

TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

Winter Newsletter

Check out our updated web page; for upcoming events and general information
www.tanana-valley-kennel-club.com

Next Board Meeting
February 1, 6:00 pm. This will be a zoom meeting.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, one and all! 2022 is off to a great start with full slate of Agility, Rally, Obedience, Scent Work and Conformation events planned. TVKC will be offering even more classes, seminars, run-throughs and workshops that we have been able to offer in recent years. Please keep an eye on your email and the Facebook page for specifics. All the sports always need extra help, so if you have some time, please reach out and volunteer!

The driving force of any club is its board of directors. TVKC has a dynamite team at the helm. We have instituted or are planning many administrative improvements that we hope will serve the club not only immediately but for many years to come. From a more streamlined and user friendly website and Facebook page to taking a look at our

governing documents, this will be a busy year for the board. Please be sure and thank board members for their hard work whenever you have a chance to do so.

One quick request - please do not ever respond to any emails claiming to be from me or a board member that ask you purchase gift cards or in anyway spend money without calling or texting us first. There is an ongoing scam by people who get our member email address; especially mine, from the state and/or the AKC website and use that information to try to trick us. Don't be fooled! None of us will ever ask you to do money stuff via email. One way to tell if it is a scam is if the "sender's email is similar but not identical to the one(s) you know. They are very sneaky so please always verify via text or email.

As always, hit me up with any questions or ideas! Have a great New Year and Be Well.

Leslie Lewis
President, TVKC

RALLY

TVKC will host it's third mid-year rally trial on March 5-6, 2022 at Dianne's barn. Entries will open on January 10 and close on February 12. Entries are through BaRay Event Services, Inc. Don't wait too long to enter, the Saturday trials will fill up quickly. The judge will be: Michele Illes from Ohio.

Rally Fund Match will be held on February 20. Courses for all five levels will be held and prizes given. This match is for TVKC members only.

BaRay Event Services, Inc
1-360-755-7086
dogshows@barayevebts.com

RALLY SEMINAR on April 23

TVKC will host a Rally Seminar at TDT Dog Sports. Rally Judge, Cheri Hagen, of Anchorage, will be our guest speaker. This is a time to have some one-on-one time with a judge to fine-tune your exercises. Flyer with full information can be found on the TVKC website and Facebook page.

OBEDIENCE & CONFORMATION

Plans are in place, but not yet definite, for Obedience and Conformation fun matches (at TDT Dog Sports) on April 24 from 9-12. Two rings (less than regulation size) will be run at the same time for distractions. Cheri Hagen will judge the Obedience match and Lori Kunz will judge the conformation match. Note: Only TVKC members may enter due to insurance requirements.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Janet Brown will be teaching TVKC's novice obedience classes beginning March 12 through April 9 with the "fun match" as the final classes. Classes will most likely be held at TDT Dog Sports.

AGILITY

The first agility trial, of 2022, will be held on April 8-10 at Camp LiWa. The judge will be Lori Holder. Entries will open on February 25 and close on March 24.

AGILITY SEMINAR - APRIL 16-17

There will be two day agility seminar, April 16-17 with Laura Bussing, held at Camp LiWa. Day 1 will be working with "Stressed Performance Dogs"; Day 2 will be "Daring Distance Agility" in the morning and "Finding the Fastest Line" in the afternoon. Auditors are welcome. Flyer with full information can be found on the TVKC website and FaceBook page.

SCENT WORK

The TVKC Scent Work Committee is thrilled to announce we are having an AKC Scent Work Trial April 29/30 and May 1, 2022!

We will once again be utilizing the fantastic Centennial Building at Pioneer Park for 2 ½ days of AKC Scent Work Trial fun.



Be sure to stay tuned for Snif N Go announcements. This is available to members only, and is a wonderful way for your dog to experience performing in a “trial setting”.

MAY SHOW UPDATE

Tanana Valley Kennel Club has put on another successful May show. Many breeds were represented in the over 360 conformation dogs shown in each of our four shows. We also had 18 Juniors, 18 obedience dogs and 42 rally dogs competing in each of those four shows.

Four Best In Show awards, 28 group placements, one Best Veteran and one Best in show Puppy Awards, four best juniors, four Hit in Trial for obedience and and four High Combined for Rally and Obedience were all achieved as was one Rally Championship at our show. Multiple rally and obedience titles were also accomplished.

Many thanks to the many people who worked so hard to make this show happen.”
Rebecca Gatterdam, Chair

IN THE NEWS

CRISIS RESPONSE CANINES EXPANDS TO INTERIOR

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner recently had an excellent article on the new Crisis Response Canine Teams in Fairbanks. These two handlers, and their awesome dogs, have done extensive training to become certified working dogs and to handle all situations where they can go in and comfort those in need. For more information, please contact www.crisisresponsecanines.org. The full article can be read at.

https://www.newsminer.com/news/kris_capps/crisis-response-canines-expands-to-interior/article_b588a65e-53d0-11ec-8715-6f84a8bd07f5.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

LOCAL TRAINING CENTERS

Looking for winter training opportunities? We are lucky to have five training facilities in our area. All offer classes, some offer floor time to rent for private use.

