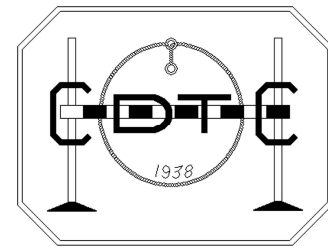


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## Flyball

A dog drag race, steeplechase, and team relay that's fun for people too

by *Kristin Weichman*

The judge asks Kerry if she's ready. Kerry maneuvers her Australian Shepherd Phoenix, so that he is exactly 39 feet back from the race start line. Then she sights down the race lane to confirm the box loader is set, and glances over her right shoulder to see her teammates nod, "Yes, we're ready."

The judge turns to the opposing team. They perform the same checks and confirm, "Yes, we're ready."

On a cord around the judge's neck, hangs the race start button.

Then in a rising crescendo of excited barking and human encouragement, both teams start revving up the dogs with chants of ready, reeaaddy, reeeaaddy...

And the judge hits the race start button and the lane light tree starts the countdown: yellow, yellow, yellow, green – just like car racing.

"Rreeaaddy, set," yells Kerry D'Ascoli in Phoenix's ear, "GO!"

And Phoenix flies down the lane, passing the start line just as the race tree light flashes green. The competition, a large German Shepherd, soars down his side of the course, and the race to see who can fetch tennis balls the fastest begins.

### **Flyball is a sport**

Flyball races match two teams of four dogs each, racing side-by-side over a 51 foot long course. Each dog must run in relay fashion down a lane, jump four jumps, trigger a flyball box, releasing a ball, retrieve that ball – catching it in mid-air, and return over the



Kerry D'Ascoli and Phoenix rev-up to start the race while the team yells "READY!!" Photo by Jim Hamann

jumps. A handler releases the next dog to run the course, so that the returning dog and the departing dog pass at the start/finish line nose to nose. The first team to have all four dogs finish the course without error wins the heat.

Flyball is fast. Ideally, the race heat concludes in less than 24 seconds. If it does, each dog racing in that heat receives 25 points towards a flyball title. With a time less than 28 seconds, each dog receives five

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**Capital Points**

*By Melitta Carter*

Since we are a volunteer organization, we encourage all members to become involved in the Club and to participate in our activities which include: Obedience, Rally, Agility, Freestyle and Flyball. We hold run-thrus, agility and obedience trials, an awards dinner, a holiday party and seminars – all of which are run by member volunteers. In addition to instructors and assistants, volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Directors, on committees and in other capacities (see p.12). To show appreciation for some of these efforts, Capital has a program called Capital Points (CPs).

CPs can be used to pay for membership or in some cases, seminars. CPs are earned from July 1 to June 30 and must be used during that year or the following one. Here's how to earn, record, and redeem CPs.

1. *Teach a class and earn 5 CPs per hour:* Have you been a member at Capital for a few years? Have you earned a title with your dog in Rally, Obedience or Agility? Then it might be time to step up to the plate and teach a lower-level class, such as Basic or Advanced Basic. It's a great way to give back to your Club.

2. *Assist at a class and earn 2.5 CPs per hour:* If you are not quite ready to teach a class, why not get some more experience and assist? Assistants are needed for Puppy Kindergarten, Basic and Advanced Basic class, as well as in Agility. Not only will you be helping the Club, but you might just get some hints which will help with your own training.

For the above two activities the CPs Coordinator will tally your hours using student sign-in Rosters. At the end of the year you may contact the Coordinator who will give you your total CPs tally. —————>

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3. *Assist at an advertised Club function and earn 1CP per hour:* Volunteers are always needed at trials, run-thrus, demonstrations and clinics/workshops/seminars. (Note that at run-thrus at which you work you may take one free run instead of earning CPs.)
4. *Take charge of an advertised Club function:* If you are in charge of a seminar, run-thru etc. you earn 2.5 CPs for each hour of the function, to compensate for work before and after the event.
5. *Board Members* are expected to attend Board meetings 11 times a year, and earn 11 points for doing this. They do not receive points for any hours they work related to their Board positions.

To record points earned in (3) and (4) you will need to use a Green Card. These have been used in the past and will be available once again. Members can find Green Cards in an index box on the entry desk. Please take one and keep it safe. Remember, your CPs are as good as money. For each event you work you must write down the number of hours you work and have the person in charge sign-off for you. If you are in charge of an event, you can write down the number of hours of the event and note x 2.5. No signing-off required!

