



# UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER January, 2017

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19th, 7 pm**

**Papa Tom's Banquet Room**

**1830 S. Woodruff – Idaho Falls**

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## Obedience Classes

**February 1 – March 15<sup>th</sup> – 6 and 7 pm**

Orientation on January 31st at 6:30 pm

**Intermediate Class – 8 pm**

**STAR Puppy Class – 5:15 pm**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>**

## Agility Course Test 1

**February 12<sup>th</sup> in Pocatello**

dogs must be 15 months or older and have not earned any agility title

Contact: [Lucienjr2@msn.com](mailto:Lucienjr2@msn.com) for details

## **AKC Performance Breeders' of the Year by Sport**

This set of awards is new to us. I think recognizing dogs who can perform as well as dogs that look good is a step in the right direction. In our area, for a while breeders didn't seem to care if the dog could do anything, or what kind of temperament problems it had. In some countries, a dog has to have a performance title, in an area appropriate to the breed, before it can become a breed champion and be bred. - Barbara Norton

**New York, N.Y.-** The American Kennel Club, the leading advocate for dogs, wishes to acknowledge those individuals that have excelled at breeding dogs that have proven to be outstanding in AKC sports. The commitment to preserve, protect and improve a breed represents the very essence of the AKC.

The AKC Breeder of the Year by Sport Award is given to those who have dedicated themselves to improving the health, temperament and performance of dogs in a given sport.

### **The 2016 Breeder of the Year by Sport award recipients are:**

Pointing Breed Field Events - Albert and Cynthia Cropek Brittanys

Retriever Field Events - Mitchel and Margot Brown Labradors

Spaniel Field Events - Kevin Battistoni Springers

Hound Field Events - Wayne and Marty Parker Beagles

Herding - Kathy Greenwood Belgian Malinois

Lure Coursing - Mary Childs Borzoi/Whippets

Earthdog - Dawn Martin Westies

Coonhounds - Mike Crockett B&T Coonhounds

Agility - Nina Plail Shelties

Obedience - David and Judy Guaraldo Shelties

Rally - Gayle Watkins Golden Retrievers

Tracking - Cynthia Nauer Labradors

"Knowledgeable breeders are critical to the continued success of canine sports. These breeders have shown a long-term dedication to enhancing breed instincts and breeding sound dogs with good temperaments," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports and Events, "their accomplishments represent the highest level of commitment to their breeds and sports."

## **USRVDTC ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The Achievement of Excellence Award has been established in Barb's honor to recognize dog/handler teams for their success and in memory of Barbara's many accomplishments and friendship to all.

The Award recognizes the collaboration of dog and handler and the bond that forms as they work together in various sports. It will be presented annually to the high scoring team during the

Club's Christmas party. The team will receive a plaque and their names will be added to the memorial poster which will be housed at the Snake River Animal Shelter in Idaho Falls. This award is based on team participation in at least three of eight approved categories: Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking, Flyball, Nosework and Barn Hunting. Complete details can be found at [www.usrvdte.org](http://www.usrvdte.org). The award period will begin November 1st and run until October 31st annually. Forms are available on the Club website on the Membership page.

### 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Following is a list of club committees – please consider chairing a committee. We will provide a description of the chairs duties and as much training and assistance as you need. Questions – contact an officer or board member (contact info on the cover page).

Agility & Obedience Equipment Manager	Carl Friedrich
Tracking Test Secretary	
Tracking Test Chairperson	Mary Ann Igoe
Canine Good Citizenship Chairperson	Shel Williams*
Chief Steward	Leslie Hill*
Historian	Mary Ann Igoe
Agility Trial Secretary	Suzanne Belger
Agility Trial Chairperson	LaDawn Moad
Hospitality	Lucien Frederick
Public Education	Marilynne Manguba
Publicity and Demonstrations	Rochelle Mason
Obedience Trial Chairperson	Lucien Frederick
Obedience Trial Secretary	Suzanne Belger
Webmaster	
Newsletter	Marilynne Manguba
Trailer	Marilynne Manguba*
Agility Training Director – 1st session	Cheryl Loomis
Agility Training Director – 2nd session	Mary Ann Igoe
Obedience Training Director	Heike Vitacolonna
Tracking Training Director	Lois Olson
Delegate	Barbara Norton*
Delegate Liaison	Suzanne Belger
Video Librarian	Marilynne Manguba*
Financial Audit	Leslie Hill*

\*these are confirmed 2017 chairs

# UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Session: February 1st through March 22nd, 2017  
Location: 4-H Building, 2925 Rollandet, Idaho Falls ID

Check One: \_\_\_\_\_ 5:15 pm STAR Puppy Class (2/15/17 – 3/22/17 only)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6pm Basic      \_\_\_\_\_ 7pm Basic      \_\_\_\_\_ 8pm Intermediate/Open

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registered?      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer's Name if Different from Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or the dog been through Obedience, Rally or Agility training before?      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

*For Club Use Only:*

Registration Fee: _____	Rabies: _____
Equipment Purchased: _____	Parvo: _____
Total: _____	(Member Initial): _____

## WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

I understand that attendance of a dog obedience, rally, or agility training class is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care.

