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## CDTC's Fundraising Goal Is Met For the AKC Wall of Plaques!

When our club's AKC Delegate Joyce Dandridge learned about the proposed Wall of Clubs at the new AKC Museum of the Dog, she was determined that the CDTC be included. Last winter, Joyce announced she had many ideas to raise the needed \$2500 to make it happen. She pointed out that since our illustrious club has been in existence since 1938, we *needed* to be on the plaque so that dog lovers around the world will see our name when they visit. The mission was a matter of pride!

Joyce organized a wildly successful silent auction held at our January general meeting. Members donated theme baskets to kickstart the fundraising. Donations poured in and littler by little, the goal was in sight.

With only \$500 to go, Joyce held a Doggie Yard Sale during our annual 3-day agility trial. It was a big hit with competitors who bought (and brought!) so many donated items that our club met its fundraising goal! Assisting Joyce was super saleswoman and CDTC President Donna Cleverdon.

Thanks to all who enthusiastically donated their excess doggie gear, the yard sale was a huge success put us over the top. Our club raised enough for the plaque and the installataion will take place in late 2019!



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## From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff

## Fenway's Goodbye Tour



*"Thank God I found the  
GOOD in goodbye"*

**—Beyonce Knowles**

Please indulge me for the opportunity to say goodbye to Agility Team Fenway. I decided it time to retire my senior dog at our CDTC annual agility trial—there was no better time and place to give Fennie a last hurrah from AKC agility than with our dear Capital friends.



Fen's done anything I ever asked—early mornings at the crack o'black, long drives and long days and endured the tedium and stress (all mine!) of competitions. Every second has been a glorious journey with my faithful border collie. We learned together and surpassed goals I never thought possible. Fenway taught me to dream—BIG.

After our last run I heard cheers claps for my "old warrior" that will ring in my ears forever. Thank you all for that. That moment is in my mind's treasure chest.

And here's why: in the end, we all want our efforts and good works to be *NOTICED*. I tried hard and Fen's Fan Club noticed. The bigger message is that we *ALL* want to be noticed for our efforts and improvements. So, whenever you see someone try—whether it be in class or competition—give them a little high five. Tell them what you noticed. It's an act of kindness and generosity and that's what makes the world go around.

And, here's a last bit of training advice: Do your homework. Practice. It's that simple. I'll share my mantra because it works: "I did what I could." Peace out!



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## *From the President—April-May 2019*



### **Fellow trainers!**

Spring is popping! Good weather means fine out-of-doors training. Time to get thee to the parks and use those distractions. You don't even have to "train", just go for walks and use some of those hard-won skills to enjoy a little time in the fresh air. If you are like me, you can use playground equipment or picnic tables to do some fun things. Be creative!

Things are happening around the club house campus too. Thanks to Martha Perkins and Brooke Holt—and many contributions from you generous folks—the "Relief Area" has a new surface of fresh mulch. Be sure to help keep it nice and tidy. Martha also used her gardening skills to cut back the shrubbery (maybe too grand a word for weeds) to afford an easier approach—especially helpful at night, so we don't get poked in the eye. Thank you, Ladies!

Training Director Tom is looking for instructors and assistants to teach Basic and Puppy classes. We have waiting lists for both categories.

When you see Sandy Swinburne you should take the opportunity to congratulate her on organizing a very successful Agility Trial. Everything ran like clock-work. I saw a lot of happy faces on all three days of the trial. There was lots of cheering

and clapping from exhibitors who were watching fellow handlers in the rings. I loved the feeling of celebration! Now that that one is down in the books, we are already looking forward to October, so be prepared to step up and steward for the Obedience Trial—or help in some other way. It will be another three day event to support your club members and our guests, and just generally hang out with dog-loving friends!

In addition to the action in the rings at the Agility Trial, on Saturday and Sunday, Joyce Dandridge, our AKC Delegate, ran our Doggie Yard Sale to raise the money for our CDTC name plaque on the Wall of Fame at the New York AKC Museum of the Dog. With the help of all who donated such nice items, and those who purchased same, we have reached the goal of \$2500! This has to be a record for swift fund-raising. AND, it was a lot of fun. A couple of visitors to the tables asked me if I sold used cars! Okay, so maybe I did get a little carried away. But, hey, all in a good cause.

So we carry on in 2019, to enrich our lives with the companionship of our wonderful canines. Just as Betsy says, "Have fun!"

*Donna Cleverdon,*  
**President, Capital Dog Training Club**

## **Safety—Looking Out For One Another!**

**Because our clubhouse is in an industrial park that shuts down at night—and it can feel a bit isolated. We should always make sure everybody leaves the lot! Please take a moment to make sure no one has car trouble, no tires are flat and we are all safely on our way!**

### **Go Green—Obichaff Print Edition Opt-Out**

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## *Delegates Corner*

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



First, I want to thank everyone for supporting our AKC Club Wall of Fame Plaque campaign. Our goal was \$2500 and we are just about there. The Yard Sale was a big success. I have been discussing with some members the possibility of visiting the AKC Museum of the Dog in the fall as a club trip. I will be sending an email to see if we have a sufficient number interest.