ABC-K-9-FUN with Peggy Beagle

3680 Van Horn Road, Fairbanks, AK. 99709
www.abck9equine.com

Peggy offers private training and small classes. Large classes in the summer with smaller classes in the winter. CGC classes, obedience skills, tracking, agility, and nose work are among her offerings. Peggy also teaches tracking and scent work for TVKC. Classes, on site are \$20 each. In the winter, they can run dog teams, for clients, on their own trails that connect to other trails. Other services are offered per her website.

ALASKA K9 CENTER with Beth Frank

3121 Badger Road, North Pole, AK. 99075
www.alaskak9center.com
907-378-5868

Beth offers classes in puppy basics and basic obedience. Conformation run throughs are all held on Sunday afternoons. On site store offers training supplies, treats and specialty dog foods.

ALL GOOD DOGS TRAINING CENTER with Sheri Walsh

1498 Davison St., North Pole, AK. 99705
Springwindlabs@gci.net
907-488-0258

Sheri offers classes, Monday through Saturday, in rally, agility, obedience, scent work, Choose to Heel, CGC and Star Puppy. Costs are \$120 per six week session. Wednesday agility classes are held at an agility barn. Private sessions can be arranged. Run throughs for conformation, obedience and rally are held on Sunday afternoons. Her schedule can be found on her Face Book page "All Good Dog's Training Center".

PAWSITIVE PUPPY with Susan Sampson

3304 International St, Fairbanks, AAK
pawsitivedogtrainingak@gmail.com
907-388-3477

Susan offers class seven days a week, in AKC Star Puppy, basic obedience and manners, AKC trick titles, CGC/CGCA/CGCI, agility, rally-free and scent work; along with classes in working with reactive dogs. Private sessions can be arranged with Certified Professional Dog Trainers (APDT). Monthly schedule can be found on their website. Cost are \$150 per six week session and \$135 for returning students. Rental time for private use is available.

TDT DOG SPORTS with Tabitha Plambeck

1531 Richardson Hwy, North Pole, AK. 99705
www.tdtdogsports.com
907-385-0330

Monday - Wednesdays are pre-designated course days, with set courses, for agility contacts, agility jumpers and rally. Fridays and Saturdays are multi-use. Cost are \$20.00/dog for the the set courses with an hourly group rate of \$60 for open use. Punch cards are available. On site store offering FitPaws, Blue-9 and Cato equipment as wells as treats. Group classes starting in January.

AKC REGULATIONS UPDATE

At their October 2021 meeting the AKC Board voted on the following Regulations:

The Board voted to *terminate* the following Regulation modifications at year-end:

- 1) *Obedience – The modified distance of eight (8) between dogs in the Novice obedience group exercises* will return to a distance of six feet between dogs, for all events held after December 30, 2021.
- 2) *Tracking – The modified 36-month tracking test certifications* will return to a 24-month certification certificate, for all certifications issued on or after January 1, 2022. Certifications issued in 2020 and 2021 will continue to be valid for 36-months.

These three temporarily suspended or modified Regulations *have been extended for events occurring on or before Thursday, June 30, 2022*.

- 1) *Obedience/Rally/Agility – Two-Judge Requirement to Title* – The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience, rally, and agility lower level classes and will allow titles to be earned under a single judge through June 30, 2022.
- 2) *Obedience/Rally/Agility – The waiver of date and mileage restrictions for judges* – The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience, rally and agility judges and waived the date/location restrictions of 30 days and 100 miles for obedience/rally judges; and 30 days and 200 miles for agility judges, allowing them to accept assignments without a conflict through June 30, 2022.
- 3) *Obedience/Rally – The judge's assignment limitation to judge the same classes* – The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience and rally trials and will allow a judge to judge the same classes at more than two trials over the course of a cluster of no more than five days through June 30, 2022.

The Board approved* a permanent change to the Regulations for Agility Trials* effective for agility trials occurring on and after January 1, 2022:

1) *Agility – Exhibitors will continue to be allowed to carry their leashes during their agility runs,* i.e., place leashes in their pockets when running the course or wear on themselves (i.e., clip like a belt around the waist) effective for all trials. This temporary modification will be made a permanent part of the Regulations effective January 1, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Companion Events Department at obedience@akc.org.

