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WELCOME

New Members:

Bonnie & David  
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# BYLAWS revisions

The AOTC Bylaws revisions will be discussed and voted in by the club membership at the April meeting. Jeri Berryman sent all club members a copy of the revisions on March 26 for review. Please be prepared to vote on these revisions.

**Calendar**

**NEXT MEETING**

**April 8 at 7 pm**

**Club Building**

**Club meet May 13**

**Club meet June 10**

The agility committee has decide to get rid of some old equipment. If you are interested in any of the following items please submit a sealed bid to me by **Sunday, May 11**. The winners will be announced at the May meeting.

Painted dog walk  
Old teeter  
Yellow tunnel  
3 tunnel holders  
Beagle jump

Sealed bids go to Lynne Tellman  
Refer questions to Lynne @  
lynne.tellman@amaisd.org



# Agility Trial

Our agility trial will be **May 24-26 at the Amarillo National Center—Tri State Fairground**. We have lots of opportunities for volunteers. Carolyn Johnson-Archer is the trial chairperson. For any questions, contact her at **hardsix3984@sbcglobal.net**. The chief ring stewards are Kim McCafferty and Teresa Tucker. We have two rings and they will need LOTS of volunteers to make this work. Please be generous with your time and come play. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting. This is a great way to learn about agility and have fun with your fellow club members—4 legged and 2 legged.



# Agility Classes

April 21<sup>st</sup> begins our full session of classes for 2014, and we have a great lineup to start the season.

Registration for the April/May session of agility classes will be at the club meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. I will make every effort to be there early (6:30 p.m.) for registration. Please feel free to contact me in advance with your class selection or for assistance in choosing a class that will be best for you. Gail Hefley – AOTC Agility Training Director: [jandg3216@gmail.com](mailto:jandg3216@gmail.com).

## **Monday – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Novice/Open**

Instructor - Carol Bishop

For members competing at or preparing for Novice/Open level competition. THIS IS A SHOW PREPARATION CLASS.

## **Monday – 7:15 p.m.**

### **Foundation 3**

Instructor - Lynne Tellman

Continuation of fundamental introduction to obstacles and sequencing. Requirement for this class is Foundation 2.

## **Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.**

### **Punch Card Practice Night**

This night is for anyone that wants to practice with a full course set up. Upon arrival, we will work together to build a course, and you may practice at the level you choose (i.e., a few jumps or parts of the course for new dogs, or the entire course for experienced dogs). The cost of the Punch Card is \$30 for members and \$95 for non-members for 6 sessions. The Punch Card will work well for those who may not be able to attend classes on a regular basis, but would still like to practice with a full course set up. Any unused sessions on the Punch Card carry over to the next session, and is good through the 2014 season of agility classes.

## **Wednesday – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Beginning Skills Class**

Instructor - Nancy Lewis

This class will introduce beginning skills including, front crosses, rear crosses, 270's, go-on's, discrimination along with some sequencing. This is an excellent class for beginner dogs with foundation training and that have been introduced to the obstacles.

## **Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.**

### **Advanced Class**

Instructor - Joe Nelson

This class is for those competing at the Open & Excellent levels.

## **Thursday – 6:30 p.m.**

### **Proofing Class**

Instructor – Darlene Winters (6 DOG LIMIT. One dog per handler.)

Dogs should know all obstacles and weaves. This class will work on contact approaches and touches, and finding weave pole entrances and finishing all weaves with distractions.

# Agility Classes

**Saturday – 1:00 p.m.** (Archer Field)

## Agility Games

Instructor – Carolyn Archer

This class is a beginning/foundation type of class concentrating on teaching the handlers and dogs directional cues by sending the dog around over, through, on top of or inside different objects. This class will help to build your dog's confidence, drive and teamwork with the handler. In addition, we will work on some fun agility training games to play with your dog. No prerequisites for this class except your dog needs a rock solid recall. You will need to bring a chair, crate and a positive attitude! A clicker is the preferred method to teach these skills, so if you have one – bring it.

Directions to Archer Field:

Traveling westbound on I-40 take the Bell Street exit. Turn right (northbound) on Bell Street. Follow Bell Street to Wal-Mart, Walgreens, United and Sonic, Bell will turn into Amarillo Blvd. West. Turn left at the light at the intersection of Amarillo Blvd. West and Gem Lake Road/Tascosa Road. Follow Tascosa Road toward Boys Ranch and Bishop Hills. You will drive under the overpass at Loop 335 and Tascosa Road. My house is exactly 0.3 miles past the overpass of Loop 335. You will see a white pipe fence on the right side of the road, turn right on the caliche road immediately past the white pipe fence. You will see a sign for Soncy Road/Cliffside Road approximately 50 feet in front of you. If you take that turn you've gone too far and if you go to Bishop Hills you are approximately 1.5 miles too far. My house is the third house off the road. It is a tan stucco house with a circular drive and a covered porch. Please call 467-2448 or 683-0806 if you have any trouble finding my house.

Other directions: Take Loop 335 Northbound, continue past I-40, Amarillo Blvd. West and West 9th Street intersections. Follow Loop 335 North until you reach the Tascosa Road exit. Exit the Loop and turn left at the intersection with Tascosa Road. The turn to my house is exactly 0.3 mile from the overpass. Follow the remaining instructions as outlined above.



Check the AOTC website for 2014 Obedience & Agility class schedules.



Note: Club meeting and Board meeting Minutes are no longer published in the newsletter. Minutes will be sent by email to current AOTC members.



**REMINDER: MAILED correspondence must be sent to the club's PO box. Mailing address is: AOTC**

**ATTN: (whoever) i.e. Jeri Berryman, Treasurer**

**PO BOX 32272**

**Amarillo, TX 79120**



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AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave , Amarillo, TX

AOTC website: [www.aotcdogs.com](http://www.aotcdogs.com)

AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>

AKC website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

AOTC Agility: direct questions to Gail Hefley at [jandg3216@gmail.com](mailto:jandg3216@gmail.com)

AOTC Obedience : Carol Brand at [labradored@cablone.net](mailto:labradored@cablone.net)

AOTC Member Directory updates: to be determined

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AOTC Newsletter: Send info to Terry Hetzel at [terry8410@suddenlink.net](mailto:terry8410@suddenlink.net)