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WELCOME

New Members:

Suanne & Christopher
Hardie
David Paul

Newsletter

Terry Hetzel

Email brags, club
news, articles, etc **by**
the 25th to be in the
next newsletter to:

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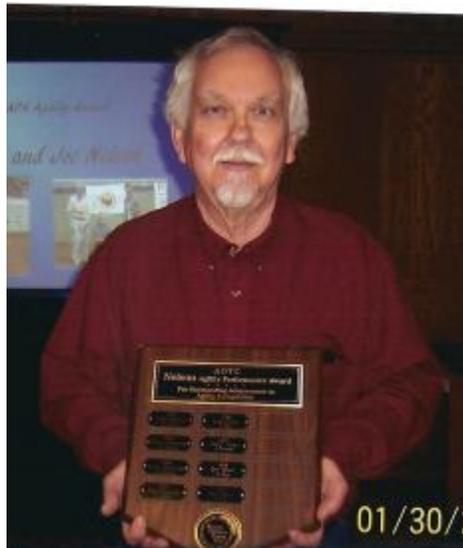
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Attention Everyone -
The far WEST ring in the
AOTC building is a pri-
vate ring. Unless you
have permission from
Judy, please do not use
this ring at anytime. This
includes the equipment
in the ring. Thanks for
your cooperation.

AWARDS BANQUET

A good time was had by all who braved the weather and attended our annual awards banquet Jan 30. Lynne Tellman did a great job emceeing. And Christi Ferguson once again was very creative with her doggie slide show and photos of each dog as awards were presented. Christi also created a fun "Who's the mystery member" with fun facts and photos. Earning the big awards of the night were:



NAPA Agility Award—Tag and Joe Nelson
(for the 2nd straight year!)



Outstanding Member Award—It was a TIE !

Janice & Ben Johnson

Please check your dogs for
parasites before bringing
them into the club building or
the agility field.

Calendar of Events:

NEXT MEETING

Tues Feb. 9 7:00p.m.

AOTC Building

Feb 9 Agility Sign ups
Feb 20 Therapy Dog Test
Mar 9 Club Meeting
Apr 13 Club Meeting

Our club had a total of 56 dogs earning 155
titles for 2009!

Elise Lavin and Gayla Blades presented
CGC Awards to 8 teams.

Congrats to all our club members who
worked so hard and had more fun with their
special buddies !



JoJo and Page Johnson have known all along
that their mom and dad are outstanding !!

will be **FEB 9** from **6 TO 6:45 PM PRIOR** to the club meeting

NOTE: Please come early to sign up—fill out paper work and make payments BEFORE the club meeting starts. CASH or CHECK ONLY—no credit cards accepted.

These classes will be held in the building. This should be our last set of agility classes held in the building. Classes will be Feb 24, March 3, March 10 and March 17. This may change depending on weather. Class structure: These classes will be different from our last set. **COST: \$25 member \$65 non-member**

6:30 to 7:30 Basics

7:45 to 8:45 Basics Continuation

Both classes will be addressing the following:

1. 2x2 weaves intro and con't
2. contact work (2 on 2 off method). we will introduce the seesaw.
3. one jump work with side changes and lead outs.
4. tunnels for fun.
5. sit down stay recall.

The basics class can be taken by anyone. We will have some work on the clicker and crate games information for those who did not participate in the last session. If your dog still needs lots of socialization and on leash work this would be a good class for you.

The basics continued is for student who feel confident in their training skills and have taken the 1st set of classes ongoing now. People who have trained other dogs and have well socialized dogs would go here.

Each class will be limited to 12 people. Our goals for our beginning students are to be able to go to the outside agility field in the spring and have at least their sits downs stays recalls and beginning work on contacts. This will allow the classes to make the most of our limited field time and teachers to work on sequencing and obstacles that many of us do not have at home. So I encourage all of our students to work on those skills they can do at home and rip it up on the field!

Thanks laveta.

V of the Airways

JANUARY AGILITY TRIAL

AWESOME job by ALL our volunteers. You came out in full force and made for another successful trial !!!

Special THANKS to our most awesome:

Trial Secretary—Caitlin Kelley

Equipment Managers—Janice & Ben Johnson

Chief Ring Steward—Carol Bishop

Chief Course Builders—Marian McGuire & Joe Nelson

Hospitality—Lynne Tellman

Awards—Janet Nelson

RV liaison—Vicki Ramsay

Poop Patrol—Gail and John Hefley

Show Photographer—Heather & Tommy Partain

Trailer Storage—Ricki & Marty Wallis for providing a secured area for our loaded trailer



Carol Bishop, Marian McGuire & Caitlin Kelley

Scott Spencer and Carolyn Archer for hauling the club trailer.

All the members who cleaned & loaded equipment & unloaded & loaded & unloaded equipment!

