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"Dogs travel hundreds of miles during their lifetime responding to such commands as 'come' and 'fetch'." - Stephen Baker

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**New Membership
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it feels like summer! Hadley has been cleared for more activity following her injury earlier this year, and we are taking advantage of that.

We love to spend some time visiting family, going to the beach, and finding some creative ways to get outside safely in the heat and humidity.

We are looking forward to a fun summer, hopefully with a few shows sprinkled in here and there!

Sue Faber: A Celebration of Life



Please join us in remembering our friend Sue Faber, and to share the good times we had together with our dogs.

Sunday, June 9, 3:30 pm
Capital Dog Training Club
2758 Garfield Ave
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

We'll have light refreshments, so just bring yourselves and your stories (No dogs please)

RSVP by June 5, to: [Julie Rovner](#)

Special Rally Award Opportunity

At its May meeting, the board voted to create a special award for our rally trial (in October) to honor longtime member, instructor, and board member Sue Faber.

This is in addition to the memorial service at the club scheduled for June 9.

If you have suggestions for what that award should be, or would like to contribute \$\$ towards it, please contact Training Director Tom Tatham (Capitaldtctrainingdirector@gmail.com) or Secretary Julie Rovner (Julierovner@gmail.com) .

Membership Renewal is Open!

Submitted by: Marnie McCown



Membership Renewal is Open!

June 1st through Jul 31st

Visit <https://cdtc.org/welcome-members> for more information
or check out Groups.IO

Don't You Love it?



CDTC Club Membership Renewal is open!

We greatly appreciate your continued support and dedication to our club and look forward to your continued membership!

You have until July 31st to submit your renewal and all the

information you need is available on the Member page of the CDTC website (<https://cdtc.org/welcome-members>), as well as in the Groups.IO announcement.

While online renewal is preferred, paper forms are available at the club and a PDF version is in the Groups.IO announcement. Please read the instructions carefully and complete the renewal process by July 31st, 2024.

We will not accept any renewals after July 31st.

If you have any questions, email marniemccown@gmail.com. Please allow 48 hours for a response.

Upcoming Seminar: Marsha Smith

CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB PRESENTS

Marsha Smith Seminar

"BUILDING A BRIDGE – TRAINING TO TESTING"

Saturday, August 3, 2024

This seminar will focus on training your dog to perform in competition as they do in training....

Recipes for a Successful Journey with your Partner

- Marsha Smith has been training and showing since the early 1980's. She has earned multiple OTCHs with a variety of different breeds.
- She has written a well-regarded book, **Building a Bridge**, which details this process. She has also written a children's book, **Jody's Journey**.
- Marsha's school, **Canine Workout**, in West Chester, Pa keeps her very busy but she loves to speak to groups and help teams with the often frustrating problem of under performance.



SEMINAR LOCATION: 2758 Garfield Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm
Lunch break 12:00 – 1:00pm

FEE: \$50 for working spots
\$25 for non-working/audit spots

SNACKS PROVIDED!

SIGN UP: Register at CDTC.org

QUESTIONS?: Email – CDTCclasses@gmail.com



Please email CDTCclasses@gmail.com with any questions.

Braggs



Julie Rovner states:

Aspen (Honeyfox Rocky Mountain High) earned her Novice Agility title at the CDTC trial in April. Later in the month she also finished her CD obedience title at the PWCCP specialty in Morgantown, PA. Mom Julie Rovner is very pleased.



Natasha Curry writes:

That she and her Berger Blanc Suisse, Argos, have received their Beginner Novice-A title with three first place qualifying legs. They completed their title on Sunday, May 26th at Oriole Dog Training Club securing their title leg under judge David Brobst with a score of 195.5! Natasha and Argos are excited to continue their obedience journey as they work toward their Novice title.



Shannon Hall shares:

The Dread Pirate Michael banking out of a tunnel at a recent agility trial.





Judith Tabler writes:

Four-year-old Skye Terrier Lacey (GCH Gleanntan Sure Good Solace CGC TKI) has had a good May 2024. Early in the month, she passed her CGCA test, qualified for the first two legs of her Beginner Novice Obedience Title, then received Best of Opposite Sex at Westminster. The next weekend, she capped off her conformation showing with me on her lead and won 3 BOB and two seconds in Owner Handler Terrier Groups. Lacey was the top ranked AKC Skye Terrier Bitch for 2023. On Saturday May 25, she earned the final leg of her Beginner Novice Obedience Title and was awarded third place in the class.