The March Delegates meeting is always considered as the annual AKC meeting with the Board Elections. This year two new candidates were elected to the AKC Board, Daniel Smyth, ESQ of Burlington Kennel Club and Steven Hamblin of the Pekinese Club of America. Dr. Charles Garvin from the Dalmatian Club of America was reelected.

### **In the Companion Events Committee Meeting**

- Rally entries increased by 18.5% between 2017 and 2018. Obedience entries were down by 3%.
- An announcement about the Tulsa events was made. It was mentioned that AKC.TV will have coverage. This is the 25th anniversary of the National Obedience Championship and there will be celebration.
- The tracking “Making Life Easier” recommendations were approved by the AKC Board in February.
- Three changes to the Obedience regulations were approved in February by the AKC Board. They are in summary: 1) Modification of the Open B Point Schedule; 2) Any dog that earns a qualifying score of 197 or better in Open B and Utility B classes will earn one OTCH point when they do not earn points from the top four placements based on the Point Schedule; 3) OTCH title recognition by the number of times a dog has achieved the OTCH title requirement will be done by adding a numeric designation.
- AKC Rally RACH Title: In February 2019, all dog’s records were recalculated using the new title requirements and title certificates were issued. Under the new title requirements, 41 dogs have earned the RACH title; 4 have earned the RACH2 title.
- There is a proposal for a collaborative effort to develop the idea of Obedience Freestyle. The objective is to develop a series of classes called Freestyle Obedience that utilizes obedience/rally skills and tricks. These classes are intended to be fun for exhibitors and entertaining for spectators. The Basic Structure: 1) Apply skills learned in obedience and rally. A dog must earn a CD title before entering the Novice Freestyle

class. 2) Routines must have a theme. 3) Costumes, props and music are encouraged. The freestyle classes must not be disruptive to neighboring activities. How to Proceed: The regulations for Freestyle Obedience will be developed through a joint effort between the CE staff and a subcommittee of the CE Delegates Committee. Input from clubs and participants in obedience and rally will be sought through surveys.

- After reviewing those responses on Agility changes, the staff has identified the following ideas to move forward and place on the April Board book. Under equipment: 1) Allowing alternating solid color weave poles. Also, those clubs using poles with stripes as currently allowed would no longer be able to use tape to define the stripes. They would have to be painted on or extruded in the PVC pole. Lower A-Frame to 5' for 12" dogs. Other changes moving forward 1) Allow dogs to have dye in their coats; 2) Allow Head Halters on the grounds and for dogs to be taken into and out of the ring; 3) Allow dogs to be entered in different jump heights that they are eligible for at a trial; 4) Allow dogs to be entered in Preferred and Regular classes on the same day. The staff is continuing to review changes to the height measurement system. Many dogs were measured with the proposed ulna system at the Agility Invitational in Orlando to collect data for review. Other changes require either more data or will require additional review of final wording for the changes. More items will be presented in the July Board book. One of those items to be presented will be the addition of “For Exhibition Only” to be allowed in the Time-2-Beat and FAST classes.
- Over 1900 free car magnets have been issued for the AKC FIT Dog Program. This program encourages dog owners to achieve a specific fitness goal. To become an AKC FIT DOG CLUB, a club must hold at least four group fitness walks per year or hold regularly-scheduled canine fitness classes. From a club’s point of view, this “meet up” activity provides an opportunity to engage with new dog owners and perhaps obtain new club members. At this level of meeting, a club may apply for a free AKC FIT DOG CLUB banner which includes the name of the organization.

I have received one nomination for the CDTC AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. The summary of the nomination is in this newsletter.

## CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB of Washington, D.C., Inc.



PRESENTS AN

# AKC SCENT WORK SEMINAR

**Saturday, June 22, 2019 - 9 a.m to 1:30 p.m.**

2758 Garfield Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910

WITH

**Sandi Atkinson, AKC Obedience (Novice & Open) and Rally Judge**

**Joan M. Klingler, AKC Scent Work Judge and Rhonda Robinson, AKC Scent Work Judge**

Understand and get started in the new, very popular AKC dog sport of Scent Work! In obedience class we tell our dogs, "NO SNIFF!" But *not in scent work*. In most dog sports, no food is allowed during judging. But *not in scent work*. Dogs LOVE using their noses and you will be amazed to learn how talented your dog's nose is!

We'll discuss dogs' scent detection abilities, explain what the dogs are searching for, how we set up hides, and what factors affect searches. We'll provide "nose-on" opportunities for those new to the sport as well as for those with prior SW experience. Each participant will receive a copy of the current AKC Scent Work Regulations!

**Sandi** has 2 years of experience in Scent Work. Her Basenji, Figaro, has earned all 4 of the AKC Odor Search Division Novice titles (SWN) and 2 Advanced titles. Figaro has numerous SW placements and 1 SW HIT, as well as titles in other dog sports. Sandi has 36 years of dog training experience; her personal breeds are Basenjis and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. She is a long-time member of CDTC and instructor.

**Joan** has been a member of Obedience Training Class of Harrisburg (OTCH), Pa., since 2001. Her dogs have earned the UUD and UCDX, CD, RN, WCRL MX, AKC Novice and Farm Dog titles. In addition to AKC SW, Joan is a C-WAGS scent judge. Joan has taught high school English for 35 years.

