



# *Obichaff*

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Be grateful that you are not sitting on a concrete floor in a train terminal, holding your dog, wondering if your home and everyone you love has been blown to bits.

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# Faces of rescue dogs after they found a human buried in snow during the training session



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In this issue we celebrate the life of an amazing man, Ken Nagler. I met Ken in 1990. I had a Weimaraner puppy, Laszlo, who was in need of training. After puppy and basic class, Ken encouraged me to try for the companion dog title. Ken said "you have a smart dog you can do it." I remember my first qualifying CD leg, I started jumping up and down shouting, "Laszlo we qualified, we qualified." Then I noticed that everyone was staring at us. It did not matter, we had qualified. Thank you Ken for getting me started in competition obedience. You shared your love of dogs and obedience with me. That part of you lives on in my heart and in the hearts of my dogs.



## President's message:

There is a Chinese proverb that says: When a man is born, he cries and the World laughs. May he live so that when he dies, he laughs and the World cries.

This is surely true of Ken Nagler. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have known him, have many lovely memories, some of which are shared in this issue of *Obichaff*. Many of us have seen the famous video of his "Tortoise Agility," as well.

My favorite Ken memory was from years ago, when I was showing my second Standard poodle, Scout. She was an energetic and enthusiastic jumper. As you know, Ken and his wife Nan had poodles for many years. One time I showed in Open under Ken at an out-door show (I forget where). We completed the Broad Jump, in those days it was always the last exercise of the run, and Ken approached us and asked, "How old is she?" I answered, "She's five." His reply: "Don't worry, she'll settle down one of these decades."

His sense of fun, and generosity were two of the reasons Ken was such a popular and well-respected obedience judge, and beloved human being.

## Kenneth Malcolm Nagler

26 June 1920 - 11 March 2022

By Sandy Adler

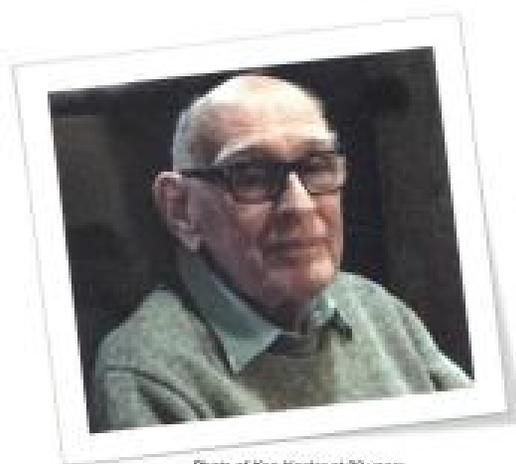


Photo of Ken Nagler at 89 years  
From page 167 of "Weathering A Century"

My wife, Joan, and I met Ken and Nan in 1975. Over the years we have had 11 German Shepherds, but our first dog was a Dalmatian. "Labyrinth Benji Dalmuffin's" breeder recommended that we join the Greater Washington Dalmatian Club to meet people who could help us with training and introduce us to dog activities. About a month later we went to watch an obedience match and met Ken and Nan who were active in the club.

Over the years we became friends and found ways to be supportive of each other's dog-related activities. For example, during the last few years that Ken was still teaching puppy and basic classes at CTA, he invited Joan to come to the last class to "judge" the students and help pass out their graduation certificates. I was aware of many of Ken's dog-related activities, and his travel adventures, but until 2018, when I was putting together some stuff for Ken's 98th birthday, I was not aware of his professional life. Most of the information which follows is extracted from Ken's second book, *Weathering a Century: A long and Happy Life*.

### **Professional Life:**

In his second book, Ken attributed his unusually successful career to

being in the right place at the right time, and downplays the fact that he was *the right person*, in the right place at the right time.

## Undergraduate School

Ken attended the Massachusetts State College where he majored in mathematics, took a number of science classes and learned a little German. The attack on Pearl Harbor occurred in the middle of his senior year, and after he graduated (*magna cum laude*) he signed up to become a Naval officer.

## His Military Career as a Naval Officer

Because of his college training in science and mathematics, Ken was selected to attend an intensive class at the University of Chicago. Nine months later Ken graduated as a Navy meteorologist. Ken served at a number of military installations in the United States before being assigned, in April 1945, to the Naval Technical Mission in Europe to investigate German developments in meteorology and aeronautics. He was stationed in Paris, but had to travel regularly to occupied Germany and Austria to investigate and report to Washington on German technology. In August 1946 Lieutenant Commander Nagler returned to the United States as a civilian.

