



Newsletter

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Philadelphia Dog Training Club

A message from the President

2019 Spring trial

It won't be long until our spring trial, held this year on Saturday, May 11, 2019. There will be three rings and three judges and will take many of you stepping up to be volunteers. In 2016 and 2017, our show has been in the top 25 obedience shows in the nation (see page 59 of the [2017 AKC Annual Statistics](#)). That is spectacular! But this can only happen with the participation of our members. Soon you will be getting an email asking for cash donations for the prizes for our classes. Please consider giving, even if you have never attended a dog show. All donations are tax deductible. We are known for our prizes and our professionalism, and donating helps achieve both of the objectives! Closer to the event, we will be asking for volunteers to help with stewarding in the rings, as well as help with the facilities. This is a great way to help our club and is one of the few things we do that we ask for your participation! So, mark the date on your calendar now and look for future emails. Thanks in advance!

Classes

Our classes have been very well received by the public and are running full. As Sue Anderson told you recently, members will be able to take Rally at no extra cost. However, that class does have a cap on it so it will be first come, first served.

As many of you are aware, **Paulette McBride** was out for a period of time due to surgery, and **Linda Swenson** stepped in and did a great job. This note is from her:

"I would like to thank Philadelphia Dog Training Club for giving me the opportunity to substitute for Paulette the last few months. It was awesome being back at PDTC, and I thoroughly enjoyed instructing the classes.

As usual, you all are a great group of people. A very special thanks goes to **Carol Eisenlohr** who came out each and every week to assist with the classes. Carol, you have no idea how an extra pair of hands and eyes is a tremendous help. Other volunteers that were there to help out with classes were **Dawn Colette** and **Richard Williams**.

CGC Evaluations were much more organized and smoother with the help of **Dawn Colette**, the perpetual jogger and noisemaker; **Sue Anderson** who collected money, kept the registration table in order, and always had someone 'on deck;' **Cynthia Jackson**, PDTC's Friendly Stranger; **Anne Blythe** and **Carol Eisenlohr** with their calm dependable canines handled the dog distraction expertly; and **Richard Williams** who was in charge of the 'longest three minutes.' This group also made one awesome 'crowd!'

I couldn't have done it without all of you volunteers! I personally thank you and give you all a standing ovation for your support of PDTC. All the best to you all!"

AKC news

Kudos to our AKC representative, **Larry Wilson**, for representing our club in the national obedience world and for his wonderful emails. As of January 2019, there will be an additional change to the Open classes. In his words, "The Open one-minute stay was a bad idea in the first place, so starting January 1, it'll just be a Stand get your leash, 15 feet from the gate." We'll see if this makes the class go any faster!



Don't forget to like us on Facebook at PDTCBrynMawr

News from our Members

PDTC recently lost two of its oldest members: **Gaby Fabian**, who was our President for many years and owned and showed many white miniature poodles to multiple titles, and **Barbara Williams**, who also had white poodles and held many leadership positions as well. These ladies were stalwart members for many years.

From **Chris Allen**: At the 2018 AKC National Obedience Championships, *Frankie* was the top finishing Aussie! He was also the top Aussie at the 2017 National Obedience Championships. In the First & Foremost 2017 Rankings in the July issue of *Front & Finish*, Frankie is № 3 Aussie.

On July 14, Frankie took HC and got 4th place in Open B at Princeton Dog Training Club. He earned 4th place in Utility B on August 25. On September 8 at Talbot Kennel Club, he took 3rd in Open B. On September 29, *Frankie* was 3rd in Utility B and 2nd in Open B and received 3 OTCH points, a UDX leg and 30 OM points. On October 27, *Frankie* was 4th in Utility B at Mt Vernon Dog Training Club. On November 16, Frankie won a run-off for 3rd in UB at Lower Camden Dog Training Club — 1 more OTCH point, putting him at № 19 all-time Aussie in Lifetime OTCH points. They also got their second Westminster Masters Obedience invitation (extended to the top 250 all-breed). On November 18 at the Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club, he got 2nd in Utility B and 4th in Open B for his UDX 5.



Frankie at the AKC National Obedience Championships

From **Susan Strickland**: *Topper*, her Pembroke Welsh Corgi, earned a perfect 400 in Utility B and Open B at Oriole Kennel Club on August 26. This means she had a perfect score in both classes — a feat that is unheard of!

