



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER January, 2018

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2018 Dues are due by January 31st.

Please see reminders on member benefits/responsibilities on page 3.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, January 21st, 7 pm
Meeting – Johnny Carino's

Nosework Class

Starts January 8th - class full, if you signed up and can't attend, please let us know so others can

February 7th – Obedience and STAR Puppy Classes

Register and Pay Online for classes
at <https://www.usrvdte.org/site/shop/>

Go to <http://www.akc.org/events/> for info on trials in the area

MESSAGE from your President

It was great to see so many of you at our Christmas Party, including lots of new and newer faces. I wanted to, once again, thank everyone who contributed to club events, classes, and other activities this year. This is an amazing group and we accomplish so much. We couldn't do it without everyone's participation.

Obedience/Rally Classes – we filled all our classes this year with lots of successful CGC testing to finish off classes – thanks to Heike and Ed Vitacolonna for organizing and managing equipment, Dave and Kelly Ppool; LeAnn Chaffin; Diana Robison, Suzanne Belger, Shel Williams, and Bonnie Hong for teaching and assisting classes. And, thanks to Shel for organizing CGC tests and for everyone who helped with the testing. Looking forward to more Trick Dog tests to come.

Agility Classes – this year was a big year for agility, a great team of instructors (Lori, Linda, Suzanne, LaDawn, Lois and Charlie) put together a great system of training and we had lots of new handler/dog teams get involved. And thanks to all who helped set up equipment at classes and practices – Cheryl, Carl, Lucien. Kathe

Nose Work – special thanks to Lois and Steve for getting us started with a new dog sport – our first class was held toward the end of the year, with a new one starting next week AND we have now been approved to hold AKC Scent Work trials – something new for all of us.

Agility and Obedience/Rally Trials – we had record numbers of entries this year for our two agility trials and our obedience/rally trial. Thanks not just to our trial secretaries and chairpersons (Suzanne, LaDawn, and Lucien), but to our chief steward, Leslie Hill, and everyone who helped set up, keep everything moving and takedown. Then there's our fabulous hospitality chair, Lucien, and of course Frank's awesome food and our fabulous judges.

Tracking Training and Test – Lois did a fabulous job organizing a tracking class and Rochelle and Diana ran a great tracking test. Thanks again to Kristie and Wendy for judging.

Special thanks to:

- Carl for keeping our equipment up to date and in good shape
- Glenda Haller for organizing, yet another, amazing Rabies Clinic with our local veterinarians
- Sara for making sure we always have plenty of cookies
- There are surely many more, but I'm just not thinking of them right now.

Happy New Year!!! See you all soon - Marilynne

Coming UP - Winter Barn Hunt

February 2-4 – Pocatello Kennel Club – Bannock County Fairgrounds – for info see www.pocatellokennelclub.org

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS – renewals due now (you can renew at www.usrvdte.org)

This information is also on the website in the member's section along with the Club's Standing Rules and ByLaws

Members must be read in at a meeting, then are voted on at the following regular meeting.

Member Responsibilities

WE EXPECT MEMBERS TO:

1. **PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS** – Attend, voice concerns, vote, volunteer for committees, offices, special assignments.
2. **HELP AT CLUB EVENTS** – Obedience trials, agility trials, tracking tests, sanctioned matches, picnics, parties, demonstrations, (set up, clean up, lay tracks, food service, tow trailer, steward, judge, etc).
3. **PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING** – Instruct, assist, lay tracks, set up, clean up, sell equipment, study and adhere to AKC Obedience Regulations (review periodically).
4. **CONCERN YOURSELF** with the welfare of dogs and their behavior.
5. **SEEK OUT AND WELCOME** new members.

Active Member Requirements

TO BE CONSIDERED AN ACTIVE MEMBER; MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO MEET TWO OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS A YEAR:

1. Attend 4 club meetings (10 meetings, club picnic, Christmas Party are all considered meeting).
2. Instruct or assist 1 training class per year (5 sessions per year).
3. Serve as a Club Officer or Committee Chairperson.
4. Steward at two trials per year (9 trials per year).

INSTRUCTORS AND ASSISTANTS

Are you interested in helping out teaching classes? Last year we developed a new outline for our obedience classes and there are guidelines for teaching agility. There a bunch of you who are good dog trainers who could benefit from some practice teaching people. We would like to schedule a couple of training sessions for anyone interested in helping with classes. Contact Suzanne or Marilynne if you are interested and watch for a scheduled workshop in your email. Recommended reading: [Coaching People to Train Their Dogs](#) by Terry Ryan and [It's Not the Dogs, It's the People](#) by Nicole Wilde – copies are available through the lending library.

Next classes in February and we are still looking for instructors and assistants, let Heike know if you can help.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS – consider volunteering for a position in 2018 or you can shadow the current chairperson if you need to learn the position.

We hope you will consider chairing a committee. We will provide a description of the chairperson's duties and as much training and assistance as you need. Questions – contact an officer or board member or the 2017 chair. There are detailed descriptions of each of these positions, just ask.

The board will be meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd to work on filling all these positions.

	2018 Chairpersons (bold) – others 2017
Agility & Obedience Equipment Manager	Carl Friedrich
Tracking Test Secretary	Rochelle Mason
Tracking Test Chairperson	
Canine Good Citizenship Chairperson	Shel Williams
Chief Steward	Leslie Hill
Historian	
Agility Trial Secretary	Suzanne Belger
Agility Trial Chairperson	LaDawn Moad
Hospitality	Lucien Frederick
Public Education	Marilynne Manguba
Publicity and Demonstrations	Marilynne Manguba
Obedience Trial Chairperson	Lucien Frederick
Obedience Trial Secretary	Suzanne Belger
Webmaster	Brian Meyers
Newsletter	Marilynne Manguba
Trailer	
Agility Training Director – 1st session	Suzanne Belger – Charlie Urbanski
Agility Training Director – 2nd session	Lori Keele
Obedience Training Director	Heike Vitacolonna
Tracking Training Director	Lois Olson
Delegate	Barbara Norton
Delegate Liaison	Suzanne Belger
Video Librarian	Marilynne Manguba
Financial Audit	Leslie Hill