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UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER February, 2017



NEXT MEETING: February 16th, 7 pm

At Papa Tom's - 1830 S. Woodruff

USRVDTC Obedience Classes February 1 – March 15th STAR Puppy – 5:15; Basic – 6 and 7 pm: Intermediate – 8 pm

Agility Course Test 1
February 12th in Pocatello
More info in newsletter

Agility Trial – April 14-16 Wind River Arena & Stables

Obedience and Agility Classes April 19-June 7

> Tracking Class April 8 – June 10

SAD NEWS

MACH5 Tiangulo A Liberty Belle VCD3 UDX RAE MXC2 MJG3 MXP MXF TQX WWD better known as "Libby", born on Aug 9, 2001 was laid to rest on Feb 6, 2017.

PRACTICE FACILITY

As many of you know, Lucien has been trying to identify a place for agility practice given the recent weather. Unfortunately, it

didn't work out, but we're still looking. If you have any ideas, please let Lucien or Marilynne know.

FINDING TIME TO TRAIN YOUR DOG

Always a challenge, here's some advice from the Whole Dog Journal and Jane Killion's When Pigs Fly! Training Success With Impossible Dogs

Your dog depends entirely on you for all of his needs. If he wants to eat, you feed him. If he wants to go outside, you open the door. If he wants to come out of his crate, you let him out. If he wants his toy, you get it out and throw it for him. Every time your dog wants something, that something can be a reinforcer for something that you want him to do. If you are going to give your dog something he wants or needs, that is an opportunity for you to ask for something in return. Head scratches, belly rubs, play sessions, treats, and walks are all things that you dispense to your dog and they all represent training opportunities. Since you do all of those things every day for your dog anyway, you can train your dog without taking anymore time out of your day than you are already giving your dog.

Remember these two concepts:

- If you do things for your dog without asking him to do something for you, you
 have trained him to not work to get what he wants. You have trained him that
 he is free to ignore you until you signal that you will be gratifying one of his
 desires.
- If you ask him for a behavior in exchange for doing things for him, you
 have trained him to work for you to get what he wants. You have trained him
 that he had better pay attention to you because you never know when a
 reinforcement opportunity might arise.

Any time your dog wants to go out or come in the house, you have a golden opportunity to train something. He wants something that only you can give him. Why not get a little something from him in return? Ask your dog for a sit before he rushes through the door. You should work on door etiquette, where your dog sits and stays before the open door until you release him.

2017 Committee Chairs

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out by chairing a committee or event. It's also great to know that the rest of our members are always ready to step in and help out. The Club accomplishes so much thanks to all of our committed, enthusiastic members.

Agility & Obedience Equipment Manager	Carl Friedrich
Tracking Test Secretary	Rochelle Mason
Tracking Test Chairperson	Dianna Robinson
Canine Good Citizenship Chairperson	Shel Williams
Chief Steward	Leslie Hill
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Newsletter	Marilynne Manguba
Trailer	Marilynne Manguba
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Agility Training Director – 2nd session	Lori Keele
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Tracking Training Director	Lois Olson
Delegate	Barbara Norton
Delegate Liaison	Suzanne Belger
Video Librarian	Marilynne Manguba
Financial Audit	Leslie Hill

Some Interesting Statistics on Companion Dog Events from AKC

Jan-Oct	Entries	Entries	Growth	%	Events	Events	Growth	%
Year	2016	2015			2016	2015		
Agility	1,037,866	1,022,610	15,246	1.5	3,147	3,187	-40	-1.3
Obedience	109,371	115,017	-5,646	-4.9	2,324	2,391	-67	-2.8
Rally	66,178	63,316	2,862	4.5%	2,094	2,087	7	0.3
Tracking	1,529	1,497	32	2.1	361	353	8	2.3
Total	1,214,944	1,202,450	12,494	1.0	7,926	8,018	-92	-1.1

AGILITY COURSE TEST

Do you have a dog that is 15 months of age or older and has never been titled in Agility?? Here's your chance to work your dog in a trial setting before you take the big step. And, if you're a new handler this is a great opportunity to learn to fill out an AKC entry form, check-in at the ring, taking your dog in and out of ring, and learn about handling your dog while being judged as well as other information that will help when you move on to AKC agility trials with their dog. For additional information on the ACT program, see http://www.akc.org/events/agility/act-program/

The Agility Course Test will be held on SUNDAY, February 12th at the C&M Arena, 1352 W. Siphon Rd., Pocatello ID., from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Please remember the entry driveway speed limit is 5 mph for safety.

Both ACT Round 1 and Round 2 will be held. The entry fee consist of a separate \$5.00 facility fee (not recorded on the entry form) and a \$5.00 fee for each ACT 1 Round to be entered.

Females in season will not be eligible to participate.

Dogs that are not AKC registered may participate, but you can register your dog - see http://www.akc.org/register/.

Dogs may be entered in **any** of the normal height divisions of 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24 inches that the handler chooses.