At the end of the year you can attach your Green Card(s) to your membership form along with the record from the CPs Coordinator. For example, if you have assisted at three 8-week classes you will have earned  $(3 \times 8) \times 2.5 = 60$  CPs. If you helped out at two run-thrus you might have earned an additional 8 CPs. You will have accumulated 68 CPs, so instead of the \$100 dues, you would send your Membership Form back with a check of \$32, your Green Card, and your email from the CPs Coordinator.

If you take on teaching a continuing class you may earn many more points than can be used for Membership. You may also use CPs to pay for classes or some Club functions. Instructors and Assistants may use CPs earned towards seminars, too.

Remember, the Club works best when everybody does their share. The Board Members contribute many, many hours and do not get CPs in recognition of their work. In addition to the work of Board Members, there are other non-Point-earning activities which members undertake to help in the running of the Club (see "Who Does What at CDTC?" on page 12 for a full list). The CPs system was initiated to reward members for participating, but also to encourage less-active members to help out. Last year, of the 240 Club members, only 81 earned CPs. That is only 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of our membership. Please consider your situation and see if you can help out in the coming year.

One more thing: currently, I am the CP Coordinator as well as Obichaff Editor. I would love somebody to replace me as CP Coordinator. Please let me know if you are interested!



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## AKC Delegate's Corner: Joyce Dandridge

There has been some discussion in the fancy about the Beginner Novice Class.  
Question- Is the Beginner Novice Class Moving Exhibitors into Obedience?

The following data has been made available to answer the question from a control group of 498 dogs earning beginner novice titles from July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010:

Comparison Data- Dogs earning CD obedience titles from July 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

Control Dogs Group earning BN title — 498

Control Dogs earning obedience titles after BN title — 78

Control Dogs earning obedience titles same day as BN title — 6

Control Dogs earning CD title before BN title during time period — 16

Control Dogs earning BN title and CD title during same weekend — 10

Beginner Novice titles earned- July 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011- 1078

Beginner Novice titles earned first 1/3 of 2011- 580

Companion Event Sport Number for January 1, 2011 to April 2011, as compared to 2010:

Sport	2010 Entries	2011 Entries	% + or -	2010 Events	2011 Events	% + or -
Obedience	36,927	41,632	12.7	722	760	5.3
Agility	289,774	325,432	12.3	729	813	11.5
Rally	23,633	22,907	-3.1	581	620	6.7
Tracking						
TD	402	330	-17.9	68	71	4.2
TDX	276	312	13.0	64	69	7.8
VST	134	137	2.24	28	27	-3.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>351,146</b>	<b>390,750</b> (+39,604)	<b>11.3</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>2,360</b> (+168)	<b>7.7</b>

Canine Partner Information- April 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011

Unique AKC Canine Partner dogs earning titles 1,160

    Agility Titles 2,216

    Obedience Titles 241

    Rally Titles 594

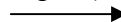
Total Titles Earned 3,051

Avg. # titles earned per unique CP dog 2.6 titles

I am presenting the above data because many of us have concerns about where the companion events are headed, especially obedience. Fortunately, we have a little gain in most areas. Although slight, this is the first plus in obedience in many years. Obviously, the advent of new programs and classes is a positive.

REMINDER: Have you applied for the AKC Therapy Dog title? The TDH Qualifications are:

- Your dog must be certified or registered by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization.
- Your dog must perform a minimum of 50 visits (documentation going back to Jan. 1, 2000, accepted).



- Your dog must be AKC registered or listed. (That is, an AKC - registration number, a PAL number, or enrollment in AKC Canine Partners. A special Canine Partners enrollment form is available for mixed-breeds. This form must be submitted along with the THD-title application form).

Application forms and the list of AKC-recognized therapy-dog organizations are available at [akc.org/akctherapydog](http://akc.org/akctherapydog). You can also contact [akctherapydog@akc.org](mailto:akctherapydog@akc.org) if you have questions.

Certainly, for the survival of our sport, we will have to encourage young people to participate in the sport. For the first time, AKC will have a JUNIORS COMPETITION in Obedience and Agility at the Eukanuba show in Orlando, FL. Age classes have been set for the competitions and entries will be accepted in September. More information is available on the AKC website.



Rika and Pat Wells visiting at the Armed Forces Retirement Home

## Meet Our New Members

As a pet visiting volunteer with the People Animals Love (PAL), we knew that we wanted a dog that we could go to volunteer with. Rika has fit the bill perfectly. She has not met a dog or person that she did not want to be friends with. She has been visiting the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) since she was 10 weeks old.

