



Obedience Dog Training Club of Waterbury

Paw Prints

October 2012

Presidents Message:

Fall is probably the best time of year for me to spend quality time out of doors with my four legged kids. Along with the beautiful colors and the cooler air, there are also many wonderful training opportunities to be shared with friends.

We have a couple of exciting events coming up. First our Annual Holiday Party is going to be on December 1st. I am hoping to see you all there. There will be a sign up sheet at the club. If you are planning to attend, please sign the sheet so that we will be have an accurate head count when placing the order with the caterer. We want to be certain we have enough food for everyone. You will find the flyer for the holiday party in this Paw Print. Second we are going to host a seminar with Celeste Meade. This seminar will encompass many aspects of obedience competition and is entitled, "Attitude is Everything". The flyer for this is also within the pages of this Paw Print.

I want to thank all of you who have responded to my plea regarding the chalk marks on the matting. So far, we have not had any further incidences. Please continue to keep an eye out and should you see anything at all, please let me know the time of your rental and I will contact the person who rented prior to your rental. Only one other thing, **PLEASE remember to clean up indoors and outdoors after you own dog.**

Have fun training and trialing your dogs.

Marianna

ODTCW Board Meeting

Date: Friday July 20, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

At ODTWC Facility

11 Robinson Lane, Oxford, CT

1. Meeting called to Order:

Meeting called to order by President Marianna Beard at 5:36 pm

- a. Attendance: Marianna Beard, Peter Poodiack, Marilyn Poodiack, Sue Deilus, Mary Tomlinson, Sharon Morton, Dawn Shewchuk
- b. Late: None
- c. Absent (but attempted to Teleconference): Frank McKane
- d. Others Present: None

2. Reading of the minutes from the last Board Meeting:

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Feb 2012 were read by Dawn Shewchuk

Motion to accept: Mary Tomlinson

Second: Marilyn Poodiack

3. Secretary's Report:

None

4. Treasurer's Report:

Approximately \$29,000 in receipts through June; classes have been well attended, run-thrus generated over \$1,300 through June, the ring is being rented more than in previous years, members are using the ring more times per week indicating the air conditioner was a good investment.

Largest expense is rent which increased \$100 per month to \$2400 per month; landlord pays oil, electric, new hot water heater, does some maintenance

Year to date loss of \$2,000 attributed to new state sales tax on classes; the fees are left as is due to good volume

Local advertising is an expense which seems to be working

Balance in the fund \$47,558.18

Anticipate retroactive payroll taxation from State of CT retro-active 6 months; the treasurer will address this when documentation is received.

Motion to accept: Sharon Morton

Second: Mary Tomlinson

Motion to File: Dawn Shewchuk

5. Committee Reports:

None

6. Unfinished business:

A) Advertising

Currently running ads in The Voices at \$133 per quarter in the Classifieds and \$165 per month in the Pet Section; the print ad is good but since classes can only be started every 6 weeks, agreed why ad run every week, why not run 1 X/month?

Discussed alternatives such as area Veterinarian offices, Oxford Dog Days, \$5 off coupons, adding a 'how did you hear about us' question to the Class Registration forms to assess advertising effectiveness.

Actions:

Create coded brochures for use in public areas – Sharon

Add 'how did you hear about us' question to the Class Registration forms – Sharon

Provide trifold holders for use in offices - Mary

Ask area veterinarians may we place brochures and/or coupons in their offices –

Newtown – Marianna

Oxford/Prospect/Wolcott – Frank

Davis in Woodbury – Sharon

Elwell in Roxbury – Mary

B) Cleaning

Club cleaners have emailed being unable to clean everything in the usual 2 hour slot; recently the ring was rented for 2 additional hours to clean behind the crates and do the shelves; subsequently did another 2 hours to clean the cobwebs off the walls and clean behind the obedience and agility equipment, and the rear to the overhead door. It was agreed that heavy moving would not be ok due to insurance concerns, but this kind of additional cleaning would be ok for an extra couple/few hours as needed.

Action: None further at this time

C) Equipment

Jim Hurlbut agreed to review the equipment with Sharon Morton and Dawn Shewchuk after the Feb 2012 meetings. Some broken equipment was moved to the office which Bill Beard had offered to try to fix; useless equipment was thrown out; France Roozen donated a tunnel.

Peter Poodiack said the broad jumps are in need of replacment, have been fixed several times and are in poor condition.

Action: Price new broad jumps – Marilyn Poodiack

No other unfinished business.

7. New business:

A) Oxford Dog Days

Saturday September 29, 2012

Rain Date: Sunday September 30, 2012

ODTCW has a booth, demo scheduled on the calendar, plenty of materials left from last time including handouts, signs, club magnets, stickers; need volunteers to man the booth.

Agreed to have Utility dogs for the demo and have a ring with the booth again with some Rally signs or light Agility equipment for people to try for fun.

