperate need of instructors. If you can teach Puppy, Level 1 or Level 2, contact Jean Ervin, Denise McClure, Beth Clark, or Pat Thorne.

Assistants are also needed.

Club Meetings are
 Monday's
 6:30p.m.—7p.m.—Social
 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—Meeting

January 26

February 23

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

November 22

Do You Want to Rent a Ring?

It's a new year and trial's are quickly approaching. Many of us could benefit from our own private indoor training facility!

Well you have one, just check out the "Events Calendar" on the NDTC web site for availability. If there is a date and time open that fits your training needs, send an email to rental@nashvilledog.org or call Holly Waldrop at Work - 615-343-6161 or Cell - 615-243-3257. This is first come first serve, and open to members or non-members. You can rent 1, 2, 3 rings or the entire building.

Rates are as follows:

- \$10.00 per hour / per ring
- Full Members—50% discount

What is a Title Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. Although the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count. A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed! A title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified. A title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And, when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name. A title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

Author unknown.

Club Member Brags

Jan VandeBunt's Lab, Muskie CDX, earned his CDX at the end of 2003 with the third leg earned on Dec. 5th.

Camelot's Wild Irish Rogue AX AXJ (Rowdy) received his first MXJ leg at the Oak Ridge Agility Trial on January 3, 2004 and placed second in the class. He received 6 MACH points for his placement.

Starwood Autumns True Colors (Katie) received her first Novice Standard Preferred leg with a first placement and a score of 100 on Saturday, January 3 and her first Novice Preferred Jumpers leg with a first placement and a score of 100.

Angela Still's Weim, Smokey Mountain Mist II CD AX AXJ (Bailey) earned her 4th MXJ leg at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club trial on January 4th.

Angela Still's Weim, Creekside n Zara's BlazenSmoke (Blaze) went Best of Winners at the Huntsville Kennel Club show on November 7th for his first point.

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