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SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSONS OF NDTC'S JANUARY TRIAL



Sandra Corse, Trial Chair

"A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together."

– Anonymous

Well, the snowflakes certainly stuck together for our January trials, but so did we! The membership of NDTC and a number of generous non-member friends worked together to produce a wonderful trial experience in spite of hardships brought on by weather. NDTC proved once again that we are up to any challenge, and that we meet

challenges with the spirit of fun and fellowship that helps make training and showing dogs such a worthwhile activity.

I have many, many people to thank for making the January trial a resounding success in spite of the problems caused by the weather. First of all, my co-chair, **June Johnston**, filled in for missing people and did so many jobs so well; she really personifies the spirit of NDTC. **Robin Raushenberger** was the hero of the day, always there before me in the mornings, recruiting stewards to fill positions when some people just couldn't make it because of the snow, making sure the rings and tables were equipped properly, and even filling in herself as a steward when necessary. **Carol Azmitia** did such an outstanding job as rally chair, organizing everything so impeccably before the shows even began that the rally rings operated smoothly even when Carol couldn't make it in on a couple of days. **Sarah Karafa** was simply great at organizing the movers and set-up (as well as supervising poop patrol), and **Debbie Cutter** was absolutely invaluable in setting up the rings and equipment and showing us newbies how it's done. **Jo-Anne Bachorowski**



Thanks to Sarah Karafa for trial photos.

performed the difficult task of organizing the awards and also helped keep spirits up all around with her positive attitude. **David Haddock** took care of the judges with his usual élan and style, in addition to filling in as steward each day.

And of course none of this would be possible if we didn't know that all those workers were being taken care of with warmth and humor (not to mention the delicious food) by the lunch crew, **Randee White**, **Vickie Roberts**, and **Cynthia Yancey**. Finally, I'd like to extend my personal thanks to Randee, Vickie, and Sarah who took care of me so generously when I was sick.

Now that we have put on a great set of trials in such difficult circumstances, I'm now more convinced than ever that this club and its fabulous volunteers can do anything!

(Chair reports continued on pages 2 and 3)

NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
February 22

THE SCOOP ON DOGS

Metro Bans Sale Of Animals In Public Places

<http://www.newschannel5.com/global/story.asp?s=11924205>

The Metro Council voted recently to ban the outdoor sale of animals in public places – specifically defined as “streets, roads, highways, thoroughfares, intersections, sidewalks, public right-of-ways and parking lots.”

Puppies are most commonly offered for sale, but the law is designed to protect all animals, including chickens, rabbits, hamsters and others.

The law does not prevent Nashvillians from selling or giving away pets at their home or place of business. And of course, nonprofit organizations devoted to pet adoptions are not affected by the bill.

The bill was sponsored by Councilwoman Karen Bennett of Inglewood. Bennett owns six rescue dogs and volunteers for rescue organizations. She expressed concerns about receiving animals who had not had proper vaccinations and whose medical history could not be traced.

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MEMBER Q! BRAGS

Cheryl Brown's little red Papillon, **Jackson**, qualified in Ex. B Standard on Friday and then double-Q'ed on Sunday at the NDTC trial in January. It was his 4th double-Q!

Sandra Edson's Standard Poodle, **Sancrest Georgina, CDX, RE, AXP, AJP, Delta Therapy (Gina)**, earned her 7th RAE leg at the NDTC trial on Jan. 28th with 4th place wins in both Rally Excellent and Rally Advanced.

Debbi Martin's Basset Hound, **Craigwood Adams Insp. Clouseau CD RA**, qualified and earned High Scoring Hound in Trial on Saturday, Jan. 30th at the Nashville Dog Training Club trial.

Diane Overstreet's Black and White Papillon, **MACH2 Pierre**, Double Q'ed on Thursday 1/28/10 with a 2nd place in Standard and a 3rd place in Jumpers.

Diane Overstreet's Sable and White Papillon, **MACH4 Hunter**, placed 1st in Standard 1/30/10 and Q'ed in JWWs 1/28/10.

Diane Overstreet's Hound Sable Papillon, **Shelley**, Q'ed in JWWs 1/29/10 and 1/31/10.

Diane Overstreet's Fawn rough face Pyrenean Shepherd, **Jacques**, Placed 1st in JWW Novice B 1/29/10, 1st in Std Novice B 1/30/10, placed 2nd in JWW Novice B 1/30/10, placed 1st in Std Novice B 1/31/10 and placed 1st in JWW Novice B 1/31/10. Jacques earned his Novice Jumpers title 1/31/10.