**Rhonda** has been a member of OTCH since 2012. After assisting with scent classes under Joan and John, she now teaches Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Scent classes. She has been a scent judge for C-WAGS for 3 years and is also an approved AKC Scent Work Judge. Rhonda has titled her Sheltie in C-WAGS, UKC rally, AKC Farm Dog and Tricks, Barn Hunt, and CDSP obedience. For 6 years, she has assisted with puppy kindergarten.

*Seminar fees: Working teams, \$75 (maximum of 20); auditors, \$50 (unlimited).*

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To register for CDTC's AKC Scent Work Seminar, please download the seminar flyer online at , fill out and send with your check for either \$75 (working) or \$50 (auditing) made out to CDTC to:

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**ATTENTION!**  
**NO RUN-THRU'S in APRIL, MAY or JULY**

## ***Braggs—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!***

### **Westminster Best of Breed Winner!**

Hearty congratulations to **Cynthia and David Dodson** and her Canaan Dog **Avi** (GCHG Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek) who won Best of Breed in the Big Show at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show!

*That's BIG TIME, Avi—well done!*



### **Nationally Ranked Duo in Obedience!**

**Tom Tatham's Maggie** earned 3rd Place in Utility B at the Mason Dixon trial on March 31. *Front and Finish* magazine rated her the #9 Australian Shepherd in obedience for 2018. Nick was the 4th-ranked Miniature American Shepherd for 2018 by *Front and Finish*!

*Well done Team Tatham—you are consistently WONDERFUL!*



### **New Rally Excellent Title!**

On February 10 in Lynchburg, VA, **Megan Hemmer's Nani** earned two legs to claim his RE title!

*Congratulations to the mighty Team Nani!*



### **New Obedience CD Title!**

On February 11, **Lois Kietur's** cute **Teddy** (WarrenMtn's O'What a Knight) earned his CD obedience title on March 17 at the Dog Owner's Training Club trial in Carroll County. He won 2nd Place with a score of 190.5! More news: Teddy also Q'd in his Standard and JWW runs at CDTC's agility trial, which is amazing since he hasn't competed in several years.

*Well done, Team Teddy—nice score!*



**Calendar Boy!**

Mariah Stover's Jensen has a wonderful and unique Brag to share! "This year, Jensen's photo is featured in the 365 Dogs Page-A-Day Calendar which is published by Workman's Publishing and sold all over the world. Jensen's photo was featured on President's Day!

*Jensen for President!*

**New Obedience CD Title!**

Bob Rogers' beautiful Mina (CH Mooncusser's Goldikova) earned her CD at the Mason-Dixon Kennel Club's obedience trial on March 31.

*That's a BIG accomplishment, young lady!*



**New CGCA Title!**

On February 11, Melissa Dilla's handsome Bodhi was awarded his Canine Good Citizen Advanced title on March 10 at Catoctin, MD

*Well done, Team Bodhi—you are a model citizen!*



**Nationally Ranked in Obedience!**

Front and Finish magazine announced that Sue Faber's Stevie Ray (Faber's Pride and Joy) is the #7 Miniature Schnauzer in the USA in 2018 for obedience!

*Well done, Stevie—we are immensely proud of you and Sue!*

# Braggs—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!

## New Scent Work Title!

At the AKC Scent Work trials on April 6, hosted by the Loyalhanna Agility Club in PA, **Sandi Atkinson's** Basenji **Figaro** qualified in 6 of his 9 searches (Container Novice B, Container Advanced, Exterior Novice B, Exterior Advanced, Interior Novice B, and Interior Advanced). Fig finished the Scent Work Container Novice Elite (SCNE) title, which requires 10 Qs. The next day, Fig qualified in 7 of his 8 searches (Buried Novice B, Buried Advanced, Exterior Novice B, Exterior Advanced, Handler Discrimination Novice A, Interior Novice B, and Interior Advanced). He placed 1st in three classes and 4th in another, and earned the Buried Advanced (SBA) and Handler Discrimination Novice (SHDN) titles.

*Congratulations Team Figaro—you are a phenomenal and reliable scent detective!*

## New Agility JWW Title!

**Janine Castorina** reports that happy **Hermes** nailed his Novice Jumpers With Weaves title at the CDTC trial! Team Hermes Double Q'ed each day—an outstanding feat!

*Congratulations Hermes and Janine—you earned that title lickety split and decisively!*



## First Time in the Ring—First Q!

On Sunday April 7 at our CDTC trial, **Julie Rovner's** corgi **Wallace** entered the agility ring for the first time and earned his first Novice JWW Q with a 1st Place blue ribbon! "Wally had one of only two clean runs in all of Novice JWW. Yay Wallace!" beams Julie.

*Well done Team Wallace—you proved yourself to be a formidable jumper, course follower and thus earned some cheese!*



## New Beginner Novice Obedience Title & More!

On Sunday April 7 in Fisherville, VA, **Megan Hemmer's** Kai earned his BN title with a 2nd Place and Nani earned his 7th Rally Masters leg, also with a 2nd Place!

*Well done Team Megan—you and your dogs consistently prove yourselves through great training and teamwork!*



### Sisters Earn Titles & Rosettes in One Month!

**Milly Welsh's Polly** earned her CDX in just one month at MD Sporting Dogs and Mason/Dixon KC. She got her legs on March 1, 2, and 29.

**AFC Jodi** placed 4th in the Amateur at Talbot R.C. trial on March 20.

Polly and Jodi are full sisters from different litters.

