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ONE CLUB, FOUR DAYS, 10 TRIALS: WOW!

Obedience (Jo-Anne Bachorowski):

Congratulations to us! NDTC celebrated its 100th Obedience Trial on Friday, January 23, 2009. And we did it in style: Cake, champagne, and a wonderful day of competition.

There are so many players needed to pull off a big trial such as ours. What was particularly gratifying this year was to see so many folks take on new and key roles in the process.

Robin Raushenberger handled the Chief Ring Steward position with aplomb. She managed this challenging task by organizing many volunteers each day, even working around stewards' show schedules to make both stewarding and showing go smoothly. Thank you Robin! And some folks stewarded all day for multiple days – this is big, and we thank you for these efforts. It was especially great to see some new faces at the gates.

Bruce Oppenheimer stepped in to serve as Hospitality Chair, coordinating rides and dinners to make sure our judges' visits were pleasant ones. As always, Santa Haddock, I mean **David Haddock**, treated us to donuts each morning, served as Chief Troubleshooter, humored the Trial Chair, and regaled our judges at dinners and the Opry.

Curt Brock, what can I say? You and **Sadie Wang** rule at poop patrol. **Jean Ervin** did it with Property once again: our rings have never looked better. **Debbie Cutter** gets a huge pat on the back for her eagle eye on set up. And the crew who came early to help set up and the ones who stayed late to help break things down and tidy up, well done, we wouldn't have the trial without your dedication (**Connie Thornton**, you did not go unnoticed!). **Cynthia, Randee, and Vickie**: you're hands down my favorite Lunch gals! And now I suppose you can add Breakfast gals to the list.

Huge thanks to **Connie McGhee** for stepping up as Rally Chair. It was wonderful having her and her crew down on the other end of the rings! Time to book yourself for next year. :) And **Wendy Boehme**, what can I say? You put on such a great trial! Feel the NDTC love, hugs to both of you.

We had 4 wonderful days of shows. Our club members pitched in when needed and also scored in the ring. Fantastic competition. We certainly have some top-notch teams. Heartfelt thanks to everyone, including all I didn't mention, who pitched in to help with this massive undertaking by our club.

Agility (Wendy Boehme):

What a weekend! After 2,874 agility runs by 462 dogs and their 275 handlers, we can officially call our trial a success. Even our weekend visitor AKC rep Doug Hurley gave us two thumbs up.

Huge thanks from this first-time Trial Chair to the following Committee Members for making my job so easy:

Denise McClure, Co-Chair: Denise gets ALL of the credit for the preparation work and for leading me around during the Wednesday set-up. What was supposed to be a sharing of duties turned out to be a one-woman show. My name may have been on all of the paperwork, but Denise did most of the work – and much of it from her new home in Texas.

June Johnston and Angela Still, Volunteer Workers: All classes started on time with a full complement of workers. We're lucky to be in a sport where folks chip in – but it takes good management skills to get volunteers organized. These two set the bar high! The AKC Rep was amazed to see full rings of workers even on Sunday afternoon.

Connie Womack and Judy Hackett, Judges Hospitality: Our judges continue to BEG to be invited back – and credit goes to Connie and Judy. When they weren't catering to the judges, you could find them in the ring as volunteers.

Maurice and Dorothy Amateau, Property: This team is priceless! The first arrive each morning to help set up the timers and the rings, and the last to leave to put the equipment away – we couldn't have a more dedicated team. Thanks also for coming back to the NDTC building with me on the cold, sleeting Sunday night to unload all of our gear.

Crystal Ferraiuolo, Awards: The ribbon and toy lady extraordinaire. Crystal has been doing this so well for so long that she was able to estimate the number of toys needed within two!

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**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
February 23**

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Alison Burnidge has graciously agreed to share with us a couple of her recipes for cookies she brought to our January trial. Enjoy!

Shortbread Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 3/8 cup granulated sugar (1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp.)
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 325°. Cream together butter and sugar; gradually add in flour mixing until the dough comes together. Dough will be stiff.

You can make these any size you would like (I've made them from 1/2 teaspoon to 1/4 cup). Roll into individual dough balls and place on baking sheet. Flatten each ball with the bottom of a glass that has been dipped in sugar to a reasonable thickness (the larger cookie will be thicker). You can add dimension to the cookie by using a meat tenderizer mallet or rubber stamp to put a pattern on the shortbread. These will not grow in the oven, so you can put them close together. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until the edges are starting to brown.