We have been taking classes at CDTC since February 2009 but lost almost a full year of training due to surgery. It has taken a lot of time and work but I think we are on our way. We were thrilled and pleased to join the club this year.

I am retired and try to take Rika on a PAL visit at least once a week. She recently performed in a Talent Show at the AFRH.

**Pat Wells**



Chewey with Gabrian

I'm pleased to be among CDTC's new members, and my dogs are even more pleased – they think I should learn to behave properly. We all appreciate CDTC's approach and will continue to come to Dog School even if we don't decide to go on for certifications.

My husband and I have had at least one Labrador retriever for most of our 40 years together. We raised some pups in our younger years, with guidance from experienced breeders, and then went on to raising humans. In some ways the experiences were very similar!

Our current menagerie are Diablo, a 13-year-old Lab, and Chewbacca (a.k.a. Chewey), a three-year-old Labradoodle. We are interested in how they communicate with each other and wonder what Chewey says to Diablo to make him wake up and go outside. They are an amazing pair! We are convinced Diablo would no longer be with us if not for Chewey.

We look forward to meeting more CDTC members and becoming more active in the club.

**Hazel Becker**

points, and less than 32 seconds, earns one point.

Phoenix is a member of the Capital Flyers team that won the CanAm Flyball Classic Division 6 Champion trophy in Indianapolis, Indiana in October 2010. Along with his teammates, Buckey a Miniature Schnauzer, Duncan a West Highland White Terrier, Mojo an Australian Kelpie, and Skyler a Border Collie, he fetched balls fast enough to finish races in 19 seconds.

Flyball teams compete against each other based on “best” seed times. Each team estimates how fast they’ll run by adding up all of the team dogs’ individual course times for a combined total. Then at the races, teams are placed in divisions based upon seed times. Seeding ensures the competition is fun for everyone and fast teams, who run the course in under 16 seconds, don’t compete against teams running the course in 19 seconds. In flyball there is a place for everyone.

The first flyball tournament happened in 1983, and from the start any dog could play flyball, pedigreed or mixed breed, small or tall.

“I was in flyball before we had the light tree, when one judge did everything,” remembers Dona Dwyer, captain of the Capital Flyers team, who races Belle, an



Kristin Weichman positions Mojo to run the anchor leg of a flyball race

Photo by Jim Hamann

American Staffordshire Terrier, and Tux, a Border Collie Jack Russell mix.

Flyball races now use an electronic judging system with lights and infrared timing sensors, letting competitors track starts, finishes, and individual dogs’ times to the thousandth of a second, which is important when handlers try to master that perfect nose-to-nose pass.

Flyball is sanctioned by the North American Flyball Association. In 2009, the last year for which statistics are available, 8,678 teams raced in 352 tournaments held throughout the U.S. and Canada. A tournament usually takes place on Saturday and Sunday, and teams must be present both days. In Capital’s region, tournaments occur one weekend a month.

### **No “I” in Team**

Strategy, teamwork, and commitment make flyball different from other dog sports. Strategy because a flyball club needs a team that earns points and wins. The shortest dog on the team determines the race jump height. Jumps are set between seven and 14 inches. The lower the jumps, the faster all dogs can run the course. So most teams consist of three large dogs and one short “height” dog. A team can run four large dogs over 14 inch jumps and compete against a team running three large dogs and a Corgi, but the Corgi team will probably win. And just like other team sports, the captain must take into account all the personality issues, strengths and weaknesses – does this dog like to chase, this one start strong and stroll back, love competition or fear passing – that make putting together a flyball team an art.

“In most dog sports, if you cannot make a competition at the last minute, that is fine and you just don’t go,” explains Hazel Troendle, who runs Breaker the Border Terrier on Capital’s team, “In flyball that is not fine. You and your dogs are part of a team and are needed.”

Devoting one weekend a month to travel hours from home for flyball, presents a challenge. The most



Halley demonstrates a swimmers turn  
photo by Rachel Lindberg

important quality a potential flyball dog and handler must have is commitment.

**Play Ball**

So you want to play flyball. A dog does not have to know how to fetch a ball to learn flyball. More importantly, the dog should be athletic and fit, confident, able to focus in a chaotic environment, have a reliable recall, and lots and lots of energy and drive.

“I play flyball because my dog enjoys it,” explains Jean Thompson, who handles the Miniature Schnauzer Buckey on Capital’s team, “and I love the competition.”

