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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY AUGUST 24th
PICNIC
AT WESTINN KENNELS
FOLLOWING OUR SHOW AND GO

Start time is based on the number of Show-N-Go entries. Start times have normally been around 2:00 PM.

Fried Chicken will be provided with delicious side dishes and deserts brought by members. Please bring your own drink and a serving spoon if your dish requires one.

Doggy games will follow if there is time.

A short business meeting will be held.

CANDIDATES

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NEW MEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS TO
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2018 NCOTC OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President	B.J. Arnold
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Recording Secretary	Diana Schmerber
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Bierman
Training Director	Mary Gouge
Board Members	Greg Gouge
	Carol Carter
	Bryan Clifford

WEB SITE ncotc.com

Proposed board meetings

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019 6:00 PM before regular meeting



The President's Corner

The hot days of summer are starting to wind down, but trials area still busy. Our Show and Go and picnic is a few weeks away. This is a wonderful opportunity to proof your dog, it is especially beneficial for those new to the ring. If you work as steward, you also receive an additional time in the ring – so come on out and help make this Show and Go a success.

Immediately following the conclusion of our Show and Go, we have our picnic and brief meeting. This meeting will take the place of our regular August meeting. The major item is to establish the nominating committee. According to the Constitution, **the Board selects the Nominating Committee which consists of 3 members and 2 alternates with one from the Board.** Please agree when asked.

As we get closer to the end of the qualifying time for Obedience and Rally National – good luck to all. Treasure, Titus and I qualified in Rally last year and we had a blast in Tulsa. Hope everyone enjoys the journey they are on with their dog[s].

See you at the Show and Go and Picnic. B.J.

Front & Finish® 2018 Novice A&B Rating System Compiled by Dave Pluth

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The Front & Finish Novice A&B Rating System ranks dogs and handlers competing in AKC all breed Novice A & B obedience classes. Teams that earn qualifying scores of 170 points or more from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 are eligible to be included.

Points are awarded based on the dog's score according to a point schedule that accounts for variances in scores awarded by different judges. Ratings are published listing the top ten dogs across all breeds, the top ten dogs within their respective groups and the top ten dogs by breed. Dogs must earn a combined total of eight points or more in a given year to be listed and all ties for a given position are reported.

Dogs are listed with the recognized AKC titles they received during the competition year and they may not reflect a dog's current titles at the time of publication.

TOP TEN TERRIER GROUP

POINTS

#6 MACH Southcross Secret Code CD PCD BN RI MXS MJX OF T2B 33
Nancy Lincoln

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER TOP TEN

#5 MACH Southcross Secret Code CD PCD BN RI MXS MJS OF T2B 33
Nancy Lincoln

TOP TEN NON-SPORTING GROUP

#6 CH Woodwynd Hot Six At Crossroads CD 30
Jeannine Kerr

DALMATIAN TOP TEN

#1 CH Woodwynd Hot Six At Crossroads CD 30
Jeannine Kerr



To Do List for August 2019

- All: Next meeting Saturday, August 24 at the picnic
- New and Prospective Members: Let Sue Bierman know your birth date.
- Nancy: Send out the revised Constitution.
- All: Send photos to Stephanie or Mary to appear on our website.
- All: Show 'n Go will be held August 24 at 8:00 AM at WestInn followed by our picnic and a brief business meeting.
- All: Think about volunteering for the Nominating Committee or becoming an Officer.
- All: A Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 PM, at the building.
- Judges: The Mixed Breed Dog show needs a Rally Judge and an Obedience Judge on August 10. Contact Elaine if you are available.
- All: Send On-Lead articles three weeks in advance of the next meeting via e-mail.
- All: Make a concerted effort to make new students and members feel welcome.
- All: Think about becoming a Mentor for new students and members.
- All: Send awards to Caren Rohlfing on or after November 15.
- All: Volunteer! It's the best way to get involved and meet new people.