I have attached a photo of her win at Westminster. She was shown there by one of her two breeders, Maida Connor. The judge is Desi Murphy.



Brianne Studer shares:

Noodles had his very first perfect weekend in agility, picking up Double Qs on both of the AKC Cocker Club trial days we entered, and q's in games classes each day! Noodles has struggled with ring stress, but he is getting more confident, which makes it much easier to handle him at local trials these days.



April de Bremond and Carie Wohl share:

Captain Morgan is back in the “Running”!

Friday, May 31, 2024, Captain Morgan aka Morgan had a major comeback at the Colonial Schipperke Club FastCat Trials achieving his FCAT3. In January, 2023, Life as Morgan knew it was put on hold with doubts of his survival. Captain Morgan was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease, Acquired (not genetic) Myasthenia Gravis and Mega Esophagus, leaving him unable to eat or drink with swallowing consequences. He went from 16lbs to 9lbs in 3 weeks. Love, medication and constant care including being tube fed via an IG tube and gelatin cubes, he is now back to eating solid foods and able to drink normally. His weight is back to his normal 14.8 lbs. Imagine the excitement when his ‘running’ harness fit again.

We are so happy he is coming back to his normal self.

Submit yours to CDTCObichaff@gmail.com

Delegate's Corner

By: Joyce Dandridge

Congratulations to Janine Castorina for being selected to be this year's CDTC Outstanding Sportsmanship recipient. AKC has sent us the medallion to be awarded at our annual awards event.

Earlier I sent CDTC members information on the AKC Board of Directors new adopted Educational Policy in creating a safe and respectful sports environment. It requires all AKC staff, AKC Registered Handlers, all Club Junior Coordinators, and all approved judges to successfully complete a training program every three years from the non-profit organization Darkness to Light.

AKC can not require members of AKC clubs to take training on the issue of Child Abuse but suggests they take the SafeSport course developed several years ago by the Gymnastics Association after exposures came to light in their sport. SafeSport also offers training for Juniors and their parents and that is complimentary as I sent you previously. Read more about SafeSport on their website. They offer training in abuse awareness and prevention.

At the May CDTC Board meeting the Board voted to reimburse all CDTC instructors who elect to take the SafeSport Trained Core training. This course cost \$20 and is a comprehensive 90-minute overview of facts, principles, and strategies to help provide a safe and positive sport environment. This core course includes Sexual Misconduct Awareness and Education, Mandatory Reporting and Physical and Emotional Misconduct. After completion of the course and test, the participant will receive a certificate. Instructors completing the course are to submit a copy of their certificate to the club treasurer for reimbursement of the \$20. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this issue.

Finally, I plan to attend the June Delegates meeting where another vote will occur on the elimination of term limits for AKC Board Members. Currently, Board members can only serve two consecutive terms. This is at least the fourth time for a vote on this issue which has been defeated in the past.

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

Classes

Register for all classes [here](#).

Puppy Kindergarten classes begin

April 7 and April 21

Family Dog 1 classes
start May 8 and May 14

Family Dog 2 class
starts May 7

Beginner Novice Obedience
starts April 24

Beginning Conformation
Starts April 27

Continuing Scent Work
starts April 8

Rally Competition Class has space available.
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Permission is required to register for Beginner Novice, Novice,
Open, and Utility Obedience classes
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Fill out the [Agility Waitlist Questionnaire](#) to get on the wait
list for the next available classes.
Email the [Agility Director](#) with all agility related questions.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with all other questions.

Training Groups

Rally Training Group
meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month 1 - 2:30 pm.

Obedience Training Group
meets the 1st Saturday of the month

Conformation Group
meets Saturdays. Contact [Janice](#) with questions. Non-members pre-
register and pay for dates you plan to attend [here](#).

Thursday Open/Utility Training Group

(Goldstein @ 12:30pm). Contact [Burton](#).

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

For information about **Freestyle Training Group**
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

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 (Obedience, Agility, or Rally).

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.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

Next Membership Meeting June 11th, at 8:00pm



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