



February 2013

February Program

Guiding Eyes for the Blind will present a talk on being a Puppy Raiser

7:30 PM—The Pavilion

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Please join me in the congratulations and the celebration of Mallorie Morse and Kiss (MACH, CH, C-ATCH IV, ARCHX Rusty Road Kiss O'Honeycreek CDX, RAE, MXB, MJB, MF, APDT – L1, L2, L3, ABMC ROM I soon to be in Hall of Fame ABMC Agility) in receiving their MACH at the Central NY Shetland Sheepdog club on Sunday 1/20/13.

For those who do not know what a MACH is this is a Masters Agility Championship issued by AKC. To earn a MACH one must be in the Master Level (formally Excellent B) and receive 20 double Q's (qualify at the same show both in Standards and JWW) plus 750 speed points (1 point for each second under course time). Mallorie and Kiss completed her MACH with their 22nd double Q and an excess of speed points. Kiss at the age of almost 11 (will be 11 on Feb. 10th) is still very competitive in the 24" class and often places against dogs that have several MACH's.

Mallorie and Kiss success is not only their success but all the people along the way that were instructors and friends to encourage and support to move forward to this major award. Thank you all. – Susan Morse

Spring Point Show

Deb Bain and I have 13 people who have signed up to steward at our spring point show in Syracuse. That is the minimum number that we need to cover 3 obedience rings and 1 rally ring. Some of those people can only steward for a short time, so more bodies are needed.

The show is on Thursday, March 28. We realize that a lot of people work that day. If you are not working that day, and can help out for a few hours, we would appreciate it. We can work around your schedule if you are showing.

Ask your friends and family if anyone can help. No experience is necessary. We will pair an inexperienced person with someone who has done this before.

Thanks.

Sue Yanoff susan.yanoff@us.army.mil



FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: 2/26/13
Location: The Pavilion
Board: 6:30
Program: 7:30
General: To follow program

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Happy Valentines Day!

General Meeting Minutes

IDTC General meeting Minutes
January 22, 2013
Submitted by Marian Szebenyi

The meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. at Baker Lab, following a dish-to-pass dinner with some very tasty food. The minutes of the November 2012 meeting were approved as published.

Training Director Kerry Boisvert reported that the current classes are going well. Kathy Hildreth had requested input from Club members about interest in a CPE games class; she reported that there has been some interest, but so far not enough to justify holding the class. Please let her know if you would participate in such a class.

A sign-up sheet for stewards at the spring Point Show (Thursday, March 28) was circulated. Anyone who was not at the meeting but wants to help should contact Sue Yanoff.

Old Business:

CPE agility trial: The judge will be Jeff Boyer, from Florida; the Board has approved his contract.

Match show: The match will be March 3, starting at 10:00 A.M. (entries taken starting at 9:00) at the Oxley Arena, in conjunction with the FLKC conformation match. There will be a Rally ring and 3 Obedience rings. Novice, Open, and Utility will run in the morning and other Obedience classes in the afternoon; the Rally ring will be open all day. We will need 4 judges as well as some stewards. Contact Marg Pough if you want to help.

New Business:

In the past, IDTC has paid the registration fees for CGC Evaluators who officiate at CGC and STAR Puppy events for the Club. A motion was made to continue doing this, with the Training Committee plus Debbie Keith (who coordinates the CGC tests) deciding which people should have their fees paid. The motion was approved.

New member Jessica Kerns was voted in.

Elections:

The slate of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee had been published in the Newsletter and was read out. No additional nominations were made from the floor, and the slate was voted in. The new officers are:

President: Suzanne Etherington

Vice President: Lynne Anguish

Secretary: Hannah Robinson

Treasurer: Katie Barnaby

Board: Deb Bain, Kathy Hildreth, Karen Nether-ton (new member), Deb Clark-Lalley (continuing), Bill Hansen (continuing)

The membership thanked Lynne Anguish for her service as President over the past year.

Braggs were reported by Marg Pough (for herself and Anne Williams), Lisa Mitchell, Bill Hansen, and Kathy Hildreth.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Marian Szebenyi
(acting as Secretary for the meeting)



Why Didn't I?

This was written by Linda Koutsky and posted to the Ring-tested Obedience Yahoo group on January 24, 2013. It is reprinted here with the author's permission.

It is with great sadness and much trepidation that I write this post today. I want to express my honest feelings, yet I fear that words will fail me.

My first obedience club only allowed the instructors to use food and toys. Members were required to rely on voice and prong collars. When I brought treats and a tennis ball to training I was kicked out of the club. It was a horrid scene and I cried for days.

Why didn't I quit then?

I joined another club where I was repeatedly belittled by a trainer with 30+ years of experience. I was a newbie and I trained differently. Couldn't everyone see that my dog was too soft to ever be corrected?

Why didn't I quit then?

I loved my little Novice A dog. And I fell in love with the quiet beauty of competitive obedience. I wanted so badly to succeed. I worked so hard. I remember the day that a trainer I really respected told me that my little dog was not OTCH material. My heart was broken.