It takes at least a year to train a dog to race in a flyball tournament. Training involves breaking down the course into smaller sections, starting with box work and jumping. The dog must learn to do a “swimmers turn,” where the dog hits the box sideways to catch the ball and pushes off the box with her back legs, thus avoiding impact injuries to legs and shoulders. Some dogs learn this quickly, but then struggle with catching a flying ball shot from a box. All dogs must learn to work independently. Since people aren’t allowed to run down the lane in tournaments, dogs must be able to negotiate the entire course on their own and make decisions on what to do if the ball flies out of the ring. Learning to jump hurdles is the easiest part. Learning to jump hurdles while another dog is racing down the same lane for the pass, takes more time.

For the person learning flyball, the most important lesson is patience. Unlike agility, where a handler can run a green dog and miss an obstacle or two and still



Dona Dwyer’s Belle leaping over a hurdle in a flyball race

Photo by Kristin Weichman



Capital Flyers CanAm 2010 Winning Team

Pictured: Jean Thompson and Buckey, Kristin Weichman and Mojo, Shona Glenn and Fergus and Duncan, Kerry D’Ascoli and Skyler and Phoenix

Photo by John Thompson

have fun and success, flyball teams count on each dog completing the full course with no errors or the entire team gets disqualified. Many handlers spend more than a year training their dog and working with the team at tournaments before they earn a chance to race on the team.

The NAFA world record for fastest flyball race stands at 15.217 seconds. The Capital Flyers are not that fast –yet, but they plan to take another team to Indianapolis this year and see who can fetch the fastest. And for anyone still wondering if flyball is the dog sport for them, keep in mind this advice from Amanda Brown, a NAFA regional director, “I like to tell people that conformation is really formal, agility is wine and cheese and flyball is like a kegger. It’s a really fun group of people.”

\*\*The Capital Flyers team offers intro to flyball classes at CDTC on Saturday at 6:30 pm and the team practices at 7:30 pm. Stop by to see flyball in action or learn more about the team dynamic that makes flyball a fantastic dog sport – for people and dogs. The NAFA website is also a good source of flyball facts and tournament information. It is at [www.flyball.org](http://www.flyball.org)

## HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response Workshop

*By Burton Goldstein*

To add to their latest accomplishments, Shellie and Goldie, and M.G. and I (along with our friends Marcia and Gracie and Missy and Rugby, both of National Capital Therapy Dogs), passed a three-hour screening in Erie, PA, in mid-June (twenty-five percent of the dogs there got sent home). The three-day workshop included:

- Going through airport security as working dogs, and boarding a plane. While our guys have flown many times, they have never been out of their crates, walked across the tarmac, climbed the stairs and boarded the plane, to sit under the seat without a carrier.
- Next a modern fire truck came to greet us. Lime yellow. Firemen in full gear, airport police, dogs meeting and greeting all.
- Going to the local Coast Guard facility, where the dogs all went out on a Coast Guard cutter. Horns blasting, open mesh metal walkway to the boat, very formal seamen. M.G. slept during the boat ride.
- Going to an amusement park, stopping to meet and greet families there.
- Being a part of a mock drowning of an eight year old girl.



Shellie and Goldie on Coast Guard Cutter

Photo: Burton Goldstein



Comforting a participant in a mock-drowning incident

When we were getting a tour of the Coast Guard facility, and in all of their formality, one seaman said to us, “This is the room that you would be bunking in and here is where you would be doing your wash and there is where you would be cooking your meals”, at that moment, I knew that I was no longer in “Kansas”. This was serious!

Goldie was the true diva that she is. In the classroom we covered the various “first responders”, or what they referred to as the “chain saw guys”. I could hear someone saying ... “The coast is clear, you can bring in Goldie now!” Between Goldie and Shellie, they were truly put upon this earth to be together and to do this stuff.

M.G. was M.G. Nothing phased him. His confidence in everything that he does just allowed him to adapt to every exercise, every environment. When on the boat Gracie stopped shaking like a leaf, M.G. was very happy because he could then use her as a pillow as he continued his nap.

At the very root of all of this are animal-assisted therapy visits just like we have been doing for years. But instead of showing up at ten-thirty every other Tuesday for an hour-and-a-half visit, this group was de-



ployed to Ground Zero after 9-11, to Virginia Tech, to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. As an invited group, within the official chain of command, but for us to determine what and how to do things.

