

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER February 2019

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February Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

The Zone

Obedience, Agility Foundation & Scent Work Classes begin in February

Space is limited – sign up at USRVDTC.ORG

Will Brunz Seminar

Scent Work, Loose Leash Walking & Total Recall

February 9 & 10, 2019

Space is limited – sign up at USRVDTC.ORG

S.T.A.R. Puppy Class begins Feb. 20, 2019

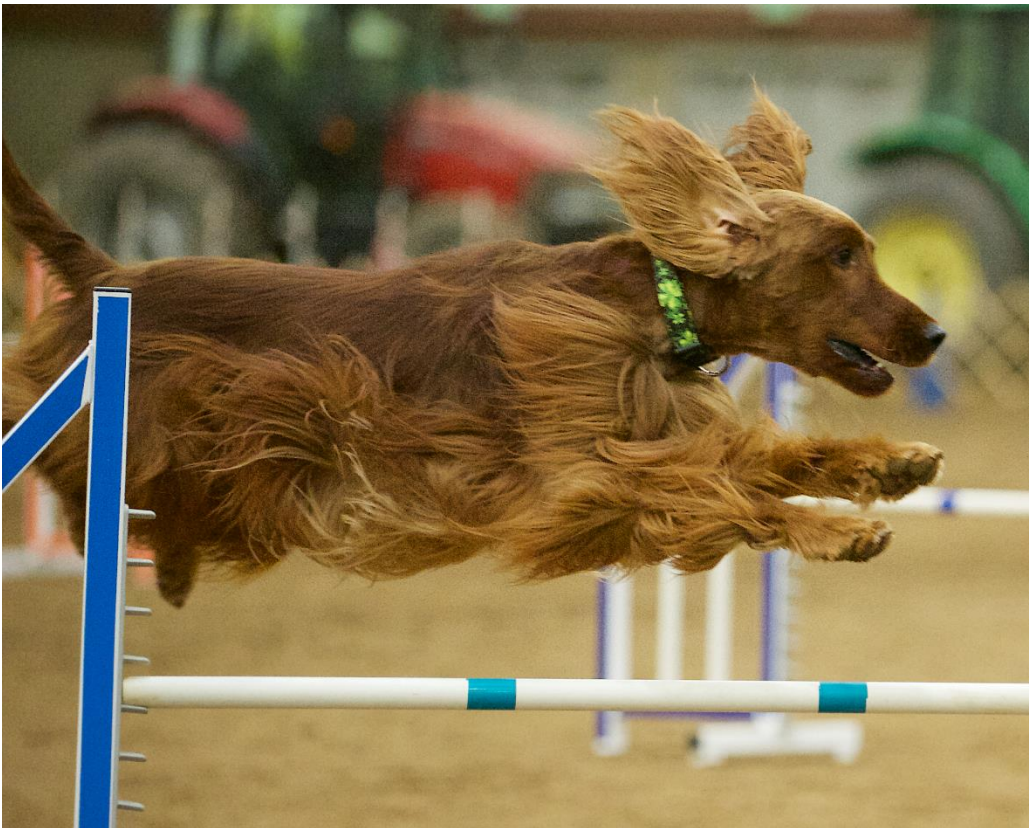
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BRAGS



Redcoat Kennel, MD & Jane Guidinger

Touche' Guidinger GSDOC Agility Trials - two NA leg, one NAJ leg and a T2B Q



London Guidinger GSDOC Agility Trials - Master JWW leg

Member Spotlight



LayLa & Matt Johnson

Tell us a bit about yourself. (where you're from, what you do, your family, etc.)

I'm from Idaho Falls. Matt is from Wisconsin, but spent 7 years at school in Texas. He was an intern here when I met him and he still had one more year of grad school to go. Now he works at INL and I send him to work and tell him not to come home without a paycheck.

What are 3 words that describe you?

Matt: Full-time Dog Masseuse

What is your favorite hobby (other than dogs)?

Pretty sure I'm going to have to get a real job to support my cycling addiction. Or maybe someone can just stage an intervention.

People would be surprised if they knew this about you.

