

TAILS OF THE PLAINS

Amarillo
Obedience
Training Club

May 1, 2004

Next meeting ~ May 11th @ 7:00pm ~ Book & Bean
6th St. ~ support this host business, buy a drink!

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The Dog Trainer, Author Unknown.

...behold, there came through the gates of the city a dog trainer from far off and it came to pass as the days went by, he trained his dog plenty.

...and in that city were laggards and complainers, they that spent their days in adding to their alibi sheets. Mightily they were astonished at the performance of the stranger's dog. They said to one another, "What the hell, how doth he do it? He must have an easy dog to train."

..and it came to pass that many were gathered and a soothsayer came amongst them. And he was one wise

guy. And they questioned him thusly. "How is it that this stranger has such a well trained dog?" Whereupon the soothsayer made answer. "He of whom you speak of is one hustler. He arises very early and goeth forth full of pep to train his dog. He complainth not. Neither doth he despair. While you lie in bed and say verily, this is a terrible day to train a dog, he is already abroad. And when the eleventh hour cometh, he needth no alibis.

..."He taketh with him two angels, persistence and perspiration and worketh like hell. Verily I say unto you, go and do likewise." As the old saying goes . . . Train . . . don't complain.

Braggs

Hi! Can we mention our newest achievement???

A litter of nine healthy HUGE collie babies on March 2nd....Mommy *Angel* will return to agility this summer after maternity leave. In the meantime, Daddy *Flight* is off at the breed rings having fun!

Looking forward to getting back in classes after the pups are placed and I can quit changing wet papers...One of our HUGE boys has tentatively been chosen for training to become the assistance dog for a wheelchair bound Gulf War vet. We are Sooooo proud of and excited about this litter. :-))
Suanne King

Gerry Nash reports that Robin, a tri-color rough-coated Collie co-owned and handled by Regina Edwards of Plainview earned a 3rd leg and a UD title at the SPOTC Obedience Trials.

He also part owns Beaver, a Papillon who earned 2 legs in the Novice B class at AOTC's trials with a 189 & 191 1/2; and Topper, a Papillon who earned his 1st leg in Novice B on Sunday of AOTC's trials with a 193 1/2—both co-owned and handled by Regina Edwards.

Ricky, an ASCOB Cocker Spaniel owned & handled by Peggy Wilbanks got his 1st leg in Novice B with a score of 190 and a 2nd leg with a 189. Ricky is also owned by Dr. Gerry Nash.

From Sheri Anderson & Kira: Santa Fe 3-27-04 qualified in both open and utility for her 5th combined leg. We also received 2nd place in Utility B and 3rd place in Open B. On Sunday we again qualified in both receiving 3rd place in Utility and 2nd place in Open. Last but not least....4th place in Utility B on Sunday at AOTC's trial AND High Combined!

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Want to see how your favorite breed fared for 2003 in AKC events?

<http://www.akc.org/dic/events/statistics/2003/2003Event&Title.pdf>

If you need to pull your Memorial Day agility trial entry, don't forget to do it before May 12th. Others are waiting for your spot if you don't need it! Contact TS Marcia Emerson ASAP!

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Brag's continued

AOTC was very well represented in the awards at our trials. Vicky Ramsay with Reba got HIT at 9+ years and Kira got HC at 10+. Yay AOTC!!!!

Sweetie and Cali have been somewhat busy since we've moved to Amarillo (which, by the way, we all love!). In February, we all went to the DFWESSA show in McKinney where Cali won all the 20" Excellent B classes for the entire weekend and Sweetie qualified in all the 20" Excellent B classes. We also went to Tulsa where Sweetie won 20" Excellent B JWW and Cali won 20" ExB Standard on Saturday; and on Sunday, Sweetie was 3rd in ExB Standard while Cali won ExB JWW.

In March we went back to McKinney,

where Cali won both ExB Standard and JWW on Saturday and then on Sunday, was a real stinker on the table, even though it was a qualifying run. Reliable Sweetie Q'ed in ExB JWW on Saturday and double Q'ed on Sunday.