Future Obedience and Agility Trials

August 2019

- 16-18 Greater St Louis Agility Club - Agility @ Glen Carbon
- 23-25 Triune Agility Club - Agility @ Wood River
- 24 NCOTC Show & Go - Obedience/Rally @ Westinn
- 30-31 English Springer Field Trial Assoc - Agility @ Kim's

September 2019

- 01 English Springer Field Trial Assoc - Agility @ Kims
- 02 Tri County Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 07-08 Show Me Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 12-15 National Beagle Club - Agility @ Kim's
- 27-29 Greater Stl Agility Club - Agility @ Glen Carbon

October 2019

- 05-06 Newfoundland Club of American - Obedience @ Westinn
- 11-13 Mound City OTC - Obedience @ Kim's
- 19-20 Capitol Canine - Agility @ Springfield, IL
- 25-27 Tri-County Agility Club - Agility @ NEC

November 2019

- 01-02 Show Me Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 15-17 Mound City OTC - Agility @ Kims
- 22-24 Gateway Agility Club - Agility @ Purina

December 2019

06-08 NCOTC Obedience @ Westinn Kennels



BRAGS



July Meeting

BJ Arnold and Titus: NCOTC

6/21: Rally Excellent B, Score 99 and Rally Advanced B, Score 100 (Leg 6 toward RAE2)

6/22: Rally Excellent B, Score 98 and Rally Advanced B, Score 99 (Leg 7 toward RAE2)

Rally Pairs, Score 196, 2nd Place

Rally Team, 395, 1st Place (rented a Sheltie!)

6/23 Rally Ex B, Score 88 and Rally Adv B, Score 99, 3rd Place (Leg 8 toward RAE2)

BJ Arnold and Titus: TAC - Rally Ex B, Score 99 and Rally Advanced B, Score 96 (Leg 9 toward RAE2)

Christine Carter and Violet: RAE2 Title and Rally Master Title

Scot Yates and Raven: NCOTC - Rally Advanced A,, Score 95 (2nd Leg)

TAC - Rally Advanced A, Score 96 (3rd Leg and Title)

Nancy Lincoln and Abby: NCOTC - CDX Title - 1st place, TAC - Rally Advanced Title - 3 straight legs

Nancy Lincoln and Indy: TAC - Rally Intermediate Title - 3 straight legs - two 1sts and one 3rd

Ginger Kinion and Dazzy: TAC - Companion Dog Title (CD)

Jo Ann Ray and Samson: TAC - Rally Master 3, RAE2, 20th Triple Que

Hycinth Vincent: MRKC - Rally Novice Title, CGC

Team Rally – 2nd Place: TAC - Cathy Cunningham, Greg Gouge, Hycinth Vincent, Scott Yates

Greg Gouge and Jada: UDX and OM1

Missy Kichline and Pearl: Rally Novice A - 1st leg

Ginger Kinion and Kirby: TAC - 4th Place Puppy Rally Team, Kirby - CGC

Nancy Moss and Charlie: TAC - 4th Place Puppy Rally Team, Charlie - CGC

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO: Karen Fuss and Dottie: MRKC - OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPION

OTCH Angrelor's Polka Dot On The Loose



BIRTHDAYS AUGUST

Nancy Moss - Aug. 1

JoAnn Ray - Aug. 24

Cathy Cunningham - Aug. 30

SEVENTEEN WAYS TO 'KEEP' A GOOD CLUB

1. Attend meetings.
2. Arrive on time.
3. Try to get there even if the weather is not good.
4. Be prepared to offer alternatives and positive suggestions if you don't like what is going on.
5. Evaluate and review committee and Board proposals then exercise your duty to vote and/or voice your opinion.
6. Don't expect to be in total agreement with the Club on all issues.
7. Accept the challenge of a committee chairmanship and/or serve on the Board of Directors.
8. Whenever possible, co-operate with officers and committee chairs.
9. Volunteer to help or agree to help when asked.
10. Encourage your fellow members to work together.
11. Give your fellow members credit for the contributions they make or the ideas they present.
12. Give others the benefit of the doubt.
13. Pay your membership dues before the due date.
14. Pay attention to official notices sent to you and respond to them quickly.
15. Notify the Club of any change of address and/or telephone number.
16. Recruit new members.
17. Look for ways that you can contribute to the club.

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Front & Finish® 2018 Rally Novice Rating System Compiled by Dave Pluth

The Front & Finish® Rally Novice Rating Systems is based on the philosophy that teams placing in each class are the best performers with points awarded based on the number of other dogs defeated in the class. This system ranks all dogs placing first through fourth in AKC all breed Rally Novice classes during the 2018 competition year (January 1, 2018 through December 21, 2018). Dogs must meet a minimum standard by earning at least ten points to be listed in this report.

Among teams that place, one point is earned for each dog defeated in a given class. For example in a class of twenty competing teams the first place winner would earn 19 points as it defeated this number of other dogs. The team in second place would receive 18 points, the third place team would earn 17 points, and the fourth place team would earn 16 points. After points in each class are determined they are compiled across a given competition year.