Matt is fantastic at spontaneously improvising lyrics to songs for the dogs. They each have their own song. Some more than one. Sometimes I catch him singing to them or having long heart-to-hearts. If only I was a dog.

If you could plan a vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

First is hard to say. Finland is definitely up there. Maybe Antarctica just to say we went there.

What is one item you cannot live without?

Dogs. Vacation gets pretty lonely.

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment to date?

Matt: Reaching the top of Half Dome when everyone else in the group couldn't.

LayLa: To be fair, I was within probably 200' when I looked down. Everyone else was just weenies. "I'm cold." "I'm from sea level." "I broke my leg."

Android or iphone?

Iphone. Only because before Matt I had no internet, a flip phone, and not much else. I only use the technology he teaches me, which is usually apple.

What is your favorite book?

LayLa: Giver

Matt: The nerdier the better.

What is your favorite food?

Good ol' Kraft Dinner for both. We have very refined pallets.

Have you always had animals? / How did you come into dogs/dog training?

I don't think I went a day without a dog growing up. There was a period as a young adult I didn't have one and it was just depressing. When I (laughably) thought I was ready to be a grown up, I bought a house and my first order of business was to get a dog. He barely tolerated me. He was the love of my life. Matt's parents are allergic to warm fuzzy feelings, so he lived a completely deprived life until he met the love of my life. My dog traded allegiance within days.

We got into training to have more discipline in training Beau. I actually waited 2 whole months to bring him home so his rescue could do most of the leg work training him. I was really scared. Taking him to class kept up that momentum. I was so proud when I taught him roll over. Tater actually taught himself sign language watching Boba train with touch signals!

How long have you been a part of USRVDTTC?

Two years.

What is your favorite part of being a member of USRVDTTC?

Meeting everyone else's dogs. My personal favorites are Ben and Baxter. Matt's is Izzy.

Tell us about your dog(s).

Chow Chow is not a Chow Chow. She got dumped at the pound at 5 years old with barbed tackle in her tail. She was a biter. Imagine that. After the tackle was removed, she remained a biter. She landed herself on the short list...you know the one. Luckily she got into a rescue in Colorado as a Retriever/Chow mix. That was the year Matt was in Texas and I was all sad he was gone, etc. To occupy my time I fostered dogs. Since Chow looked identical to my retriever I was asked to take her until her flight a few weeks later. When she was brought to my house I was told she was super timid and would just go find a corner and stay there. No such thing happened. She walked in the door, took a look around, met Paddy the Love of My Life, and unpacked her bags. She looked identical to Paddy so I called her ChowPaddy. She knew her name with an hour. I told the rescue about her behavior and they were shocked. Then she bit me. She took over the house, Paddy wouldn't look her in the eye. I was afraid of her. She owned us. Finally Paddy had had enough and he settled it doggy style. One day I found something sticking out of her tail, thinking it was a stick, I grabbed it. She bit me again. It was fishing line! They missed a hook at the pound. So she went off to a groomer, got muzzled, and finally she was free of the tackle. She learned over time that her hind end didn't hurt anymore and she didn't need to protect it. She never bit again. She failed out of foster care, and when she finally met her dad she was head over heels. She learned it was safe to expose her belly, and she didn't have to be in charge. She also lost half her body weight and turned out to be border collie mix. No wonder she was nuts. She finally decided to mature around 10.

Tater we adopted when we found out Paddy had hemangiosarcoma at age 8. We knew Chow couldn't be alone, but it would also be hard for her to adjust to a new playmate. When she met Paddy's girlfriend, a super sweet Rottie, she had a straight up showdown. Chow Chow lost, as we picked scabs out of her fur for a month, but she would NEVER admit she lost. Matt really wanted to pick her new playmate, but his "it's what on the inside that counts" just doesn't do it for me. Paddy was glamorous. Chow Chow is beautiful. Matt is attracted to the exact opposite. The uglier the better. I started surveying the pound once I could bring myself to actually go inside without crying, looking for just the right dog that Matt might "pick" on his own. It wasn't too long before I found Tater. Plus time was of the essence. I took Matt to the pound to let him "pick". He found some non-descript brown thing he