In 2019 Ken wrote in his autobiography, *Weathering a Century*, that but for the war, he would have become a dull teacher of math or English. Instead, he became an internationally recognized meteorologist and played a pivotal role in the United States Space Program.



*Nan and I were married in Wayne, Illinois on September 13, 1947.*

*From page 62 of Ken's book,  
"weathering A Century"*

### Civilian Career

Immediately after returning to civilian life, Ken returned to the University of Chicago where he acquired a wife, and a graduate degree in meteorology. He studied with some of the world's most prominent meteorologists and worked as an instructor at the university. He also met the love of his life, Ann Blyth Hamilton, nicknamed "Nan". They were married on September 13, 1947 and were inseparable until her death on March 17, 2018.

In July 1948 Ken accepted a job as a meteorologist for the United States Weather service. His first assignment was a secret project to develop a system for measuring radioactivity in the atmosphere and where it was coming from. It was the beginning of the cold war, and we needed to know if and when the Soviet Union would have nuclear weapons. Later he helped develop procedures to improve the safety of nuclear tests done by the United States.

In 1960 NASA asked the Weather bureau to form a group to support the planned manned space flight program. Ken formed and managed the Weather Support Group, and was the Chief Meteorologist for the meteorological team that worked on all of the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Skylab missions for NASA. For some of the orbital missions he was the last person to speak to the astronaut immediately before the launch.



Gemini 3

#### GT-3 Weather Briefing 22 March 1965

Grissom and Young attend a weather briefing by Ken Nagler (left), head of the U.S. Weather Bureau's SFM Group and Ernest Amman, head of the Cape Kennedy section of the Space Flight Meteorological Group, on the day before the scheduled flight.

NASA Photo No. 69-11-422

Ken was recognized many times during nearly 30 years of Federal Service. In particular:

In 1959 he was awarded a Silver Medal from the Commerce Department for his work on radioactive fallout predictions.

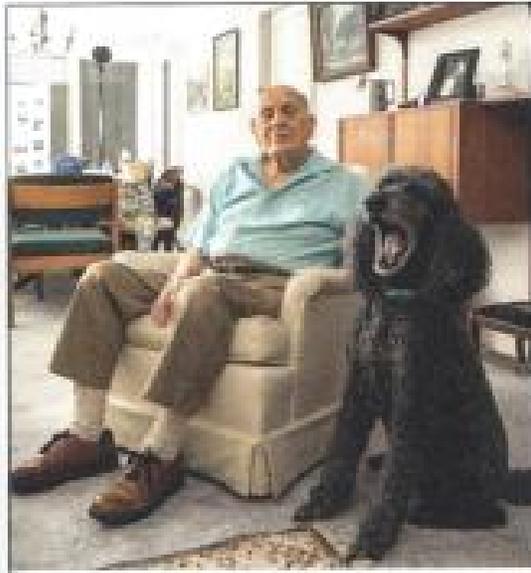
In 1970 he received a Meritorious Service award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for design of a weather photography experiment for the Gemini 5 mission that

produced high-resolution pictures used in predicting weather.

In 1973 he was awarded a Gold Medal from the Commerce Department for leadership in support of the NASA Manned Space Flight Program.

## Personal Life

### Dogs



*With Willy, June 2019 (Photo by Mike Oliver)*

*From page 91 of Ken's book,  
"Weathering A Century"*

After his retirement in 1970, Ken embarked on a long and distinguished avocation as a dog breeder, obedience judge and trainer,

Ken and his wife, Nan, owned and trained 10 Dalmatians, 9 Poodles, 2 Shelties and a Miniature Pinscher, with a combined total of 7 championships and 45 obedience titles. Ken and Nan also breed 11 litters of Dalmatians and 2 litters of Standard Poodles.



*By 1991, we had Dalmatians and Standard Poodles.*

*Weathering A Century, page 90*

Since 1971, he was a

very active and popular AKC obedience judge, and never charged a fee. According to the AKC website, he accepted 244 judging assignments just during the period 1998 to 2014

In 1982 he was elected President and Training Director of the Canine Training Association (CTA) in Beltsville, MD, and served in that capacity for over 40 years. Ken taught puppy, novice, open and utility obedience

classes at CTA. He was also a member of several other dog clubs including Rock Creek Kennel Club, Washington Poodle Club, Greater Washington Dalmatian Club, and was on the Board of Directors of the Dalmatian Club of America.