Fudge Brownies

- 4 oz. unsweetened Chocolate
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 1-2 cups nuts (I used toasted pecans, coarsely chopped)
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- Powdered and granulated sugar for finishing

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 13" x 9" baking pan with parchment paper or foil. In a large saucepan, combine chocolate and butter. Heat over low heat until melted and smooth, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. In mixing bowl, beat in eggs, granulated sugar, vanilla and salt until thoroughly blended. Slowly add the chocolate mixture. Stir in flour, blending well. Spread evenly in bottom of prepared baking pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Brownies should be moist. Do not over-bake. Sprinkle with powdered sugar while warm. Cool in pan. Invert cooled brownies onto flat surface. Sprinkle bottom of brownies with granulated sugar to finish. Enjoy!

MEMBER BRAGS



The **Boehme Boys** had a great weekend at the combined NDTC trial. **Houston** had 5 great runs in Open Agility (only 1 Q - but not bad for being pulled in from retirement the day before the trial!). **Carter** made his debut in Novice Obedience and placed 3rd and 4th in his two attempts. **Clooney** made his debut in Rally Novice got two Q's - one came along with the blue ribbon. But the biggest brag should go to all the volunteers that put on a wonderful combined trial!

Curt Brock and his Golden Retriever, **Key**, had a dream weekend as **OTCH Top Brass Key UDX2** went HIT three days and HC2 - all of this followed by signals problems in utility. Dogs: You have to love them!

Marina Caro's Italian Greyhound, **ACE**, earned his Novice Jumpers With Weaves title on Thursday, January 22nd, at our trial in Franklin TN. He now has a title on both ends and is known as **CH Windshift Red Baron NAJ**.

Debbie Cutter's Scottish Deerhound, **Harper** (Skyhigh Kentucky Thunder TD), earned his first Novice JWW leg with a first place at the NDTC trials in January.

Suzanne Jones' Chihuahuas, Honey and Ginger, made their debut in the show ring at our January trial, competing in Rally Novice A. On Saturday they both qualified, and Honey took 4th place! Then on Sunday both dogs qualified and Honey took 2nd place!

Connie McGhee's Flat-coated Retriever, **Simon** (McGhee's Starfish Wizard RE), earned his second leg in Novice Obedience with a first place at the NDTC trials on January 22.

Connie McGhee's Labrador Retriever, **Angus** (McGhee's Dandy Lion RE), also earned his second leg in Novice Obedience (by the very skin of his teeth) with a second place on January 23.

AKC Announces Most Popular Breeds in the U.S. for 2008

1. Labrador Retriever
2. Yorkshire Terrier
3. German Shepherd Dog
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Dachshund
8. Bulldog
9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu

The first seven breeds were unchanged from 2007. This year the Bulldog climbed from #10 to #8, moving the Poodle and Shih Tzu to the #9 and #10 spots.

To see the complete list of registered breeds and find out where your breed ranks in popularity, visit the AKC Web site at http://www.akc.org/reg/dogreg_stats.cfm.

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Randee White, Cynthia Yancey and Vickie Roberts, Workers Lunches and NDTC Hospitality: These lunch ladies ROCK! How can they feed 100 people with hot food so graciously – even in the face of crisis (the KFC was closed for emergency when they went to pick up lunch on Saturday)? No one but the three of them realizes how many hours of shopping, set up, serving, and clean up are required to support our volunteers because they don't complain.

Jo-Anne Bachorowski and Connie McGhee, Obedience and Rally Trial Chairs: How rewarding it was to me to work alongside such selfless people – and to know that we shared the goal of representing the NDTC – as ONE CLUB - to the best of our ability. Great job!

Special thanks also to **Jane Mohr**, the best Trial Secretary a club could ask for. I only understand a portion of what Jane does for us, but even that amount convinces me that we are in good hands. Thanks also to **Joel and Jean LaValley** for providing the equipment and ring set up for our trial. Things went without a hitch, despite Joel's unfortunate back troubles. And to the crew at the Ag Center: They treat us as if we are their most important client. Their superb handling of the arena helped our competitors achieve lightning fast agility runs: 6.4 yards per second (yps) on the Jumpers course and 4.26 yps for Standard. WOW!!

It takes a village to put on a trial of this magnitude – especially running Agility, Obedience and Rally under the same roof. Our real heroes of the weekend are our club members who never passed up an opportunity to work one more hour, one more class, or tear down one more ring. We can't begin to mention everyone's name here, but please know that your contributions were appreciated and join us in being proud to be NDTC members.