wanted to take for a walk. Crap. “What about this guy?” He was labeled a great dane cross because he was grossly underweight and had legs for days. Matt loves Dane’s, Tater is beautiful but not in the glamorous way Paddy was. And just like that it was Matt’s idea to take Tater for a walk. Matt says he was immediately impressed with how Tater walked straight into his lead and I caught a picture of their first kiss. A couple days later I surprised Matt by adopting him. We actually didn’t officially name him for about six months. Tater is “sensitive”. He enjoys really soft surfaces. Hates to be cold. And prefers to spend his days doing absolutely nothing, preferably with Matt.

Which leads to **Beau**. Paddy defied all odds and lived 13 months on death row. We expected to have only maybe a few weeks with three dogs. We went 11 months. Our plan worked, and when Paddy slipped away Chow didn’t even notice. So Matt had Chow and Tater. And I had nothing. I was so used to three dogs at that point that I decided to try to woo someone to my side. It was purely happenstance that I found Beau. In the search for Tater I liked a ton of rescue pages on Facebook. After we adopted Tater I couldn’t handle the cuteness overload and unliked all the pages. Except Herding Haven, by accident. When Beau’s baby picture popped up I knew he had to be mine. We got the ball rolling and ended up taking Chow and Tater to Salt Lake to meet him. His rescuer wanted Chow to be a guardian for him and I said there isn’t a snowballs chance in hell she will do that. Tater, maybe. But not Chow. Well I ate my words because she has very strict set of rules concerning her Boba, and there is hell to pay if those rules are broken. And Beau loves me.

What is your favorite part of training?

Seeing Beau become more and more aware. Seeing how happy he is to do his favorite things: sniff.

Do you have any favorite success stories or breakthrough moments in training?

Beau was never going to learn how to lay down with a vibration collar. He would sit, but he just wouldn’t lay down. Then one day he did it. And it was no problem after that.

What is your favorite tip for someone wanting to get involved with dogs/dog training?

Stop talking, and do it.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received regarding dog training?

At the December scent work trial Beau was really struggling at the end of the first day. I wanted to lead him to the boxes and have him “think” boxes and do his thing. He didn’t. And he hated my attempts to drag him around sniffing things. The second day I was discussing it with other participants and I thought I needed to work on having a more compatible communication between him and I, being his eyes and leading him to boxes. Someone suggested I do the exact opposite. He doesn’t need his eyes at all. So what if he sniffs the floor and the walls, and whatever else.? For him, everything is “interior”. I got his tracking lead and let him go to town. He had way more fun and did way better.



Carrot and Sweet Potato Dog Biscuits

3 cups whole wheat or oat flour

½ cup baked sweet potato

½ cup finely shredded carrots

1 egg

¾ cup water

Combine all ingredients and continue to knead until you have a big dough ball

Roll out to about ¼ to ½" thick and cut into biscuits

(I roll out then run my pizza cutter over rolled dough to make small squares then break apart after baking)

Bake at 350 for about 30 minutes

9 Games to Teach Your Dog Impulse Control

Barking. Digging. Whining. Pulling on the leash. Jumping on strangers. Stealing food. Chasing squirrels. Humping the pillows.

Dogs with poor impulse control get into a lot of trouble - but don't just label your dog as "impulsive" and give up.

Using games to teach your dog impulse control is much more than yanking them away from that rotting pigeon on the trail or kneeing them in the chest when they jump.

Game #1: Smart x 50

Reward your dog for all of the tiny cute or useful things he does throughout the day.

You will see your dog behaving better all the time in hopes of payment!

Steps:

- 1) Pick a few behaviors that you think are cute or useful from your dog. Your list might include lying at your feet, sitting up on hind legs, spinning in a circle, and going to lie on his bed. It's totally up to you!
- 2) Count out 20-50 treats per day and put them somewhere easy to grab (the dinner table is a popular choice)
- 3) Whenever you see your dog doing one of those cute or useful, say "yes!" Then walk to grab a treat and reward your dog.
- 4) Your day is done when the treats are gone.

