



LOOSE LEADS

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APPLICANTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1ST READING

Ashley Stursa – Volunteer Experience: United Doberman Club (UDC) member since 2014- UDC Social Media Chair 2016-current, AWDF (National Championship) and IDC (World Championship) Team Coordinator 2016-2019. AWDF Delegate 2020-current.

Accomplishments: 2016 IPO1 National Champion, 2018 UDC Fall Classic National Vice Champion, 2019 Team USA Hungary World Championship Competitor – 17th place.

Member of: United Doberman Club 2013-current, Mid Ohio Schutzhund Club 2012-2014, OG Buckeye Schutzhund Club 2014-current United Schutzhund Clubs of America 2013-current.

Sponsors: Jenny Rizzo and Robin Fargus

2ND READING

Janice Bourell-Casey - My husband and I own a small, home-based land surveying company which affords me flexibility during the day. My dogs are one of my hobbies and I love training them! I am very close to earning an Agility Grand Championship on my Beauceron and have two Toy Poodles I'll start trialing this summer.

Sponsors: Chuck Pilny and Jane Bush

Kara Girvin – Hobbies include: dogs, curling (Great Lakes Curling Association* Executive Director/ Secretary and Cleveland Skating Club's [CSC] Curling Treasurer), tennis, platform tennis, squash, guitar, hiking, and volunteer work (former executive board member at CIM and chaired and co-chaired several benefits). CSC's nominating committee and member of multiple committee's and staffing searches.

*The Great Lakes Curling Association is the regional group that reports up to the U.S.C.A.

Career: Human Resources professional/director at several Fortune 250 companies prior to starting my own practice in 2001.

Sponsors: Margie Wunderle and Bernadette McFadden

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3RD READING/VOTING

Richard and Karen Hardy would like to assist the Club in fulfilling its mission to promote the training of dogs and their handlers/owners. They have already volunteered at scent trials. They became involved with CABTC in 1997 when their first Golden's breeder recommended they take puppy classes. They did and have taken classes throughout the years with their remaining four Golden's. Currently they are taking scent class with their almost 4-year-old Golden, Hailey, and Performance Puppy with their 10-month-old Golden, Darcy. They have stewarded a few scent trials. Richard recently retired after a 42-year legal career and has served on boards for various non-profit organizations. Karen was a probate and tax paralegal and Deputy Tax Administrator for Bay Village. Karen has been a volunteer with the Ronald McDonald House Charities for ten years. They raised two kids and currently reside in Bay Village. They enjoy spending time on Cape Cod with Hailey, Darcy, their kids, and grandkids. Richard enjoys working with their dogs, running, skiing, kayaking, playing acoustic guitar, and reading. Karen enjoys training dogs, rowing crew, recreational biking, kayaking, book club, and gardening.

Sponsors: Cathy Christopher and Cindy Chaytor

Cheryl Lee is studying agility with Susan Haskell and Cheryl Sacerich. Playing with her dog is her main passion. She has volunteered six full days at CABTC's agility trials and has found those involved to be very dedicated, knowledgeable, and friendly people. It is an organization that she would be proud to be involved with and help to promote, train, and trial at. Cheryl's love of animals started when she was a toddler. Her mom said 'dog' was her first word and she has never been without at least one dog in her life...a blessing for sure. For many years she trained and showed horses in dressage. With her last horse, she competed to Prix St. George level very successfully – the 2nd highest level of dressage in the world. Bomb's A Rae, aka Bomber, was an amazing horse that she rescued off the racetrack. April Skye, her young Lab, is the first dog she has trained with serious hopes to trial. She doesn't know where Skye will take her, but she knows it will be fun.

Sponsors: Cheryl Sacerich and Susan Haskell

FROM THE OBEDIENCE CORNER

I don't know about everyone else, but how great is it that life as we once knew it is starting to grace our lives again!! Looking back, I can hardly believe all we endured for the past 12 to 14 months. A huge thank you goes out to all our instructors and members who pitched in to help keep the doors open at CABTC. Sorry I missed the May 2021 Loose Leads...I was recuperating from rotator cup repair surgery. So getting back to my normal life has an added meaning, along with saying good-bye to so many Covid restrictions.