Milly reports, "A very clever artist was doing characters at the Mason-Dixon trial so I had one of Polly done!"

*That portrait of Polly is the perfect way to celebrate her new CDX title. Congratulations to the sisters!*



### New Obedience Utility Dog Title!

**Pam Coblyn's Fenway** earned his UD title at the Dog Owners Training Club trial Westminster, MD on March 17 with a 1st Place!

Pam explains, "We didn't trial in quite a while and haven't been able to take regular classes, so I wasn't expecting much. I just wanted to see what exercises needed work. Fenway had his own ideas and surprised me with a lovely third Q!"

*That'll do, collie!*



### New Agility Titles!

**Shannon Hall's young Connor** finished both his NADAC Novice Weavers and his Novice Touch'N Go titles today at Breakaway Action Dogs. Shannon proudly proclaims, "For those four runs, at least, he listened to his mama and did his job. Perfect dog walk contacts! I took him off the start line for two months to rework his dog walk contacts so that was pretty darn good!"

*Well done, collie—it pays to listen and behave!*

# CDTC Annual Agility Trial— Fun, Fast and Hugely Successful!



**O**ur club had a massive member turnout to help host our annual agility trial. This was Sandy Swinburne's first year as Trial Chair and she did a great job organizing the event so that it went off without a hitch—from renting the facility, agility equipment, course builders, hiring judges, to assigning ring captains and their crews it was a smooth operation.

New Trophy Chair Amy Scheiner handed out many rosettes and Q ribbons along with a big smile. Our AKC Delegate Joyce Dandridge held a Doggie Yard Sale that was a hit with competitors who bought (and brought!) so many donated items that our club met its fundraising goal for the CDTC plaque for the AKC Clubs Wall of Fame in the new Museum of the Dog! Assisting Joyce was our super saleswoman President Donna Cleverdon.

We even had giveaways at the trial! Joyce was able to get two companies to give us freebies for our event. Trupanion Pet insurance donated portable food bowls, doggie key rings and pens. Annamaet Dog Food Company gave 350 bags of their premium food and treats for adults, veterans and puppies and fatties.

Finally, Fenway the border collie celebrated his Agility Retirement Tour with a cake worthy of the event. Owner Pam Coblyn said, "There was no better time or place than our own CDTC trial to commemorate his amazing career among all our friends!"

*Thanks to EVERYONE who showed up, helped, ran the courses and SMILED!*



# A Note of Thanks!

*by Sandy Swinburne*

A special thanks to all those who signed up early to volunteer to assist at the trials! And also thanks to the many volunteers who kicked in to help at the trials while showing their dogs.

## Agility Trial Volunteers

### ALL WEEKEND

Janine Castorina  
Donna Cleverdon  
Carie Whol  
Dr. Joyce Dandridge

### APRIL 5

#### Friday Setup

Luann Korona  
Sue Faber  
Karen Stainmeyer  
Melissa Dilla

#### Friday Morning Shift

Laurie Warren  
Pam Coblyn  
Sheila O'Neill  
Nan Marks  
Sue Faber  
Karen Stainmeyer  
Melissa Dilla  
Pam Coblyn

#### Friday Afternoon Shift

Laurie Warren  
Sheila O'Neill  
Pam Coblyn  
Sue Faber  
Shannon Hall  
April De Bremond

#### Friday Break Down

Shannon Hall

### APRIL 6

#### Saturday Setup

Karen Stainmeyer  
Melissa Dilla  
Martha Perkins  
Joyce Dandridge

#### Saturday Morning Shift

Pam Coblyn  
Martha Perkins  
Marsha Iyomasa  
Karen Stainmeyer  
Melissa Dilla  
Joyce Dandridge

#### Saturday Afternoon Shift

Pam Coblyn  
Sheila O'Neill  
Marsha Iyomasa  
Joyce Dandridge  
April de Bremond

### APRIL 7

#### Sunday Morning Shift

Laurie Warren  
Marsha Iyomasa  
Joyce Dandridge

#### Sunday Afternoon Shift

Laurie Warren  
Shannon hall  
Joyce Dandridge  
April de Bremond  
Debbie Hobson  
Julie Rovner

#### Sunday Clean Up/Breakdown

Shannon hall  
Debbie Hobson  
Julie Rovner

Fox Spring Paint the Town Gold UD RAE MX MXJ XF CGC

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# PAINT

*Owned and Loved by Laurie Warren  
Born to a litter of 7 bred by Catherine Mills Kirby  
on 4/22/08  
Died on April 4, 2019*



*Run free, noble friend!*



# CDTC Annual Awards 2019 Application Form

This form is for all AKC titles earned in 2018. Awards will be presented at the CDTC Annual Awards Dinner. Scores and titles will be verified with the AKC. The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the CDTC Clubhouse on July 8, 2019. Every member is invited to attend—you do not need to have completed a title.