BRAGS

Kimberlee Beckmen

Gemma, in my eyes she is the most beautiful, loving companion, has proven to be the quintessential versatile Belgian Tervuren. Now, at almost 11 years of age and 79 AKC titles to her name, she has fulfilled a dream of our agility career, reaching the finals of the AKC Agility Invitational 2021! This was our second invite (she was #1 regular in 2016 and now is the # 1 preferred Terv). I didn't really understand before hand that we'd be going head to head against over 120 dogs at 24 inch as well as the 20 inch preferred, We were clean with respectable speed in the T2B warm up run and 'clear" aka clean with no faults for all four of the rounds with the fastest accumulated time to be ranked 4th of the 24's. I literally cried when I heard our name announced as a finalist. We' been to the AKC National Agility Championships 3 times and got as high as 12th and ran in the Challenger round but never made finals. The 4th placement got us a \$50 cash award, a ribbon, T-shirt and finalist bib. It was run in reverse finish order and small to tall so we had to wait a very long 2 hours until we got to run. Plenty of time to study the map, get texts with handling advice from my agility training peeps, alerting family and friends to watch AKCTV and get nervous as well as acquiring the required black pants to wear since it was going to be televised. Thankfully Erika Flagg (there with her PyrShep Cooper) came through and I had the appropriate attire after the walk through. I was actually pretty calm going to the line and had a smooth run going...until a backside slice just right after a tunnel, Gemma's foot nicked the bar and I heard it go down. The crowd moaned but it is just a 5 point fault and we were still fast enough for us to finish in the top 10!

Although that was the climax of our year, Gemma had quite a 2021 adding 22 titles in a variety of AKC venues this year alone (stressing Vicki and the engraver making the plaques). At our Terv national in Montana she got her Rally Master title, in the TVKC tracking tests she got her Tracking Dog Urban and at TVKC's first AKC Scent Work trial and Gemma won HIT in Advanced on the first day! The next weekend she finished her Advanced level title in Scent work and has since gotten 3 excellent legs. In Alaska agility trials she finished her Premier Jumper Dog Preferred, Master Gold Agility Preferred, Master Agility Excellent Preferred 8, and Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 9. Hoping, just hoping, perhaps in 2022 she can exceed even this year and make the NAC finals?

Gemma is my forever heart dog and in AKC she is now known as GCH CH MACH2 PACH2 Chantryile Glimmers Like Gold VCD2 BN VER RM RAE TDX TDU HSAs MXS MJC MXP8 MJPG MJP9 PJDP PAX2 XF MFP T2B3 T2BP2 CA SWA CGC TKN.

Here is a link to here Invitational finals run, next do after 1 1hr 23 minutes (they mispronounce her name and no time to read her bio or give her full list of titles!).

<https://akc.tv/watch/13/7230/video/agility-finals-3?fbclid=IwAR0Kx5u7F2TaIAoOjCHqk-m9nvLpdq4AYMRsErEo1JViwyvKQzK3u2iYP0iY>

The picture below was displayed in the AKC 2020 Number 1 Agility Dog tribute (the dinner was canceled due to Covid).



Rebecca Gatterdam

Theoden Rules the Mark--Theo--passed four of four trials at the May show and added Companion Dog--CD--after his name. This was his first obedience show. Theo then took to the water/land/duck venue and passed two of two trials to finish his Junior Hunter--JH--in August. He had previously gotten two passes at his first hunt test in June at Point MacKenzie.

Catherine Hadley

Nessie earned two High In Trials in herding this year. Chance finished his Beginning Novice Obedience title with two first places in the May show.

Letty Hughes

CH Vin-Melca's On Your Mark AOM RN TKI Call Name: Crash (elkhound):
Westminster Kennel Club (June): Award of Merit, handled by owner
Anchorage Shows: Group 3 and 4, handled by Tanya Tresino
Cook Shows: Group 2 and 3, handled by Tanya Tresino

GCH CH Hi-Jinx Horizon's Wild About Ryou AOM Call Name: Ryouta (Shiba Inu)
Westminster Kennel Club (June): Select Dog, handled by owner.

Magali Philip

Ishani earned her Championship at the May show. This summer she earned her Excellent Ability Preferred titles in standard and jumpers. Now in Masters, she earned two QQ's (not common with a Leonberger).

She was the featured Leo in the National AKC Gazette in the working dog section.

[http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/62b1f828?](http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/62b1f828?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20211015_pubs_gazette-october&utm_term=Gazette%20Send%20List&fbclid=IwAR1LFa_gPD-qllwdXG6l_dqjLnQ8jBWevUYx3WOSEM2Yk5YQAzdTcRVqVY8#/62b1f828/52)

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Sheri Walsh

Springwind's Mad Hatter (Hattie) - Championship

Springwind's Invictus Paco Rabanne (Paco) - Championship

Tlaloc (Arena) (Rain) - Championship and Grand Championship. Placing in a group in almost every show; ending the season with a group first.

Shida's Twilight Dawn at Springwind (Bella) - Rally Champion, Rally & Agility Invitational

Springwind's Mariachi Man (Stripe) - Rally Master 2, Ex Agility and Ex Agility Jumpers; Canadian Kennel Club Top Intermediate Xolo

Springwind's Aquatic Dancer (Pottomus) - Grand Championship

Springwind's Aztec Diety (Inca) - Championship

Donna Wojciechowski

So proud of my Taz. Taz earned her Advanced Rally title at the October trial. Her registered name is Springwind's Taz @ Chena River RN RA TD CGC.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND ME NEWSLETTER ITEMS ANY TIME - THE SPRING NEWS LETTER WILL COME OUT IN APRIL

Lisa Vaughn

