



Newsletter

Winter 2022

Philadelphia Dog Training Club

Reflections from the President

Happy New Year! I can't believe that it is 2022 already. I'm happy to say that our dog club is thriving. We have managed through these hard times and done it well. We have an active membership and fill all our classes regularly. Thanks to all the instructors, the assistants, and the Board for their wonderful work this year.

I'd like to welcome Chris Allen and Jill Luciano, our newest instructors. Chris teaches Obedience Competition and Jill is teaching Rally.

Shortly, I will be asking for you to submit any titles you have earned this year. It is an interesting time to go to a dog show: I always am completely masked, but there are many who seem to have decided that there is no pandemic! Not convinced about that!

We will also send out an email asking for volunteers for our [obedience trial](#) on May 14, 2022. Please consider volunteering, even if you have no idea what to do — it is lots of fun and there are many who can mentor you.

Sadly, I want to mention the passing of two dear friends: **Victor Iacocca** was the husband of member **Priscilla**, who has golden retrievers. She was very active in showing in obedience, and Victor was a strong supporter of her and the dogs. When he passed away earlier this year, a very generous donation was given in his honor to the club.

Carol and **Frank Nelson** were active members of our club when I first joined in the late 1980s. They always had Rottweilers, often dogs who other people could not manage and gave to them. Carol

particularly loved rally and did very well with them. A tribute to her appears later in this newsletter.

I want to remind everyone that the newsletter is only as good as the information that is submitted. Nothing is too little or too big. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Brenda

Spring trial 2022

The spring obedience trial will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Y2K9 Dog Sports Club in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. There will be three judges this year and we are back inside, so we anticipate a good entry. We will be looking for volunteers for stewarding, facilities, and parking, so mark the date on your calendar. You do not need to have any experience — we will teach you! It is a great way to learn more about the sport of obedience and see some of the best dogs in the country in action.



News from our Members

Loretta Cleveland: *Isaac* got a 200 in Open B on at Wilmington Kennel Club's obedience trial on Sunday, October 3.

Irv Herling: *Chewy*, a CGC, is excited to begin his next phase of training in hope of become a therapy and support companion!



Chewy

Carley Bates: Carley wrote about *Joe's* amazing dog show adventure: In November, 2020, *Joe*, a blue merle Cardigan Welsh Corgi, arrived in Exton, Pennsylvania, after a long trip from Missouri. He was the pick of the litter. My other Cardigan, *Jack*, is *Joe's* uncle.

We started going to show handling classes right away. I hadn't been in the conformation ring for over fifteen years and was a little rusty. That, plus working with a three-month old puppy, offered some humor for the class. Our first attempts in the show ring were unsuccessful, but over time we became a team. *Joe* won the first points towards his championship at the Lum's Pond Classic shows in late April. In two shows he was Winner's Dog for four points, including a three-point major, over much older dogs. We were on our way!

The Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America's national specialty was the last week of May. This show is held once a year and breeders and exhibitors come from all over the country. It was exciting to see so many Cardis in one place and meet *Joe's* breeders. He was entered in the six-to-nine-month puppy class and placed fourth out of thirteen puppies! This was quite an accomplishment in such a big entry.

Long story short, we went to fifteen shows, accumulating championship points along the way. Although we didn't win every time, *Joe's* outgoing personality and good looks made him a terrific ambassador for Cardigans. Our last show was the Valley Forge Kennel Club on December 12, where *Joe* finished his championship with a third major win at just fifteen months of age! He's the first of his litter to finish a championship and have a performance title.

In between all the conformation shows, *Joe* earned his Rally Novice title with three good scores and class placements. I showed *Joe* myself for his RN title and for most of the points towards his championship. With the help of a friend, John Dugan, and a professional handler, Jackie Gingerich, *Joe's* official name is now: *CH Winbucks & SilverFerns Mojo For Lwynogyn, RN*.

We're working in obedience, will do more rally, try earning some trick dog titles, a CGC and probably herding. *Joe's* future looks very bright!