Frank proposed having CGC testing open to the public for a fee; eligible club member AKC CGC Test Judges are Frank McKane, Dawn Shewchuk, and Karen Wrey; if dogs need more practice, they can come to ODTWCW for classes, Marianna proposed deducting the fee for the CGC testing, or offering discount coupons; all agreed the fee should be split between the club and the charity; some fees proposed from past experience were \$10 and \$20

Frank said Dog Days would have a press release; CGC testing likely be included

Actions:

Update the member list to include new members – Pete

Ask for club member volunteers via email and Yahoo group – Sharon

B) Seminars

Marianna proposed bringing people in for seminars; ideas discussed:

Red Cross – poorly attended last time

Rally New Signs and New Rules – club member Karen Wrey is a Rally Judge – this was requested in the past; Rally drop-in and run thrus were well attended so this could be well attended and valuable to the members

Freestyle – has been well attended in the past

Obedience – nearby trainers such as Betsy Scarpecchio or Celeste Meade – feasibility would depend on how much they charge

Actions:

Email Karen Wrey about Rally seminar - Marianna

Check into Freestyle - Marianna

Look into how much area obedience trainers charge for seminars - Marianna

Email the board with findings – Marianna

C) Health Clinics

Marianna proposed there is no area health clinic to do hips this time of year. Eyes need to be done yearly therefore an eye clinic is always timely. Health Clinic would involve at least a year of planning and at least 6 organized volunteers. Marianna suggested having clinic in Norwalk with Dr. Duffy for hips and Dr. Neiderland for eyes.

Action:

Contact veterinary clinic in Norwalk – Marianna

Assist Marianna with clinics - Sue

D) Run Thrus

Sharon proposed another Rally run thru – the last one made \$120.00 and club member Linda Chernak volunteered to do another, suggested Saturday August 18, to be in conjunction with Sunday August 19 Obedience run thru; all agreed.

Actions:

Contact Linda to set up – Sharon

Advertise on club website and flyers – Sharon

E) The Paw Print – this was a fun way for members to brag and also communicate and advertise – it was suggested to include notice that awards from last year need to be picked up during run-thru times, and an ad for the newly scheduled Rally run-thru

Another idea was to use the bulletin board at the front of the club for a brag and notice board.

Actions:

Request brags/updates from members - Sharon

Put together the next Paw Print – Marianna

Send the next Paw Print – Sharon

F) Planning

Next Meeting scheduled for Friday October 5, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

New Agenda Item: Holiday Party – date chosen December 1, 2012

New Agenda Item: Cost of award plaques - \$20.

Actions:

Agenda – add 2 new items for next time – Dawn

Schedule ring for meeting + party – Dawn

Get prices for plaques in preparation for next meeting – Peter

No other new business

8. Executive Session

None

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Marianna Beard

Second: Sue Deilus

All in favor

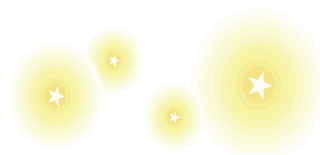
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Shewchuk, Recording Secretary



Our Brags



Angela Genovese reports: The Fall has been a busy time for my two Tervuren. Polly,(DC Jamaica Wannarakr UDT,HXCs, HXAd, MX,MXJ) was piloted to a first pl in both Nov Pref. Standard and Jumpers by friend Barbara Riley at Berkshire Bel. Terv Club Trial in Westfield, MA. on Oct. 5th. The next day Polly and I won the Open B class at BBTC Regional Spec. Obed. Trial. Her niece Cory (CH Jamaica Encore HSCs, MXJ AX BN) and I began the pursuit of her CD at Patroon Obed. Club's Sept. trial with a 2nd pl first leg, her 2nd leg a HIT at the Northwestern Conn. Dog Club Trial, and finished the title with another HIT at the BBTC Reg. Spec. Cory, co-owned by Barbara Riley who runs her in Agility also got another 2 Q and some MACH pts at LSSP Trial in Hamden, needs 2 legs to get her MX.

This year has been a special one for team Chrisman's Sir Mucho Moxie CDX RN RL1.

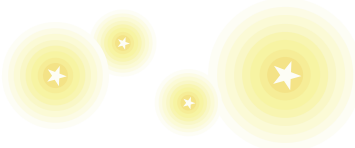
In exactly one year, Moxie went from nothing to receiving his BN, CD, RN, RL1 and lastly his CDX. Receiving his CDX two months ago was very special because it was at exactly at that trial, held in Goshen, CT one year ago, that this green team first stepped foot into the obedience ring to go after their first leg for Beginners Novice (and Rally Novice). Many Oxford members were there to lend a supportive hand and some well needed advice. Moxie's obedience journey wasn't without some lessons learned in the ring, as it took us more than a few times to finally get that 3rd CDX leg, but we were happy that we finally did on September 23rd 2012 at the Northwestern CT Dog Club trial.