Judge Ken Nagler presenting High in Trial award to Joan Adler at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Northern Virginia, May 28, 1994

## Travel



*We are in Kenya, standing on the equator in 1983.  
Weathering A Century, page 141*

Ken and Nan also shared a passion for travel, and visited most of the United States, as well as 37 countries on all 7 continents. Over 20 pages of Ken's biography are devoted to the incredible experiences that he and Nan shared. If you want to know more about the snake that fell on Ken's head in Belize, or the mother tiger that challenged the elephant he was riding in India, or what it was like to walk on the Great Wall of China or stand on the equator, you will have to read the book for yourself.

## Writing

Ken attributed his writing skills to good English teachers in both high



school and college, and his interest in English literature and poetry. He found that his writing skills were very important in documenting the many technical publications that he wrote during his professional career. During his “retirement” he wrote two books. In 2012 he wrote *Long and Short, Some stories, Verse, and Articles*, a book of which contains a unique combination of poetry, short stories about general truths, actual events, and summaries about his travels. In August 2019 he wrote his autobiography, *Weathering a Century: A Long and Happy Life*.

The writing we will miss most is the annual Christmas Newsletter that Ken sent to many of his friends.

I will close this tribute to Ken with a copy of a dog-training poem he wrote that was published in June 2001 in *Front and Finish* magazine

“Now clicker training’s quite the fad.  
Results for some are not too bad.  
The concept stemmed from Pavlov’s hound  
Responding to some special sound.

By causing Fido’s hopes to raise—  
Anticipating treats or praise.  
Sometimes you click to no avail,  
And other methods also fail.

No matter how you plead or shout,  
Sometimes the dog just won’t put out  
When asked to sit or heel or stay,  
Thus giving you a rotten day.

It makes you feel quite like a fool,  
And then you start to lose your cool.  
But if other methods fail for you,  
There’s something else that you can do..  
Try “liquor training”, that’s it’s name,  
To help you with your dog-sport game.  
”How does this method work?” you ask.  
Well, first you get a little flask,

Containing gin or other booze  
Of any kind that you may choose.  
Each time your dog decides to goof,  
You take a sip of 80 proof.

It helps the handler to relax  
And minimize the stress attacks.  
When the handler’s mood is more at ease,  
The dog may sometimes try to please,



Or, then again may still refuse  
To mind his training P's and Q's.  
But whether foul results or fair  
When you liquor train — you just don't care!"

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## In Memoriam: Ken Nagler



Ken Nagler represents my ideal of the perfect obedience enthusiast. He willingly taught hours and hours of classes, year after year. He did numerous run-thrus. He had a ring set up in his yard for anyone to use at anytime. He knew ever detail in the rule book. He willingly judged all over the county. His biggest thrill as a judge was to be able to score a dog 200, and then he would brag about that dog as if it were his own. Although his own dogs were not always super-stars, her enjoyed every moment he spent training and showing them. When he said “good luck”, you knew that he hoped you would win your class, earn your title, meet your goals. He was the epitome of a good sportsman. And, he was knowledgeable in many other areas, making him a great conversationalist.

His first introductory classes always had a demonstration of “Buddy, come” with an imaginary dog. And so many lovely Dalmatians. He was devoted to his wife, Nan.

I adored him.

Milly B. Welsh

A life tremendously well lived for sure. I must have been about 12 years old and starting to train my first Sheltie when I first met him.

Amy Scheiner

I'm so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was loved by all. He loved dogs and was very encouraging when I was at a trail competing. I will miss him.

Shirley Blakely



I took classes from Ken with my second Irish Wolfhound, Limerick/Wickie. Every time he saw us, he greeted his "Texas Long Haired Chihuahuah."

He judged Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club's specialty Obedience trials at least 3 times. The last

time I asked, which was in 2010, he replied, "I'm so old, I can't commit that far out!" with a huge guffaw.

Jodie Jeweler

Ken Nagler was one of a kind (in a good way). He was a poet and an accomplished movie director. Those of you who saw his video of his turtle "running" an agility course (see below) know what I mean. I enjoyed watching him train his poodles at CTA. He stands out as one of the best dog people I have ever known. I'm happy that I told him so several times over the years.

