



Newsletter

Winter 2020

Philadelphia Dog Training Club

A message from the President

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter. There is much to report!

When I sat down to write this today, I looked at the last newsletter, which came out in May. How time flies and how life has changed from those early days of COVID lockdown. As most of you know, we returned to in person training in the middle of the summer, and are now inside (with the doors open and full COVID protocols) having classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our "public" classes are full as are our member classes. I want to thank all of you who have more than one dog for allowing us to limit your training to one class per week. As long as we have to keep the class size down, we will need to continue this practice. The Board realizes this is not perfect, but I am so pleased that the School has allowed us to train at all. I want to personally thank all our trainers and volunteers for their devotion to our club-we could not do it without you.

In May, we held our first virtual annual meeting and the awards ceremony for 2019. The new Board is:

- President: Brenda Perkins
- Treasurer: Susan Anderson
- Secretary: Lisa Yoon
- AKC Representative: Larry Wilson
- PFDC Representative: Chris Allen
- Board Members: Liz Alakszey, Carol Eisenlohr, Colleen Marsini, Mary Beth Mills, Dan Sundt, Richard Williams

The Board has been meeting via Zoom each month. We did get AKC approval for our amended bylaws. We have also been working on marketing.

We hope to have our 2021 trial on May 15, outside. Final arrangements are being, and I will be in touch with an update shortly.

As we all try and survive this terrible time, be sure to look down at the happy faces of our four-footed companions. My two dogs bring a smile to my face every day and it has been so nice to train again. However, at this rate my dog will be a senior when he shows in Open! Here's looking towards 2021.

Annual awards

PDTC 2019 titles

- **Debbie Desantis:** *Murphy*, UD; *Ralphie*, RN, RI; *Gracie*, RI
- **Chris Allen:** *Bingo*, BN, CD, GN, CDX; *Frankie*, UDX6, OM8
- **Reg Speir:** *Wilson*, BN, CD
- **Laurie Leevy:** *Laydee*, CD (Previous RN, RA, RE, BN)
- **Carley Bates:** *Jack*, CDX (Previous BN, CD, RN, RI)
- **Carol Houton:** *Raven*, RN CDX
- **Frank Nelson:** *Jesse James*, CD
- **Anne Blythe:** *Maddie*, CD, RN

Kay Reeve Award (1st time at each level):
Anne Blythe and *Maddie* for her CD

Hi Point Award: **Chris Allen** and *Bingo* with a 198.50. Next in line had a 197.23.

Marketing report

Sue Anderson has been working hard with a new webmaster designing a new website. It has many more pictures, easy-to-use tabs with various drop-down categories, and a calendar for you to look up what is going on that day. It also has a password-protected place that students in the public classes can go to see videos — created by instructors — of some of the basics in obedience. This is part of our push to get rid of paper! There also will be a place for you to renew your membership online.

We have a new logo to be used on all club materials. Thanks to Colleen Marsini for spearheading this effort.

Colleen also has been working with Land's End to make available clothing that will have our logo on it. The instructors and assistants will be wearing these, and there will be a way for members to order clothing as well. We will let you know when the site is up and running.

A national star in the making

By Carley Bates



Jack

While looking at my emails one day, I saw a casting call for dogs on the [Obedience Corgis](#) Facebook page. A casting call is a message sent out in a variety of ways to find actors for a certain project. Since it sounded like fun and Jack met the

basic requirements, I responded. Within a day, Kelly Peterson of [Dognerd Animal Talent](#) contacted me. She requested specific photos of Jack and a brief profile of his personality. Kelly gave all our information to her client, a well-known mattress company, and Jack was chosen over many other dogs for the project.

The job was for a national ad campaign for the company and involved two photo and two video shoots over four half-days. The first day was a

photo shoot, which involved a family on a bed — two adults and a five-year old boy. Most shots were of the family and included Jack. They also took some photos of Jack by himself. The photos were taken in rapid succession, and with each click of the camera there was a bright flash of light. Jack took it all in stride; it was as if he'd been doing this all his life. There was a small crew to take the photos and videos, and several people from the client on the set. Needless to say, Jack loved all the attention and was a big hit with everyone.

