tales of lincolnwood

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Training News...

With the closing of King’s Kennels, wintertime training is now a concern.

We are going to hold S.T.A.R. Puppy classes at the Clubhouse with no more than 5 dogs/handlers for as long as we are able.

I am forming a committee to look at and find a suitable place to train, starting as early as the end of November. Please let me know if you are interested in being on this committee either by phone (847-682-5747) or by email (je3974@gmail.com).

The Glenview Park District is not holding meetings, and the Glenview Public Library closes at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. We will be contacting Glenview School District 34 as a potential training option.

To conduct Club meetings through the winter months, we need to have an Internet connection to run the meeting in person and on Zoom. Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to “meet” with or without video.

However, this is not possible at the Clubhouse as we do not have Internet, and King’s Kennels is closing its doors for good.

Meetings can be held via Zoom as long as you have a phone, computer, or tablet, an Internet connection, and can download the Zoom app. Cell phone data, although it can be done, is not an optimal way to use Zoom.

As we resolve these issues, we will keep you updated about training and future Club meetings through email. --- Jane Eastman, Club President

COVER ART: “Hope,” by artist and Lifetime Lincolnwood Training Club member Georgia Cawley, Hawaii
Good Sniffing, Guys

Bobby and Cathy Stevens’ talented GSD, Lili Marlene, earned her AKC Scent Work Buried Excellent title, topped off with a first-place finish.

In doing so, Lili completed the final requirements for her overall Scent Work Excellent title.

Scent work celebrates the joy of sniffing and asks a dog to sniff to its heart’s content.

In so many dog sports, the handler is in control; but this isn’t true in scent work. Here, neither the dog nor handler knows where the target odor is hidden.

The handler has to rely on the dog, and follow the dog’s nose to success.

The sport of scent work is based on the work of professional detection dogs (such as drug-sniffing K-9s employed by the police and other professionals) to detect a wide variety of scents and substances.

Coincidentally, and complementing Lili’s new K-9 skill, Bobby is a retired Chicago Police Department Lieutenant.

Calendar Gir-r-r-l

A photo of Ruth Black and Neda Tkalcevik’s Liesl as a pup (photo at left) earned a spot in the 2021 Puppy Calendar Contest sponsored by Black Horse Creations.

Entrants were invited to post photos of their German Shepherds in two categories -- puppy and adult -- online.

Friends and family were then encouraged to "like" the photos. The photos with the most likes were to be featured in the calendars.

Liesl, now 7, is 16 weeks in the photo. She is a daughter of Ruth and Neda’s celebrated champion GSD, Odin.

Lincolnwood Articles in GSDCA Review

Articles about Wendy Israel and Cassidy and Cathy Stein and Danny Boy were published in recent issues of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s magazine, the Review.

Cassidy’s journey into the upper heights of Barn Hunt competition, and Danny Boy’s care for an ailing kitty, were featured.

The articles were first printed in Tales of Lincolnwood.

S.T.A.R. Pups

Newest graduates of Cathy Stein’s S.T.A.R. Puppy Class are Tim Lucy (from left) and Heidi, Sue Meyers and Maggie, Jennifer French and Kota, and Norene Helenick and Memphis.

Lincolnwood Trial Chairman Jane Eastman (above, left) and Trial Secretary Pat Behles did a super, super job of helping put on the September 13, 2020 event in a complicated age of COVID-19. (Article on page 4.)
By Pat Behles

There was a huge debate. Should we hold our annual obedience trial this year or not.

The COVID-19 threat was a dark cloud hanging over us for months. Let’s be real. Considering that most competitors are at least in their 40s, would they risk getting back into the competition ring?

Would it be worth the cost, work, and manpower. And would people step up to work closely together as volunteers?

A HUGE YES!!!!

With our president, Jane Eastman, as the trial chair, and me as trial secretary, we were able to get more than enough eager volunteers.

A couple of people who wanted to remain anonymous offered to cover all the special awards and expenses so there was no reason to solicit others for donations.

Then to top it off, people approached us, wanting to be involved. They just handed us checks. At that point, Jane and I decided to put out an email so that others could also donate without feeling pressured.