P.S. Congratulations to former Nashvillian and NDTC club member **Elizabeth Bumbalough** for her MACH with Rio. How exciting for all of us to be able to celebrate with them.

Rally (Connie McGhee):

The Rally trial went extremely well, due in no small part to a most wonderful group of stewards on both days. On Saturday, we were fortunate to have the ever-calm and logical **Tracy Purcell** at the table. **Therese Howell** was a beacon of good humor and patience throughout the day as our gate steward. **Jennifer Sharp** was always spot-on with the timer (even receiving a compliment from the judge), and **Melissa Smith** did a wonderful job of always being in the right place at the right time to quietly take or deliver the leash. I am also grateful for the assistance of **Matthew Farina**, a student at Vanderbilt University, who volunteered to assist us as Honor Steward in the Excellent class. Matthew performed his duties extremely well, even with the very minimum instruction that there was time to give him. We thank him for volunteering for our club!

On Sunday we had an equally great group: I'm sure I don't have to tell anyone how wonderful it is to have **Marina Caro** as a table steward, but just in case there's someone out there who doesn't know: Boy were we lucky! **Connie Thornton** was our gate steward, and she was always right there whenever she saw anything that needed to be done. New member **Ione Smith** was our leash steward, and she handled her role with a great attitude. We had a special guest as our Timer: **Donna Steuart**, who is also the breeder of Marina's new Corgi, Flash, joined us for the day. She was wonderful to work with, and very knowledgeable about the sport. We thank her for sharing her talents with

us! **Therese Howell** made a return appearance on Sunday as our Honor steward, and we enjoyed her company for the Excellent class.

Finally, all our stewards were very happy to be paired with the incomparable **Faye Head** as Sunday's Rally Judge.

This was my first time to chair a trial, and I would be remiss if I did not mention that I am very grateful for the guidance of **Marina Caro** and **Faye Head**. I am not just whistling Dixie when I say I couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to both of you, and thank you so much to all our wonderful stewards. As a first-timer, you all made my job so easy - and even fun! I appreciate you very much.

From Robin Raushenberger, Chief Ring Steward:

Our thanks to our junior members and parents for volunteering at the Agility and Obedience Trials on Saturday, Jan. 24. **Sara Stewert, Michael Soto, Joey Fuesting** and **Matthew Winans** all helped at the Agility Trial. **Caitlin Padgett** and **Naomi Haddock** did awesome jobs in the open and utility rings.

I want to take this opportunity to thank ALL the wonderful people who volunteered at our Obedience Trial. Every one of you, membership and out-of-towners alike, helped make our trial a success. We could not hold this event without your help. I look forward to seeing all of you in the future. Know that each of you are appreciated.

Also, our thanks to **Deanne Merrell** of Celebration Planning for donating the lovely floral arrangements for our Obedience Trial.

From David Haddock, NDTC President:

Congratulations, we've done it again: Another successful Agility, Obedience, and Rally combine!

Credit goes to every volunteer (regardless of title), for every task and every amount of time spent was an important contribution.

What can we say about our Agility trials that hasn't been said before? We have one of the very best events and we have the very best team. So many people step forward and these trials run so smoothly that it might be easy for the uninformed to forget the very hard work and experience that is required. We know - thank you!

Our Obedience and Rally Trials were also well-received, as usual, and although our entries were down slightly, the enthusiasm and appreciation for the event was evident.

Our exhibitors know we are a friendly and courteous club, and we all received numerous comments telling us so. The exhibitors - our customers - are appreciative of the event, and we are appreciative for their loyal support.

Our judges and our exhibitors travel the country and attend many venues each year. When they say that our trials are among the best, they speak from real knowledge. They come back because they choose to be a part of the best.

Each of you knows what you did to contribute to the weekend's success and I thank you for it. Not much escapes my attention, and although I may not have had the opportunity to personally thank you, I understand this success does not come easy. If I failed to offer a smile, a kind word of encouragement, or my thanks to you during the past weekend, please know that I feel very privileged to work with each of you in this and other club events. I appreciate your hard work.

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SHOW 'n GO IN FEBRUARY

The Obedience Club of Chattanooga is hosting our next Show and Go on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Play Dog Excellent, 4113 Dayton Blvd., Chattanooga, TN 37415.

We will offer Utility, Open, Novice and Rally.

