



DOTC NEWS

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FUN TIMES AT DOTC PICNIC

Beautiful weather, delicious food, "Trick Dog" title testing, good fellowship, and lots of prizes marked our DOTC picnic this Summer. Thanks to Gail Phillips and Miles Smith for making available their lovely home and property for our use once again this year. It was a great time. See next pages for award winners! (Photo Credits: Miles Smith)



2017 Sportsmanship Award

The DOTC Sportsmanship Award is given to those who have made special gifts of their time and abilities to the club, often behind the scenes. This year's honoree: Conrad Zinkhan

AND THE WINNERS ARE ...



At our June picnic, prizes and ribbons were awarded to those who had top finishes in our end-of-the-year Fun Matches in May. Just a few are pictured above. Congratulations to all who participated and to all of this year's winners. The winners in each category are listed below.

OBEDIENCE:

Beginner Novice:

- 1st — Barb Awtrey (Annie)
- 2nd - Jane Radov (Roxy)
- 3rd - Laura Forman (Loki)
- 4th - Helen Grant (Korra)

Novice:

- 1st — Linda Hulbert (Porsche)
- 2nd - Cleo Curry (Blue)
- 3rd - Michael Gordon (Ozzie)
- 4th - Jan Hardy (Rocky)

Veterans:

- 1st — Barb Awtrey (Feni)
- 2nd - Robin Korotki (Titan)
- 3rd - Mel Volkert (Posh)
- 4th - Carolyn Volkert (Annie)

Open:

- 1st — Debbie Malone (Izzy)
- 2nd - Linda Hulbert (Catcher)
- 3rd - Barb Awtrey (Max)

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Novice:

- 1st - Gail Phillips (Gedi)
- 2nd - Barb Awtrey (Annie)
- 3rd - Helen Grant (Korra)
- 4th - Laura Forman (Loki)

Advanced:

- 1st — Mickala Berta (Sybella)
- 2nd - Carolyn Volkert (Annie)

Excellent:

- 1st — Debbie Malone (Izzy)
- 2nd - Linda Hulbert (Porsche)
- 3rd - Barb Awtrey (Feni)
- 4th - Cleo Curry (Blue)

RAE

- 1st — Gail Phillips (Sascha)
- 2nd - Linda Hulbert (Catcher)
- 3rd - Barb Awtrey (Max)
- 4th - Carolyn Clough (Merrybelle)

2017 PERPETUAL TROPHY AWARDS



+ The Monster - Carolyn & Mel Volkert, "Annie" & "Posh"

+ Whitehouse Walker - Debbie Malone & "Isabela"

+ Jessie Memorial - Barbara Awtrey & "Annie"

+ Gretchen Memorial - Jane Radov & "Roxy"

+ Doyle Memorial - Barbara Awtrey & "Fenwick"

+ Goldens' Rally - Gail Phillips & "Sascha"

AKC TRICK DOG TITLE WINNERS



The AKC now awards a new title series, "Trick Dog", to those dogs and handlers able to perform a series of special maneuvers or "tricks". The title is available in three levels: Novice, Intermediate, and Excellent. Fourteen dogs and handlers were tested and awarded the Trick Dog Novice (TKN) title at our picnic. One team (Jim Stewart and Pirate, pictured at left) earned the Trick Dog Intermediate Title.

Novice:

- Terry Nichol (Cody)
- Tim Prendergast (Links)
- Art Scherer (Annie)
- Brenda Stewart (Duchess)
- Mickala Barta (Sybella)
- Mickala Barta (Holliday)
- Pam Cross (Roxy)
- Marian Isner (Ace)
- Linda Hulbert (Catcher)
- Linda Hulbert (Porsche)
- Barbara Awtrey (Annie)

- Barbara Awtrey (Max)
- Barbara Awtrey (Fenwick)
- Jim Stewart (Pirate)

Intermediate:

- Jim Stewart (Pirate)



A Letter from the President:

First of all, Happy Summer! It is now, officially summer and DOTC is on “hiatus” until the Wednesday after Labor Day. Your Board is working on securing another year’s lease at the Carroll Agriculture Center. We were so pleased with how the 2016-2017 training year worked out. We have all of you to thank for that. So many of you stepped up to help teach, set up, clean up, and do anything else that needed doing. Thank you. We are a club and are only as strong as its members.

Many of you were able to join us on Sunday, June 4 for the annual Picnic and Awards Program. The photos in this newsletter are from that picnic. Our Newsletter Editor, Art Scherer, has provided the names of the winners from the End-of-Year Fun Matches. If you were not at the picnic to receive your ribbon(s), they will be presented when we resume in the Fall. Included in this issue is also the list of Perpetual Trophy winners. Those folks will “preserve and protect” their trophy for this training year. They will return it in time for next year’s awards. At that time, they will receive a permanent plaque.

We had a great time, after the eating and awarding of prizes and trophies, watching “trick dogs” earn titles. A total of 15 titles were earned that afternoon. Fourteen of them were “Trick Dog Novice”. One dog went on and earned the “Trick Dog Intermediate” that same afternoon. Good job, well done, all (especially Jim Stewart and Pirate).

Your Board will be meeting some time this summer to work out things like schedules and class offerings. It would be wonderful if we could offer more classes, but, to do that, we’ll need more instructors. If you are willing/able to assist with a class, please let me know at gail.m.phillips@comcast.net. We would love it if you’d commit to the whole “school year”, but understand if you can only commit to one of the 8 week sessions. Every little bit helps!

Please be watching your “snail mail” for the 2017 – 2018 dues notices. I think it is safe to say, not having had that summer Board meeting yet, that dues will have to increase. As has been mentioned at several of the Club Meetings this year, expenses were up, but revenue was not. That can’t continue, if we want this club to survive. It’s the 2nd oldest dog training club in the United States. I’d hate to see it die out, now!

Be checking the website and Facebook page, from time to time, as well as your email, for further information, as the summer progresses. In the meanwhile, enjoy time with your dog(s).

Hope to see you all in September!

Gail M. Phillips, President, DOTC of Maryland

July 1, 2017





*Thank
You!*



Thank you to all who have served in the club during the past year. Special thanks to our outgoing officers:

Tom Stromer, Vice President
Una Slick, Secretary
Terry Nichol, "At Large" Board Member

Those elected to serve with us in the coming year are the following:

Gail Phillips, President
Tim Prendergast, Vice President
Kim Manuelides, Treasurer
John Barry, Secretary
At Large: Carolyn Volkert, Debbie Malone, Linda Hulbert
Registrar: Judith Schreiber
AKC Delegate: Kitty Sarvinas
Training Director: Adam Willie