

TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

FALL NEWSLETTER

August 2017

The Summer show and trial season is coming to an end – and it is time to make plans for the coming year. There are quite a few things happening soon that require everyone's attention. TVKC would not exist without members, and members are what makes TVKC a club that serves not only it's members, but the dog community overall.

Read on to find out how you can participate in keeping our club strong and purposeful. We honor our members who have worked hard to earn awards and titles, and we teach classes to help improve the relationships between dogs and handlers. Christmas Parties are lots of fun, along with fun matches, seminars, trials and more! Don't hesitate to step up. (Wendy Uzzell, Editor)

ELECTIONS!

What does TVKC mean to you? Why do you belong? If our club provides anything that you find of value, please consider running for a Board position at our 6 September meeting so that the TVKC Board can keep serving the needs of you, our members, as best we can.

- **First Vice President in charge of non-Agility classes.** This person schedules non-Agility classes, arranges for instructors, and fills in at meetings if the President cannot attend. If you believe in the educational mission of TVKC please volunteer.
- **Treasurer.** Can you use a calculator or a spread sheet? Are you careful? This vital position will be vacant in September 2017.
- **Recording Secretary.** Can you take notes? We need someone to record what happens at our meetings and archive approved minutes to our web site.
- **Electronic communications.** Can you keep an emailing list and send out occasional informational messages to the TVKC membership? Can you send web site updates to our web mistress?
- **Publicity.** Wendy Uzzell, our current publicity member-at-large, has agreed to stand for re-election.

Want to know more? Check out the more detailed information at the end of this newsletter. The Board members are nice people and will welcome you with open arms. Please think about what you can do for your club! (Candace O'Conner)

Community Recognition for TVKC Members

The following accolades were recently printed in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner Annual Readers Choice Poll! Join us in recognizing our members for their accomplishments in the Greater Fairbanks Community!

- **Barb Cole's** Aurora Animal Clinic won #2 in the Veterinary Office category, and Dr. Cole tied for #3 Veterinarian. Way to go, Barb!
- **Kathy Lavelle's** restaurant, Lavelle's Bistro, won #1 in the Fine Dining category, #2 in Prime Rib, #2 in Restaurant Service, #1 in Steaks, and #1 in Restaurant Overall; Larry Lowry of Lavelle's won #1 Bartender, and Sharif Nero of Lavelle's won #1 Waiter/Waitress. Awesome, Kathy!
- **Maria Messina's** hair salon, Team Cutters, won #2 in the Hair Salon/Stylist award category. Congratulations, Maria!
- **Kate Wood** is a member of the cooperative fine arts 2 Street Gallery that won #2 in the Art Gallery category. Well done, Kate!

We'd like to give a shout out to three who are not members, but are so important in our community and to TVKC:

- **The Animal Shelter Fund** won the #2 award for Nonprofit Organization. The work they do is dear to the hearts of many of us!
- **Cold Spot Feeds** won #1 and **Alaska Feed Co.** won #2 in the Pet Supplies Store category. If you are involved with our May show you will know how consistently and generously they support that show; in addition, AK Feed Co gives all members a 5% discount on dog-related merchandise. Both businesses are good friends of TVKC.

Don't forget to congratulate these fine businesses, organizations, and individuals! Any omissions are inadvertent and completely my fault. If I've forgotten you or a TVKC member that you know, please speak up and we'll congratulate you in the next issue of this newsletter!

(Candace O'Conner)





TVKC Fall Classes 2017

SEPTEMBER: 9th, 16th, 23th

OCTOBER: 7st, 17th, 21th

10am – 10:50 [AKC Utility/Open Obedience]

11am – 11:50 [AKC Novice Obedience]

12pm – 12:50 [AKC Rally Obedience]

1pm – 1:50 [Junior Conformation]

2pm – 2:50 [Conformation]

3pm – 4 [AKC Puppy S.T.A.R / AKC Canine Good Citizen Obedience]

Registration: tvkcclasses@gmail.com

\$110 non TVKC Members, \$100 TVKC Members (Checks or Cash)

Classes held in the Kiwanis building at the fairgrounds



IS YOUR DOG RIGHT-PAWED, LEFT-PAWED, OR AMBI-PAWED?

Although some lucky people are ambidextrous; most of us are right-handed or left-handed. The same applies to our dogs! I just learned recently that, like us, most of our dogs have a preference for using their right or left front paw, so I tested my little Buzz Lightyear. Buzz is strongly right-

pawed! He uses his paws a lot, and always reaches with his right paw. This leaves me wondering whether he is happier running on his right lead and turning to the left.

If you are curious, Google “dog left or right pawed” and learn more. (Candace)

Important: TVKC elections are coming! Need to know more?

Our annual meeting and election is coming up on 6 September 2017. The meeting will be held in the Noel Wien Library Conference Room. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM. We will be allowed into the room to set up at 6:00 so you can come in early. Please consider attending this very important meeting!

We'll be electing new officers, and our By-Laws state that only members whose dues have been paid for the upcoming fiscal year can vote. You can fill out a 2017-2018 renewal form right there at the meeting; I'll have plenty of forms. Cash or check payable to TVKC only, please. I'm sorry, but we can't take credit cards.

TVKC could not exist without members who are willing to devote some of their valuable time and energy to doing the jobs that are required to keep the club going. Please read over the following descriptions of jobs that will need to be filled this September. If a job interests you please don't hesitate to run for it! We need your energy and input and would love to welcome new people with their new ideas and perspectives to the Board. Thank you!

First Vice-President in charge of non-Agility classes. This person schedules and oversees our Obedience, Rally, Conformation, and CGC classes, and arranges our Fun and Sanctioned matches. Liz Pollen has done a terrific job, but sadly she must step down due to term limits. If you believe in TVKC's educational mission perhaps this job is for you. If you have questions about this position please ask Liz, eapollen@hotmail.com.



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Treasurer. TVKC absolutely can't function as a club without a careful and reliable person to keep track of our income and expenses! Unfortunately, our awesome current Treasurer, Carole Petersen, also must step down due to term limits. Questions? Contact Carole, cdpetersen0769@gmail.com.

Member-at-Large in charge of electronic communications. This person sends out notices to TVKC members and stays in contact with our web mistress to manage web site updates. Always-dependable Sue Acquistapace, who does a remarkable job, regrettably is the third officer who must step down this year. Please send questions about this position to Sue, vericoolak@gmail.com.

Recording Secretary. This person takes and archives our meeting notes. Angela Major, our current Recording Secretary, is not term-limited; however, she will be unable to stay on, so this important position will also be vacant in September. If you have questions about this job please contact Angela, angelamajor@hotmail.com.

Member-at-Large in charge of Publicity. This person puts out our Newsletter about four times a year and publicizes our events, such as our May show. This position is also up for election but Wendy Uzzell, our current Publicity person, is not term-limited and is willing to stand for re-election.