Why didn't I quit then?

An unbalanced toolbox led to one challenge after another. My wonderful dog was brilliant in training, while looking beaten in the competition ring.

Why didn't I quit then?

Even after careful step by step training my dog started to go down on the sit. For over a year she went down, down, down!

Why didn't I quit then?

I made sure my next dog wasn't as fearful. She was a beautiful bitch and very stoic. Physically she was there; mentally she'd leave. She'd freeze; she'd sit there and do nothing. Her ears were up but her eyes said nobody home. I was told over and over again to send her back. I couldn't.

Why didn't I quit then?

An unwanted move to the rural south took me from the hotly competitive Midwest loaded with resources, to an area with no local training. I worked my dogs out of my garage as the sun rose, and after it set. I worked alone in the heat. Every day I felt like I banged my head against the wall until it was bloody.

Why didn't I quit then?

My "once in a lifetime" dog walked into my life. Wow! Followed by a move back home. Life was good again. Until he died shortly after his 2nd birthday. I was devastated.

Why didn't I quit then?

A new dog out of a sire I'd long admired. This one didn't like food, toys, or me. It took me 3 years to just figure out how to get him to look at me.

Why didn't I quit then?

Struggles, frustration, and finally fascination. That difficult dog and I became a team. We were winning everything in sight. Six weeks later I came to a halt in a UB ring and my knee blew out. A long battle began to get control of an auto-immune disease with no cure. I couldn't walk, couldn't hold a cup, couldn't start a car, couldn't turn on a water faucet. I was out of the ring for 3 years.

Why didn't I quit then?

A breeding intrigued me so I flew down south to look at the litter. There was a boy; a sweet wonderful boy but my gut told me that he'd be a different kind of challenge. This boy was afraid of everything. Sight sensitive, sound sensitive, dive under something and hide boy! My last dog was difficult and we made it through. I learned so much from my last dog. So the red dog came home with me. With his high flight drive he proved to be an even bigger challenge than I expected....

"Send him back!"

"Why did you take him?"

"He's never going to get a CD."

"You'll never show him after showing Ticket!"

"That dog will make a trainer out of you" said by a winning handler who routinely gets rid of dogs.

Why didn't I quit then?

Our first trial was a total disaster. I thought we were ready (as ready as this dog could get) when we walked into the ring and he freaked. He hit the end of his leash. When he couldn't flee he crawled up my body and hung on for dear life! This was a huge trial and everyone was there to see it. Everyone was watching!

Why didn't I quit then?

Once again a move took me away from my Midwest turf. We landed in northwestern Vermont. No place to train. No matches. Two trial weekends per year. And just a few brave souls trying to do this sport. And me, with an extremely sensitive difficult dog.

Why didn't I quit then?

Another move brought us back to the Midwest. We're not home, but we're making the best of it. Thankfully, once again, we've met some wonderful handlers. It really doesn't matter if we're in the southeast, New England, or the Midwest, there are good people playing this sport everywhere. As in every walk of life, every endeavor, obedience has its bad apples. Thankfully they're few. The vast majority of people are friendly and very helpful.

I'm so thankful I didn't quit. The riches this sport has brought me far exceed the moments of despair. The friends I've made, the knowledge I've acquired, and the meaningful relationships I've forged with my dogs have made all the struggles worth it. Yes, obedience is hard. But it's so, so rewarding!

I don't know what to say to people who want to quit because someone said something mean to them. I don't know how to make every person who picks up a leash perfect. I don't know how to make myself perfect. Even when I try to be oh so nice, I can miss the mark completely.

Sometimes the truth hurts. Sometimes we're just not ready to hear it. Rarely are people mean just to be mean. How do we nicely tell the handler that their wonderful little dog won't reach their goals? How do we tell the new club/list member that their narrow toolbox needs to be expanded? How do we change someone's critical thinking when their mind is already made up? How do we stop folks from taking things personally? How can we learn to put our egos aside for the sake of growth and learning?

How do we grow a sport that offers people so little, that one bad comment makes them quit? Is it even possible? Or is the better question: why do some of them stay?

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IDTC BRAGS

Debbie Bell - Naim earned his CPE Level 1 Enthusiast Standard title on January 26, completing his Level 1 requirements. He also earned his Level 2 Enthusiast Handler Games title on January 27. Many thanks to everyone who has supported and cheered for us through our wild journey so far. It has meant a lot to me!
Tavari earned one MX and two MXJ Qs at the Double Q and Sheltie Club AKC agility trials.
Tavari also finished #9 in the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the US Top Twenty obedience standings for 2012.

Marg Pough - DJ (aka Can Am Ch Bandersnatch Rhapsody In Blue, BN SE) earned her 1st two Rally Novice legs at the SOTC trials with nice scores of 98 and 89. We hope to finish up our Rally title at the shows in Wildwood, NJ on Feb 1st which is a Border Terrier club supported entry weekend.