May 18th and 19th began our CABTC Session VI/Summer classes followed by classes starting June 8th, 21st, and July 2nd. Having air conditioning now makes our summer classes more inviting. In addition to our regular summer offerings (Puppy I, Puppy II, FS I, and FS II), we added Attention II, Pre-Novice/Novice, Doodles and Maneuvers, Rally I, and Rally II in the evening. Day classes were FS II, Obedience Skills, Open Obedience Skills, and Ring Ready.

I want to again send out a sincere thank you to all the CABTC instructors who volunteered to teach our Session VI/Summer classes. The Pre-Novice/Novice class provided those working in Novice a place to continue training. The Doodles and Maneuvers class offered students an opportunity to train while they waited for the Fall FS III or Attention I class. A special thank you to Cindy Dover and Marty Stefaniak who made this class a fun, enjoyable learning experience.



From what I have heard, the class was loved by all. Thanks to Jan Kren and Judy Askew for also lending a hand in the class.

I am also pleased to welcome two new instructors, Pete Swanson (FS I) and Jane Hook (Rally I). New members, they jumped in with both feet. They are currently shadowing and learning the ropes. Thank you!

Join me in welcoming back Marie and Jack Albano to our list of instructors. They have agreed to teach a new 10:30 am Puppy I class beginning September.

Would you believe it is only the beginning of July and CABTC already has our Fall obedience classes up on the website and open for registration!! In fact, there are certain classes that are already full for both Session I *and* II.

On April 29th and June 3rd CABTC held its third and fourth CGC test for the year. We had 15 participants between the two tests with 13 earning their AKC CGC Certificate. Thanks to Bonnie Leinberger and Rhadine Zabrecky, our Evaluators, members Kay Wood, Laura Comerford, Bernadette McFadden, Madeline Hasman, Regina Sacha, Suzy Pare, Holly Koester, Cindy Chaytor, Dori Likevich and Sandy Novicky for their helping hand in one or both of the tests.

On June 26th and 27th, CABTC held their second and third standalone Rally trials, both huge successes.

Mark your calendar for CABTC's second and third standalone obedience trials on July 24th and 25th. I'm looking forward to it being as successful as the first!

Hoping your Summer is safe and fun and you're enjoying making up lost time with loved ones!!

*~ Diane Brzezinski
CABTC OB Dir of Training Team*

ROCKING IT!



Breaker, Dauntless Polar Star VCD1 CD BN OA NAJ TD, handled by Dori, attained her Tracking Dog title at the CABTC Test on May 5th. That TD, combined with her previous obedience Companion Dog (CD), and Novice Agility (NA), and Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ) titles, gives her the AKC Versatile Companion Dog 1 (VCD1) title. We are immensely proud of what Breaker has accomplished at such a young age but, more so, delighted with how much of a joy she is to work with.

~ Steve Likevich

Kipper and I have been having fun with scent work. We have our three Master level titles, container, interior, and buried. And after getting our Exterior Excellent title, we can now work on Exterior Master.

~ Coreen Cool



Willie, Ridge View's Always On My Mind, passed AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and, at 24 weeks, the CGC tests. My 5th Service Dog in Training/Alert Dog is off to a great start.

~ Linda & Brent Alberda



At CABTC's Scent Trial on June 20th, 15-month old **Duncan** earned his Scent Work Novice (SWN) title while daddy, **Finn**, picked up two titles in the Excellent classes, Buried and Exterior. A nice day for both boys!

~ Rosemary Janoch

Ecstatic mom, Deborah Foster-Koch, is proud to share that her Sheltie, **Tess**, has become CABTC's latest RACH. Tess earned her last few Master points under Judge Catherine Thompson at the CABTC Rally trial on Saturday, March 13th. Tess scored 98 points and garnered 4th place to finish her title. Many thanks to the CABTC Obedience and Rally instructors who helped us learn and hone our skills, especially Kay Wood and Jo Kazar.

We also just learned, along with many others, that we qualified for the Rally National Championships in Wilmington. So many entries are expected that AKC is conducting a drawing to fill the 160 Championship slots. Please cross your fingers for Tess and me! We'd like to go!