Complete the form and return it by mail to Amy Scheiner, Trophy Chair, 11415 Maplevue Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902 or email to [scheiner99@aol.com](mailto:scheiner99@aol.com). **This form *must be* returned by May 1, 2019 to allow time to purchase plaques and engrave plates in time for the dinner.**

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's AKC Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Do not include titles):*

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

**UDX Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ \*UDX and OTCH: Provide a copy of the AKC title certificate.

**Obedience Titles:**

_____	<b>Date</b> _____

**Highest Average Score** *(First three qualifying scores only)*

CD/CDX/UD	Name of Show	Date	Class (A or B)	Score

Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

**High Combined/High in Trial**

Name of Show	Date	Class	Score

Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Tracking Titles**

TD                      TDX                      VST                      CT (Champion Tracker)

**Rally Titles**

RN                      RA                      RE                      RAE

**Tricks Titles**

TKN                      TKI                      TKA                      TKP

**Agility Titles**

_____	<b>Date</b> _____

**Other Titles**

*Please list any other conformation or performance titles earned in 2017 here.*

Title Earned	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you received a plaque from CDTC for this dog?     Yes     No

Is this the first time you earned this title with any dog?     Yes     No

Have you earned a CGC or CGC-A with THIS DOG?     Yes     No    Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Plaques cannot be mailed.  
Unclaimed plaques will be forfeited.**

# Training Corner

## A Modest Proposal— Video Your Way to A Better Performance!

One of the most valuable things you can do to improve your obedience performances is to make a video recording to review after the trial. I did not begin to routinely record my entries until after my first UD, and I wish I had begun to do so sooner. After having a friend record Maggie and me competing, I was surprised by how little I was aware of several problems. It was also extremely helpful to be able to share the video with my mentors who then helped me to address the issues revealed by the videos.

I would like to make the following offer—if you record your performance at a trial and upload it to YouTube, I will be happy to take a look at it and then discuss it with you. I can offer advice and other feedback. Depending on the issues, I may be able to meet you at the clubhouse and help you out in person. If I can't help with a particular issue, I will try to refer you to someone who can. This offer extends to competitors at ALL obedience levels!

—Tom Tatham  
CDTC Training Director

## Situational Awareness— Where and Why Are Dogs Repeatedly Having Problems in the Ring?

Fenway and I had an interesting problem to solve at an obedience trial because of a very tough spot in the ring. There was a large dark stain in one corner of the ring that was right in the heeling path. I watched each of the four teams before us and saw that this spot was attractive to each of the dogs. I saw each of the dogs lose focus on the heeling section and become interested in the spot—sniffing and examining it at length. One “forgot” why he was in the ring and wandered around aimlessly. It was a shame to watch the end of focus and teamwork.

This presented a great situation for problem solving and strategy: How can I get Fenway past it and keep him from noticing the big stain on the mat floor?

We do a lot of agility and the courses always present off-course “traps”. The key to avoiding them is strategy and strong cues. A handler has to prepare in advance to take on those challenges by keeping the dog focused on *their* cues. We prepare strategic plans to avoid those off-courses.

Today’s “stain challenge” seemed to call for similar problem solving. I knew that my change of pace (speeding up just a bit) might be points off, but sacrificing a point or two for a Q seemed like the best choice.

Here’s is what I did: I got Fenway past the problem area by quickening my pace just a bit while meeting his gaze and smiling in my most delighted way. I did this just a few feet before reaching the stain and before he could notice it. Whew—it worked!

I shared this with friends at the trial who were going to be in the same ring later on in Open and Novice. I told them how important it is to watch dogs in the ring to see if there are continual problems in the same area and figure out a strategy. What was really wonderful is that each of them Q’ed because they knew the big stain was there and they knew what to expect, while other dogs had continued problems and failures.

I think out of any trial I’ve ever been to—including agility and rally—this was the most interesting because it made me analyze a tough challenge and figure out my best way to solve it!

—Pam Coblyn

# Capital's Website ([www.cdtc.org](http://www.cdtc.org))— Member Login Demystified

**B**y now I hope you have viewed Capital's new website at [www.cdtc.org](http://www.cdtc.org). If you haven't, I encourage you to check it out, poke around and see what's new.

One of the biggest changes is the **Members Only** section and **Members Login**. We are no longer using a generic member login—i.e., **member** and **4fido** are no longer in use and **will not** log you into the Members Only section. Each member will need to create their own member login. Here are the directions on how to do this:

To login as a member, use the web link listed below:

**Login site:** <http://cdtc.org/register-4/>

Once you register, you should receive a confirmation email to the email address you registered with and the password you registered. Once you receive your password, you will access the site at the usual address ([www.cdtc.org](http://www.cdtc.org)). In the upper left of the main page is a **Login Button**—or you can go directly to <http://cdtc.org/login-3/>. You should see a form where you will be asked to fill in your email address and password. Fill in both fields and click to login. I have found that it tells me that I have logged in successfully right away and takes me directly to the Members Only page. The usual documents that we have displayed in the past will appear on that page, including the Membership Roster, Bylaws and P&P.

Our current Web Master is Carolyn Henry. For postings to the website, please send them to Carolyn's email, [caro.e.henry@gmail.com](mailto:caro.e.henry@gmail.com) and put "CDTC New Posting" in the subject line.

## Stay Informed—Sign Up for the CDTC Listserv!

Would you like to subscribe to the **CDTC Listserv** for announcements and messages? You can either send an email to the subscribe address at [cdtc-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:cdtc-subscribe@yahogroups.com), or email Shannon Hall ([shandavegh@gmail.com](mailto:shandavegh@gmail.com)) directly so she can issue you an invitation.