We then followed the AOTC caravan to Albuquerque where Sweetie Q'ed in ExB JWW and Cali was 2nd in ExB Standard (gotta get a faster table!) on Saturday. On Sunday, Cali won ExB JWW and Sweetie Q'ed in Standard.

Most recently Cali, Sweetie and I went to the Australian Shepherd National Specialty, where Cali won all 3 ExB JWW classes but her handler was plagued with a case of "one-little-thing-

itis" in the ExB Standard classes. Sweetie also qualified in all 3 ExB JWW classes, placing 2nd and 4th. She was also 2nd in the ExB Standard class on Sunday. Cali was nice enough to win a nice Aussie throw rug for me and a toy for her in her Monday JWW run, which was for the Aussie only show. She's coming along nicely. And Sweetie racked up a nice bunch of points towards her MACH3. Also, the AKC National Australian Shepherd club sent Sweetie 2 nice certificates saying that she was 3rd best Aussie in JWW and 4th best Aussie in Standard for the year 2002.

In NADAC, Sweetie earned her Outstanding-NATCH (NADAC Agility Trial Championship, (go to page 5)



Workers Sought for Memorial Weekend Trials in Amarillo.

Contact Laveta Bryan, Chief Ring Steward.
voftheairways@hotmail.com or 499-3421.



April 13th Board Meeting

Jerry called the meeting to order. In attendance were Carol, Donna, Joe, Michelle/Sue Boger, John, Lynne, and some club members.

New Business: Carol presented information on a clause that AKC is providing to go onto future entry forms. Robin has looked at the information. Carol moved with Donna seconding that we use the arbitration clause in the future. The measure was voted on and approved.

Lynne brought up the fact that membership applications have been turned in with out endorsements on them. The By laws were checked and this will need to be done in the future. The board discussed the need to keep checks with the applications and to have second readings done in a timely manner. It was recommended that any first reading over 4 months old be returned to the applicant. The person would need to reapply if they still wanted to join.

Ricki Wallis approached the board requesting we host NADAC trials in the future. Carol stated she had talked with an AKC representative about this issue and it is against AKC rules. We can support another organization who is having the trial by providing equipment, workers, and actually running the event for them. It was recommended that a committee be formed of Carol, Ricki, and Susan Kraus to contact SPCA to see if they are interested in being the host organization for such an event.

John Beard has talked with the Big Texan again. They do want to be the corporate sponsor for the May agility show. They would also like to be the motel we use for the judges. The board approved this measure. John will talk with the trial committee.

Carol asked the board to approve a Public Education Table to be set up at the upcoming trials. The board approved money to pay for materials.

A nominating committee was set for the upcoming officer and board election. It will consist of Michelle Knevelboard and Ricki and Marty Wallis. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Minutes from April 13, 2004

Jerry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved

Committee Reports:

Obedience: The next set of classes will sign up at the end of May. The trial is moving forward. We have about 100 entries each day. Mike Hibbs would like everyone to come help with set up on Friday, April 16 at 8pm. Call Tammy Heggie to volunteer as a steward. You can contact Teri Mayfield to donate something for the raffle.

Agility: Darlene reported class sign up was April 4. All information was posted on the website. Janet stated the contacts have been resurfaced, tire welded, sandbags ordered, and chairs are on the way. Marsha reported that the trial filled on the first day and we should really look at a site where we could have 2 rings. Laveta is looking for volunteers to steward. Sunday agility practice has been changed to 5pm.

Seminars: Carol reminded members that the last day for members to sign up for the Jerry Brown seminar was at the meeting. She asked if members are interested in a tracking seminar. The membership indicated they were interested so she will pursue setting up a seminar.

Membership: 1st readings for Rhonda Garrison, Nancy Schaffer, Lois and Timothy Stickley, Mary Bush, McDaniel Family, Elise Lavin, and Bill and Karen Archinal. Tina Morgan was voted and approved as a new member.

New Business:

Jim Boger questioned about a person needing to go to a different set of classes. If a person is having difficulties they should talk with the instructor.