THANK YOU ALL for working so cheerfully and diligently.

Terry Hetzel ~ Agility Trial Chairman

In memory of Wyndi

In memory of Wyndi

What more can you say about the dog who was so many firsts? She was our first show dog. She was our first champion. She was our first agility dog. She was our first Rhodesian Ridgeback. She was an ambassador for her breed.

Wyndi taught us how to train a dog and she forgave us for all our mistakes. She taught us patience and humility. She taught the other dogs respect and sharing. She gave us 100% of her heart.

Wyndi was a top 10 Ridgeback in agility for seven years and never once did her heart falter. Even when she became weak, she always tried and she always remembered what she was supposed to do. Not that she always did it – but she knew. Like the time she ate an entire box of chocolate cake mix – plastic bag included.



Then there were the athletic memories -- hiking at the wildlife preserve and chasing jack rabbits across the fields. Or the time she jumped in the air to catch the duck that was trying to take flight, or simply running an agility course with precision. It wasn't always like that. Some may remember her first time at Darlene's house on Sunday afternoon, when we were practicing contacts at one end of the yard while all the experienced handlers were practicing pinwheels at the other end. Wyndi would stop at the top of the A-frame and watch the other dogs. After about three times, she darted past us, ran over to the pinwheel and jumped it perfectly, then came back proud as could be. And her first match at the Ridgeback Specialty when she ran out of the ring, grabbed the hamburgers we had wrapped up on the crate, then returned to the ring to finish her run – still chewing the burger. All that led to the Wyndi we remember who went on a run of 30 straight Qs.

When we started attending agility trials, many people would grab their dogs and avoid the big Ridgeback. Within a year, rarely did anyone who competed regularly with her ever show any concern when Wyndi was close to their dog. Wyndi loved kids – especially little girls. She would pull us towards baby strollers because she wanted to see the babies and she would belly crawl to little kids who acted excited about seeing her. She was the guard dog when teenaged boys approached during walks in the park and she made friends with the bikers at the gas station. She had an incredible sense of good people. If she ever showed any hesitation to anyone, her warning couldn't be denied.

Wyndi had her dignity to the end. Even as her body failed, she stood proud. She was aware of everything that was going on and she let us know that our decision was the right one.

Good bye, old girl. You will never be replaced in our hearts.

~ Marian and Rick McGuire

**Wyndi -- CH Wyndrunhr Lyka Heatwave JC MX MXJ CGC TDI
March 24, 1997 -- January 18, 2010**

Therapy Dogs Incorporated Testing. The local TDInc. group will be holding testing for Therapy Dogs on Saturday February 20th starting at 10 AM until noon. This will be held in the AOTC building. Before you call with questions, please go to their website at: www.therapydogs.com and look at the information they have on testing. They have the test posted as well as everything you need to bring. Please note that females in season can not be tested. No prong or spike collars allowed. NO treats during the test. Please bring written (no tags) proof of rabies vaccination. Prior to any observations, you must have a clear fecal (worm) check on your dog. If you have any questions after going to the TDInc website, please email me at: arlist79106@yahoo.com or call afternoons at 351-1283. Thank You ~ Arliss Johnson

BRAGS



Ben & JoJo Johnson, Judge Terry, Quest & Nancy Lewis with their plethora of ribbons.

JoJo Johnson earned new titles at AOTC Jan. trial: NAJ and NAF. Had a triple Q Sat. Blue ribbons in all 3 ! ~ Ben Johnson

Sadie earned her first Open Jumpers Q at our trial. ~ Heather Partain



We still need a lot of work, but I think Cruise did very well for his first show. He Q'd 6 out of 8 runs. He got a 4th, 3rd and 3 first and Q. No titles all the same judge. The course's were fantastic, about as easy as you can get. ~ Lisa Kelley

Sophie had a fantastic weekend! She finished her Novice FAST Title with 2nd place. She also had 2 Qs in Open Standard with a 3rd & 1st place earning her Open STD Title. Sophie also had a 1st place in Open JWW for her 2nd leg. Sophie and I are an excellent team now ! WOO HOO !! ~ Carolyn Johnson Archer

Meisha earned 3 JWW legs & 33 MACH points ! ~Judy Flagle

Riley Girl earned her MXJ Title at our AOTC Jan trial. 84 MACH points & counting! ~Terry Hetzel



This week end at the Nolan River Kennel Show in Glen Rose, Tx, DD got her Herding Instinct Certificate and also on Sunday got Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for 2 points.
 Thursday 10/29/09 Violet got WB, BOW, DD got RW and Mr got WD, BOS
 Friday 10/30/09 DD got WB, BOW, Violet got RW and Mr got RW
 Saturday 10/31/09 DD got RW
 Sunday 11/01/09 DD got WB and Violet got RW.
 Monday 11/02/09 Violet, DD and MR all got their CGC.
 ~ John and Linda Lanham (Harley Collies)
 pictured—DD (Washoe's Sierra Gold)



TRIVIA from AWARDS BANQUET

Which board member competed in the High School National Drag Racing Series ?

