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"Dog training is a never ending process of evolving." - Ivan Balabanov

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From the Editor



As summer comes to an end and we head towards my favorite time of year, we are making it our goal to get more serious about

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**New Membership
Information**

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Rally!

Hadley really loves Rally, which makes me love it even more! As much as I enjoy Obedience and all of the precision involved, it causes the two of us a bit too much stress come show time. Rally is more consistent movement, allows us to communicate more, and takes some pressure off! We are really enjoying our Saturday afternoon Competition Rally classes along with the Training Group.

Now we just need to get back in the ring!

Let's Celebrate!

Submitted by: Amy Scheiner



CDTC'S 2024 Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 28. We will be gathering outdoors at the Seneca Creek State Park "Buck" Picnic Shelter from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. I hope to see all of you there to honor our talented, hardworking, and dedicated instructors as well as those who earned titles in 2023. A large picnic shelter has been reserved for our event (it is covered so no worries about rain!) with nearby parking and restroom facilities.

Feel free to bring your own chairs if you would like to sit outside of the covered portion of the shelter/picnic tables. There will be a small, nominal entrance fee for each of us to enter the park (\$3 for Maryland residents, \$5 for non-residents). Your family and friends are welcome to attend this event with you.

You may BYOD (Bring Your Own Dog(s)) to this event!

The Club will be providing boxed lunches from Panera and bottled water.

The address is:

[Seneca Creek State Park](#)
["Buck" Picnic Shelter](#)
[11950 Clopper Rd.](#)
[Gaithersburg, MD 20878](#)

Plan ahead for crowds at the entrance gate, especially if the weather is nice! The picnic area is well within the park, so you will need to drive for a bit to reach it after entering the park at the main entrance. Attached is a map of the park to help you navigate to our picnic site:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/parkmaps/seneca-map.aspx>

Note: If you are age 62 or older, you can apply for a Golden Age Pass for free lifetime entry to Seneca Creek and all Maryland State Parks. The cost for the pass is \$10, and a link to the application for this is below:

<https://shopdnr.com/marylandstateparkpassports.aspx>

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to me (Amy Scheiner) at scheiner99@aol.com or 301-466-7493 by September 21. I need to know how many people will be

attending so I can order enough food!

OTCH Wescot's Enchanted Princess UDX OM2 BN RE CGCU TKI

Submitted by: Tom Tatham



**Judge David Brobst awarding Luna's OTCH
on 8/4/2024**

Luna earned her Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) on August 4th at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Washington trial

held at Canine Training Association at the age of 3 ½ years. This is the fulfillment of a dream that I have held for almost 10 years and I am truly ecstatic.

To win an OTCH, a dog must first earn a Utility Dog (UD) title and then compete in both Utility B and Open B classes. It is necessary to win 100 OTCH points, as well as accruing at least 1 win in Utility and 1 win in Open – plus an additional win in either class. Points are earned by placing in Utility and Open, and the number of points is determined by the number of teams that competed and over twice as many points are awarded for Utility placements than for Open placements. For example, 17 points are awarded for a Utility win with 17 teams, whereas an Open win with 17 teams earns only 6 points.

In a given year, nationwide, about 100 dogs -- including roughly 10 Border Collies (Luna's breed) -- win an OTCH. Luna won her OTCH with 4 Utility wins and 1 Open win, in addition to sundry 2nd and 3rd place finishes that earned points. Luna's OTCH campaign began in January, 2024 and took just over 7 months.

I want to thank the MANY people who have contributed to this achievement, especially the instructors at CDTC, as well as my many training partners – past and present. I am also grateful to the many seminar presenters and professional obedience coaches who have helped me over the years. Most of all, I want to thank Luna's breeder, Wendy Jordan, for entrusting Luna with me.

I look forward to many more years of competition with Luna as my teammate, pursuing follow-on goals, such as Obedience Grand Master, earning a 200 in each class, going to the AKC Classic and, hopefully, someday, earning an invitation to the National Obedience Competition.



Judge Joseph Caputa presenting the High Combined award following a 1st place in Utility B and a 2nd place in Open B at the York County Dog Training Club trial on 1/27/2024.

Marsha Smith Workshop Success

Submitted by: Donna Cleverdon



Eleven people worked their dogs through Marsha's method of training, the others in the gathering audited. Marsha showed her particular brand of work from introduction to heel work and other basic behaviors, going through how dogs learn to enjoy the activities themselves, rather than relying on food rewards to perform well. All who attended learned some useful techniques, and enjoyed working with Marsha and Marty.



Marsha's up-beat delivery made the four hours a lot of fun for dogs and trainers. All told, we did a lot of training and the club realized a small profit on the day.



Braggs





Amy Scheiner shares:

“Alert!” Devyn (Acadia Just For The Fun of It), owned and loved by Amy Scheiner, had a fun and successful weekend sniffing at the American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association’s Scent Work trials in Lewisberry, PA on August 24-25. She qualified in all eight of her searches (with placements in six of them). She earned two new titles, SBA (Scent Work Buried Advanced) and SEA (Scent Work Exterior Advanced). Heartfelt thanks to Art Belendiuk for getting us started and encouraging us in this sport and to Sandi Atkinson for her continued expert instruction, patience, and insight.



Roxane Bouten writes:

Ivy and Frankie taking a dip at the Isaac Walton League.

Payton, Obichaff Editor, adds:

Now THIS is the kind of brag all of our dogs want to read about!

Submit yours to CDTCObichaff@gmail.com

Delegate's Corner

By: Joyce Dandridge

Check back in next month!

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

Classes

Register for all classes [here](#).

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 September 10th, at 8:00pm

Do you have an idea for an article? Perhaps a message for dog-people is taking up space in your brain and you need to put pen to paper? Submit your articles for the Obichaff [here](#)!



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