I had hoped and prayed that we would get 25 entries. My prayers were overwhelmingly answered with 21 people entering 25 dogs. We had 26 obedience entries, and 12 rally, totaling 38 entries, more than we have had since 2016.

The decision was made to begin the trial at 8:30 a.m., a half-hour earlier than normal, after considering that our sister club, GSDTC of Chicago, with only 7 more entries, also started at 8:30, but didn’t finish until 4 p.m.

Our judge this year was Fred Buroff, who was wonderful at keeping the day fun and relaxing for the seasoned competitors and the first-time Novice A people. Though we had only one judge, we had two rings set up, one for obedience and the other for rally.

Saving us a lot of time, the first rally course was set up prior to the start of the obedience trial.

Thanks to the amazing crew of volunteers the whole trial moved along so smoothly.

We had old and new members, ex-members, friends, and family all pitching in.

Some with lots of experience either competing or stewarding, and others had no idea of what to do, but learning quickly.

It was so great to see just what we could do when we all came together in unison for the good of the club.

Lincolnwood Training Club shined that Sunday.

During and after the trials, Jane and I fielded a lot of compliments on how well she and I did.

I’m sure Jane agrees with me that we were only the background people, organizing and shuffling a lot of paperwork.

The applauds and accolades must go to everyone on the field that day helping to make the trial the success that it was.

From security to the kitchen, the response was that everyone was so friendly and welcoming.

Our volunteers were Lana Berger, Dawn Bonome, Janet Contursi, Rose Cortes, Bryan Eastman, Anne Feuerstein, Pedro Forte, Karen Johnson, Sandy Kalhaughe, Ed Lamasky, Richard and Nancy Lane, Wioletta Pekala, Patty Speyer, Cathy Stein, Mila Volpyansky, Mary Wetterstrand, and Mary Whalen.

Jane and I thank you all!!!!

Izabela Racynski-Bell’s Argos (photo below; then clockwise), does a retrieve; Pat Behles and Ki, joined by Trial Judge Mr. Fred Buroff; & Izabela Racynski-Bell & Argos. (Trial photos taken by Amy Boatman.)
Nancy Lane and Sam (top two photos, then clockwise; Pedro Forte and Kygo; and Janet Contursi and Basko.. (Trial photos taken by Amy Boatman.)
Welcome New Members, Dogs

Lincolnwood Training Club welcomes its newest members and their dogs recently voted into membership, including:


Also, Mary Vogenthaler recorded a new GSD, Zachary vom Orenburg ("Zachary"), born 1/25/2020, sire: Matty vom Marketal, dam: Zombie vom Pendler, breeders: Michelle Howell and Pamela Andrews.

Dan Meyers recorded new member GSD bitch, Maggie Meyers v vom Krystal ("Maggie"), born 2/23/2020, sire: CH Krystal’s Catch Me If You Can, dam: Coastline Girl on Fire of Cherpa, breeder: Krystal German Shepherds.

Next Up!

Stu Unger’s Freija, Novice B, Leg #3, 3rd Place, Companion Dog (CD) Title, February 15, 2020, Topline GSDCI, Judge Joseph Caputa.

Izabela Racynski-Bell’s Argos, Rally Advanced B, Leg #2, February 16, 2020, Central States Collie Club, Judge Edree Olson.

Rosemary Lacey’s Buddy, Therapy Dogs International Gold Award (TDIG), 500 Visits, March 12, 2020.

Cathy Stein’s Danny Boy, American Kennel Club Therapy Dog Distinguished Award (THDD), 400 Visits, March 18, 2020.

Bobby Stevens’ Lili, Buried Excellent Scentwork, Leg #2, 2nd Place, Paw Power Blues DC, June 20, 2020, Judge Sharon Jonas.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Paw Power Blues Dog Club AKC Scentwork Trial results: Buried Excellent, Leg #2, June 20, 2020, Judge Sharon Jonas; Buried Excellent, Leg #3, 2nd Place, Scent Work Buried Excellent (SBE) Title, Judge Sharon Jonas; and Scent Work Excellent (SWE) Title, June 20, 2020.