Thanks for all of the good memories, Ken and rest in peace.

Eileen Freedman



The photo below was taken at Mattaponi KC's obedience trial in May, 1986. Ken Nagler was the Novice A judge. Maurine Atkinson and Romeo qualified with 185 points. It was their 2nd Q; Romeo finished his CD a month or so later when Doris Baster was judging. The tray was for H.S. Hound in obedience - the same prize as for conformation. Before we got him at age 11 months. Romeo was registered with the AKC as Barika's 'Ere's To Sundance.



When I practice or trial in Obedience, I often think of Ken and Nan. I was so fortunate as a know nothing newbie to meet such an encouraging couple at CTA where I first trained in Obedience 15 years ago. Every time Ken would see me coming he would say here comes the Poodle with the funny tail referring to one of my Portuguese Water Dogs. Over the years, I would see Ken, Nan and Janet his daughter enjoying the Westminster dogshow in NYC and at the Rock Creek Kennel Club shows where he was also a member and chair for their Obedience trials. I never saw Ken lose his cool when he was training one of his Poodles, and when I was upset one day about my dog's behavior Nan said it's a dog and they may never do that again. What I learned from watching Ken train and teach is that more important than obsessing about getting the straightest front or a more precise performance is experiencing the joy of training, and always encouraging students to learn and have fun with their dogs. He signed a copy of his book **Long and Short** for me writing to a good friend and a good trainer. I hope I can live up to that because Ken certainly was a good friend to many and and a good trainer.

Benita Bottom

"... I now look forward to when I will train my dogs again..."

Ken Nagler, 2018 Annual December Newsletter



Kenneth M. Nagler, canine extraordinaire, was a dedicated stalwart of dog training exceeding 60 years, ranging from Obedience to Conformation and just about every major canine sport in between for his time. He was notably a very popular AKC Obedience judge for more than 45 years. While he was widely recognized for his significant contributions to meterology, among many other things like the early launches of space missions beginning with Mercury through Skylab, he generously took time to share his breadth of canine experiences and expertise with many including myself as I worked toward a CD with my bullmastiff, Kuma. It wasn't clear whether Kuma would live or not when he was diagnosed with autoimmune and permanent neurological issues at 15 months, but many patiently worked with us, one special person was Ken. With his dedicated, weekly help over many months, we finished the CD in three shows, two of which were blue and one red. What was remarkable about this experience was not the secured CD, but the lifetime relationship that developed between Ken and Kuma. That he lived to 14, exceeding the average life expectancy of the breed by four years, whenever Kuma saw Ken, his eyes lit up even through his cataracts. In Kuma's fourteenth year, I served as Ken's chief steward at the last Rock Creek Kennel Club Obedience and Rally shows, and given Kuma's age, was allowed to have him with me. Ken walked with a walker by then and when he saw Kuma, asked if he could visit with him as they both always enjoyed each other's company. Even in the intense throes of the last RCKC shows, I instinctively took a minute to let Kuma out, and he sat quietly next to Ken in his walker. It was the last time that the two visited, two old friends watching history unfold before them.

Marsha Iyomasa

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## Young Ukrainian Woman Killed Delivering Food to a Dog Shelter





As Russian troops closed in on the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, Anastasia Yalanskaya insisted she would stay, even while her friends and family fled around her.

The 26-year-old Ukrainian woman was delivering food to a dog shelter in Bucha, 30 kilometers outside Kyiv, when she was shot and killed. Yalanskaya's car was deliberately targeted at close-range by Russian troops.

"I asked her to be extra cautious. That nowadays, a mistake costs extremely much," her husband Yevhen Yalanskyi says. "But she was helping everyone around. I asked her to think of evacuation but she did not listen."

Yalanskaya had been delivering food to a dog shelter in Bucha that had been without supplies for three days. The town has been devastated by Russian bombardment.

Her final Instagram story, posted just hours before her death, shows her sitting in the backseat of a vehicle, smiling into the camera, beside bags of dog food.

## Poland Welcomes Ukrainian Families and Their Dogs

I could not stop crying when I read this story. When this family's old dog was unable to keep up on their miles long trek from Ukraine to Poland the family took turns carrying her.