Ratings published by Front & Finish® list the top ten dogs ranking highest across all breeds (Top Ten All Breed), the top ten dogs ranking highest within their respective groups (Top Ten By Group), and the top ten dogs ranking highest by breed (Top Ten By Breed). Dogs must earn a minimum of four points in a given year to be listed and all ties for a given position are reported. Dogs are listed with the recognized AKC titles they received during the competition year and they may not reflect a dog's current titles at the time of publication. Mixed breeds don't include any breakdowns by breed since all dogs fall into one group and are already listed there.

Congratulations to the NCOTC members below:

<u>BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
#2 Maxim Zyrvodka CGCA Michelle Miller	9

<u>MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS</u>	
#1 MACH Southcross Secret Code CD Nancy Lincoln	15

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

A LITTLE BIT OF CLUB HISTORY - TEACHING CLASS IN 1995.

Until 2006, NCOTC taught 10 week, 90 minute class sessions for the city of Florissant, the city of Hazelwood, Parkway School District, Florissant Valley Junior College and Baronwood Kennel. These classes were usually one or two sessions a year and we offered Puppy, Novice, Open and Utility. The locations were provided and the club was paid an hourly rate for teaching - no matter how many students there were. Contracts had to be negotiated, dates arranged, instructors scheduled. As you will see, we worked hard for very little payment. For graduation, students participated in a mock trial with placements and ribbons.

The following is a pretty accurate description of what it was like - before we had the building. Written by Clay Lincoln who was training director for ten years.

THESE ARE HARD EARNED BUCKS AND I THANK OUR GREAT INSTRUCTORS AND ASSISTANTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

Clay Lincoln - Training Director NCOTC

In order to understand what it takes to make a buck teaching a beginning novice dog obedience class for the Florissant Valley Junior College, I would like to provide you with the following scenario.

The first ninety minute session of this ten week class at the Baronwood Kennel training center starts Wednesday evening. Present are six members of NCOTC to assist in registration, distribution of training manuals, checking shot records and sale of training equipment. Also present are eighteen humans, some wondering how this small group of instructors is ever going to physically train this large bunch of unruly dogs, while at the same time trying to determine which seat will offer the best view of this operation. Adorned by "Choke Collars" made of giant size chain links twelve inches longer than necessary or other forms of macho buckle collars which are attached to a 500 pound test chain leash or a partially chewed nylon leash, the maximum limit of fifteen dogs has successfully pulled or resisted being pulled by their so called handlers into a room that is 35 wide by 65 feet long.

The time is 8:15 P.M. and four dogs are still being fitted with "Training Collars". While listening to good advice about the advantage of leather leashes, each new handler is still convinced their 100 pound lab mix who is at least 15 pounds overweight will be "a piece of cake" to handle using the new blue half inch nylon leash purchased at the local grocery store. The status at 8:20 is as follows - the decibel level has risen from a comfortable 80Db to 100Db with peaks above the threshold of pain, all handlers have been warned about eye contact between dogs and one instructor and one handler have already suffered dog bites drawing blood.

All NCOTC volunteers are sizing up this new class, which has been filled for three weeks prior to starting night, and offering consolation to the head instructor. This new class has the potential of breaking records for the most dog fights, trainers being bitten and muzzles being used. Twelve of the fifteen dogs are equally divided between the sporting, working, and herding groups and most all would weigh in the middle of the heavy weight class and are primed and ready for a ten round bout. As per normal, we have one senior citizen weighing approximately 110 pounds with a 75 pound hunting dog, most likely a product of the husband's statement "If you cannot tolerate this unruly dog, you take him to a class".

The first order of the night is teaching the "No Bark" exercise, which results in another handler being "mildly" bitten. Once on the matted floor, the next order of business is the dreaded "Submission Exercise". Much to the amazement the NCOTC members who are assisting, the exercise is completed without any serious incidents.

There are several handlers who lack “Bronco Busting” skills and need help getting their large coil spring wound companions onto their backs. The first night of class is completed without any more incidents and in the weeks to come, muzzles will be removed from the offenders. At last, six tired NCOTC trainers head for home at 10 P.M.

Ten weeks later on a snowy Wednesday night thirteen excited and proud handlers with thirteen happy and well behaved obedience trained dogs, most attached to their handlers by leather leashes, graduate with honors. They are enjoying cake, coffee and punch while watching a demonstration of the Open and Utility obedience exercises. Calls were made each week to those handlers who were absent the prior week and reasons for the two dropouts were “job shift change” and “Be damned if I am going to take orders from a woman”.

