



# Newsletter

January 2023

## Philadelphia Dog Training Club

### Word from the President

Your Board continues to meet monthly to take up business of the club. As you know, Jenn Weinik will be our new Competition Instructor as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, the training night for Competition has changed from Tuesday to Wednesday. The Advanced classes continue to meet on Thursday nights. Remember, a unique feature of our club is that you can train multiple dogs on multiple nights all for one training fee. So, for instance, consider doing Rally along with another class! What a bargain! We now have training classes four nights a week, up from three in the past.

We have been fortunate to have found a wonderful man,

Sam Gartan, to pick up the mats along with Bobby Adams who lays them down. If you happen to see either of them, please thank them for their help – they are invaluable.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter our spring trial is coming up in May. In addition, we will hold our Annual Meeting and Awards via Zoom in late April. Look for more news on this event soon. If anyone has interest in serving on the Board, please let me know. We hold our meetings via Zoom so you don't even need to leave your house! You will get an email regarding any titles you got this year shortly.

When you got your renewal notice from the

Treasurer, I am sure you noticed that a new requirement for membership is volunteering for the club in some way at least once a year. For many of you who are already doing this, thank you. For others, I did send out a list of possibilities. If anyone has any questions, please contact me.

Finally, I would like to welcome D. Ellsworth Swank who is our new HEEL editor. I personally thank him so much for taking this on. You may hear from him, from time to time, as he puts his stamp on HEEL.

-Brenda

## PDTC Spring Trial May 13<sup>th</sup>

A heads up for members that our spring trial is coming up in May. Once again it will be at Y2K9s in Willow Grove. We will have three fabulous judges and a total of 14 classes! We will be looking for volunteers to help on the day of the show. You will get an email

shortly about opportunities to help. Also, it is not too late to donate to the trophy fund. This pays for the cash prizes we give out and also goes towards the judge's expenses. We reimburse them for travel expenses, accommodations and many of them charge a fee. Thanks to all in advance, and especially to *Colleen Marsini*, Show Chair and *Chris Allen*, Secretary.

## Did you know?

PDTC is an AKC member club. What does that mean?

Short answer:

We meet the AKC's membership requirements, and we have a Delegate, *Larry Wilson*.

For a slightly longer answer that explains the difference between Member Clubs, Licensed Clubs and Sanctioned Club, flip to the next to last page.



## News from our Members

### Liz Alakszay:

Lily and Pansy compete in Cynosport Rally in addition to AKC Rally. In December they each entered 2 trials in the Intro and Level 1 classes (similar to AKC Novice and Intermediate). Both dogs took first place in both trials with perfect scores and fastest time and earned their titles. There were 20 dogs in each class so I'm really super proud of my girls!





## **Anne Blythe:**

Rally On. My 3 girls went to Oakes this year for Rally Trials and did well. Scores were not as high as we have received at other trials, but we qualified. I'm very proud of them all. Maddie, my true golden, earned her Advanced B title. She had no formal training in Advanced, except for the 3/4 signs our trainer Jill threw into class sometimes. Elly earned her first leg of Rally Intermediate. And my Baby Bernese, Bernie, received her Rally Novice title. Go Girls.

## **Eleanor Campbell:**

We lost our precious Sheltie, Ozma in early January. She had just turned 17 about two weeks earlier. She lived a good life and is greatly missed.

## **Darrell Swank:**

Zerk is the proud father of 12 GSPointer puppies born December 28. Three Girls and nine Boys.

## **Chris Allen:**

Frankie

2021 Delaney #4 Aussie  
(despite limited showing)

05/22/22 Berks DTC HC

05/22/22 #8 AKC All-time  
Obedience Aussie

08/07/22 GSDCGW VER



## **Carol Houton:**

Raven completed her Utility Dog title at Up Front Dog Center in New Jersey, January 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **Beth Hacker:**

Rufus earned his BN on 12/10/2022 at Oaks. He needed two legs, but we went in all three days, entered and qualified on all our runs! This is a huge accomplishment for us! Thanks for all your help and support!

-Beth Hacker and Rufus







## **Britt Emanuel:**

Sunny

Our dogs are Weimaraners and PDTC is instrumental to their training! Sunstone is a longtime trainee (almost 4yrs), and Holliday is a 10-month-old pup.

Sunny got his RD (Retrieving Dog ) from the WCA (Weimaraner Club of America) on 10/1. He had to hold steady to shot and fall for 2 birds and wait until the judge directed me to send him for the double retrieve. Same exercise at the water for 2 ducks. He was steady as a rock and wonderful to watch!

Holliday entered Novice



Holliday

Retrieving Dog (NRD) and Novice Shooting Dog (NSD). He did well in the NSD as he's very birdy and points, but the NRD proved too much for him as he would not bring me the bird....

They both have their AKC Water Dog - they entered in the GSP Ratings, and both excellently retrieved a duck to hand.

We really enjoy the classes at PDTC - Sunny tried BN in May and we shall try again. Holliday is working toward his CGC in 2023.

## Did you know?

---

Continued from page two

Excerpt from the AKC's website

There are over 500 *member clubs* that meet AKC's membership requirements, hold AKC member events at which AKC titles may be earned, and have duly elected or appointed Delegates who represent the club at quarterly meetings of the delegate body;

*licensed clubs* meet certain requirements to be able offer events which are in all respects identical to AKC member events, but licensed clubs do not have delegate representation;

*sanctioned clubs* are those in the process of fulfilling requirements to become licensed clubs and sponsor match events, where dogs gain experience but not titles.



## A Note From The Editor

I am happy to be taking over the duties of Editor for the newsletter from our President, Brenda Perkins and Secretary, Lisa Yoon. I hope everyone has enjoyed this issue of Philadelphia Dog Training Club's newsletter HEEL. I look forward to your input to make this a great newsletter that everyone enjoys.

Please send me your:

Comments

Criticisms

News & Pictures

to [Ellsworthdogs@gmail.com](mailto:Ellsworthdogs@gmail.com)

The deadline for submitting items for the April issue, is Monday April 10th

Thank you,  
D Ellsworth



The editor and his dogs  
Charly and Zerk