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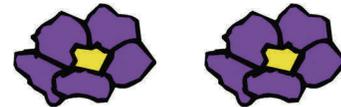
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BANQUET NEWS

**THE CLUB VOTE WAS FOR
AND OUTDOOR
BANQUET
MAY - JUNE**

MORE NEWS WILL FOLLOW



2018 NCOTC OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President	Tim Cutshall
Vice President	Jo Ann Ray
Treasurer	Nancy Lincoln
Recording Secretary	Diana Schmerber
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Bierman
Training Director	B. J. Arnold
Board Members	Sharon Dash
	Carol Carter
	Bryan Clifford

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The President's Gavel

Hello members,

We are finally starting to come out from under this dark cloud that we've been under. We have some events coming up that we will need help with and also a chance to get your dogs out and shake the dust off. We are still adhering to mask rules at our events and I would imagine most people have at least had their 1st vaccine so things should be safer than they have been for awhile. Lets get out and start rekindling these friendships.

Tim Cutshall

TRAINING UPDATE

After a super long absence, class resumed the first week of April. I did have to clear out some of the cobwebs from the building, but it was a joy to do. Classes filled up immediately from the waiting list. The only class that was advertised was puppy and that too is full.

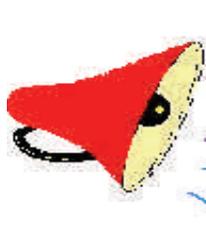
The summer session will begin the first week in June with some changes. Intermediate Obedience classes will be offered for those who have completed the Beginning Obedience class. That being said, we will have to make adjustments from the five Beginning Obedience classes offered.

Some of the trainers have come back to train since many have now received the vaccination. Even with more people being vaccinated, we will still require masks, limited number in class and cleaning of chairs and desk and doors after each class.

For those who would like to help with training and would like to 'check it out', there will be a trainers meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 at the building. If you are interested in becoming a trainer, please feel free to attend or contact me directly. You can 'shadow' a class to see what might be involved.

Thank you to the trainers and assistants for your volunteering and diligence in helping owners bond with their furry friends.

BJ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 8 Show and Go at Westinn kennels. Contact Donna Clifford if you can help. One free run for volunteers.
We need workers - getting a good entry.

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May 20 Trainers meeting. 6:30 at the building.

June trial June 25-27 at Westinn Kennels. Details coming.
Rally on Friday and Obedience on Sat and Sun.
Stewards will be needed!

Help wanted - we need a hospitality chairman. The job includes bringing paper goods when needed, managing the coffee pot, creamer, sugar, etc. at events. Supplies are in the shed.

New Candidates - Hope to meet them soon.

Tennie Bramlett

Elizabeth Purkapple



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emma Ruhmann - April 7

Sharon Dash - May 4

Tim Cutshall - May 7

Note - please let Sue Bierman know your birthday so we can celebrate. (susanbier1031@gmail.com)



Future Obedience and Agility Trials

**Check the AKC web site for accuracy
Many shows are not yet approved**

April 2021

23-25 Capitol Canine TC - Agility @ Westinn
30 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Columbia

May 2021

01-02 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Columbia
07-09 Triune Agility Club - Agility @ Wood River
08 **NCOTC Show & Go - Westinn Kennels**
14-16 Capitol Canine OTC - Agility @ Glen Carbon
28-30 Greater St. Louis Sheltie Club - Agility @ Wood River
30-31 English Springer Spaniel - Agility @ Kim's

June 2021

11-13 Mound City OTC - Agility @ Kim's
18-20 Schipperke Club of America - Agility @ Kim's
25-27 **NCOTC - Obedience @ Westinn**
25-27 Old English Sheepdog Club - Agility @ Wood River