We were honored to have completed this preparation, and look forward to our involvement. We have camps this summer for kids with cancer, and we will especially be a part of the memorial to remember those that were there last year but not with us any longer. We will also go to Operation Purple Camp for the kids of deployed families. On and on.

Our official title is that of “certified working animals”, which puts us between pet therapy animals, and service animals. We are looking for contacts in the crisis response world, for anyone that you might be able to put us in touch with. If nothing else, you can certainly sleep better, knowing that our two little Shih Tzu have, “got ya back”!

(P.S. How great it was, as we were watching our guys on the local news on the television in our hotel room, to have our two new puppies brought to us, so we can be working on our next generation of superstars!)



Bear and Emma  
join  
Goldie and M.G.

**CDTC Instructors in 2010**

*We extend our grateful appreciation to the following dedicated instructors:*

**Obedience**

Joan Adler  
Sandi Atkinson  
Karen Christensen  
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*With our Sincere Gratitude:*

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 Kathy Sheehan  
 Kristin Weichman

### **Flyball**

Rachel Lindberg  
 Jean Thompson

Our annual Awards Night was on Tuesday, July 12th, we honored both the accomplishments of our members and the dedication of our class instructors and assistants. Although the Training Director, Lisa Daniel, was unable to attend, she sent the following message:

“I want to particularly highlight the fact that our volunteer instructors and assistants are largely what make our club viable from a financial point of view. These conscientious volunteers work hard, many of them all year round or virtually so, in order to further the missions of our Club in a concrete way. They do this by providing help and guidance to the public: teaching people how to have better, kinder, more responsible and more productive relationships with their dogs. At the same time, the lower level classes in particular, provide much of our Club’s income. The upper level classes primarily serve our members, allowing us to train our dogs to the highest levels and to achieve the titles that we also honor on Awards Night. If you are not already an instructor or an assistant, please consider working towards the possibility. In the meantime, join me in expressing our HUGE appreciation to those who are. Thank you for all you do!”

## Who Does What at CDTC?

For changes and corrections, please email [ObiEditor@gmail.com](mailto:ObiEditor@gmail.com). For a list of the duties of CDTC Officers, please refer to the October 2010 *Obichaff* which you can find at [www.CDTC.org](http://www.CDTC.org).

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## Braggs!

### Bunny's Trophy

The weekend of May 27-29, 2011 was a special one for Bunny — FC/AFC Lil Mac's Black River Rabbit MH CD CGC RN. Winning the Open at the Del Bay Retriever Club's spring trial, she also placed second in the Amateur. She was awarded two very special challenge trophies: Best Bitch and the Del Bay Retriever Trophy. They came home with her and have a place of pride in our family room for a year.

Today was clean the silver day at our house, including all the dog and horse silver. The Del Bay Retriever Trophy has been in existence since 1956; recorded on it are the names of 55 of the greatest dogs in field trials. It has never been won twice by the same dog. Only seven owners have won it more than once, two of them winning it four times. Only two winners were not titled dogs, and five were national titled dogs. Dual champions won the trophy in 1962 and 1969.

Dual Champions. What are those? They are dogs with both bench champion titles and field champion titles. Where are they? Sadly they are all gone. What have we as breeders done to our Labradors? We seem to have made two separate breeds of Labradors: those who compete in bench shows and those who compete in field trials. Shame on us!

*Milly Welsh*

## Run-Thru News

The July run-thru had a very small turn-out due to Holiday week-end AND multiple shows in the area.

- total of 6 Utility runs, 2 members, 3 non-members one of who had two runs.
- Open runs 7, 2 non-members and 4 members one of who had two runs.
- Novice runs were 3 with one being a non-member.

Total earnings were \$62. We still had fun. Thanks to all who came out to help.

*Donna Cleverdon*

## CGC/TDI News

Next CGC/TDI test will be held on September the 21st. Please contact Shannon Hall to volunteer or to register for the test. We will also hold a 4 week CGC Prep class prior to the test. If someone would like to instruct this class, please let Shannon or Lisa Daniel know.