And although scores for this team at our level aren't as important as ring experience, for a Maltese to have placed in every leg that we qualified was no small feat. We garnered five 1st placements, three 2nd placements and one 3rd placement. A nice accomplishment for a non "obedience breed" dog. We are also a member of The PortChester Obedience Dog Training Club and just found out that we received High Scoring team for year 2012 in Beginners Novice A as well as Novice A.

Moxie is anything but your typical obedience dog. He's a 6 pound Maltese! And one of only ten in the country that is working in the obedience ring this year. Showing talent at an early age, he started puppy pet training at 16 weeks and earned his CGC when he was barely 5 months old.

It wasn't until June of 2010 that we got bitten by the competitive obedience bug after seeing a little Rally performed at a national specialty. And ever since then we've been training with our trainer, Debbie Masino, on a very regular basis all the way up to Utility. We also try to stay on top of our game by partaking in workshops given by some of the top names in obedience today. And because it's hard for a new team to get into the obedience ring all by themselves, we want to not only thank ODTCW for providing a great ring to train in, but wonderful matches and judges that have helped us achieve our goals thus far along the way. We also want to give special thanks to members Rick and Nancy Ritacco, Lynn Chermac, Ann Mandlebaum and Nancy Beach for each playing a part in helping/supporting us on our journey.

Leslie Sweet & "Moxie"

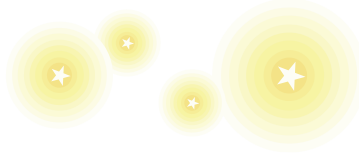


Dawn Shewchuk is pleased to report: Gladys, who has re-visited field class at the club to transition from Junior to Senior level field work, completed some field and other titles this fall: she qualified for the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) Working Certificate at Yankee Golden Retriever Club in August; finished her NAHRA Hunting Retriever Title at Navesink River Hunting Retriever Club in New Jersey September 22 (the photo is Gladys after running the water series in NJ, where cranberries were growing in the bog!); then cleaned up nicely the very next day to qualify for her GRCA Certificate of Conformation Assessment at Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club's event. All that "stand for exam" we learned from Jim and France on Wednesday nights paid off that day! Gladys is now HR Sunfire's Stillwater Pond JH, WC, CCA, CGC.



Brags from Frank McKane:

St. Jude's Autumn Field Poppy ("Oopy") owned by Frank McKane earned her Junior Hunter title this summer at the ripe old age of eight months. She's now getting ready for Senior Hunter. By the way: "Oopy" means Only One Puppy because she was a singleton pup.



Sacajawea's Autumn Butte, CGC, MH owned by Frank McKane qualified for the Master National Retriever Hunt Test this summer at the ripe old age of 11-years.



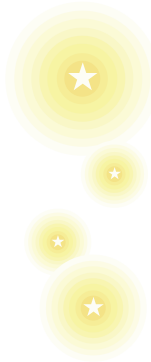
Mason Cable is pleased to report that her young bitch, Rockwoods Talented Tally took 2nd for her first Beginners Novice leg at the Northwestern trials in Goshen, CT, Sept 23. All further efforts with both dogs are on hold for a while as Mason recuperates from hip surgeries.



Handsome Gillie enjoying himself in the Autumn leaves.



A very pretty and happy Tally enjoying some of the same.

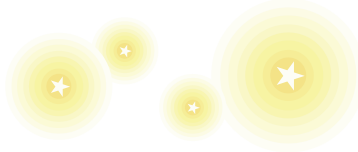


Rick Ritacco and Emmie (Abalee's Bea Bop A Lula) completed her Rally Novice title at the Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc. on Sunday, September 23. Emmie received a score of 99 and came in second place. Not too shabby for a 15 month old puppy!



Emmie showing off her new title ribbon

Nancy Ritacco and Dolly (Abalee's Sweet Adaline) completed her Rally Novice title at the Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc. on Sunday, 9/23. Dolly received a perfect score of 100 and came in 1st place all at the tender age of 14 months.



We are very proud of our girls. We wish to thank our friend and instructor Mariana Beard for her guidance and support.

Sharon Cavanaugh is very proud to share that Faelan has now earned his JH title. Faelan, co-owned with Lisa Weinberg, is now officially known as

Windrush Amber Sunrise's Zachane CDX RA GN AXP OJP JH CCA CGC

Faelan was beautifully trained and handled by Frank McKane JR, 2nd Vice President of our club, for his final 2 legs and for that I am sincerely grateful.