"We decided to leave the village later in the morning because it was dangerous, even there. Near the border with Poland there were a lot of cars and we couldn't stay in the car for the next three – or five – days, so we decided to walk the last 17km to the border. We left at 4am – it was minus seven degrees. It was a hard trip around mountains and rivers. My kids were crying because of the cold. I wanted to cry too but I couldn't give up.

My dog is 12 and a half and she struggled to walk and fell down every kilometer or so and couldn't stand up again. I stopped cars and asked for help but everyone refused; they advised us to leave the dogs. But our dogs are part of our family. My dog has experienced all the happy and sad moments with us. Mum's dog is all she has left of her former life. So my husband, at times, carried our dog on his shoulders."

The husband stayed in Ukraine to fight, but the rest of the family and their dogs and now safe in Poland.



A Polish army soldier carries a bag with a dog of a refugee on their way to board a train after crossing the border from Ukraine to Poland.



A Ukrainian woman rests in a Polish shelter with her dog.



Two Swedish animal charities courageously drove across the borders deep in and out of Ukraine with two trucks full of animal supplies and rescued 26 dogs that are currently being housed in a shelter in Poland.





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Irpin near Kyiv. The man, Andriy Kulik, is trying to calm down his paralyzed by fear dog which refuses to go further after shelling. Photo - yamphoto

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## Avoiding Agility Injuries

The popularity of dog agility has grown rapidly in recent years. With the rise in popularity, reported injury rates have increased. While there are many studies involving equine sports, currently there are few studies addressing injuries in agility. Two new studies have been recently released that attempt to address the lack of knowledge in this area.

One study, from [Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine](#),

inter alia addresses the relationship between surface type and risk of injury. As the study states: “Injury risk in relation to competition and training surfaces has been extensively evaluated in equine and human medicine. Relationships between surface type and risk of injury have been minimally evaluated in canine sports.” The study found that there were less injuries on rubber mats than on turf. “We had originally hypothesized that competing on a turf surface would have the lowest risk of injury. Surprisingly, and counter to our hypothesis, dogs that competed on rubber matting had a lower risk of injury.” This is far from a conclusive finding, but it is some evidence as to what surface is best for our dogs.

The second study, from [Washington State University](#) concludes that agility dogs lacking core strength from routine physical exercise may be more susceptible to one of the most common canine knee injuries, a cranial cruciate ligament rupture. According to a research survey of more than 1,200 agility dogs, just about any physical exercise seems to lower the risk of rupturing the ligament. In addition, the size and shape of the dog -- and thereby certain breeds -- were also found to be at higher risk. Balance and core strengthening exercises as well as activities like dock diving, barn hunt and scent work are associated with a decreased rate of ligament rupture.

This study correlates nicely with the study covered in the last issue of the *Obichaff*. That is, a physically fit, health dog is less likely to be injured. Speaking only for myself, it might do me some good to get out more too.

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# Rescued By Ruby

## Movie Review

By Milly Welsh and Art Beleniuk

Netflix's film *Rescued by Ruby* is a good dog story, well told. What made this movie so compelling is that it teaches the lesson that we at CDTC have been preaching for years: That you never, ever give up on a dog. Deep down inside every dog,



is a hero dog waiting to be unleashed.

*Rescued by Ruby* is the story of a mischievous mutt who turned out to be a very good girl. Such a good girl, in fact, that she saved a life. Ruby, an Australian shepherd and border collie mix,

ended up in a Rhode Island animal shelter as a pup because of persistent behavioral problems. Five families adopted her in turn, only for each to return her because she was too rambunctious. Ruby would not sit or lie down. She jumped and pulled on her leash. Ruby was a special girl and needed a special person.

Enter state police Cpl. Daniel O'Neil, who needed a search-and-rescue dog. In 2011, he was taken by an eight-month-old Ruby's irrepressible energy and intelligence. O'Neil wanted to be in the K-9 unit, which was primarily involved with search and rescue. He was rejected time after time because he was hyperactive. At his last interview he was told that there was a short supply of dogs, and he'd have to bring his own dog. He went to the local shelter and came home with Ruby. They did not do well at the formal dog training sessions, so he home schooled her with the help of his amazing wife. O'Neil's wife realized that Ruby and her husband were alike in personality and ability to learn. Not to give the plot away, but there is a happy ending.