This is a closed group that is available to only CDTC members.

## On the CDTC Website \*

In addition to signing up for classes, did you know that you can get all sorts of information about our club on our website? It's simple! Go to <https://cdtc.org/>. You **MUST** log in to access:

- General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting minutes
- The CDTC Financial Reports: This year's Board-approved budget along with last year's budget and actuals
- Clubhouse contact info and Member Roster
- The Annual Membership Renewal Form (due July 1, 2019)
- The Annual Awards Application Form for titles earned during 2018 and presented at our Annual Dinner in July
- The CDTC Handbook, Policies & Procedures Manual and the Constitution & Bylaws

# Club Equipment Improvements!

CDTC Agility Director Janine Castorina is on a mission to improve and upgrade our agility equipment by selling old and outdated pieces.

I've sold the old A-frame for \$500, the old teeter for \$200, the cart for \$30, the old weave poles (21" which is not per AKC regulations) for \$60, one set of the channel weaves for \$60 for a grand total of \$850.

There is still some things for sale: Dog Walk (asking \$600) and the Tire (asking \$150).

The sales provided Janine with the revenue to purchase a new tunnel to replace the green one, two extra jumps and a full set of 12 2X2 training weaves.

**WAY TO GO JANINE!!!**

## Old Times—Good Times in Training!



*Pictured: Bob Reinhardt with Ben, Josie McAuliffe with Xena, Lisa Mulligan with Spot, Jerusha Gurvin and Blink, Sue Faber with Stevie Ray with Eileen Freedman and Kuliana.*

We were blessed to have Jerusha Gurvin as an instructor in Novice Obedience.

This small group was part of this class and wanted more training after we passed Novice. We came up with a slogan of "On To Open". Jerusha consented to be our fearless leader and this was how the early Sunday morning training group evolved.

It was more than just a training group—we were all each other's cheerleaders at shows and comforted those that may have NQ'd. We would have a dinner in our homes every so often as a group and had so much fun visiting, eating and of course talking shop.

It was the best time I have ever had at Capital. Some of us did receive our Open titles and again we asked our fearless leader to please continue "On To Utility". I do believe most of us managed to show in Utility before Jerusha left for North Carolina.

This training group was a once in a lifetime event that fostered strong friendships through helping one another. I so miss this group!

Every one of us is still at Capital (except for our beloved Jerusha!), although we will be losing Lisa Mulligan because she is being transferred.

—Sue Faber

# 2019 AKC Sportsmanship Award Nomination

## —Pam Coblyn

by Luann Koronna



Pam Coblyn has been a long-standing, active member of CDTC for many years. She started in a Puppy Kindergarten class with her now 11 1/2 year old border collie, Fenway, and never looked back. She and Fenway have suc-

ceeded at the highest levels in multiple performance venues. Fenway earned his Utility Dog title in March and has represented the club at both Rally Nationals and in the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster. She has been a tireless volunteer at our trials and club events, taught in our agility program, served as a mentor in training groups and as an active, encouraging classmate and supportive friend.

Pam may be best known for the years she has served on the Board of Directors as the Editor of our newsletter, the *Obichaff*, a position she assumed in 2013 and held for the next 6 years. (She even agreed to serve on as Editor in a Pro Tem capacity into 2019, until she, her husband, Chip, and Fenway permanently relocate from our area.)

As Editor of the *Obichaff*, Pam has always encouraged members and celebrated their accomplishments, both in and out of the trial ring. In her first issue as Editor she made her position clear: "This is your newsletter and I look forward to receiving contributions from all members of CDTC. Whether you are a new member to the Club, or whether you have been a member for years, I want to hear from you."

Pam also encouraged others to volunteer, and she led by example. In March, 2014, in her "From the Editor" column she said:

"I find I get a great deal of personal satisfaction in pitching in to help. I like figuring out how to make our club more inviting and welcoming to old and new members and the public at large. I enjoy working with other like-minded club members

and it is simply marvelous to work as a well-oiled machine with a group of people. I recently went to an agility trial that Fenway couldn't participate in and found complete joy in volunteering to be ring crew, cheer on friend's dogs and be useful in many small ways. It was just pure fun to be a part of things."

Pam Coblyn is an excellent candidate for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2019. She is ready to help while being quick to acknowledge the contributions of others. She freely expresses gratitude for those in our club who have helped her become a better trainer through their instruction and example. She has consistently demonstrated good sportsmanship in class and in competition, and, above all else, she focuses on the welfare of her dog.

I think Pam, in her last "From the Editor" column, summed it up best:

"[I]t's been my personal mission to inspire, coax and applaud you, the trainers, in whatever goals you dared to pursue."

## Important Dates To Note!

- **Awards/Titles Application** due June 5. The awards will be presented at the July 9 Annual Dinner
- **Membership Renewal Form** is due June 30
- **Scentwork Seminar** on June 22



## July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 CDTC Membership Renewal Form

### THE AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I hereby apply for membership renewal for 2019-20 in the Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”) and in consideration of the acceptance of this membership renewal in the Club, and in further consideration for the services rendered by and through the Club, I (we) agree to hold the Club, its members, directors, officers, volunteers and agents harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of any dog while in or upon the training site or grounds or the surrounding area thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of any dog by disappearance, theft, death, or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to any dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) further agree that the Club may publish my name(s), address, telephone number(s), and email address in print or on the Club’s Members’ Only Section of its website. I (we) waive any claim related to the information dissemination by the Club related to my name(s). I (we) further agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and to be bound by all the rules and regulations of the Club if accepted for membership renewal.

