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CLUB, INC.



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BRDTC Star Puppy Class 2017 Graduation Class



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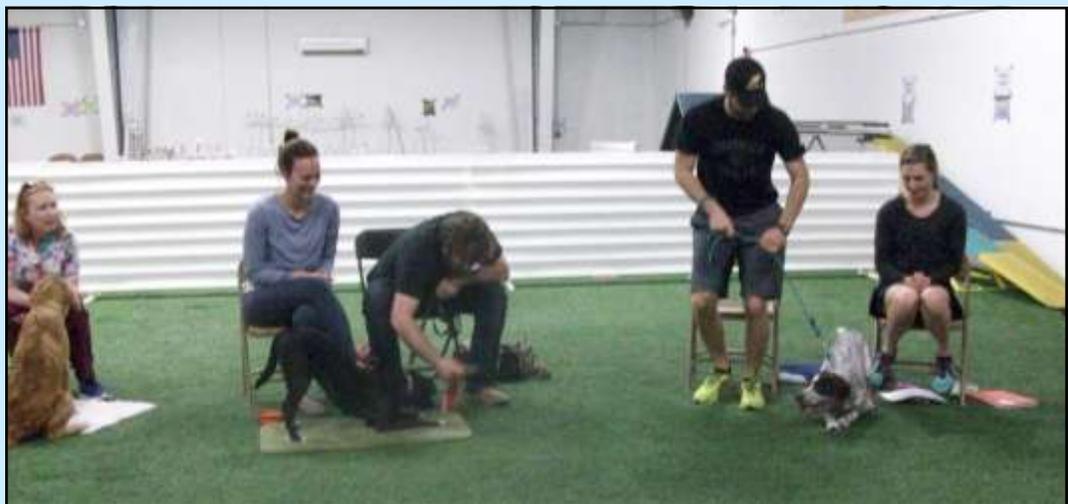
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Here's what happens when you sit and watch Westminster rather than play with your puppy! Jack found a pen and was trying to draw some pictures.
Margaret Bissell







Dearest Friends,

You have been selected to join the prestigious group known and loved as the Bag People!

The long-term goal for our Club is to own our building, and our group has been working toward that goal for years.

There are actually exhibitors who enter our trials for the food and our hospitality.

We have the following dates to prepare for this spring:

BR trial - March 10, 11, and 12

Setter trial - March 25 & 26

Shenandoah trial - May 12, 13, and 14

We normally arrive around 10 a.m. and clean up at 2 p.m. and have a darn good time!

Please see it in your heart to join us. Help us as many times as you can.

Fill out the form below and send this back. I will remind you, of course.

Your name _____

March 10 _____

March 11 _____

March 12 _____

March 25 _____

March 26 _____

May 12 _____

May 13 _____

May 14 _____

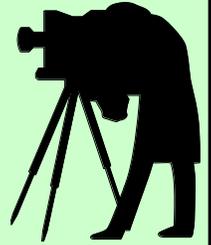
Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Donna T



Picture Of the Month

“HAPPY VALENTINES DAY”



**“THE
Marino
Love
BUNCH”**



**THANK
YOU**

Good morning. I wish to thank the club for voting for me to become a lifetime member. I certainly enjoyed all the years I have been a member. The club has grown in all the years I have been a member, but I cannot do the doggie things I love to do. Especially being a bag lady.



Sometime between March 1 & March 8, the matted area of the club room needs a good vacuuming, fridge clean, table wipe down, tidying, and general straightening up in preparation for the food service for the March 10-12 agility trial.

A team of 2 or 3 will likely be able to knock the job out in short time. Shop vac, brooms, and cleaning products available or bring your own. Clean when it's convenient for you! The only currently scheduled activities that would interfere with cleaning during that period are Dr. Nelli e appointments from 1-7PM on March 5 and make-up agility classes that same evening. Oh and the general meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 7PM.

Let me know if this sounds like the project for you, and I will let the rest of the club know that they missed out!

Thanks!

Donna smith

p.s. thanks also for all those who already have filled out the donation questionnaire. Remember, just 6 days left to respond! Here's the link again in case you have lost it.