Game #2: It's Your Choice

This exercise is an introduction to the concept of "leave it." Teach your dog to pause and look to you for guidance when they really, really want something!

Steps:

- 1) Put some tasty treats in your hand and place your hand near your dog.
- 2) Keep your hand closed as your dog sniffs, nibbles, or paws at your hand.
- 3) Open your hand when your dog sits back to wait.
- 4) Close your hand if your dog immediately dives back in for the goodies.
- 5) When she stays away for a second or two, place 1 treat on the ground.
- 6) Gradually build up time between opening your hand and delivering the treat.

Game #3: Relax On Your Mat

Teach your dog to lie calmly on a mat, no matter what is going on around her. Great for outings and impressing dinner guests!

Steps:

- 1) Pick out a novel blanket, towel, or mat. This should not be a bed.
- 2) Place the mat on the ground in front of your dog.
- 3) Click and treat for any interest in the mat - looking at it, moving towards it, sniffing, paws on it. Keep treating your dog if she stays on the mat.
- 4) Gradually narrow your criteria. Work towards only rewarding your dog for lying down. It's ok to just cut to the chase and cue your dog to lie down, if you'd like.
- 5) Use Karen Overall's Relaxation Protocol as a way to solidify mat training.
- 6) Once you're doing well, try new places and distractions!

Game #4: U-Turns

Teach your dog to turn and walk away from exciting or scary things on walks. This builds focus and helps dogs disengage from exciting things during walks. It is NOT a formal heel!

Steps:

- 1) Start out in a quiet hallway with your dog on leash. Walk for a few steps, then pivot and go the opposite way. Click and treat when your dog starts to follow you in the new direction.
- 2) Add a cue when your dog is reliably turning with you quickly. I use "this way!"
- 3) Up the ante by increasing distractions. Try in your backyard, then your daily walks.
- 4) Eventually start doing this when there's actually a distraction dead ahead.

Game #5: Sophia Yin's Leave It

Teach your dog to check in with you when he wants something on leash. This builds focus and helps dogs disengage from exciting things during walks. Use it in conjunction with #1 for best results.

Steps:

- 1) Have your dog on leash. Toss a treat out of his reach.
- 2) Wait for your dog to stop pulling and straining towards the treat.
- 3) When he does, give him a treat for looking at you.

- 4) Only then can you walk towards the treat. Be sure to keep a loose leash while you do so.

Game #6: Red Light – Green Light

Reduce leash pulling without even using treats (though treats speed up the process). This teaches dogs that when they pull, they don't get to move forward. Use with U-turns for super-stubborn pullers.

IMPORTANT – be prepared for very slow progress at first! The goal is to teach your dog that pulling doesn't work. This can take a while.

Steps:

- 1) Have your dog on leash. I like to use a dog's flat buckle collar for this exercise. Do your normal walks on a harness in the meantime.
- 2) Start walking forward. When your dog hits the end of his leash and pulls, stop.
- 3) Wait for a "J" to appear in your leash. Mark with a word ("good" or "yes" often works).
- 4) Start walking again.
- 5) Repeat.

This can take a long time and is frustrating - but it works! Changing directions and implementing U-turns can speed the process. Remember to use different collars to distinguish training from real walks, or you'll never get a real walk in while working on RL/GL!

Game #7: “Sleepy” on Cue

Teach your dog to place his head on his paws and blink his eyes on cue.

It's hard to be amped-up and ridiculous when your head is on the ground and you're blinking.

Steps:

- 1) Familiarize yourself with clicker training and shaping.
 - 2) Sit in a boring space with your dog. And wait.
 - 3) Click and treat for any approximation of a dog with his head on his paws. This could be lying down, lowering his head, etc.
 - 4) When your dog is readily offering to put his head on the floor or his paws, you're ready. Start to click every time he blinks.
 - 5) Put this on cue by saying a word like "sleepy" between treats.
- This is a tricky one. If you're not a savvy trainer yet, stick to the other options here.

Game #8: Exchange Games

A great intro to drop it! Head off resource guarding and reduce unwanted stealing and tug games.