The second day was a video shoot. Jack's position on the bed was changed several times and he and the young boy cuddled at the foot of the bed. The video camera was mounted on a long arm so it could move to get views from the side and above. Jack didn't mind the camera moving around at all, even overhead. We then had another half-day each of photos and videos.

Jack worked very well with Kelly, who happens to be an instructor at [Suburban Dog Training Club](#). Jack greatly appreciated the probably hundreds of treats she used to get him into position. We got a lot of exercise because the site was in a building the size of an airplane hangar. We had to walk from where the car was parked to the opposite end of the building where we would wait until we were needed. Then, a walk halfway back through the building to where we would work. After the first day, I didn't need to put a leash on Jack, he knew right where to go for all those treats and attention. I was so proud of my star in the making!



A photogenic Jack in a national mattress ad

News from our Members

Liz Alakszay: *Lily* got her first leg in Novice at the Wilmington Kennel Club show. She had a score of 191 and took first place. Recently, *Pansy* got her CGCA.



Pansy

Chris Allen: *Frankie* finished his OM9 at Somerset Hills Kennel Club on September 6, placing in all four classes that weekend and winning three runoffs. He finished his HSAAd (Herding Started A course ducks) at DelBay Herding and Tracking Club on September 20. On October 3, he placed in both classes at Bernese Mountain Dog of the Watchung and is now AKC № 12 All-time Obedience Aussie.

Bingo earned his HT (Herding Tested) at Colonial Rottweiler Club on September 13 and his PT (Pre-trial Tested) at DelBay Herding and Tracking Club on September 20.

Sue Anderson: *Riley*, my Sheltie, went over the Rainbow Bridge on November 10. *Riley* was born on February 8, 2006. Her sire was OTCH MACH Karastar Blackjack of Himark UDX 24 OM1. Her original owner put her up for sale on Craigslist, and Far Point Collie Rescue bought her and called me. She came to me on February 9, 2011, and the rest is history. She got her CGC and CGCA from PDTC and Paulette worked with me in an attempt to get her BN, but it was apparent that she hated it. So, after two legs, we quit. In recent years, she was a distraction dog for our CGC testing.

Kenzie has his CGC and CGCA from PDTC. He was a well-known Sheltie breeder's stud dog but after I lost my first Sheltie, *Tristan*, she sold *Kenzie* to me. Deb DeSantis owns a *Kenzie* daughter, *Gracie*, and I now have a *Kenzie* grandson, *Tory*. *Kenzie* didn't know how to think when he came to me, so we started agility. Due to his age, we keep him in Level One, and in 2019 he achieved 1000 points.

Carley Bates: Here is a photo of *Joe*, *Winbucks* & *SilverFerns Mojo For Lwynogyn*. He was born in Missouri, and we were very fortunate to find a "dog person" who has started a business of transporting dogs for people in different states — *Kathy*. *Kathy's* a breeder, exhibitor, and professional handler who had to find a way to make up for all the shows being canceled. There are many businesses who do this, but probably don't give the dogs the care that *Kathy* does. She even sleeps in the van with the dogs.



Joe, Winbucks & SilverFerns Mojo for Lwynogyn

Anne Blythe: *Elly*, my English Cream Golden Retriever, earned her second leg for Rally Novice at Chester County Dog Training Club from the Valley Forge Kennel Club in September. Now, one more at Oakes with good luck.

We have added a new puppy to the family. *Bernie* is a 9-month-old female Bernese Mountain Dog. She eats everything. *Bernie* has completed her Beginner class, and we are looking forward to *Loretta's* Intermediate class starting in January.

Mandy Buhle: Here is my beloved *Brooklyn* who got her CGC in August, all dressed up like the princess she is for Halloween.



Brooklyn

Michelle Dean: While we have not been to a show or class onsite since March, we have tried to make the best of our time at home by remaining active, learning new skills, and participating in online courses. *Finnegan* earned his Advanced and Expert Trick Dog Certification through Do More With Your Dog (DMWYD) and applied for his reciprocal AKC titles in Tricks: Advanced and Performer. He may now be known as *Roughstocks Finnegan Scout, RN, CGCA, TKP*. He also takes online classes in Parkour and is getting ready to submit his video for his first Parkour title.