There is very little, if any, fiction in this scenario, but to determine what it takes to make a buck teaching dog classes you need to know a little more. There were a minimum of three NCOTC volunteers present the second through the tenth nights of class. Under ideal circumstances, the profit from sale of training equipment will defer the costs of printing the manual and providing graduation refreshments, diplomas and ribbons - with maybe some bucks left over for the kitty. Average travel time for the instructors is between 45 minutes and one hour.

What it takes to teach a 10 week Beginning Novice Class

First Class night	6 instructor / helpers	6
Second night	3 instructors	3
Third night	4 instructors	4
Fourth to Ninth night	3 instructors	18
Tenth Night	3 instructors, 1 judge, 2 refreshment setup	<u>6</u>
Total nights		37

Using an average of 48 minutes for travel time (.8 hours) and 1.8 hours for class time, each volunteer spends approximately 2.6 hours for each night of class.

IT TAKES A MINIMUM OF 96.2 HOURS PROVIDED BY NCOTC VOLUNTEERS TO PRODUCE ONE TEN WEEK CLASS. NCOTC RECEIVES \$270 DOLLARS FROM FLORISSANT VALLEY JUNIOR COLLEGE FOR TEACHING THIS TEN WEEK CLASS.

JUST STUFF

- BJ thanked Linda Roques for the birthday celebration of food. Linda explained she wanted to honor the birthdays, as well as all who titled and received placements and awards last weekend. It was a great representation of the Club.
- Nancy Lincoln said that Sue Bierman asked her to thank all the members for their cards and phone calls after the loss of Natalie. It meant so much to her and Allen.
- BJ wondered if we are still taking photos for the website. If no one is sending them, we need to remind everyone to send them to Stephanie or Mary.
- Elaine Kahn is in need of a Rally. Open and Utility judges to help put through people at the Mixed Breed Dog Club's Show 'n Go on August 10th. It shouldn't take longer than a couple of hours.
- Elaine Kahn reported on two publications.

Your Dog is a newsletter from Tufts University offering advice, tips, competitions, and super cute photos of dogs. It is well researched containing a wide variety of articles for about \$24 per year. Some recent topics: trick training can be fun, what type of bed should I buy, how do I get my dog in the car, 10 places to meet other dog lovers, 10 tips to reduce stressful vet visits, 40 ways to get through winter with your dog, and puppy proofing your home. Subscribers can write in and ask questions.

Whole Dog Journal is a monthly guide to dog care and training. For example WDJ discusses ways to select the most nutritious foods, best grooming products, solve annoying behavior and obedience issues with gentle training methods, give your dog a healthy coat, strengthen the loving bond between you and your dog, and more. It can be delivered monthly to your home or can be accessed on line for about \$20 per year.

NCOTC Minutes for July 18, 2019

The meeting was held at the Lutheran Church of The Living Christ and was called to order by President, B.J. Arnold, at 7:03 PM.

President's Report – BJ Arnold

A motion was made by Nancy Lincoln to accept the minutes as published. It was seconded by Elaine Kahn. The motion carried. BJ thanked all who helped with the Trial. She also reported for Sue Bierman, Corresponding Secretary - get well card sent to Bryan Clifford in the hospital, AKC has closed out the June trial, birthday sheet going around - please provide your birthday.

Treasurer's Report – as of 7/18/2019 – Nancy Lincoln reported:

Total Checking and Savings	\$24,485.60
Total CDs	<u>\$27,127.94</u>
Total Assets	\$51,613.54

YTD Cash Flow: Income is \$40,644.01 and Outflow is \$36,197.47 so we are ahead \$4,446.54 (details are available).

Trial Results: We lost \$2,631.98 on the trial compared to \$2,408.00 last year. The main reasons are lower entries, less income from Show and Gos, and no raffle. Also last year was a regional so we received \$500 from AKC and this year there were \$608 worth of coupon entries. Purina rental was cheaper than Queeny by \$1,999.92. But we had to pay a "per entry" fee plus tax. LYR we had a Friday S&G earning \$330 and a Thurs S&G earning \$630. This year we only made \$380 on Thurs. We had the raffle LYR earning \$410. So LYR we had roughly \$1K of Raffle, S&G, and Donations that we didn't have this year. We should make up this loss at WestInn. Our expenses were less, but our income was less by a greater amount.

Membership – Jo Ann Ray

We have one third reading: Missy Kichline is from Godfrey IL and her dog is Pearl. Pearl is a lab and has her CGC title. A vote was taken and Missy and Pearl were unanimously voted in. Welcome Missy and Pearl!