Fast-forward to October 2017, when this tale takes an incredible twist: A teenage boy got lost for 36 hours while hiking, and Ruby succeeded where a human search party failed — she found the boy, who was unconscious and in grave medical condition.

“Ruby was given a chance at life and ended up saving a life,” the American Humane Hero Dog organization said in a 2018 citation naming her the nation's “Search and Rescue Dog of the Year.”

Of course, Ruby is still Ruby. Recently, after O'Neil let her out to relieve herself, she returned with a live skunk writhing — and spraying — in her jaws.

The greatest interest to us was the incredible level of training displayed by the dog acting the part of Ruby. We recommend this show for an easy evening's entertainment.



# Trick Dog Master Class



# Braggs

Hermes and I have been working on our agility skills, now that the weather has warmed up, because we are hoping to go to the Papillon Club of America National Specialty in May, and participate in the all-around papillon challenge! We qualify in conformation (and will be showing in that) they also have a 3 day papillon only agility trial, and two days of agility and rally (with 3 or 4 trials smushed in).

We dipped our agility toes in the water at a local NADAC agility trial, and he qualified in 3 runs! Go baby dog! CH Patuxent Fuligin Winged Messenger BCAT

Jennie Larkin



Gwyn Jones and Cap (Lycinan's Captain Marvelous RI CGCA TKN) had a great weekend at the PVGRC Specialty and Maryland Sporting Dog shows on March 4, 5 and 6. In breed, Cap showed nicely in Amateur Owner Handler classes and got one red and two blue ribbons, and we're especially proud of our work in Rally Advanced A and Novice B Obedience, going three for three in each event and placements in all but our last Rally run, earning Cap two new titles, CD and RA, some very nice stuffed toys, and ice cream.





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Shannon Hall writes: Connor continues to work back to full conditioning from last spring's injury. He earned NADAC agility trial champion (NATCH) title #4 this March and at his next massage and chiropractic appointment, the massage therapist said his legs were feeling burly. Guess which made me the happiest?! :)

Photo credit to Jennie Larkin.



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Despite snowy weather in Delaware on the weekend of March 12 - 13 team Art and Magic Belendiuk were able to bring back winning ribbons in Rally Intermediate scoring two perfect scores of 100 and a 98. Magic earned her Rally Intermediate title.

Magic has forgiven Art for the NQ, which was caused by his inattention and missing a sign.



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Zander, teamed with Martha Perkins, earned his Beginner Novice title at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association shows at the Howard County Fairgrounds on March 4-6, with scores of 197, 196½, and 198 and blue ribbons all three obedience trial days. Zander and Martha profusely thank Marsha Iyomasa for her patient instruction and for being steward extraordinaire at the show all three days.

Not to be outdone by his older brother, Moose won Welsh Springer Spaniel Select Dog both days of conformation shows in Howard County. Then at the Tarheel Cluster in Raleigh, NC, on March 12 and 13, Moose won Best of Opposite Sex both days. Many thanks to Janice Kopp for her excellent conformation instruction, but Moose still flirts outrageously with all the little girls in the ring.



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Mary Carson writes: Holly completed her Barn Hunt Master and Crazy 8 Bronze titles at Superpup's March 20 trial. She loves this game!



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### Introducing Fair Oil Honor Code, C.D.X.

Arrow earned his Open title in one weekend at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association obedience trials March 4, 5, and 6. He earned respectable scores on all three days, and was tied for High in Trial on Friday with 198. We lost the runoff, but that did not rain on our parade.



## CDTC Agility Trial Needs Volunteers

You are wanted. Come volunteer and enjoying seeing the teams run at the CDTC Agility Trial.

Dates: April 8, 9 & 10, 2022  
8:00AM-5:30PM

Location: Carroll Indoor Sports Center

We love volunteers and will gladly provide on the job training. So this is a great opportunity to learn more about agility trials if you are just starting agility or thinking about it. Please send our trial chair [Benita Bottom](#) an email if would like to volunteer or support our Chief Steward Mary Rice as a volunteer coordinator at the trial. Let us know what days and times you would like to volunteer. We to see you in April at the trial.

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## Want to Make a Donation for Hungry Dogs? It's Easy!

The food pantry is now accepting unopened containers of dog food. Cleverdog is accepting dog food donations in their front vestibule and then delivering them to the food pantry. Feel good by dropping off doggie food donations on your way to CDTC. It takes less than a minute and does so much good.