Registration will be at the door. There will be no pre-registration.

- Building opens 7:30am.
- Utility and Open begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Novice and Rally, one ring each, will begin at 10:00 and continue until we are finished.

All runs are \$5. Checks are preferred. Make payable to OCC. We have no concessions; however, we will have soda and water.

For more information, contact Fay Taylor (423) 886-2171 or at (423) 364-9181.

SHOWS IN FEBRUARY

February 13-15 Agility (Indoors). Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club at Middle Tenn State Univ Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes Jan 21.

February 14-15 Obedience (Indoors). Evansville Obedience Club at their training building in Evansville, IN. Show closes Jan. 28.

February 26-28 Agility (Indoors). German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America at Middle Tennessee State University Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes Feb. 4.

SHOWS IN MARCH

March 6-7 (Friday-Saturday) Rally and Obedience (Indoors/Outdoors). Tullahoma Kennel Club of Tennessee at Williamson County Agricultural Park in Franklin, TN. Show closes Feb. 18.

March 21-22 Rally and Obedience (Indoors). Maury County Kennel Club of Tennessee at Williamson County Agricultural Park in Franklin, TN. Show closes Mar. 4.

March 22 Tracking. Queen City Dog Training Club of Cincinnati at Sycamore State Park in Trotwood, OH. Entries close March 12. For more information, contact Cynthia Cozad-Rudinger at zadrud1@yahoo.com.

March 27-29 (Friday-Sunday) Rally and Obedience (Indoors). Nashville Dog Training Club at club building. Rally on Friday and Saturday. Obedience on Saturday and Sunday. Show closes Mar. 11.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Williamson County 4-H desperately needs an instructor for their beginning obedience class, which begins in March. It will be one hour a week for 6-8 weeks. They have a junior leader who can assist, and lessons plans will be provided. Classes will be held at the Williamson County Agricultural Center. You do not have to live in Williamson County to instruct. Please contact Robin Raushenberger at (615) 418-5248 or rbraush@dtccom.net for more information.

PUPPY K CLASSES

I hope that this new year is bringing many good things your way! Now that the year has gotten well under way and the NDTC show is complete I hope you will find time to look over the remainder of your 2009 calendar and possibly fit in some extra fun into your days by helping out with our Puppy K classes!

To qualify as a teacher one needs to have assisted in NDTC Puppy K at least twice, to be an assistant one just needs to have a love of puppies and a willingness to give encouragement to students and support to the instructor. See how easy this can be?! Classes are typically held at 7PM, with sufficient advance notice we may be able to adjust the time of the class should you need us to do so.

To volunteer contact Carol Azmitia at lovemypets@comcast.net or by phone at (615) 952-4551. Don't miss out on all the fun! I look forward to hearing from you soon!

PRIVATE LESSONS

Curt Brock available for private lessons. If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his heated building. Contact cbrock@tntech.edu for more information.

Sandra Edson offers private agility lessons For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at sancrestfarm@comcast.net

Pat Thorne available for private obedience lessons Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UDs on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

NDTC SEMINAR

Agility Linda Mecklenburg is scheduled to present a foundation seminar, sponsored by Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club to be held at NDTC on Monday afternoon March 2 and all day Tuesday March 3.

This is a lecture/demo type of seminar and the cost is \$350. There are unlimited spots available due to the nature of the seminar.

We have negotiated approximately 9-10 NDTC member spots who can attend with a 50% discount or \$175. These are available for NDTC members on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact Cheryl Tisdale of MOTC at (615) 273-2929 for more information or a registration form.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESCUE GROUP

Do you know of a rescue group looking for an opportunity to get the word out about their group, hold adoptions or meet-n-greets? The Pet Supermarket in Bellevue, on Highway 100 would like to offer their location as a venue of opportunity. It is in a great location with a very friendly staff willing to help. Please let these groups know!

Pet Supermarket is also interested in becoming more involved with local animal related events, so if you know of something in the works please let us know.

For more information or to make arrangements contact Carol Azmitia, who is working to coordinate much of this, at thegrouchycairn@gmail.com or call the store at 646-1748 to speak with her on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 8 am - 4 pm. Or you may ask to speak with the manager, Jason Abernathy, either one of us will be delighted to speak with someone regarding this opportunity.

ATTENTION MEMBERS! Are you or your pooch about to celebrate a birthday? Please let us know! Send in your March birthdays now to be featured in the next issue.

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