Old Business – Policies and By-Laws – Nancy Lincoln

Nancy Lincoln sent out two proposed Article changes:

Article IV, Section 4 (just a correction and needs to be updated since we added the training director and one more member to the Board)

Old Wording: The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and two candidates for the two board positions (or three positions if there is no Corresponding Secretary) on the Board

Proposed Change: The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and three candidates for the three member positions (or four positions if there is no Corresponding Secretary) on the Board.

Linda Roques moved we accept the change for Article IV, Section 4. Elaine Kahn seconded. The motion passed.

Article I, Section 3 (This would bring us into agreement with the AKC model constitution. The difference is AKC says no residue/profit can be distributed to a member. Ours says no income can be used. This brings into question things like renting Westinn Kennels since Sharon West is a member or hiring Ginger as a judge.)

AKC Wording: The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or any individual.

Our Wording: The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any dues, donation, residual from any asset or income from any operation or source shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Proposed Change: The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues, donations, assets or operations shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

A motion was made by Carol Carter to accept this change and Elaine Kahn seconded it. Discussion followed. BJ Arnold moved to vote on the recommendation on the floor. The motion was passed.

Nancy Lincoln said she will now send out the revised Constitution.

Training Director – Mary Gouge reported:

Our next session begins August 19th and as of today, we have 34 dogs enrolled so far, and that's before we officially published the schedule. Jo Ann remarked as of Tuesday notices to the waiting list went out. Mary said she had to cancel classes last night due to a power outage.

Show 'n Go – Donna Clifford reported:

The date is August 24th at WestInn starting at 8:00 AM and it is also the date of our picnic. She has flyers at the building and will send them out to everyone via e-mail. She will need volunteers. Linda Roques asked if she will need hospitality in the morning/lunch? Donna will wait and see how many entries we receive, and we may need a small snack to hold us over. Sue Bierman will furnish chicken and Linda will furnish the paper products for the picnic.

On-Lead – Clay Lincoln - Please email your submissions three weeks in advance.

Public Education – Elaine Kahn - recommended two suggestions for good publications she receives:

Your Dog is a newsletter from Tufts University offering advice, tips, competitions, and super cute photos of dogs.

Whole Dog Journal is a monthly guide to dog care and training,

Both publications publish alerts of recalls and can be found on line.

Scores and Awards

BJ Arnold reminded everyone to send a list of your awards to Caren Rohlfing starting (not before) November 15th.

Library – Ginger Kinion

Ginger received a new book for the library from Diana, Love on a Leash: A Guide to Pet Therapy. If you are interested in a book and don't know the title, just email Ginger a subject; for example, What Should I Do for a Shy Dog, Tracking, Rally, Aggressive Dogs, etc., and she will bring the book to you. We have just about everything.

Old Business – T-Shirts

Nancy Lincoln reported she has forms and will give everyone until Sunday to send in their forms (she will place the order Monday). She doesn't know how much it will cost because we got a big quantity discount last time. It shouldn't be more than a couple of dollars more.

Hyacinth Vincent requested volunteers for cleaning the building before new classes begin on August 19th. A good date for her will be Tuesday, August 13, at 6:00 PM. Missy, Mary, Sharon and Diana volunteered to help.

BJ Arnold reported that next month at our picnic we will have a very brief business meeting to appoint a nominating committee of three members and two alternates. And, there will be a Board meeting Thursday August 8th at 6:30 at the building. If anyone has a topic you want to discuss, this meeting is open to Board members and members.

New Business

Linda Roques opened a discussion about the feasibility of adding an Agility Trial to our trials at Purina since Purina is so big! This might bring in more entries. Jo Ann Ray and Carol Carter responded against because Agility Trials are so loud, and the noise affects the performances of our rally/obedience dogs. Ideas were to have two separate trials or two concurrent trials. Discussion then turned to do we want to stay at Purina. We are penciled in for 2021, so we have time to evaluate that decision. Logistics for the judges from the airport, to the hotel, to Purina, to dinner are a little tricky. Nancy remarked some clubs give the judges a car and let them do what they want to do. Ginger agreed that a club dinner is not necessary. Pros and cons of the three venues were discussed: poor parking at WestInn, huge expenses due to rolling out mats at Queeny, logistics at Purina, and the cost of the three. Clay remarked if we are only looking at the bottom line, if we use any venue other than WestInn, we will lose probably \$2K+. If we stay at WestInn, we will probably make \$2K+. Ginger thinks one issue is: should we have a Regional.

Hycinth Vincent moved to adjourn, and Jo Ann Ray seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Schmerber, Recording Secretary