**Member’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dog’s Call Name	Class	Rabies Certificate Attached
		Check box <input type="checkbox"/>

Obichaff delivery method

The *Obichaff* Newsletter can be accessed at [www.CDTC.org](http://www.CDTC.org). If you would prefer to receive it by US Mail, please check this box

**In order to help us determine training class needs, please answer the following questions:**

1. What classes have you taken with your dog(s) during the past 12 months (please list)?
  
2. What classes do you plan to attend with your dog(s) during the next 12 months?
  
3. Are there any classes that you are interested in attending with your dog(s) that are not currently offered at Capital?
  
4. Do you attend classes at other training clubs/venues with your dog(s) and, if yes, where and what classes?

# CGC and Tricks Test Report

—by Shannon Hall

We finished our 12-team CGC test in record time, with 100% pass rate. Nice teams!

Thanks so much to my fabulous volunteers: Robin Siegel, Eileen Freedman, Lois Keitur, Nan Marks and Very Good Boy Gordon, Alexis Smith, Pam Coblyn and Pam Ayers, and on-the-spot volunteer Kara MacWilliams, who just happened to be there and willing when I needed an extra human! This sounds over-the-top, but this big list of volunteers meant I could do this large entry in just two batches with short wait times and less stress. Everybody headed home much sooner than expected so they could celebrate their dog's new title.

We also have a couple of club members with new tricks titles out there—way to go Team Fenway and Team Ivy!

## Volunteer Testimonials

“All of us think the same thing so I'll beat all of the volunteers to it by sending a great big THANK YOU to Shannon Hall who did an outstanding job (no surprise there) of conducting the CGC test and TRICKS test. Shannon is efficient and funny. That's a nice combination.” — Eileen Freedman

“It was a beautifully run event and I think everyone felt well supported. It's always a joy seeing people doing good work with their dogs.” —Nan Marks and Gordon the Volunteer Neutral Dog, who was very good and earned a nap!

“It's always an honor and a pleasure to help test these new CGC teams. Thanks again to Shannon for letting me help. —Robin Siegel



# CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>				<b>TRICKS</b>		
Sun	9-9:50 am	4/28-6/23	Mulligan	Tue	Adv. Tricks 11:30-12:50 pm	Rosen
Sun	9-9:50 am	5/19-7/14	Freedman	Sat	Tricks 9:30-10:2	Kietur/Larkin
Mon	6-6:50 am	7/1-8/26	Flagg	<b>FREESTYLE</b>		
<b>BASIC, ADVANCED BASIC &amp; SUB-NOVICE</b>				Fri	C 10:00-12:00 pm	Ely
Mon	Basic	2:00-2:50 pm, 5/13-7/1	Reinhardt	<b>CONFORMATION</b>		
Mon	Sub Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	Tue	Training Group 8pm, alt. weeks	Harab
Mon	Basic	8:30-9:25 pm, 5/13-7/1	Hall	Sat	Conformation TG 11 am	Kopp/Harab
Tue	Adv. Basic	6-6:50 5/14-7/9	Tatham	<b>AGILITY</b>		
Thurs	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am,	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	Beginner 10:30-12 noon	deBremond
Thurs	Basic	8:00-8:50, 5/16-7/11	Bottom	Sun	Intro 4:00-5:15 pm	deBremond
Fri	Basic, 5/17-7/5	6:00-6:50 pm,	Reinhardt	Sun	Handling A 6:30-7:45	Rosen/Stover
Sun	Adv. Basic, 6/2-7/28	2:00-2:50,	Freedman	Sun	Competition 7:45-9:00	Hall
<b>NOVICE</b>				Wed	Run-Thrus & Specialized Programs	Wohl
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	8-9:15, 1/9-3/13		
Tue	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Cleverdon	<b>FLYBALL</b>		
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	Sat	Beginning 6:30-7:30 pm	Dwyer
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer/Iyomasa	Sat	Intermediate 7:30-8:30 pm	Dwyer
<b>OPEN</b>				Sat	Competition 8:30-9:30 pm	Dwyer
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu	<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>		
Tue	C	7:00-7:50 pm	Cleverdon	Mon	C 10:00-12:00 pm	Ely (Freestyle)
Thurs	C	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	Tue	C 6:00-6:30	Cleverdon (Open & Utility)
<b>UTILITY</b>				Tue	C 8:00	Conformation
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	Wed	C 9:30-10:20 am	McCown (Novice Obed.)
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Wed	C 11:30-12:00 pm	Spodak (Obedience)
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	Wed	C 12:00-1:00 pm	Spodak (Open Discussion)
Fri	UDX TG	12:30-2:00 pm	Faber	Wed	C 1:00 pm	Spodak (Freestyle)
<b>CALMING CLASS</b>				Thurs	C 12:30-2:20 pm	Goldstein (Obedience)
Sat	1/26	4:00-5:30 pm	Daniel	Fri	C 12:30-2:00 pm	Faber (UDX)
Sat	Calming TG, 3/1	4:00-5:30 pm	Daniel	Sat	C 1:00-3:00 pm	Faber (Rally)
<b>RALLY</b>				<b>CGC</b>		
Tues	Competition Rally	10:00 am	Cook/Atkinson	Sat	Prep Class, 12:30 1:30	4/14-5/5 Jeweler
Thurs	Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am		Sat	CGC Test, May 26	12:30 TBD
Thurs C	Competition Rally	11:30-12:15 pm	Daniel	<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>		
Thurs	Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30		Tues	C 1:00 pm-3:30 pm	
Sat	Rally Beg.-Novice	12-:30	Faber/Coblyn			
Sat	TG: Rally	1:30-2:30 pm	Faber/Smith			