(Chair reports, continued from page 1)

Robin Rauschenberger, Chief Ring Steward

I would like to thank all those who helped ring steward during our January Trial. It was a challenge just getting to the Ag Building with everyone having to brave icy road conditions. Club members, out of town exhibitors, and judges wives were willing to step up and fill steward positions.

Special thanks to **Bonnie Hornfisher** for table stewarding and helping train new stewards, and to **Carol Martinez** for table stewarding.

These gallant people were there all four days and I would have been lost without them.

Connie Thornton was anywhere I needed her. **Russell Tyree** is new to the sport and trained in all 3 disciplines and table stewarded. **Angie Bauman**, with an injured Overdrive, spent all four days in the Utility Ring. **Bonnie Davis** worked all four days in Ring 3 and recruited stewards as needed.

My thanks to understanding Judges, Officers and Committee people of NDTC who were willing to help steward.

Exhibitors and folks from other clubs, we appreciated your help.

Carol Azmitia, Rally Chair

When dog people think of Rally, we think of an obedience course set to test the dog/handler skill in completing a series of challenging exercises. But there are other definitions that aptly apply to this past January's set of challenges.

According to Webster, **Rally: 1) to come back to a state of order, 2) to come together for a common purpose, esp. to assist or support a cause, person, etc., 3) to come in order to help [to rally to the side of a friend]**

This, my friends, was the extended definition of Rally at our trial.

Thursday Rally went according to plan. **Debbie Gordon** worked as Table Steward, **Robin Ruddy** and **Chantal Brandon** were Gate and Ring Stewards while **Martha Murphy** was our Timer. They were so quick to pick up on the duties that the judge, Mr. H. Edward Whitney was surprised to learn the last three stewards mentioned were totally new to showing and to Rally!

Friday brought the first set of challenges. The weather, having turned bad, prevented me from coming in along with changing the availability of some of our scheduled volunteers. The ever-efficient **Debbie Gordon** once again came in to Table Steward, but on this day only two more of our stewards were able to come, so **Jennifer Sharp** and **Susan Lucas** worked beside Debbie and kept the course and exhibitors moving for our judge, Dr. Jose Martinez, even under the pressure of worsening weather.

Saturday proved to be the biggest challenge of all. So many people, once again I among them, were hindered by the excessive ice on the roads that all the stewarding was left to the wondrous ladies **Tracy Purcell** and **Dawn Eastes**, with **Sandra Corse** stepping in to Honor. Talk about multi-tasking! I am told this was a performance of marvelous magnitude. They were so efficient that when I called to check on how things were going I was told they had such a system set, no one wanted to interfere! Their judge, Mr. Russell Hornfisher was totally impressed.

The weather improved on Sunday. The incomparable **Tracy Purcell** was back at the Table, **Dawn Eastes** gamely returned, while **Renee Gee**, who had been forced to remain home on Saturday, joined our troops. All ran smoothly due to their marvelous, untiring efforts.

Yes, I would say Rally, in every sense of the word, was properly defined by all who worked so hard throughout this event, and I am ever so grateful to each and every one of them.

Board of Director's Proposed Change to Membership Year

As membership chair, I have proposed changing the membership year to run from January to December. My reasons for the proposed change are to make the membership year the same as the class schedule year, and the same as the terms of the board and other appointed club positions. It is logical to me to keep those the same so it is easier for individuals to plan their volunteer hours or their teaching/assisting sessions for the year. I believe the new two month grace period is adequate time at the beginning of the year to pay the annual dues even near the holidays.

The amendment will be voted on at the Feb. 22 meeting, and will pass if 2/3 of the members present vote for it. Voting will be by secret ballot. I urge the club membership to vote in favor.

Current Wording:

“Dues shall be payable on or before the 1st day of July each year. No member whose dues are not paid for the current membership year may vote or enjoy any other benefit of a voting member. During the month of May, the Membership Chair shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.”

Proposed Amendment to Wording:

“Dues shall be payable on or before the 1st day of January each year with a grace period continuing until March 1. After March 1 members not paying dues will become lapsed. No member whose dues are not paid for the current membership year may vote or enjoy any other benefit of a voting member. During the month of November, the Membership Chair shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.”

Kay Ford
Membership Chair

TRAINING BYTES

Carol Azmitia joined us at our last meeting and was a great help in helping us understand how many of NDTC's Level 1 dogs get their start. I can't state enough how valuable all of your opinions are to us as we try to wade through the difficulties of creating a curriculum that will meet the needs and interests of all of our members from first day of Puppy K to obedient pet or OTCH or MACH, whichever is your desire. You can come for just a meeting, to see what we talk about, or join us if you feel you want to contribute. We're still working on the basics. For those who don't know yet, the Curriculum Committee will be losing Debbie Cutter as she will be relocating. A wealth of experience and knowledge about dogs and training them will be leaving with her. She will be missed.