Car Facts: Still have the car, 1963 Fairlane 500 - original paint and interior, only 76,000 miles. The car was my 16th birthday present, purchased from original owners nephew.
(answer is located somewhere in this newsletter)



Elise and Gayla presenting CGC certificates at the Awards Banquet ... this one to Lynne and Aimee.

One of the best things about "Home Field Advantage" at our agility trial is the fans in the bleachers! Cheering on others in between their runs are Andrea Wright, Janet & Kirsten Nelson, Edie & Laveta Bryan and Nancy Lewis.

A HUGE note of appreciation and gratitude for our club members who worked the trial and support our club's efforts in hosting an agility trial. There is no way we could do this without your blood, sweat and tears! THANK YOU !!



REGULAR CLUB MEETING MINUTES Jan. 12, 2010

7:00 PM called to order. December minutes approved. December Treasurer's Report approved.

Committees

Obedience—Sign up Thursday Jan 14 for classes. 6-7:30. Gayla—June obedience trial needs a secretary and volunteers. Arliss contacted AKC re mixed breeds. Would it be possible to confine mixed breed showing to Sunday due to restrictions on judging times? Discussion regarding limit of entries like other shows rather than restrict days. People wouldn't want to travel for one day of showing as they can't title their dogs. Motion to limit entries passed. President recommended club members need to consider donating for top prizes. Murphy and Judy DeShong have contributed the majority of monies and the club needs to contribute as well. Contact Elise, Gayla, Arliss, or Teresa Tucker.

Agility: Classes starting Jan 20. Laveta clarified times and structure of classes. Had a huge response May have to schedule extra teacher to accommodate extra students.

Education: No report.

Therapy—Arliss explained how a dog gets certified, and testing will be February 20th.

4H—Brianna gave a report for the Potter county 4h project. In Dec they met and elected officers, and selected 4 Paws 4H for their club name. At their meeting they did a service learning project, collecting money and supplies for the ASPCA. Brianna thanked the club for the fall classes and the club is excited about spring classes.

1st Readings: Cathy Lokey, Sasha Thomas, Jentre Dollar,

2nd Readings: David Paul, Suanne & Christopher Hardie

Unfinished Business: Lynne: need to vote for outstanding club member Tonight. Christi-banquet on 30th at Country Barn. People need to send pictures. Sharon: Household Manners is limited to 10 dogs. Carolyn A 1st Carol Bishop 2nd.

New Business: Laveta- would like an Agility 4H play day before agility practice so junior members could practice on low equipment. Participants would need release forms signed. Need volunteers.

Adjourn at 7:50 PM.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES Jan. 12, 2010

Called to order at 8:10

Board Members present: Elise Lavin, Christy Ferguson, Larry Vanover, Jeri Berryman, Gayla Blades, Terry Hetzel, Carolyn Archer, Arliss Johnson, Melody Boren

December minutes approved.

Board discussed possible need of 2nd computer in order to accommodate both agility and obedience trials with less difficulty. Also discussed the need for a calendar of events to be physically in club building.

Much discussion of events where club is present, and showing power point of members. This is done when the venue allows, but sometimes there is no space, or convenient set up for equipment. Also would be supportive for board members to come to trials when possible.

Board needs to petition AKC to reconsider allowing relatives of officials (obedience trial secretaries) to enter trials.

Need to remind members to keep wellness exams for dogs up to date.

Board needs to discuss budget for 2010. Club needs to reimburse Ben Johnson for wobble boards he made for club.

Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Answer to Trivia Question: Christi Ferguson

We're asking members to bring an unopened roll of paper towels and toilet paper to the club building to help replenish our supply. Having the paper in plastic will allow us to store them without them getting dirty or wet.

AOTC training facility : 9785 Amarillo Blvd., West
 AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave
 AOTC website: www.aotcdogs.com
 AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>
 AKC website: www.akc.org
 AOTC Agility : direct questions to Laveta Bryan at voftheairways@hotmail.com
 AOTC Obedience : direct questions to Christi Ferguson at aotcobedience@yahoo.com
 AOTC Member Directory updates: Erin Orr notify Erin at : norinfox@sbcglobal.net

Last one to leave the AOTC building, please check the following:

HEATER must be MANUALLY turned on and off. Please turn heater down to 40 when leaving the building.

A/C is set to automatically come on and go off for class times.

Lights are off. All doors are locked

Gate is locked (DOUBLE CHECK, please spin the tumbler to ensure lock engages)

As a reminder, We no longer have a janitor. PLEASE clean up after yourself and others!