Not strictly speaking impulse control, this teaches your dog to trade whatever he's got for something you've got.

Steps:

- 1) *Give your dog something he likes. Try a stuffed Kong, chew toy, tug toy, pig's ear or ball.*
- 2) *Approach your dog and click when he looks at you. Toss some awesome treats near him. He should drop it now! (if he doesn't, you need better treats and a less exciting toy).*
- 3) *Pick up the object he had as he eats the new goodies.*
- 4) *Give him the object back.*
- 5) *Repeat. The goal is that he gets excited for new goodies when you approach him.*
- 6) *Repeat until your dog drops his toy when you come near. Now start offering your had and saying "drop it". You just added in a cue!*

Game #9: Ready, Set, GO!

Teach the hyper dog to amp up and cool down quickly.
Works best for dogs that love to play and run.

Steps:

- 1) Amp up your dog with whatever you normally do to get him riled up.
- 2) Say, "Ready, set, GO!" Run away from your dog. Let him chase you for 5 strides or so.
- 3) Say, "Ready, set, DOWN!" (or sit). Then stop and become super-duper boring until he complies.
- 4) Give your dog a bunch of treats when he complies.
- 5) Repeat. You can eventually quit with the treats. Running again with you is a big reward for many dogs!

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The goal is to teach your dog to respond to cues from you even when he's really excited. This might mean you get jumped on at first!

More information on these games and other dog training ideas can be found at journeydogtraining.com/blog.



Fascinating fact: Dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than ours! The sport of Scent Work celebrates the joy of sniffing, and asks a dog to sniff to their heart's content; turning your dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for all kinds of dogs, and is a wonderful way to build confidence in a shy dog.

In so many dog sports the handler is in control but this isn't true in Scent Work. Neither the dog nor handler knows where the target odor is hidden. The handler has to rely on the dog, and follow the dog's nose to success. In Scent Work, it is the canine who is the star of the show.

The sport of Scent Work is based on the work of professional detection dogs (such as drug dogs), employed by humans to detect a wide variety of scents and substances. In AKC Scent Work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a pre-determined search area, and the dog has to find them. Teamwork is necessary: when the dog finds the scent, he has to communicate the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge.

If you are interested in getting your dog involved in Scent Work, sign up for one of our upcoming classes. If you are ready to try your skills and enter an upcoming trial, here are the Regulations for one of the elements of a Scent Work Title, Container Searches.

Section 3. Container Searches. The Container search element mimics the work of detection dogs to search packages for contraband. In the Container classes the dog must locate the target odor(s), which is/are hidden in one or more containers within a search area, and communicate the find to their handler. A container can be a cardboard box, a back pack, a briefcase, a storage bin, a piece of luggage, etc., as required by difficulty level. Container searches may be conducted either inside or outside.

Container Novice Class: Ten identical cardboard box containers (see Chapter 5, Section 8 above for size requirements) are laid out on the floor of the search area. The boxes are arranged in two rows of five containers. Each box must be at least 12" apart, and each row must be at least 36" apart. The search area must be at least 250 and no more than 400 square feet. One of the containers holds the target odor of Birch. The dog has two minutes to locate the container with the target scent and communicate the find to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates the find. The Container Novice Class is open to all dogs.

Container Advanced Class: Fifteen containers of various size and type are laid out on the floor of the search area. The containers may be arranged in three rows of five containers, in a circle, or in a "U" formation. Each container must be at least 12" apart, and if rows are used, each row must be at least 36" apart. The search area must be at least 39 at least 400 and no more than 600 square feet. Two of the containers hold the target odor, which may be Birch or Anise (each scent vessel may contain the same odor, or one may contain Birch and the other may contain Anise). One of the containers shall hold a non-food distraction (may NOT be the same container that holds odor). The dog has two minutes to locate the containers with the target scents and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates each find. After the second "Alert" call, the handler must call "Finish" to indicate that all hides have been found and to stop the time. The Container Advanced Class is open to dogs who have acquired the Container Novice (SCN) title.