Pat Behles’ Britta, joined the German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s Thirteen Club, June 27, 2020 (when Britta turned 12).

Bobby Stevens’ Lili, Cudahy KC AKC Scentwork Trial results: Buried Excellent, Leg #3, 1st Place, Scent Work Buried Excellent (SBE) Title, Aug. 2, 2020, Judge Bonnie Gutzwiler; and Scent Work Excellent (SWE) Title, Aug. 2, 2020.

Karen Johnson’s Charlie, Container Search, 2nd Place, August 16, 2020, National Association for Canine Scent Work NW2, hosted by For Your K9, Judge David Conroy.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, American Kennel Club Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU) title, Passed, August 23, 2020, Evaluator Karin Magnuson.

Pat Behles’ Kai, German Shepherd DTCC Obedience Trial results: Beginner Novice B, 1st Place, Leg #1, August 23, 2020, Judge Loretta Lazzara; and Preferred Novice, 1st Place, Leg #1, August 23, 2020, Judge Loretta Lazzara.

Pat Behles’ Kai, Lincolnwood Training Club for GSDs Obedience and Rally Trial results: Beginner Novice B, 1st Place, Leg #2, September 13, 2020, Judge Fred Burrow; and Rally Novice B, 2nd Place, Leg #1, September 13, 2020, Judge Fred Burrow.

Izabela Racynski-Bell’s Argos, Lincolnwood Training Club for GSDs Rally Trial, Advanced B, 4th Place, Leg #3, Rally Advanced (RA) Title, September 13, 2020, Judge Fred Burrow.

All Dogs Go to Heaven

Lincolnwood Training Club offers its condolences to the following members whose German Shepherds have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

Mitzi and Daniel Breaux “Elsa” 8/15/2006 – 10/07/2019

Elaine Vedder

Seem training their GSDs at the Club recently were Tom Strissel (left) & Jericho, Wioletta Pekala (bottom photo, from left), & Misiek, Larry Hossman & Mojo and Agnes Hencz-Szucs & Nara.
German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Application for Membership

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Happy Birthday!

Vader  7/04/2013  Jane & Colleen Eastman
Tessa  7/06/2017  David Vassallo
Gini   7/11/2008  Rosemary Minzghor
Morgen 7/13/2008  Cathy Stein
Max    7/14/2018  Mathew Ciepleicz
Jericho 7/17/2014  Thomas Strissel & Rosalia Cortes
Nora   7/19/2014  Stanislaw Piotrowski
Nara   7/19/2018  Attila & Agnes Hencz
Roma   7/26/2016  Stu Unger
Bruno  8/07/2012  Michael & Karen Melbinger
Czar   8/14/2005  Louanne Howe
Raya   8/15/2015  Barbara Rueckert
Panzer 8/16/2013  Jennifer Calik
Lucas  8/25/2016  Mark & Pam Anichini
Abbie  8/26/2018  Michael & Laurie Kinney
Ace    8/29/2013  Linda Witt
Velcro 9/01/2016  Jane Eastman
Grimm  9/05/2013  Peter & Edna Mondlock
Flair  9/09/2010  Sue Czuchra
Fergie 9/09/2010  Pat Speyer
Foalan 9/09/2010  Janet Culotta
Fritzi 9/09/2010  Pat Behles
Rico   9/11/2004  Rosemary Minzghor
Argos  9/15/2016  Jason Bell & Izabela Racynski-Bell
Bella  9/17/2015  Jane Eastman
Brooklyn9/19/2017  Donna Kroger
Mischief9/20/2017  Samantha Bukowski
Cassidy9/22/2008  Wendy Israel
Tara   9/25/2018  Gale Metz
Phineas9/29/2010  Stu Unger

Birthday-ing recently were Pat Speyer’s Fergie, 10, (above, left) and Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, 12.
Karen Johnson picked up an armful of honors and scent work titles at Lincolnwood Training Club’s outdoor awards ceremony. These included three Scent Work Titles for her GSD Charlie & a protection sports ranking for GSD Jon. More on the special event in the winter issue of Tales of Lincolnwood.