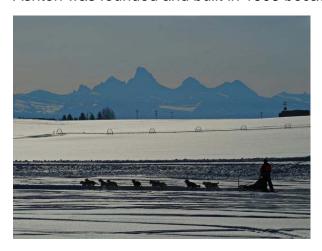
Address questions to Lucien Frederick at 208-403-6977 or lucienjr2@msn.com

VIDEO LIBRARY AND BOOKS

Did you know the Club has a collection of videos on training – includes obedience at all levels, agility, problem solving and more. Lots more if you still have a VCR. Contact Marilynne for a list of videos. The DVDs will also be available at our next Club meeting.

AMERICAN DOG DERBY – February 16 – 18 in Ashton

The first American Dog Derby was in 1917 - much has changed since then. In the high country of eastern Idaho just west of the Teton mountains lies a little town full of snow. Ashton was founded and built in 1906 because of the Union Pacific railroad. The rails



were closed due to heavy snowfall during winter and weren't plowed until spring, so Ashton became the winter rail terminus for the entire region. Mushing – a sled and rider pulled by a team of dogs - became a serious business as it was the only way mail, people, and supplies could be delivered throughout winter. Events include 100, 60, 40, and 20 mile races, Junior race, snowshoe race for kids, Mutt Race and a weight pull.

More info at - www.americandogderby.com

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Our latest obedience classes started on February 1st at the 4H building. Basic obedience classes filled up and we're just getting going with a bunch of new dog/handler teams – Marilynne is teaching the 6 pm class and Dave and Kelly the 7 pm class. Suzanne has a great group of mostly club members in the Intermediate Class at 8 pm and a STAR Puppy Class starts on February 15th.

We will need volunteers to help out with the CGC Test on March 22nd, mark your calendars.

New AKC Junior Recognition Program

AKC is pleased to announce the launch of a recognition program for Juniors effective Spring 2017. The Juniors will be recognized by sport, by breed and across events. The new recognition program will include points for Participation, Qualifying Scores, Placements / Passes in the Class, High in Trial, High in Combined Score, participation in Junior Showmanship, Placements and Best Junior. The points will be cumulative for each event. Info at www.akc.org

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:12 p.m., on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Papa Tom's Pizza, in Idaho Falls ID.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: None

Members Present:

Suzanne Belger Loganne Peters LeeAnn Chaffin David P'Pool Kelly P'Pool Amy Kaiser Stephanie Nielsen Catherine Nielson John Baughman Lois Olson Steven Olson Cheryl Loomis Carl Friedrich Lucien Frederick Mary Ann Igoe Glenda Haller Don Williams George Haller Shel Williams Rochelle Mason Frank Mason

Marilynn Manguba LaDawn Moad

Glenda Haller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous regular meeting minutes because they were published in the newsletter. Seconded by Lucien Frederick. Passed.

Glenda Haller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Board Meeting minutes because we all were in attendance. Seconded by Lois Olson. Passed.

Report of the President: Marilynne Manguba reported the board had a great special board meeting and were able to fill all committee chairs. Thank you all who agreed to help out this coming year.

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported he has reserved Papa Tom's Pizza until June 2017 meeting. Leeann Chaffin suggested checking into having the monthly meeting at Broulim's. Frank will check it out.

June 2017 meeting has been moved to June 22, 2017 to avoid conflict with the Blackfoot Dog show.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne Belger read the monthly and year-to-date financial reports.

Final call for club dues.

Auditing meeting was delayed due to illness and weather.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial: LaDawn Moad asked what needs to be done to have the new AKC FAST Class nested run for our April Agility Trial. Suzanne suggested we contact the judge to make sure he has nested the courses to do so, if he has we can amend the premium. LaDawn will check with our judge. Cheryl Loomis recommended we use three colors of tape for the send bonus.

Obedience Training: Suzanne Belger reported we have 18 entries for our Obedience classes: Two Star puppy – Seven for the 6:00 class – Two for the 7:00 class – Seven for the advance 8:00 class.

Orientation will be January 31, 2017, classes begin February 1, 2017.

Classes will start at 5:15 pm for the STAR puppy class, 6:00 & 7:00 Basic obedience classes and 8:00 advance. All that can come to help the first night would be greatly appreciated.

Discussion was held on how to help the more reactive dogs.

Website: Marilynne Manguba is working on our website domain, we will have both address usrvdtc.com and usrvdtc.org.

Marilynne Manguba has been working on the clubs Facebook page.

Equipment Chair: Carl Friedrich went over the equipment budget for 2017.

Items we need to purchase two white light tables and new white boards.

Unfinished Business: Still trying to find a place for Agility Practices. Discussion held of places to check.

New Business: Discussion was held about community outreach.

Membership Applications Approved: Robert Martin and Judy Martin were voted in as new members.

Applications read for Carolyn Auge, Eliska Garcia, and Michael Cook.

Glenda Haller made a motion that we adjourn. Seconded by Lois Olson. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Location of Next Club Meeting: February 16th, Papa Tom's Pizza