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Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>MONDAY</b>				<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	Bldg.	10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	Bldg
5:00-5:50	Basic, 5/23-7/1	Reinhardt	1-2	12:30-2:00 pm	TG: UDX	Faber	2-3
6:00-6:50	Puppy K, 7/1-8/26	Flagg	3	6:00-6:50	Basic, 5/17-7/5	Reinhardt	1-2
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2	<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	11:00	Conformation Drop In	Kopp/Harab	9/8
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	12:30-1:20	Rally Beg. & Novice..	Faber, 4/20-5/18	
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3	1:30-2:30 pm	Rally TG	Faber/Smith	Bldg
8:30-9:20	Basic, 5/23-7/1	Hall	1	4:00-5:30	Calming Class TG	Daniel	1-2
<b>TUESDAY</b>				6:30-7:30	Beg.Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
10:00	Competition Rally	Cook/Atkinson	Bldg.	7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
11:30-12:30	Advanced Tricks	Rosen	1-2	8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			<b>SUNDAY</b>			
6-6:50 pm	Adv. Basic, 5/14-7/9		Tatham	9:00-9:50 am	Puppy K, 4/28-6/23	Mulligan	1-2
7:00-7:50 pm	Open	Cleverdon	1-2	9:00-9:50	Puppy K, 5/19-7/14	Freedman	1-2
8:00 pm	Conformation Training Group		1-2	10:30-12:00	Agility-Beginner	deBremond	Bldg.
(Alternate dates with TG and Member & Board meetings)				12:30	CGC & Tricks Test, 5/26	TBD	Bldg.
8:00-10:00 pm	Member Meetings, 5/26		Bldg.	2:00-2:50 am	Adv. Basic, 6/2-7/28	Freedman	
8:00-10:00 pm	Board Meetings, 4/30, 5/28		Bldg.	4:00-5:15 pm	Agility-Intro	deBremond	Bldg.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				Full Courses!			
9:30-10:20 am	TG: Novice	McCown	1-2	6:30-7:45	Handling A	Stover/Rosen	Bldg.
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2	7:15-8:30 pm	Competition Agility	Hall	Bldg
12:00-1:00 pm	Discussion	Spodak		<b>More Doings At the Club!</b>			
1:00 pm	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	<b>Meetings</b>			
8:00-9:15 pm	Run Throughs & Specialized Programs			■ <b>CDTC General Meeting: May 14, at 8:00 pm</b>			
<b>THURSDAY</b>				■ <b>CDTC Board Meeting: April 30 &amp; May 28 at 8 pm</b>			
9:30-10:20 am	Novice	Holt	1-2	■ <b>Nosework Seminar: Saturday, June 22, 9am-1:30</b>			
10:00-10:50 am	Obed. Foundation	Cook/Jurgens	3	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>The CDTC online calendar is definitive and frequently updated. Please check our class offerings on a regular basis!</b></p> </div>			
11-11:30 am	Rally Set-up		2-3				
11:30-12:15pm	Competition Rally	Daniel	2-3				
12:15-12:30	Rally Take Down		2-3				
12:30-2:30 pm	TG: Open/Utility	Goldstein	Bldg.				
6:00-6:50 pm	Novice Obed.	Dwyer/Iyomasa	1-2				
6:00-7:50 pm	Utility Prep	Harry	3				
7:00-8:50 pm	Utility	Harry	1-2				
7:00-8:50 pm	Basic	Hall	3				
8:00-8:50 pm	Basic	Bottom	3				
8:00-9:00 pm	Open	Harry	1-2				

## April-May Rally Training Group Schedule

Rally Training Group Dates: Saturdays: April 27 (with a celebration for Mason and River's RA titles) and May 11 led by Josie. May 18 Dianne Harab. Time: 1:30-2:45 pm.

Format: ONE course (set up in rings 1&2), nested (like at a trial), beginning with MASTERS>EXC->ADV->NOV. We may add a second ring if needed.

We will skip classes if no one is present for that level at the time we are setting up.

**PARTICIPATION:** This is a TRAINING GROUP, not a run-thru or class, which means that we all work together to help each other set up, clean up, share training tips and "judge." This has worked well for CDTC rally members, and 3 teams from our group placed in the Top Ten at the Rally Nationals! We look forward to more in the future!

Please check our club's listserv for any cancellations. Organizer: Josie McAuliffe please contact me directly if you have any questions: [josiemcauliffe@mac.com](mailto:josiemcauliffe@mac.com)

Clubhouse/Information Phone: 301-587-5959 (K9K9)

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### General Membership Meeting

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 8:00 pm*

### No May Obedience Run-Thru

Stay tuned!



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