We will be having some upcoming educational sessions. The committee is talking about some things specifically for class instructors. We're still in the planning stages and hope to have something that might benefit everyone and/or be fun for everyone. Of course we're thinking about the general membership also. But teaching has to have it's perks. *wink, wink*

Some things in discussion: E-mailing students with teaching tips and presenting demonstrations to some of the beginner level classes of what can be accomplished at different levels of training.

As far as classes go: I need instructors. I have posted class sessions with instructor needs. Look at the lists on the office window and please sign up. No instructors means no classes. I'll beg if I need to, but I am willing to cancel classes if no one is interested in teaching. This is your club – support it.

Drool on...Rande

NDTC CLASSIFIEDS

EVENTS, SEMINARS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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SHOWS IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 20-21 Obedience (Indoors). Evansville Obedience Club at the Evansville Obedience Club Training Center in Evansville, IN. Show closes January 28.

SHOWS IN MARCH

March 4-7 Agility (Indoors). German Short-haired Pointer Club of America at the MTSU Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes February 10.

March 12 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Doberman Pinscher Club of Nashville at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes February 24.

March 19-21 Agility (Indoors). Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes February 24.

March 27-28 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Maury County Kennel Club of Tennessee at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes March 10.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Curt Brock available for private lessons. If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his air-conditioned 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 UD titles on seven of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

Jeff Whitsitt available for private tracking lessons. For one-on-one instruction in tracking, contact Jeff at (615) 482-3046 or by e-mail at jswhitsitt@gmail.com.

DOG BOARDING

Dog Boarding in my home. House dogs only. Dogs will have house privileges, scheduled walks and play time in fenced yard. Crated or put in x-pen for naps and nights. Concierge

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PROFESSIONAL PET PHOTOS

Harmony Designs Photography is hosting a fun-filled picture day to support Agape rescue dogs! The \$35 per dog sitting fee will benefit the Agape dogs 100%! This fee includes a short studio session for the dog(s) plus a 5x7 metallic print (\$15 value) of your choosing when you view the pictures. You will also have the chance to order prints, products, or a cd of the pictures at that time. The pictures will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Free one-hour parking is available on Lea Avenue beside Cummins Station.

WHERE:

Harmony Designs Photography
Cummins Station
209 10th Ave. S., Suite 146
Nashville, TN 37203

WHEN:

Feb. 12th 11-2
Feb. 13th 8-2

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615-406-7799

SEMINARS

Lori Drouin Seminar Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club is happy to sponsor another seminar from Lori Drouin on February 6-7, 2010. Lori is a dynamic trainer with lots of solutions for the dog and handler team. This seminar will be more advanced and will build on her previous seminar, but if you didn't have a chance to see her first seminar, you'll still be able to follow along.

Seminar hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday. Drinks and lunch will be provided both days. Working teams: \$175/both days, Auditors: \$70/day or \$125/weekend.

Lori will also be offering private lessons for \$50/hour the week before the seminar. Please email eqwynd@peoplepc.com to schedule times; payment will be made directly to Lori at the time of the private lesson.

For more information, please visit www.murfreesborodogtraining.org or email eqwynd@peoplepc.com.

Joel Silverman Seminar April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at NDTC. One Hour Seminar with Joel Silverman, Author of "What Color is Your Dog" and Host of Animal Planet's "Good Dog U".

He'll be discussing the information found in his book, and doing a demo with his dog, Foster. For more information on Joel Silverman, visit his Web site at www.companionsforlife.net.

Mark your calendars! More info to come.

NDTC UPCOMING TDX TEST

Sunday February 14, 2010 at Cheatham Wildlife Management Area on Headquarters Road in Ashland City, TN. Draw for tracks is at 10 a.m.

Entries close on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Test Secretary:

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Cell phone: (615) 482-3046
email: jswhitsitt@gmail.com

Entry fees are \$100 (includes AKC Recording Fee). Checks should be made payable to the NDTC and mailed with entry to the Test Secretary.

Judges:

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Athens, GA # 1569

Mr. Stephen Ripley, Westfield, IN # 4826

Prizes: The standard qualifying ribbons will be offered to qualifying tracks.

Committee: Wendy Boehme, June Johnston, Beverly Stewart, Carolyn Whitsitt, Jeff Whitsitt, and Connie Womack.

On Feb. 1st, Debbi Martin's Basset Hound, Ch. Craigwood Adams LtI Ms. Mary RN passed over the Rainbow Bridge. She is missed by all who loved her.

Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds! There is no charge for ads, and they may pertain to any subject you think would be of interest to the members, from private lessons to events to birthdays. Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing editor@nashville.org.