July 2021

02-04 Missouri Rhineland - Obedience & Agility @ Purina
09 National Rally Championship @ Wilmington, OH
10-11 National Obedience Championship @ Willmington, OH
10-11 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Columbia
16-18 Tri County Agility Club - Obedience @ Westinn
23-24 American Spaniel Club - Agility @ Purina
24-25 American Spaniel Club - Obedience @ Purina
30-31 Gateway Agility Club - Agility @ Purina

August 2021

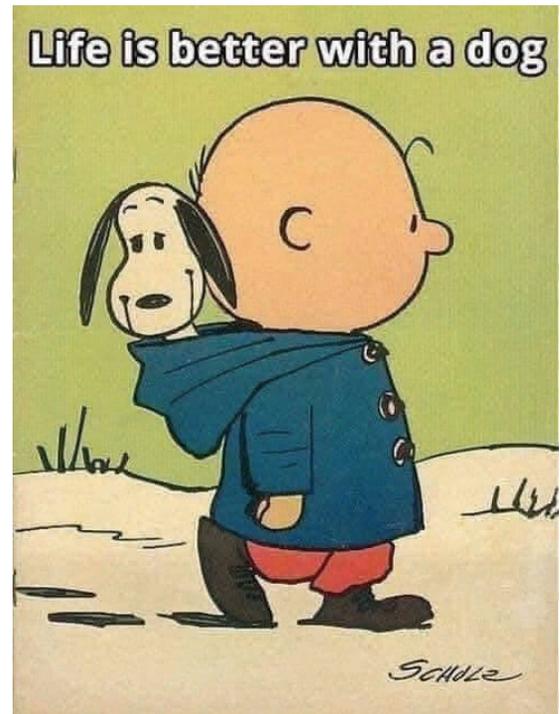
01 Gateway Agility Club - Agility @ Purina
13-15 JCKC - Obedience @ Purina
20-22 Greater St Louis Agility Club - Agility @ Glen Carbon
27-29 Triune Agility Club - Agility @ Wood River

September 2021

03-04 Mound City OTC - Agility @ Kim's
05-06 Tri County Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
17-19 National Beagle Club - Agility @ Kim's



SNOOPY WISDOM



THE 2021 AKC NATIONAL OBEDIENCE AND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS
QUALIFYING PERIODS: 12/1/18 - 11/30/19 and 12/1/19 - 11/30/20

OBEDIENCE QUALIFIERS

Christine Carter Violet Miniature Schnauzer

Selection Criteria

The top 25 dogs are invited to attend based on Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) points earned during the period. In addition, the top three dogs of each breed, ranked by OTCH points are also invited.

Additionally, during the qualifying period, dogs and handlers can compete at AKC Obedience Regional Events held throughout the United States to be selected to attend. The top four dogs will be invited. However, if any of the top four are already eligible, the next lower placements will move up.

RALLY QUALIFIERS

Cathy Cunningham	Lady	Novice
Ginger Kinion	Kirby	Intermediate
Nancy Lincoln	Indy	Intermediate
Nancy Moss	Charlie	Advanced
Sally McLees	Ranger	Advanced
Tim Cutshall	Gala	Advanced
Nancy Lincoln	Abby	Advanced
Charlotte Mielziner	Willow	Master
Charlotte Mielziner	Maggie Mae	Master
Charlotte Mielziner	Branch	Master
Ginger Kinion	Java	Master
Jo Ann Ray	Sampson	Championship
Chris Carter	Violet	Championship
B J Arnold	Titus	Championship

Eligibility Criteria

All dogs that have met the eligibility requirements for a specific level may enter. Dogs should be entered at the highest level/class for which they qualify.

Rally Novice (RN), Rally Intermediate(RI), Advanced (RA), Excellent (RE) and Rally Master (RM)

Dogs must have earned the title prior to or during the qualifying period.

Must have earned three scores of 93 or more points during the qualifying period from the specific class.

Championship Class

Dogs must have earned the RAE title prior to or during the qualifying period.