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## Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

### Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

Obedience for Rally and Rally Novice classes begin Saturday, May 7

[Rally Competition Class](#) - for those ready to or already competing contact [Training Secretary](#)

[Conformation \(Beginner, Jrs., Puppies, Training Group\)](#)- Use link to register. Training group is ongoing. Contact [Janice](#) for help choosing a class.

Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1 and 2 - Please request permission of instructor to enroll by emailing [Tom](#).

[Novice & Open](#) classes on Monday nights are taking new students contact [Training Secretary](#)

Fill out the [Agility Waitlist Application/Questionnaire](#) to get on the wait list for the next available class.

Click [here](#) to go straight to registration. Email [Training Secretary](#) for questions.

Click [here](#) for more class information on the CDTC website.

### Training Groups:

**Conformation Group** meets 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm. Non-members pre-register and pay for dates you plan to attend [HERE](#).

**FCO Training Group** meets some Saturdays at 1pm. Contact [Tom](#).

**Thursday Open/Utility Training Group** (Goldstein @ 12:30pm). Contact [Burton](#).

**NEW! Friday Utility Training Group** (Cleverdon @ 1:00pm). Contact [Donna](#).

**Rally Training Group** meets some 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 1pm. Contact [Sue](#).

### Thinking of joining CDTC as a Member?

Active membership in the Capital Dog Training Club (CDTC) is available to an individual who:

- has completed no less than three (3) months as a training member paying the prescribed fees/dues, and
- whose dog has passed a Proficiency Test as prescribed by the Club with a dog that she or he has trained **or** has obtained a qualifying score toward an AKC title in any “dog companion sport” trial.

Active membership includes the right to attend meetings, vote, access to the Members Only section of CDTC’s website, access to seminars, events, announcements of the Club, the right to hold an elective office in the Club, and all other privileges and benefits of the Club (including 2 free classes per quarter). Visit [cdtc.org/membership](http://cdtc.org/membership).

In the Companion Events Committee Meeting:

- It was announced that Diane Schultz is the new director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. Taking her position as full time Rep is Robert Withers of Florida. Carol Ruthenberg was named new tracking rep.
- The virtual judges' education seminars which are required are 59% completed.
- The discussion on three legged dogs took up the majority of the meeting. The committee sent request to and therapy people who participated in obedience and who have had dogs with a missing leg. The chair, Gail, also sought out Cornell University and the Dean of the Veterinarian department there. All responses came to us with serious concerns doing any classes with jumping. After reading reports from authorities, the committee voted against allowing dogs. We then discussed allowing dogs in obedience classes where no jumping was required. The majority of the committee voted against as well. All of the professional opinions we received had concerns for jumping and some mentioned the repeated stress on other parts of the body structure to vigorous training getting ready for trial. Conclusion: AKC Staff could still go ahead and allow these dogs to participate in all obedience classes by going to the AKC Board with their request. The safety of the dogs is the major concern of committee members, considering ALL dogs big and small, large bone structure and fine bone, and all body shapes, keeping in mind body mass and distribution.

In the General Meeting:

- The Directors elected for the Class of 2026 are Christopher Sweetwood from Trap Falls KC, Harold "Red" Tatro III from Fort Worth KC, and Ann Wallin from Atlanta KC.
- Dr. Thomas Davis was reelected as Chairman of the Board and Dominic Carota was reelected as Vice Chairman.
- It was announced the AKC Museum of the Dog has a new director, Deborah Kasindorf.
- The Delegates voted on a minor change in the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Regulations. This was recommended by their committee.
- All clubs were encouraged to submit the name of the person selected as the club's Junior Coordinator.

**Reminder: Nominations for CDTC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award are now being accepted by me. The deadline date is April 15, 2022. Please read the requirements for the nomination in last**

**months issue. Email all nominations to me at [justuschows@verizon.net](mailto:justuschows@verizon.net). I will also accept snail mail.**

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## CDTC Groups.io

CDTC members, if you have not done so already, please join <mailto:cdtc@groups.io>. It is a great way to keep up with the day-to-day activities of our club. To sign up, go to <https://groups.io/g/cdte> and click "Apply for Membership."

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**Next General Membership Meeting**  
**April 12, 2022 at 8:00pm**

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