Diane Krause - Emma finished up 2012 by being Nationally Ranked as # 8 in GSP preferred agility after starting to show in agility in September of 2012!
Emma got her 1st excellent preferred standard leg on 1/6/13
Emma recd her 2nd major towards her grand chamionship on 1/11/13 - she now has 13 points
Emma finished her Rally Excellent Title on 1/13/13 with a 92 & a 4th place
Kendyl finished up her Beginners Novice title on 1/12/13 and also got her first leg of her CD!

Lisa Mitchell - My Bernese Mountain Dog Seeker finished his AX and OAJ at the Cleveland Crown Classic shows in December. He also earned his first MX leg and MACH pts.

Kathy Hildreth - Kathy Hildreth's sheltie Greystone Grayhaven's Lil Bit O'Magic finished his MX2 on January 20th with clean run and score of 100, and 3rd place at the Central New York Shetland Sheepdog Club AKC agility trial held in Farmington NY at Boomtowne Canine Center
Kathy Hildreth's sheltie, Magic, finished his ChWC, Champion Wildcard title on 1/26/13 and his ChSN, Champion Snooker title on 1/27/13, at the Boom Towne Canine Center CPE agility trial.

Anne Williams - Her Belgian Tervuren, Falcon, finished his CD at the SOTC trials.

Pauline Helfenstein - LuLa finished her beginner novice with a first place win in class B 194, 193, 188.

Jen Patterson - Max finished his CDX at SOTC in January with a 3rd place in Open A.

Bill Hansen - Bill and Merlin finished Merlin's RAE in early January, at SOTC.

Joan Shaw - We are in sunny Florida where my little Min Pin "Buster" finished his AKC Championship at the Ocala shows this month picking up his fifth major win at the tender age of 13 months! He also picked up several Grand Champion Selects after moving up to BOB. As always he was exclusively owner handled to all wins. He is now -Grand CH pointed AKC CH. Sunsprite Brimstone Travelin' Man

Bruce Coleman - Vinny Is Home! Vinny, formally known as Blue Ribbon's Vinny The Enforcer ***, MH, CGC is now home. When he was just 3 years old he became Qualified All Age in field trials by placing first in a Qualifying Stake. He subsequently placed third in the Open Stake Field Trial over 58 other dogs. In between running field trials, Vinny also earned the MH (Master Hunter) title. Vinny is now enthusiastically beginning his obedience career. For those of you who know our girl Fanny, Vinny is her full brother.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/2/2013	DOTCORN Y - Henrietta NY
2/3/2013	DOTCORN Y - Henrietta NY
2/8/2013	Tracy Sklenar - SOTC - Syracuse NY
2/9/2013	Tracy Sklenar - SOTC - Syracuse NY
2/10/2013	Tracy Sklenar - SOTC - Syracuse NY
2/16/2001	SOTC Doggone Good Day - Syracuse NY
2/22/2013	SOTC Agility - Syracuse NY
2/23/2013	SOTC Agility - Syracuse NY
2/24/2013	SOTC Agility - Syracuse NY
3/3/2013	Match and Show&Go - Oxley Arena
3/8/2013	Bridget Carlsen - SOTC - Syracuse NY
3/9/2013	Bridget Carlsen - SOTC - Syracuse NY
3/10/2013	Bridget Carlsen - SOTC - Syracuse NY
3/9/2013	DOTCORN Y Agility - Farmington NY
3/10/2013	DOTCORN Y Agility - Farmington NY
3/10/2013	Elmira Kennel Club Match - Elmira NY
3/17/2013	OKA Match - SOTC - Syracuse NY
3/28/2013	Syracuse NY
3/29/2013	Syracuse NY
3/30/2013	Syracuse NY
3/31/2013	Syracuse NY
4/13/2013	Vet School Open House
4/20/2013	Pet Expo - Shops at Ithaca Mall
5/29/2013	Ithaca Festival Parade

Suggested Links for Event Information

American Kennel Club: <http://www.akc.org/events/search/index.cfm>

Australian Shepherd Club of America: <http://www.asca.org/events/eventcalendar>

Canine Performance Events: <http://www.k9cpe.com/events.htm>

North American Dog Agility Council: <http://www.nadac.com/afirm/trial-calendar.asp>

United Kennel Club: <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/DogEvents/Home>

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Agility	2 Groundhog Day
3 Super Bowl XLVII	4 Rosa Parks Birthday	5 Advanced	6 Beginner	7	8 Agility	9
10	11	12 Advanced	13 Beginner	14 	15 Agility	16
17	18	19 Advanced	20 Beginner	21	22 Agility	23
24	25	26 IDTC meeting	27 Beginner Graduation	28 National Chocolate Souffle Day		

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Dr. Seuss Birthday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23
24	25	26 IDTC meeting	27	28	29	30
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NAME : _____

DOG'S NAME & BREED _____

SHOW DATE & KENNEL CLUB _____

TITLE EARNED : _____

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