From **Linda Swenson**: *Luther* completed his two final legs, earning his AKC CD at the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club on October 7, 2018. He placed first for leg two and First Place and High in Trial for the final leg.



Luther at Delaware Valley GSDC

From **Barb Doering**: On June 2 at Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, *Siri* was 1st in Open, 2nd in Utility and High Combined. On June 10 at Garden State Golden Retriever Club Agility Trial, *Pixie* was 1st in Masters Jumpers. On Saturday, September 15, *Siri* won Utility B at Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club. On Sunday, September 16, she won Utility B at Bucks County Kennel Club. On September 30 at Wilmington Kennel Club, *Siri* won open B and took High in Trial with a 199. She was also 4th in utility for High Combined.

Siri finished her OTCH on October 12 at the Williamsport Dog Training Club obedience trial. She was 1st in Open B, 2nd in Utility B, High Combined and High in Trial. On October 21 at Gloucester Kennel Club obedience trial, *Siri* won Open B and Utility B, was High Combined and High in Trial. She also got her Obedience Master 5 title.

From **Anne Blythe**: *Maddie*, my gold Golden Retriever, earned her first and second legs of Novice B at Ludwigs Corner and Wilmington Kennel Club. It is really exciting because it is my first CD title.

From **Debbie DeSantis**: I've had a busy month showing and preparing dogs for shows. My two-year-old Sheltie *Gracie* achieved her Rally Novice title at the Valley Forge Kennel Club shows, September 29-30. She received two third places and a second place. This is the first time she showed.



Debbie DeSantis and Gracie with her Rally Novice title

My sheltie *Murphy* got a first place in Utility and a first place in Preferred Utility at the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club show on October 6 outside in a drizzling rain.



Murphy receives first place

Last but not least, my Lhasa Apso *Ralphie* got a first place in Rally Novice at the American Lhasa Apso Club Nationals on October 23, which is the first time he showed at one years old. I'm proud of them, as they overcame the noise and commotion of the indoor shows.



Ralphie at the ALAC Nationals

From **Susan Day**: Recent trials with *Nixie*: At Bayshore Companion Dog Club on November 10, *Nixie* earned 3rd place in Utility B. On November 11, also at Bayshore, she was 1st in Utility B, 2nd in Open B, and was High Combined. On November 17 at Lower Camden Dog Training Club, she earned 2nd in Utility B, 2nd in Open B, High Combined, and got her OTCH!

Not to be outdone, *Ripple* was 1st in Utility A at Bayshore on November 11, and 3rd in Utility B, and her UD title on November 17.

What a weekend!!

From **Carolyn Gerrish**: *Niko* recently passed the CGC test. Given she is a reactive dog, during this test, I realized how far she has come to be calm when interacting with different people, passing another dog, and hearing loud noises. A shout out of thanks to the great instructors and fellow club members who have been so understanding and supportive of *Niko's* special needs. I am very pleased to be a member of this fantastic community.

From **Laurie Leevy**: My Kuvasz *Lahdee*, *Szumeria's Talisman Love in a Mist* passed her therapy dog international test in June and has also just been accepted as a Children's Hospital of Philadelphia therapy dog. (And yes, "Talisman" is the correct spelling — a co-breeder mimicked the "sz" in "Szumeria," a famous Kuvasz breeder's misspelling of "Sumeria." Kuvasz folks are strange:-)).

From **Reg Speir**: *Lincoln* got his first UDX leg and High Combined at the Chesapeake Golden Retriever Trial in Forest Hills, Maryland on November 18.



Lincoln at the Chesapeake Golden Retriever Trial

From **Penny Neil**: *Bruce*, her Boston Terrier, "*Where'd Ya Get Those Peepers*" CGCA, TKI, BN earned his third leg, October 5, 2018, at the Hatboro Dog Club show in Wrightstown, Pennsylvania, with a score of 190 1/2 and placed fourth to earn his Beginners Novice title!



Penny Neil with Bruce

From **Michelle Dean**: *Roughstocks Finnegan Scout*, RN, CGCA, TKN earned his Rally Novice title thanks to the expert teachings of Jeanne-Anne Polichetti, and was certified as a therapy dog through Therapy Dogs International in June.



Roughstocks Finnegan Scout, RN

Congratulations to all our members! It is so impressive that in the past two years we have four members who have obtained their OTCHs! Even if you never show, come out sometime and root for our members — their dogs are a pleasure to watch!