The Hunt Tests where Faelan earned his titles were:

SBGRC Jul 3, 2011 under judges Catherine Forsyth & Wayne Forsyth

Colonial Aug 6, 2011 under judges Linda Marchica & Nancy Brandow

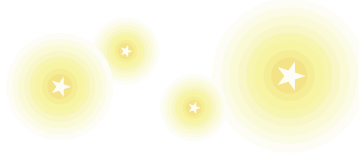
Colonial
Weinmann Aug 5 2012 under judges Anne Marie Galvin & Laura

Black Creek Sep 1 2012 under judges Judith Erlinger & Maxine Clark



Towhee (Sunfire's Desert Towhee RN CGC) had this past quarter off since she was very busy successfully raising her first litter of 4 boys and 4 girls, sired by FoxRun Out of the Ballpark RN BISS CGC. All puppies are now in their new homes and Towhee is back home with me.

Sue Handleman reports: My little Heather finished her Master Hunter title at the Long Island Retriever Field Club test in September. She is now officially My Stardust Melody RN CD MH WCX





On October 6th at the Port Chester Obedience Training Club morning trial, Libby completed both her Beginner Novice and Rally Novice titles, with great scores and placements. Ann Marie Cioffi is proud of Libby and looking forward to their continued learning and competition in obedience, but knows she has a big job ahead for both of them ... Libby is Mirasol Cayberry UnScentsored BN, RN, CGC, TDI, the daughter of Am. CH. OTCH CT MACH VCCH Mirasol's Femme Fatale UDX OM2 MXS MJG NAP NJP OF WC VCX OD OBHF ... Nikita ... the only dog in AKC history to have the four champion titles of conformation, obedience, agility and tracking. No pressure though!



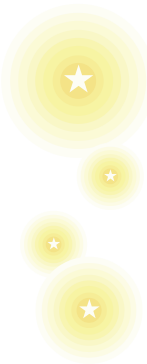


Linda is very pleased to report that at the CGC T On Saturday, September 29, 2012, at the Dog Days of Oxford event, my Sheltie Spike, RASANNS IRONHORSE CD, RN passed the CGC Test. In addition, my Sassy, KASSANK'S READ ME SASSY, who is 12 years of age, and not formally obedience trained, never shown, also passed est. I am proud of both of my Shelties. Linda Houle, Wallingford, CT.

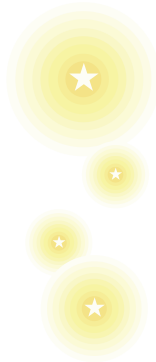


Sassy Left and Spike on Right

Marianna Beard reports: Abalee's Bea-Lieve You Me, RN - Mia completed her Rally Novice title at the age of just 15 months in one weekend with placements in each trial. Mia is a sweet girl who is always on and always tries her very best to do what I ask of her.



I would also like to introduce Abalee's Emeralds N' Diamonds (AKA Ruby Lee). She hasn't done anything yet except warm my heart and keeps me smiling with her puppy antics, she is an absolute love.



1st swim in Long Island Sound

Resting after her journey.

Congratulations! 

*To Each and Everyone For A
Job Well Done*

As I am writing this, I am sipping some tea and on the back of the mug is written a comforting little poem. I will leave you with what it says:

One Prayer: Peace

One Hope: Harmony

One Dream: Understanding

Author Unknown



We are Pleased to Announce our Annual

Holiday Party

When? Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Where? 11 Robinson Road, Oxford, CT

Main menu provided by the club

Members need only bring a dessert but you must sign the sheet left at the club and include the dessert that you will be bringing to share with other members.

(Please be sure to either sign the sheet or email: shugmort@yahoo.com so that we know how many are attending)

There will be a silent auction. Any items you'd like to contribute will be gladly accepted.

We will also be collecting food and equipment that will be donated to the Oxford Dog Shelter.

Please save the date. We hope to see you there.



The Obedience Dog Training Club of Waterbury (ODTCW)
Proudly Presents

Celeste Meade's Competition Obedience Seminar
"Attitude is Everything"

Date: February 16 & 17, 2013

9:00 to 5:00 each day

Attendance is Limited to 15 working spots and 20 Auditors

Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Working participants need to bring: LOTS of treats, a clicker, a flexi lead, a tug toy, a training collar, a buckle collar, 3' & 6' leads and LOTS of enthusiasm!

Working Participant: Member Fee \$175.00 Non-Member Fee \$225.00

Auditors: Member Fee \$100.00 Non-Member Fee \$150.00

No refunds after January 1, 2013.

Aggressive dogs will be asked to leave.

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Working and Auditor spots will be filled on a first come/first served basis.

Name _____ **Phone:** _____

Address _____

Working _____ **Auditor** _____ **Dog's Name** _____ **Breed** _____

Make Checks Payable to: ODTWC Mail check to: P. O. Box 631, Oxford, CT 06478

Location of facility: 11 Robinson Lane, Oxford, CT 06478

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Our Next Board Meeting is scheduled
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4:00 p.m.