## Up-coming Workshops and Seminars

- Grooming Seminar with Donna Cleverdon— September 18
- Tracy Sklenar Agility Workshops - September 30-October 1 & 2

## Class Schedules



Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>MONDAY</b>			
10-12	Freestyle TG	Ely	1-2-3
18-19:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
19:15-20:05	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
19:30-20:30	Novice	Daniel	3
20:15-21:15	Utility	Adler	1-2
20:30-21:20	AB 6/20-8/8	Hall	3
20:30-21:20	Basic 9/26-11/14	Hall	3
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Prior to 8	Building Cleaning		
10 - 11	Clicker TG		1-2
13-16	Building Cleaning		
18-18:50	AB 6/21-8/23	Daniel	1-2
18-18:50	PK 6/21-8/9	Hathaway	3
18-18:50	AB 8/30-10/18	Reinhardt	1-2
19-20	Novice	Merchant	1
19-19:50	Basic 6/14-8/9	Crawford	2-3
19-19:50	PK 8/30-10/18	Freedman	2-3
20-21 1st/3rd	TG	Jackson	2-3
20-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Club Meeting		Bldg
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Board Meeting		Bldg
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
11-12	Clicker 2	Riley	2-3
12-14	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
9:30-10:30	SN	Adler	3
9:30-10:30	Novice	Holt	1-2
10:30-11-30	Open	Holt	1-2
12:30-15:00	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	1-2-3
17-17:50	PK 9/8-10/13	Gurvin	1-2
18-19	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
18-19	Utility Prep	Harry	3

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
19-20	Basic TBA	Miller	1
19-20	Utility	Harry	2
20-21	SN	Dornak	3
20-21:15	Open	Harry	1-2
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10:15-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
19-20	SN	Cleverdon	1
19-20:30	CCI***	Hathaway	3
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:30-8:20	Good Manners 9/10-11/5	Melchior	2-3
9-9:50	AB 9/10-11/5	Young	2-3
10-10:50	Basic 9/10-11/5	Young	2-3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
13:30-15:00	Comp. Rally TG	McAuliffe	2-3
15-15:50	Basic 6/18-8/20	Daniel	2-3
15-15:50	Beg. Rally 10/15-12/10		2-3
16-16:50	Basic 8/27-10/29	Daniel	1-2
18:30-19:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
19:30-20:30	Flyball practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
20:30-21:30	Flyball Comp.	Dwyer	1-2-3

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Day	Date	Time	Instructor
<b>PUPPY</b>			
<b>KINDER GARTEN</b>			
Tues	6/21-8/9	18-18:50	Hathaway
Tues	8/30-10/18	19-19:50	Freedman
Thurs	9/8-10/13	17-17:50	Gurvin
<b>BASIC</b>			
Mon	9/26-11/14	20:30-21:20	Hall
Tues	6/14-8/9	19:19:50	Crawford
Thur	TBA	19-19:50	Miller
Sat	9/10-11/5	10-10:50	Young
Sat	6/18-8/20	15-15:50	Daniel
Sat	8/27-10/29	16-16:50	Daniel
<b>AB</b>			
Mon	6/20-8/8	20:30-21:20	Hall
Tues	6/21-8/23	18-18:50	Daniel
Tues	8/30-10/18	18-18:50	Reinhardt
Sat	9/10-11/5	9-9:50	Young
<b>GOOD MANNERS</b>			
Sat	9/10-11/5	7:30-8:20	Melchior
<b>SUB-NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	19:15-20:05	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Adler
Thurs	C	20-21	Dornak
Fri	C	19-20	Cleverdon
<b>NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	19:30-20:30	Daniel
Tues	C	19-20	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Holt
Thurs	C	18-19	Gurvin

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<b>OPEN</b>			
Mon	C	18-19:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C	10:30-11:30	Holt
Thurs	C	20-21:15	Harry
<b>UTILITY</b>			
Mon	C	20:15-21:15	Adler
Thurs	C	18-19 (prep)	Harry
Thurs	C	19-20	Harry
<b>FREESTYLE</b>			
Mon	C	10-12	Ely
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
<b>BEGINNING RALLY</b>			
Sat	10/15-12/10	15-15:50	
<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>			
Mon	C	10-12	Ely
Tues	C	10-11	
Tues (alt.)	C	20-21	Jackson
Wed	C	12-14 ob.Skills	Spodak
Thurs	C	12:30-15:00	Goldstein
Sat	C	13:30-15:00	McAuliffe
<b>FLYBALL</b>			
Sat	C	18:30-21:30	Lindberg/ Dwyer
<b>OUTSIDE GROUPS</b>			
Fri	C	19-20:30 CCI	Hathaway
<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>			
Tues	C	Before 8 am And 13-16:00	Montgomery Cleaning Co.

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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

Capital has a fully matted indoor, air-conditioned facility in Silver Spring, Md.

**Important Dates at Capital**

**Tuesday, August 10:  
Members Meeting**

**Sunday, August 3:  
Run-Thru**



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