Cricket and *Poppy* earned their Novice - Advanced titles with DMWYD and the AKC's corresponding titles. They now may be known as *Roughstocks Little Miss Cricket, CGCA, TKA* and *Roughstocks Lovely Lolly Molly-Pop, RN, CGC, TKA*.

Both *Cricket* and *Poppy* had first-time litters this fall; we welcomed a total of twelve new puppies into the world: eight boys and four girls. The sire of both litters, *GCHS CH Sporting Fields Polished Sandstone, FDC, BCAT, CGCA, TKP* is one of the top-ten border collies in the country for breed. The puppies' journey may be found at [BelovedBorder Collies](#) on Facebook. They will all be going to their new excellent homes just before Christmas.

Debbie Desantis: My Lhasa apso *Ralphie* was AKC-ranked № 1 Lhasa in Intermediate Rally in 2019. He also was AKC-ranked № 2 Nonsporting

Dog In Intermediate Rally for 2019. He achieved this in four shows held in two days. I still can't believe that we did that well! He was two years old.

I have a new addition! I adopted an Aussie mix in July at 11 weeks old. *Millie* was born in rescue, and there were nine in the litter. Her mother looked like a purebred Aussie; father unknown. She's really smart, adorable, and a lot of fun. She received her AKC Star Puppy title during her puppy kindergarten class taken at PDTTC.



Millie

Barbara Doering: At Lower Bucks Dog Training Club Agility Trial on August 22-23, *Siri* was 1st in Master Jumpers, 2nd in Premier Jumpers and 3rd in Master Standard.

At the Colonial Rottweiler Club Agility trial September 14-15, *Siri* was Highest scoring Rottweiler in Premier Standard and Masters Jumpers on Saturday and Highest scoring Rottweiler in Master Standard and Master Jumpers on Sunday. In all breed, she was 1st in Premier Standard and 2nd in Master Jumpers Saturday; Sunday she was 2nd in Master Jumpers and 3rd in Master Standard.

At the Delaware County GSD club Agility trial, *Siri* was 1st in Master Standard and was 3rd in Master Jumpers on September 19. On September 20, she was 4th in Master Standard.

On November 20 at Lower Camden County Agility Trial, *Siri* finished her Masters Agility Championship making her OTCH MACH!

Elizabeth and Gerald Jordan (News from our Arkansas member!) Gerald Jordan here with the sincere hope that you're all well and staying safe. We're doing fine, but deeply missing PDTC. Thanks to Pat Taylor (former member and German Shepherd breeder) introducing us to *Sarah's Femme Fatale*, our first Shepherd (1995-2003), we've gradually eased away from Golden Retrievers. You'll remember *Sooie's Gold Rush* (1989-1999), and *Clifford The Big Red Dog* followed. We had an American Pit Bull Terrier (someone left a 5-week-old in our flower bed; thus *Bud E. Bloom*) for 15 years! He was joined by *Abigail* (2013), a beautiful black and tan Shepherd. She's now big sister to *Bailey*, a 10-month-old sable Shepherd.

All of that is to say thank you, thank you, thank you PDTC for introducing us to DoggieDom! We miss training and competing in the ring, especially now that we're older and really need obedient dogs.

Keep up the good work PDTC. Thank you for keeping us in touch. We miss Pennsylvania tremendously.

Laurie Leevy: *Szumeria's Talisman Love in a Mist BN CD RE THDN TKN CGCA CGCU, Lahdee*, won the triple "Q" (highest combined score) in Rally Masters Excellent and Advanced at the September 27 Valley Forge (Pa) Kennel Club trial. She placed second in Masters, third in Excellent, tied for third in Advanced but with a slightly slower time placed 4th. That weekend was our first time in the rally ring in almost two years. My thanks to Jeanne-Anne and Barb for their support!



Szumeria's talisman Love in a Mist (Lahdee)

Hannah Loonsk: *Simone (MBISS GCHB Poole's Ide Say No More CD RN CGC)* and I took advantage of our quarantine time to get serious about fieldwork together! On October 25, she got her first AKC Junior Hunter leg at the Susquehanna Retriever Club Fall Hunt Test!



Simone

Anita Ann Murphy: We are new members and are enjoying our time with the club! Here's my girl, Zoey. She loves to swim, play with her ball, and meet new friends (furry and humans)! We are looking forward to joining in Rally very soon.



Zoey