Must have earned three scores of 93 or more during the qualifying period in Advanced B

Must have earned three scores of 93 or more during the qualifying period in Excellent B

Must have earned three scores of 93 or more during the qualifying period in Master.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR TALENTED TEAMS



NCOTC Board Meeting – February 25, 2021

Due to Covid-19, a Zoom meeting was coordinated by Bryan Clifford and called to order by President Tim Cutshall at 7:00 pm. Attendees: BJ Arnold, Sharon Dash, Tim Cutshall, Bryan Clifford, Jo Ann Ray, Diana Schmerber, Sue Bierman, and Nancy Lincoln.

Tim suggested we have our next meeting via Zoom. As an alternative, it was suggested we meet at Westinn.

Corresponding Secretary – Sue Bierman

Please ask all new members to send their birthdays to her via email.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Lincoln

We have \$10,174.52 in our checking account. If we go below \$10,000 we will have to pay a fee. We have \$2,700 in a savings account. Nancy will close this account and transfer it to the savings account. Last year we lost \$13,000 due to monthly building rent and utilities with no income coming in. We received a 50% discount for Jan and Feb, saving us \$800.00. Nancy suggested we hold a Show 'n Go in May, since we usually have two a year in May and August.

Training Director – BJ Arnold

We held a trainer's meeting on 2/4/2021 and have at least 50% of trainers/assistants willing to train or assist. Others have chosen to wait due to Covid. The number of weeks per class was changed. All classes are now six weeks instead of eight, except the Beginning and Puppy classes, which have a seventh meeting because their first class will be held without dogs. We dropped the cost of classes to \$90 for non-members, no coupons, and \$45 for members. We will include a new Intermediate class next session. Karen Russo is putting together a curriculum.

There are three new sessions: One on Tue, and two on Wed., both in the afternoon for dogs less than 20 pounds. We have a waiting list of 73 people and Jo Ann is going through it. Ginger has taken over answering the email for the club. We are limiting classes to 5 only – no visitors - only the dog and handler. On Monday, Ginger will hold a Member's class at 5:30p. We usually have between 5-12 members who want this free class, so Ginger is designing a buddy system to alternate classes. Classes will begin on April 5th, as follows:

Monday, Advanced Obedience, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Trainer: Ginger and Nancy
Tuesday, Beginning Obedience, 2:00 to 3:00 PM, Trainer: Charlotte and Terri
Beginning Obedience, 6:00 to 7:00 pm, Trainer: Karen and Michelle
Beginning Obedience, 7:15 to 8:15 pm, Trainer: Karen and Hycinth
Wednesday, Beginning Obedience, 12:00 to 1:00 pm, Trainer: Ginger and Hycinth
Beginning Obedience, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Trainer: Ginger and Hycinth
Puppy, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Trainer: Donna and Missy
Thursday, Rally Advanced, 6:00 to 7:00 pm, Trainers: BJ and Jo Ann
Rally Beginning, 7:15 to 8:15 pm, Trainers: BJ and Jo Ann
Saturday, Canine Dog Freestyle Dance, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Trainers: Debbi and Patti
Editors note: Kathy Schreck has replaced Hycinth Vincent for the Wed Beginning classes

BJ will send a monthly schedule to the trainers from now through December. We will end classes on November 23rd. Before MCOTC's February Trial, she offered her Rally students who were entered in the trial a three-week run-through at \$10 a session. Nancy Lincoln, Missy Kichline, and Cathy Cunningham attended.

We must emphasize that we do not have to accept reactive dogs either identified during the enrollment process or by the trainer. If a dog is reactive on the first night, the trainer has the authority to excuse the dog and handler and money will be refunded. After the first night, there will no refunds. If a handler identifies his dog as aggressive on the enrollment form, we will let the instructor know, and the instructor will call the owners directly. We do not want any incidents; i.e. Ginger's bite incident.