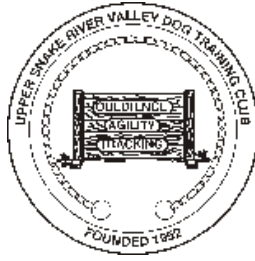
I hereby waive and release the USRVDTTC, its officers, members and agents from any and all liability of any nature, for injury, illness, or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training session or other function of the Club, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for training by the USRVDTTC, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless this Club, its officers, members and agents from any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family, or any person accompanying me to any training session or function of the Club, or while on the grounds or the surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In Case of a Minor, a Parent or Guardian Must Sign)

**CLASS FEES:**      Non Members: \$75      Active USRVDTTC Members: None      Inactive USRVDTTC Members: \$35  
Senior Discount (55 & older): \$55      Dog Adopted from Shelter/Humane Society (must show adoption papers, good for first time through classes only): \$40      Second Dog from Same Family: \$60

Mail Registration & Fee to: USRVDTTC, P.O. Box 1611, Idaho Falls ID 83403



Subject: Class Registration Directions:

To: Prospective Class Members

Our Winter 2017 Obedience Classes start on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the 4H Building on Rollandet Street in Idaho Falls. Each class will be held once a week for eight weeks on Wednesday nights. To reserve your spot in a class, you must pre-register and send your registration form to the address listed on the bottom of the form along with your check or money order payable to USRV DTC. In addition, please send a copy of your proof of Rabies and Parvo vaccinations.

Class size is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations must be received at least ten (10) days in advance. Once classes are full, registrants will be notified and put on a waiting list in the event spaces open up.

For descriptions of the levels of classes offered, please see the Obedience page on our website. The minimum age for dogs is six (6) months.

An Orientation will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the 4H Building. **(Please note the orientation is not required for the STAR Puppy class or the Intermediate/Open/Advanced class.)** Please do not bring your dog to the orientation. At the orientation, you will be able to meet with your instructor. The instructors will go over rules and curriculum for the class in order to save time when the class starts on the 1st. In addition, collars and leads will be available for purchase at the orientation. If you need to purchase a collar for your dog, please measure your dog's neck and also their head at the area just before the ears. This will allow us to provide you with the proper size collar.

If you have questions, please contact our Training Director, Heike Vitacolonna, at 208-528-0770 or by email at [bayernzenzi@aol.com](mailto:bayernzenzi@aol.com).

## USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by Vice President, Frank Mason, at 7:05 p.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at Papa Tom's Pizza, in Idaho Falls ID.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Charles & Heidi Urbanski and Carolyn Jenkins.

Members Present:

Suzanne Belger	Arynne Belger	Loganne Peters
Stephanie Nielsen	John Baughman	Steven Olson
Lois Olson	Lucien Frederick	LeeAnn Chaffin
Donna Whitham	Mark Whitham	Don Williams
Shel Williams	Leslie Hill	Rochelle Mason
Frank Mason	Wendy Baldwin	Glenda Haller
George Haller	Carl Friedrich	Heike Vitacolonna
Ed Vitacolonna	Collette Wright	LaDawn Moad

Glenda Haller motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous regular meeting minutes because they were published in the newsletter. Seconded by Steven Olson. Passed

Suzanne Belger motioned to dispense with the reading of the board meeting minutes because no business was discussed. Seconded by Steven Olson. Passes

Report of the President: Absent

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported the Christmas Party will be December 10, 2016, there will be the following: Social hour, doggy bingo, great food, awards, ugly sweater contest, traditional gift exchange and the center piece exchange. Cost is \$21.00 per person. RSVP and pay by December 7, 2016.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne Belger read the monthly and year-to-date financial reports.

Dues are due.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial Chairman: LaDawn Moad thanked all who helped make the Agility Trial a success. She expressed her appreciation for those who hauled the trailers, Lucien Frederick for being Chief Course Builder & all who pitched in to help him, Frank Mason for all the great food, all who set bars, timed,

scribed & assisted the scribe, dog treat bag makers and to all who decorated their set-up areas &/or participated in the Flash Mob. I think we had a very fun trial. Thank you to all.

LaDawn Moad gave the financial report from the October 2016 Agility trial showing an income of \$1,936.48.

Carl Friedrich reported that Brenda Herteux had troubles twice at the hotel with other dogs that were not participating in our trial.

LeeAnn Chaffin would like to make some tugs for the Agility Trial in April, which will be Easter weekend.

Suzanne Belger motioned that LeeAnn Chaffin be able to purchase the supplies and make the tugs. Seconded by Lucien Frederick. Passed.

Equipment Chairman – Carl Friedrich reported there are new tires on the wagon.

Unfinished Business:

Lucien Frederick reminded all to get their 2016 new title information to him as soon as possible for the Christmas party.

Annual Election for the 2017 Board was held. The following were elected for 2017.

President – Marilynne Manguba

Vice President - Frank Mason

Secretary – LaDawn Moad

Treasurer – Suzanne Belger

3 Year Board - Steven Olson

Club Member of the Year was voted on. The two nominees: Davie & Kelly P'pool and Marilynne Manguba.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding some Agility Practices. Most were interested in Sundays 1:30 to 4:30. LaDawn Moad will check with Sherm to see what it will cost to rent Wind River Arena & Stables and will also check with Kings.

Membership Applications Approved: Charles & Heidi Urbanski and Carolyn Jenkins voted in as new members. The Club welcomed all three into the club.

Membership Application Read: Robert & Judy Martin.

Glenda Haller motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Carl Friedrich. Passed

Time Adjourned: 7:36 pm

Location of Next Club Meeting: Next Month no meeting. See you at the Christmas Party.

January meeting will be at Papa Tom's Pizza.