Container Excellent Class: Twenty containers of various size and type are laid out on the floor of the search area. The containers may be arranged in four rows of five containers, in a circle, or in a "U" formation. Each container must be at least 12" apart, and if rows are used, each row must be at least 36" apart. The search area must be at least 600 and no more than 800 square feet. The target odors will be hidden in three of the containers. There will be two distractions at this level, and may be non-food, food, auditory, or visual. The target odors at this level will be Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove. The dog has three minutes to locate the containers with the target scent and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates each find. After the third "Alert" call, the handler must call "Finish" to indicate that all hides have been found and to stop the time. The Container Excellent Class is open to dogs who have acquired the Container Advanced (SCA) title.

Container Master Class: Twenty containers of various size and type are laid out on the floor of the search area. The containers may be arranged in four rows of five containers, in a circle, or in a "U" formation. Each container must be at least 12" apart, and if rows are used, each row must be at least 36" apart. The search area must be at least 600 and no more than 800 square feet. The target odor(s) will be hidden in one, two, or three of the containers. The handler will not know the exact number of hides at this level. There will be three distractions at this level, and these may be non-food, food, auditory, visual, mimic, or human. The target odor(s) at this level will be Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress. The dog has four minutes to locate the container(s) with the target scent and communicate the find(s) to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates each find. When the handler believes all hides have been located he/she must call "Finish." The Container Master Class is open to dogs who have acquired the Container Excellent (SCE) title.

The Container Element

	Novice	Advanced	Excellent	Master
Scent	Birch	Birch and/or Anise	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Containers	10	15	20	20
Type of Containers	Identical Cardboard Boxes	Various Size and Type	Various Size and Type	Various Size and Type
Arrangement	2 rows of 5 containers	3 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation	4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation	4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation
Minimum Distance b/w Containers	12" in all directions 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows
# of Hides	1 (known)	2 (known)	3 (known)	1 - 2 (unknown)
Time Limit	2 minutes	2 minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes
Distractions	None	1 non-food distraction	2 non-food, food auditory, or visual	3 non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or "mimic"
Required Calls	Alert only	2 Alert Calls and Finish	3 Alert calls and Finish	Alert(s) and Finish
Size of Search Area	250-400 sq ft	400-600 sq ft	600-800 sq ft	600-800 sq ft

USRVDTTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2019

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:07 p.m., on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at The Zone, in Idaho Falls ID.

Suzanne Belger moved to approve the previous Board meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Nicki Bowden seconded. Passed.

Board Members Present:

Marilynne Manguba	Frank Mason	LaDawn Moad
Suzanne Belger	Steven Olson	Nicki Bowden

Report of President: None

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: The AKC request for 2019 Board change form has been completed and faxed.

Report of Treasurer: Suzanne Belger reported the Club AKC Dues for 2019 have been paid.

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Marilynne Manguba recommended the attached 2019 Budget and Committee Chairs. Suzanne Belger moved to approve budget and committee chairs. Steven Olson seconded. Passed.

Frank Mason moved to adjournment. Suzanne Belger seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

	2019	2018
President	\$50	\$50
Vice President	\$1000	\$1000
Secretary	\$50	\$50
Treasurer	\$50	\$50
Agility Trials	\$17,255	\$17,255
Agility training	\$150	\$150
Agility equipment	\$1200	\$1200
CGC	\$75	\$75
Club	\$1600	\$1600
Delegate	\$1500	\$1500
Historian	\$50	\$50
Hospitality	\$200	\$200
Video/book	\$250	\$250
Newsletter	\$100	\$100
Obedience/Rally Trial	\$7400	\$7400
Obedience training	\$2000	\$2000
Obedience equipment	\$500	\$500
Publicity	\$500	\$500
Tracking Test	\$2200	\$2200
Tracking Training	\$800	\$800
Trailer	\$3500	\$3500
Seminar	\$5000	\$5000
Scent work trial	\$2500	\$2500
Scent work training	\$500	\$500