BJ commented that the idea is a student will take the Beginner class one time then get approval to move on to Intermediate. Jo Ann said it will be up to the instructor's discretion if a dog wants/needs a second Beginner session or can move up. Jo Ann reported that the website changes were done and she can now email the waiting list about classes and then open enrollment to everyone.

Trial Director Report – Tim Cutshall

Tim thanked BJ and Jo Ann for all their work.

He has made a couple of changes to our June Trial, and streamlined it a bit since it will continue to run under Covid restrictions. It will be a 3-day trial. Jo Ann will email the Dalmatians to let them know it is only Friday that their trial conflicts with ours and they will need to be excluded from ours.

We will run two Rally trials Friday. Sat and Sun will be obedience only with 2 trials each day and both trails will run at the same time. We must put in the premium that Judges will be limited to 8 hours. Tim will take care of that We were able to cut one judge. We had three obedience judges but only need two. We have Charlotte Meilziner for Friday doing both rally trials and Pat Kastin and Ronnie Bizer from Chicago for obedience. (Only one out of town judge). He wants to have ribbons only to keep costs down; no cash awards.

By next year he would like to get us back into a regular schedule, and he will check with AKC to see about making us a Regional again. Question - are we going to stay with Westinn for trials rather than Purina? It seems like we lost our shirts at Purina. He will discuss some issues with Sharon West about Westinn. Parking seems to be the biggest issue. Doing a one-day rally in June will cut down on parking needs rather than having rally and obedience the same day. But in the future, to have regionals again, we need to get some concessions from Westinn. Nancy suggested we give the same money prizes that Mound City gives since we are saving money on judges - \$25 for high scoring dog, \$25 for high combined, \$20 for high combined rally, and \$20 for high triple qualifying rally Tim agreed. Tim mentioned we will also need to start thinking about our December Trial, and hopefully by then we will be free of all the restrictions. Diana Schmerber asked about the restrictions we are facing due to Covid. Tim explained we are limited to 50 people in the building at Westinn. We are downsizing, having rally only on Friday, so there are no rally people there on the weekend. It is due to a St. Charles County rule; 25% minimum capacity. Bryan thinks St. Louis County went to 50%. This could all change by June.

Tim explained for obedience there will be two judges, each running a separate ring, and they will run all the classes in both rings. We will try to get all the classes to run together to get all the open and utility people in the building at the same time. Once they are done, we will bring Novice and some of the lower classes in. It sounds like people are interested in doing a Show 'n Go in May, and he has our date penciled in. He will check with Kevin to get things moving, and will check with Donna Clifford for her input.

Banquet Committee – Nancy Lincoln for Randy

The Banquet is scheduled for April 17 and we don't know how Syberg's will handle it. Since April is close, it was suggested we move it to July. By then more people would have received a vaccine. Nancy is not sure they will let us move it again, but she will get in touch with Randy to find out our options.

Hospitality – BJ Arnold for Linda Roques

Linda has resigned and we need to find a new hospitality chairman. BJ says there are three tubs and BJ has one. We will need to find a place for them. We may be able to put some in the shed, but not with creamer, sugar, and the coffee pot.

Door Locks on the Club Building – BJ Arnold

BJ is looking for someone to take over the key log.

T- Shirts – Nancy Lincoln

Nancy will send Hycinth a note to see if she wants to place another t-shirt order.

BJ Arnold – Sincere Thanks to Everyone

BJ thanked everyone for their help during this crazy year. She is on the transition team for her church, and they have had to shut down twice; once during Christmas and Christmas Eve. She is trusting those who have volunteered to be trainers to clean and sanitize the building and make sure only those trainers and dogs are safe and everything is up to snuff. From BJ - I appreciate all the work they have done, and I do not criticize anyone who says I can't do it right now because I understand. If my parents were still alive and my mother was in the nursing home, I would have had a hard time. I am glad they are with Jesus right now. I don't think my mother could have handled this. I thank everybody for their willingness to pitch in and to do double and triple duty, send out the emails, phone calls.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Schmerber
Recording Secretary