~ Deborah Foster-Koch



**KUDOS****FROM NANCY WITHERS, JUDGE AT CABTC'S RALLY TRIALS - JUNE 26TH AND 27TH**

Judy, I just wanted to thank everyone for making the trials this past weekend such an outstanding success. I was truly spoiled by the great stewards and ring crew! What a joy it was to have all the courses set up for me, without a big of effort on my part. I am glad you are fully trained to be a table steward too! Gary & Karen, as always, did such a great job of taking care of me, and made me feel special and appreciated. Having such outstanding dogs to judge was an added bonus. Thanks again for all your hard work and, of course, your special meatballs! Try to stay cool!

Withers

FROM JUDY ASKEW, CABTC'S RALLY TRIALS - JUNE 26TH AND 27TH

We completed the CABTC standalone Rally trials. It seems a good time was had by one and all. I want to thank everyone for their hard work.

Karen and Gary Abbey are the host and hostess with the mostest. The judges really appreciate the extra attention given to them. Karen makes sure the awards are in order as well. There are not enough words to describe what a fantastic job Deborah Foster-Koch does as secretary. Joanne Kazar finds great stewards and keeps the ring running smoothly. Margie Wunderle is a kitchen wizard. Betsy Kapp does a great job at welcoming everyone at the check-in and maintaining all the little details.

Of course, there are more to thank. Bernadette McFadden, Connie Rigotti, Cathy Flynn, Laura Comerford, Elizabeth Howell, Joyce Cortofalsy, Marilyn Giambeto, Kara Girvin, Jan Hook, and, of course, Al and Carol Godzick. I hope I have not missed anyone. You will never know how much you are appreciated.

Sadly, I will no longer be the trial chairman. I leave you in the very capable hands of co-chairmen Margie Wunderlie and Laura Comerford.

Thank you all.

FROM DEBORAH FOSTER-KOCH, CABTC'S RALLY TRIALS - JUNE 26TH AND 27TH

I would like to append to Judy's message.

It's wonderful to have so many people to thank. Throughout the weekend, I kept thinking, "many hands make light work."

Here's my short list:

- Connie Rigotti sat with me on Saturday and was the very soul of kindness and patience. She helped navigate the trial software and found the pathway to the fabled "Marked Catalog". I think of her as "Indiana Rigotti & the Last Crusade/Trial."
- Carol Godzick was the tireless "leash runner" who took the leash from the handler and often had to take the long way 'round the spectators to get the leash on the chair (and then go back and get ready for the next team).
- Al Godzick posted scores, helped to change the courses, and did anything else that needed doing. He also needed a good swat every once in a while, but I think everyone was too busy laughing or rolling their eyes to respond with the appropriate "correction".



- We can be absolutely, positively sure that scores and times were entered correctly because Connie Rigotti, Laura Comerford, Bonnie Leinberger, and Margie Wunderle did a doublecheck of the data entry with me. This task is almost as interesting as watching paint dry, but WAY more important. There were at least three dog/handler teams vying for the High Combined and High Triple Combined honors, and it was imperative to have the score and times in correctly.
- Steve Likevich stopped in to ensure that I could navigate both the score entry and the calculation of High Combined and High Triple Combined scores.
- Betsy Langer Kapp and Jo Kazar helped in so many ways. They were there before, during, and after the trial to answer questions and point me at various Chapters & Sections in The Book. I have so many notes for next year due to their wisdom and help.
- Lastly, I need to thank everyone who demonstrated the gift of discernment to me.

The very last thing I want is hurt feelings. If I left you out, please contact me. I will make it right.

INSTRUCTOR'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Rather than worrying about what you want your dog to stop doing, decide what you want the dog to do and reward that.

Be engaging! Be more interesting and fun than anything else.

~ Laurie Mueller

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What do you get when you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle, and a rooster?



A cockerpoodledo.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
JULY 15	7:00 pm	Membership meeting	CABTC/Zoom
JULY 16 – JULY 18	8:00 am	Agility trials	CAPS
JULY 22	6:00 pm	Obedience run thru	CABTC
JULY 24 – JULY 25	8:00 am	Obedience trials	CABTC
AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 15	8:00 am	Agility trials	CAPS



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