Joe with professional handler, Jackie Gingerich

Reg Speir: *Wilson* had a very busy year since the last newsletter. He:

- Won two Utility-A classes with 1st places and earned his UD.
- Won three Versatility classes and earned his Versatility Title.
- Earned his Obedience Master Title.
- Earned eight UDX legs with a Utility-B win, along with a second, two thirds, and two fourth places in Utility-B. He also had two third places in Open-B. He has 31 OTCH points towards 100 needed!



Reg Speir and Wilson

Anne Blythe: I showed three times at Oaks in December 2021 with *Maddie*, *Elly*, and *Bernie*.

Maddie earned her Rally Intermediate title, and *Bernie* earned her first leg of Rally Novice. She's off to a good start. *Elly* unfortunately did not qualify for her second leg of Beginner Novice. She lost attention on heeling portion. I did, too; the judge told me I kept talking as if I were doing Rally.

Britt Emanuel: *Sunny* had a terrific fall season! He has his CA (Coursing Ability), WCA Ratings SD (Shooting Dog), RD-N (Retrieving Dog Novice), and his DCAT. Britt and *Sunny* will be working on NAVHDA training all year and pursuing AKC Obedience titles



Sunny

Chris Allen:

- *Frankie* is the № 1 2020 obedience Aussie for USASA (United States Australian Shepherd Association). In addition:
 - Wilmington Kennel Club (June 13): OTCH2
 - Borzoi Club of Greater NY (July 9) OB 1st UB 1st High Combined. Earned enough points to reach № 9 all-time Obedience Aussie
 - Borzoi Club of Greater NY (July 10): OGM UDX7
 - First & Foremost 2020 № 3 obedience Aussie
 - Hatboro (October 8): UB1 personal best for Frankie 199.5. Won runoff for HIT
 - Princeton DTC (December 5): UB 3rd
 - Invited to Westminster
 - Qualified for AKC 2022 NOC for the 6th year in a row
- *Bingo*:
 - Wilmington Kennel Club (June 14): UB 4th (2nd leg)
 - National Capital KC (October 17): UD UB 1st

Barb Doering: *Siri* had a great weekend at the Agility Association of Central New Jersey on August 8. She won first and second places in Masters Standard and double-Q 17 and 18 toward MACH2. *Siri* is also the № 2 agility Rottweiler in the country; she has been invited to the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando this December.

At the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club agility trial, September 24-26, she was first in Master Jumpers and second in Master Standard and got MACH 2! Go *Siri*!

Last but not least: **Brenda Perkins** and *Derrick* got two legs towards their CDX at the end of 2021 with very nice scores and two first places. Did not quite finish in 2021, but was close! At last!

In memory of Carol Nelson

Carol started AKC competition obedience work in the 1970s with German Shepherd Dogs. In 1983, we switched to the Rottweiler breed. She started training at Philadelphia Dog Training Club and got to personally work with Russ Klipple, who had the first OTCH dog, and Bill Watkins and Bill Hutchins who were top competitors in the day. Later she trained under Susan Strickland. When we moved to Montgomery County, she joined the Suburban Dog Training Club family.

During her dog training journey, she managed to fit in Schutzhund training with her dogs and had a particular fondness for the tracking aspect of the sport. At Suburban she fell in love with the rally venue. She accomplished three rally Excellents with her Rottweilers. She also put CDXs on all of her personal dogs. While I was suffering mobility issues, she earned a RN and put two CD legs on my *Harry* for me. She always placed with most of her dogs. She is pictured above with her *Asgard's Notorious Jesse James*, CGC, CD, the day he went high in trial in rally

She also participated in tracking training, carting, and herding. While she preferred the bitches of the

breed she and her *JJ* quickly bonded and became one.

Professionally she held a master's degree in music and was an accomplished organist and pianist. She had additional bachelor degrees in science, education, and nursing. She was on staff at a number of local hospitals in the area as ICU/step down nurse. She later joined a company as a disease manager before retiring. She was also a proponent of alternative medicine.

Carol was an avid gardener and was told her gardens had the potential to win awards. She was a member of the following organizations:

- Colonial Rottweiler Club
- Rottweiler Health Foundation
- Philadelphia Dog Training Club
- Suburban Dog Training Club
- Morris Arboretum of the University of PA.
- The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

— Frank Nelson



Carol Nelson with *Asgard's Notorious Jesse James*