2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Agility & Obedience Equipment Manager	Carl Friedrich
Tracking Test Secretary	OPEN
Tracking Test Chairperson	Marilynne Manguba
Canine Good Citizenship Chairperson	Shel Williams
Chief Steward	
Historian	Aubrey Parry
Agility Trial Secretary	Desert Mountain Productions
Agility Trial Chairperson	LaDawn Moad
Hospitality	Lucien Frederick
Public Education	Marilynne Manguba
Publicity and Demonstrations	Amanda Williams
Obedience Trial Chairperson	Lucien Frederick
Obedience Trial Secretary	Suzanne Belger
Webmaster	Brian Meyers
Newsletter	Nicki Bowden
Trailer	Marilynne Manguba
Agility Training Director	Suzanne Belger
Obedience Training Director	Heike Vitacolonna
Tracking Training Director	Lois Olson
Scent Work Trial Chairperson	Mary Ann Igoe
Scent Work Trial Secretary	Suzanne Belger
Scent Work Training Director	Lois Olson
AKC Delegate	Barbara Norton
AKC Delegate Liaison	Marilynne Manguba
Video Librarian	Marilynne Manguba
Financial Audit Committee	LeAnn Chaffin, Mary Ann Igoe, Nicki Bowden

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:10 p.m., on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at The Zone, in Idaho Falls ID.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Sara Carlson, Brittnay Slane, and Richard Brizzee

Members Present:

Donna Whitham	Mark Whitham	Lois Olson
Steven Olson	Carl Friedrich	Wendy Baldwin
George Haller	Glenda Haller	Rosha Adams
Mary Ann Igoe	Captra Caption	Charlie Urbanski
Matthew Johnson	Sheila Webb	Savannah Webb
Kelly Minor	Scott Minor	Laramie Minor
Suzanne Belger	Rosemary Durfee	Shel Williams
Desirae Chase	LeeAnn Chaffin	Nicki Bowden
Cheryl Loomis	Duane Loomis	Alicia Thompson
Brian Meyers	Melissa Meyers	John Baughman
LaDawn Moad	Marilynne Manguba	

Glenda Haller moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Lois Olson seconded. Passed.

Report of the President: Marilynne Manguba reported on the 2019 Committee Chairs.

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported meetings will be at the Zone through June. July & August meetings will be at Tautphaus Park.

Report of the Secretary: None

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

Dues for 2019 are due, the last day to pay is January 31, 2019.

Taxes have been sent to the accountant.

Report of Committees:

Scent Work Trial: Suzanne Belger reported the December 2018 Scent Work Trial financial report with a net income of \$577.28.

The next Scent work trial will be in June at Blackfoot.

Scent Training: Lois Olson reported classes are not as full as last session.

Scent Work Seminar: Suzanne Belger reported competitor, Will Brunz, who participated at the December 2018 Scent Work Trials, has agreed to do a seminar and workshop for the cost of his expenses, February 9 and 10, 2019 at the Idaho Falls Activity Center on Skyline.

Obedience Training: Marilynne Manguba reported the obedience classes start February 6, 2019. Classes offered will be STAR Puppy, Obedience Beginning & Advance and Agility Foundation. Classes will be held at the Boy Scout building at 3910 South Yellowstone.

Equipment Manager: Carl Friedrich reported he has purchased a new double jump which works for an ascending jump.

Auditing Committee: Mary Ann Igoe reported the 2018 audit committee, Nicki Bowden, LeeAnn Chaffin and Mary Ann Igoe, has met and reviewed the treasurer's records for the club's financial activity. We found no material errors or omissions. The committee recommended the Board and Club members accept the financial records as submitted by the Treasurers. Library: Marilynne Manguba reported we have some new library materials, contact Marilynne to check them out.

Carl Friedrich stated he has private obedience lesson videos by instructor Donna Elison available.

Unfinished Business: Trailer wrap was discussed. Scott Minor volunteered to assist with design.

New Business: Marilynne Manguba announced the new Farm Dog Certified by AKC.

Membership applications approved: Kristina Colby and Elizabeth Kraychir. Welcome new members

Applications read: Richard Brizzee, Brittany Slane and Sara Carlson.

Shel Williams moved to adjourn. Rosemary Dufree seconded. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Location of Next Club Meeting: The Zone