Judy DeShong requested that new members be given a newsletter. This is already being done.

Locks on the building have been changed again. Please make sure you lock the building if you use the bathroom. The fence will be moved back by the landlord to provide more parking room. He will be putting a second door in the building to allow for more ventilation.

David Paul asked that a video specialist be allowed to video participants at the agility trial. He was referred to the trial committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Membership Updates

New Members

Robert Broussard
(returning)
16450 Betty
Canyon TX 79015
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wilcohouse@msn.com

Tina Morgan
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Amarillo TX 79118
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(W) 477-4756
sprnova55@msn.com

New Applicants

Bill & Karen Archinal
Mary Bush
Rhonda Garrison
Elise Lavin
Gary, Michelle & Alyssa
McDaniel
Nancy Schaefer
Lois Stickley

Changes

Carol Bishop
1810 N Roberts (correction)
(W) 352-6861 (added)

Muchos Gracias from Lynne

Thank you to everyone who made the trial a wonderful success. I want to thank each person on the committee. Ricki Wallis--Trial Chairman, Tammy Heggie--Chief Steward, Mike Hibbs--Equipment, John Beard and Laura Teichman--advertising, Judy DeShong--Trophies, and Teri Mayfield--Raffle. *You all did a great job.* A special thank you to Frances Hibbs for proof reading the catalogue. Thanks also to those who stepped in and took care of the unforeseen "little" things. Especially Teri Mayfield who took care of the match sign up and Murphy DeShong who went home to get a trailer to move equipment on Friday and Sunday. It takes everybody to make things run smoothly and I received several compliments. I know things would not have run smoothly without everybody pitching in.

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AOTC Membership Renewal Information

The Club Year changes effective July 1. Only those members who have renewed their membership by the date of the July meeting, the "Annual Meeting," will be able to vote in elections for new officers and board members. Please renew soon. Anyone joining the club since April of this year is paid for the coming year!

Send your check for \$20 (single membership) or \$25 (family membership) TODAY! Send your payment to:

Sue Boger
1806 Club View Dr.
Amarillo TX 79124

Please make the check payable to "AOTC," and in the memo section, write "dues." If you do pay by check including other items paid to AOTC (for example, classes), please show all items paid, by amount, in the memo section of your check so that the Treasurer can properly record the payments by item.

If you need to ask about your renewal status status, please **contact Sue at 379-7750 or bluesky@c1ama.net** .

If you have had any changes to your directory information during the last year, please complete and return this notice with current information below, with your payment (or send the information changed directly to Erin Orr by email: norinfox@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you.

Name(s) of member(s):

Complete Address (with ZIP):

Telephones (that you want in directory):

Dog Breed(s):

Email address(s):

Check all interests that apply: Obedience __ Agility __ Therapy __
Teaching/Assisting __ Hunting __ Earthdog __ Tracking __ Other (describe)

Year initially joined ("best guess" will do): _____

And More Brags!

which is a lot like an AKC MACH2) in March. At Sweetie's level, the titles come few and far between, so this was pretty special. Cali graduated to Elite (aka Excellent) in all classes and we made use of alot of "training-in-the-ring" opportunities to tighten up contacts.

In USDAA, we went back to Albuquerque for our first USDAA trial since November. Cali had a great show, winning Advanced Standard, Advanced Gamblers, Advanced Snooker and placing 3rd in the second Advanced Standard class. She also won the Steeplechase class, which is a 2 round tournament class open to any dog regardless of what level they're competing at. I was really proud of her because she beat 30 22" dogs, many of them easily categorized as "really nice dogs". The other thing about Steeplechase is that you can win back money, \$37.00 in my case. That at least paid for part of the gas!
Susan Kraus

