

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS



SEPTEMBER, 2017

**Training Schedule:
Class Sessions Can Be
Found on the GNDOC
Website
Next Beginners Class
begins 10/3/2017!**

BEGINNER Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings; **INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED** Classes are held during the week and on Saturday mornings. Space is limited, so check the schedule and make sure to sign up for the classes you want.

SEPTEMBER – 'Tis the Season for Obedience Trials!

CLUB BUSINESS & MORE

CONTINUING INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

For those who are returning from vacation and wondering when your Intermediate class starts, there is good news! You can return to your class at any time (as long as there is space) and pay \$10 per class until the official start of the next session. At that time, you pay per usual.

BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS FOR 2019

We have had a few Members indicate their interest in being either a Board Member or an Officer for the 2018 year. You may nominate yourself or another member. The nominations will be kept open through the month of September, at which time the Nominating Committee (Kathy, Sue and Doris) will contact all nominated Members to confirm their interest and then the Committee will meet to vote on the new Board Members and Officers.

MONDAY NIGHT TRYOUTS!

These classes are only 2 weeks each and designed to give you a chance to experience these different venues. The most popular classes will either be repeated or possibly become an 8 week class.

Here are the classes for the first Try Out series:

☞ **Sept. 25 & Oct. 2 @ 7:00 pm Trick Training** Class Trainer: Doris
dorischingal@comcast.net or (267) 481-4981

☞ **Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 @ 7:00 pm Video Night** Class Trainer: Camille
cmrobed@aol.com or (215) 745-1003

☞ **Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 @ 7:30 pm Rally** Class Trainer: Andrea
asklenar2@verizon.net or (215) 801-4067

☞ **Jan. 8 & Jan. 15 @ 7:00 pm Nosework** Class Trainer: Jo
jholliday@fsalaw.com or (267) 683-2581

A brief explanation of 'Video Night' - your obedience run throughs will be videotaped so you can review them with Camille and get a constructive critique of your performance. [Editor's Note: This can really be invaluable. We often have NO IDEA what we are doing and to see it helps to know what to fix and what to continue doing]

These are NOT 'drop in' classes. You must sign up. I have to stress that SPACE IS LIMITED, so please sign up so you don't miss out on a class you are interested in. **Each 2 week Try Out class series fee is \$25.** Use the Class Registration forms available at the building or contact the Class Trainer directly to enroll in a class. If you have any questions about a class, contact the Class Trainer.

Come see what you and your dog want to try next!
See you Monday nights!!

BRAGS

Ooopps, they did it again! **Andy** and her **Portuguese Water Dog, Ben**, competed recently at the Portuguese Water Dog National Specialty in September in Rhode Island.

Andy wrote: *"What a day! What a dog! Ben may not get the scores Rio or Rowdy did but he was super. A great traveling companion, a happy, pleasant, sweet guy who is trying his best to please me and he did. We got a 92 in Rally Advanced to finish his title (RA title). He got a 184 and second place to finish his Novice B (CD title). Got professional photo with all of his ribbons. Saw our breeder. She was so excited to see Ben do his run in Obedience. She thought he looked great...On lead Heeling worse than off lead. Perfect Stand for Exam. Perfect stays, even when another dog came to 'visit'. The weather is magnificent, sunny and in the mid 80's. So, so glad I came. Worth the drive. Ben has been a credit to his breed and breeder with his behavior in the motel."*

What can I say, but "Wow!" This is a great performance by a dedicated dog and handler team!

Kathy and her **Sheltie, Oskar**, earned their 2nd Leg in Beginner Novice B at the Berks County KC trial in Macungie, PA. This trial was outdoors and it took quite a while for Oskar to settle down. Between trying to keep an eye on William, and dealing with the environment of being outdoors, big tents, other dogs and people in close quarters, it took about 2 hours before he was calm. Considering how he began the day, it was a HUGE surprise when the judge announced his score of 188. We are thankful (and still surprised) and know that we need to work on reducing his stress level (that means William has to skip Oskar's trials for now) and we need to work on more play in training to keep stress level under control and focus on the task at hand.

Camille and her **German Shepherd, Maya**, also competed at several trials held in Macungie, PA. In Camille's words, *"This past Thursday, Friday and Sunday, Maya found 3 different ways to NQ (Not Qualify) in Utility. Then as a bonus, she NQ'd in Open on Sunday by NOT coming when called. ☺ Gotta love her."*

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, (AND YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!!!) KEEP TRAINING, AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME YOUR BRAGS!!

Editor's Note: There are several obedience trials coming up for those that would like to see how they an obedience trial is run. There are Obedience trials being held at dog shows in Wrightstown, PA (outdoors) beginning Thurs., 10/5 and running through the 1st weekend in October, there are UKC Obedience trials only (no dog shows) at K9 Jym in Colmar, PA (indoors) that same weekend of Oct. 7 and 8th, and then in the 2nd week of December, there are Obedience trials being held at dog shows (one of which will be televised Thanksgiving day as the National Dog Show) at the PA Convention Center in Oaks, PA. If you have any questions about these, please feel free to ask Camille, Andy, Sue, Doris or Kathy. Thanks!

NEW AKC TITLE – TRICK DOG!

So happy to say that several Club Members have already earned their trick dog titles. On 8/28/17, Andy and her Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Rio, and her Portuguese Water Dog, Ben and Kathy and her Sheltie, Oskar, all earned their Novice Trick Title. Doris and her Mini Poodle, Nyssa, earned their Novice, Intermediate and Advanced trick titles.

(Doris will be leading the Trick Training class on Monday nights, 9/25 and 10/2, beginning at 7:00 pm, so don't forget to sign up now!)

CGC TESTING

Several Club Members also earned their Canine Good Citizen titles on 8/28/17. Congrats to Gale and Jamie, Ann and Layla and Kristen and Riley. Everyone did great! Congratulations!!

Please feel free to send me any newsworthy tales, helpful hints, stories, jokes, articles (recipes?) or anything else you think may be of interest to our Members for inclusion in future newsletters!

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