Mark Your Calendar



I'm pleased to announce that the premium list for the Central Virginia Agility Club's agility trial, held April 14-16, 2017, is now ready, and can be downloaded on the club's website:

www.cvacagility.com

The premium and other trial information is also available on the trial secretary's website: <https://sunriseagility.com/>

This trial is held at the stunning Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia in the First Bank and Trust Pavilion-a covered arena with packed dirt footing. For more info, go to:

http://www.meadoweventpark.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/E_and_L_Complex.pdf

Trial Dates: April 14-16, 2017.

Classes offered:

Friday: Standard and JWW, all levels, Time 2 Beat, FAST-all levels, Premier Standard and Premier Jumpers

Saturday: Standard and JWW, all levels, Time 2 Beat, FAST-all levels, Premier Standard and Premier Jumpers

Sunday: Standard and JWW, all levels, Time 2 Beat, Premier Standard and Premier Jumpers

660 runs per day

Judges: Lori Sage and Howard Etzel

The Trial Opens on Wednesday, February 8, at 8:00 a.m.

The Trial Closes on Wednesday March 29, at 6:00 p.m.

Post-Closing Wait-list closes on Monday April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Max 20 entries on the Post-Closing Wait-list

If you need a mailed copy of the premium list, please let me know.

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Doswell, Virginia in April!

Sincerely,

Tina Eastman

sunriseagilitytss@gmail.com



Program on Service Dogs and Therapy Dogs: What They Are, What They Do, and How They Differ

April 22, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Bowman Library, Tasker Road, Stephens City

Presented by Ramon and Shelly Selove and their canine colleagues

Sponsored by Friends of the Handley Regional Library

No admission charge

Thanks, Anne Legge

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Did you know that when a dog sees its owner its brain secretes the same substances as ours when we are in love?



Subject: [New post] Amendments to Obedience Classes Offered & Non-Regular Class Jump Heights

PamelaManaton posted: "At the January 2017 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved clubs to hold Preferred Class obedience trials without the Regular Classes at their option. Clubs holding Preferred Class trials may also offer Optional Classes and/or Non-Regular classes at"

New post on AKC Obedience & Rally Judges

[Amendments to Obedience Classes Offered & Non-Regular Class Jump Heights](#)

by [PamelaManaton](#)

At the January 2017 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved clubs to hold **Preferred Class obedience trials without the Regular Classes** at their option. Clubs holding Preferred Class trials may also offer Optional Classes and/or Non-Regular classes at these events. Additionally, the minimum **jump heights for the Non-Regular classes** was changed to be equal to the Preferred Class jump heights.

Obedience Regulations – Chapter 1 – General Regulations

Section 4. Obedience Classes Offered. Clubs may elect at their option to apply to hold a licensed or member obedience trial limited to the Regular and/or Preferred classes.

A licensed or member obedience trial need not include all the regular or preferred obedience classes, but a club will not be approved to hold the upper level classes without the lower level classes being offered in the same titling program.

For either the Regular or Preferred class titling path, a club will not be approved to hold the Open classes unless it also holds the Novice classes. Nor will it be approved to hold the Utility classes unless it also holds the Novice and the Open classes.

Any club that has been approved to hold a licensed or member obedience trial for the Regular and/or Preferred classes may also offer a mix of the optional classes and/or non-regular classes upon AKC approval. *The remainder of this section is unchanged.*

Obedience Regulations – Chapter 20 – Non-Regular Classes



Section 3. Wild Card Open. The Wild Card Open class is for any dog capable of performing the Open exercises and that is eligible under the *Obedience Regulations* to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person and may be entered in another class or classes. The Open exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Open A class except that the minimum jump height a dog must jump is to be set at ½ the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4- and 18- inch jump heights. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be 12 inches or less at the withers and all dogs over 34 inches are eligible for the 18- inch jump height. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. ***The remainder of this section is unchanged.***

Section 4. Wild Card Utility. The Wild Card Utility class is for any dog that is capable of performing the Utility exercises and that is eligible under the *Obedience Regulations* to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person and may be entered in another class or classes. The Utility exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Utility A class except that the minimum jump height a dog must jump is to be set at ½ the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4- and 18- inch jump heights. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be 12 inches or less at the withers and all dogs over 34 inches are eligible for the 18- inch jump height. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. ***The remainder of this section is unchanged.***

[PamelaManaton](#) | February 6, 2017 at 12:10 pm | Tags: [Class Assignments](#), [Non-Regular Class Jump Heights](#) | Categories: [Obedience](#), [Preferred Classes](#), [Regulation Books](#)



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Jack was a STAR today! First time "in public" and he went Best Puppy in Match at Shawnee Kennel Club breed match! Such a good baby. He is: Keepsake All Jacked Up For Nightwind (Lincoln x EZ).

Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Keeshonden



Hi everyone,
I am so excited I have to share my news with everyone. I just found out my Rumba is the top AKC Novice B Obedience dog and my Berri is the top AKC Open A Obedience dog for 2016.

I am soooo proud of them!!!!

Jan

Morgan and Shadow are running in the 4th Westminster Agility Master's Championship in New York City this Saturday. Everyone say a little prayer that they run well and make it to the finals...that way you can see them run on the televised version on Sunday evening on Fox Sports 1.

Also this past weekend, the USA Junior Team Coach contacted us to let us know that Morgan and Shadow were also selected to be on the 2017 European Open Junior Team USA. What an opportunity! Shadow will take his first airline flight with Morgan to Luxembourg to compete in July. Stay tuned for more information if you would like to help support this endeavor. In the meantime, we welcome any fundraising ideas.

We are grateful to our club as Morgan could not have done this without the trainers and people who supported her along the way.

Thank you!

Debbie and Larry Vance



Gibbs got his CPE Level 1 Standard Title in December and his Level 1 Jumpers and Colors Titles in January @ Periland. He only visited the ring crew one time....lol Great venue for baby dogs!

Sandy Golden



We went up to the Outdoors expo in Harrisburg and competed in a national Dockdogs event. Satchmo took 1st place in Speed Retrieve Express and 5th place in Big Air finals Semi Pro division (which is not too shabby for a veteran dog).

Joy

At the Richmond shows the end of January, my Dobe Kinsey earned a Best of Winners on Sat. and Winners Bitch on Sunday for her first 2 points. **Bobbie Lutz**



“More Brags!”

Several of you asked for an Westminster update. Morgan and Shadow had a wonderful experience in NYC. They started with a strong Standard run and Q'd on Saturday morning. Their Jumpers run was in the afternoon. It was a difficult course and the crowds were quite large since we were in the same building as the "Meet the Breed" booths. Nerves may have gotten to her as she had a large, vocal audience on three sides of the ring. They failed to Q, thus losing hope of a spot in the Finals. I was extremely proud of Morgan for taking it in stride. She realized that she needs to take one more step and support Shadow more in the bigger arena (so her upcoming training will have a new focus). We all had tickets to the Finals and were honored to be there to witness several friends running in that event. Morgan hopes to be able to go again next year!

Thanks to each of you for cheering her on!
Debbie Vance

Had a great time at the Star City Kennel Club Agility Trial this past weekend at the VA Horse Center in Lexington! Temperatures were in the 60-70's instead of the snow we usually worry about for this trial. No Q's for Rory and Data, but they had some nice teamwork on all of their runs. Kenzie and I didn't enter - sad to say my knees just can't handle all those stairs to get to/from the rings. Kenzie enjoyed greeting her adoring fans, and giving out grins from her princess tower crate. Finn and I got to practice some of his obedience around the distractions of the trial and the shopping was awesome! We had fun seeing our agilty friends again and spending time with Data's breeder, Dean Lake. Special thanks to Dean for her nice photos of Data this weekend!

Carol & Rory Nansel



"Happy 15th Birthday"



"Gracie Stokes"



Thanks to all who have volunteered. There currently are four volunteers -- Holly Rich, Tessa & Amy, and Evelyne Williams -- who will be taking on this chore.

Thanks to everyone who has offered -- more opportunities are in the wings.

Donna Smith



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WHAT'S HAPPENING
2017

Tracking Trial – March 19
Agility Trials - April
CGC & TDI - In the spring
Obedience & Rally - August &
November

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



Meeting
March 8
At 7 pm
Program will be about
TRICK SEMINAR / Workshop
Susan Brogan
Front Royal, VA

March 10-12 - Agility Trial