Well my little Cassi has been quite busy this past month. We entered the Amarillo Obedience show in the Novice A class and much to my surprise, after only 2 novice classes with her uncle Johnnie, and really not much practice at home, she got her first 2 legs towards her CD with a 189 1/2 one her first go on Saturday, she also got the high scoring Poodle award on Saturday and Sunday she got her second leg with a 175 1/2. Then this past weekend at the Lubbock Agility show this little girl had some awesome weave poles and finally got her AX title, with a first place, and she also finally got her first MXJ leg, with a first place and 8 MACH points. Way to go my little Cassi!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From her very proud mom & dad Jinger & Donnie Guinn

Have been to a couple of shows but the most recent I guess is our shows. On Saturday, Harley won Open B and placed 2nd in Utility B. We won High Combined on Saturday and won the Ginny Gillett award. This award means more to me than all the awards I have won this whole year. This lady has helped me in so many

ways starting out with my red dog (Flash) , helping me get through Utility to most recently my red dog (Tank) , helping me yet again in Utility. She is the Master when it comes to Obedience and I have learned so much from this wonderful lady . Thanks, Ginny, I love you dearly!!!

Judy DeShong

Just wanted you all to know that I finally passed, with my super dog HiTech, the FEMA k9 Type II certification test that was held in Virginia Beach this past weekend. HiTech did awesome. She was a joy to work with she just could not have done any better and I was very pleased to be her partner. Now we are going to try for the Type I certification test this year. She is probably ready but I am not I have more to do in this Advanced test and I have to learn and get comfortable with it all before I try to test for it.
Catch you later, Donna Black

Tyler finished his Senior Hunter title May 2nd at Bosque del Apache NWR near Socorro, NM. Since Tyler already had a Junior title he only needed 4 passes (5 without a JH) Tyler managed to go 4 for 4.

Senior dogs are required to retrieve a double land mark (see the birds fall) and a double water mark. The double means two birds will fall one after the other and the dog must pick them up without handler assistance. The dogs are also required to do a land blind and a water blind. A blind is a planted bird that the dog does not see fall and must take handler signals to get to it. Both the blinds and marks do not normally exceed 100 yards. A blind is like a "go-out" stretched to 100yds through all kinds of cover and over hills and/or through ditches.

The dogs while working are not allowed to wear a collar must heel under control and must sit and not budge until sent. There is also an off lead honor, where the non-working dog must watch the birds fall and remain still and quiet when the working dog is sent. One of the series of marks includes a "walk-up" which is just as it sounds as the dog walks up to the starting line the birds go up and the dog must sit to the handlers command (verbal or whistle) watch the birds and remain sitting until sent.

To do all this, there is more than just time in the field. There are countless hours spent on basic obedience skills. Without a solid foundation in obedience a dog will never make it in the field.

Laura Baar

As you can see, it's been a busy month for AOTC. Let's see, did we forget anyone? Oh, yes. Janet & Twist went MACH2 at SPOTC's trials last weekend!!!! Great job you two!



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New Classes

Agility Registration-May 13

at the agility field 6:30 to 8:30-Classes begin May 17

Monday	7pm	Agility for Fun— Lynne Tellman
	7pm	Excellent courses—Nicky Trowbridge at her house-limit 12
Tuesday	7pm	Beginners II—Ricki & Linda
	8pm	Gamblers Advanced-limit 10 Susan Kraus
Wednesday	7pm	Sequencing & Skills (Novice level) Janet & Laveta
	8pm	Open & Advanced Joe Nelson
Thursday	7pm	Gamblers Beginners-limit 10 Susan Kraus must have at least Open title bring toys & targets
	8pm	Beginners I Sheila & Jinger

Obedience Registration-May 17

At the training building 6:30 to 8:00

Monday	7pm	Household Manners
	7pm	Utility 1
	8pm	Utility 2
Wednesday	7pm	Puppy
	7pm	Beginners
	8pm	Open
Thursday	7pm	Intermediate
	7pm	Novice

Hey, you guys! Remember to remind your relatives, friends, neighbors, church members, & fellow workers about the club and our classes. We depend on you to spread the word. Please don't overlook everyday opportunities to let someone new in on our secret. We are just starting to gain some momentum in our newspaper coverage but word of mouth, from you, is still our most effective drawing card . . . Speak up!
David Paul