

# July 2003



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Our next meeting will be Monday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. (Thanks to Terese Barta for bringing turtle sundaes for our June meeting. The June newsletter incorrectly listed Kris Punke for hospitality.) Kris will provide hospitality for our July meeting. Our August meeting will be our picnic on August 18 (the third Monday of the month) at Camp Bandy. Mark your calendar! Check out our updated web site at <http://www.trdogtraining.com>.

### Minutes of General Membership Meeting 6/9/03

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Also present were Rachel Bandy, Karlene Ferrante, Beth Knotts, Terese Barta, Kris Punke, Cheryl Brimmer, Kathe Carter, Katherine Steinberger, Annie Wood, Jenny Zawacki, Bud Schuh, Dawn O. Witter, Arleen Ravanelli, Heather Varco and Charlie, Val Barden and Tar, Many Ann Ralston, Pat Rose and Asia, Cherilyn Antin, and Bob and Sue Roeske.

Minutes. Heather moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried. (The only dissenter was Heather's Charlie.)

### Treasurer's Report

Our checking account has \$716.63 in it and our Savings account has \$656.77 We had transferred \$1,000.00 from savings to checking on 5/17/03. We have just enough money in our account to pay our estimated state and federal tax for July and a few bucks left over. Chuck and Laurie both have agreed that we can pay summer rent in September.

### Old Business

2004 AKC Obedience Trial Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2004. Chris has hired a third judge for each day—Anna Lorenz for Saturday, and Kerry Tesch for Sunday. The other judges for both days are Dick and Sharon Woods. Chris is also filing the paperwork with AKC.

2003 UKC Obedience and Agility Trials. Terese will serve as chair for both the obedience and agility trials. Beth will serve as secretary for the agility trial, and Kris will take care of the obedience trial.

*We send our deepest sympathy  
to Dawn Witter,  
on the loss of her Pomeranian,  
Spooky,  
who was only ten years old.*

Possible NADAC Agility Trial. Heather Varco reported on the procedures for holding a NADAC trial. You apply for a date, sending \$10 per class, 12 weeks in advance. You must honor trials 400 miles or get permission from the other trial chair. Judges must not have judged within 6 months or 200 miles of your site within a certain period of time. Thus, judges tend to travel all over the country. Heather is considering the possibility of a trial in summer or winter. You can hold up to 8 trials per year, and some clubs offer only the nontraditional classes in their first trial, to get practice running a trial with limited entries. Members encouraged Heather to explore further.

**Correction to Membership List Published in May**  
Cherilyn Antin has 2 Newfoundlands and a French Bulldog, not a poodle as stated in the membership list.

Obedience and Agility Fun match. Members decided to hold the fun match August 9, since Winnegamie is not holding a trial that weekend. We will offer obedience in the morning, and agility in the afternoon, with a standard course indoors, and—weather permitting—a jumpers course outdoors. Cherilyn, Karlene, Kathe, and Mary Ann volunteered to serve as the Fun Match Committee. (When Rachel said, “I can help,” Laurie warned her seriously, “Never say those words at a Timber Ridge meeting!”) A flyer is attached.

Continued Discussion: Rewards for Time Consuming Service to the Club. Members continued the discussion of how we could reward people for doing “big jobs” for the club. Mary Ann asked if there was some way to structure this so that all members could participate, keeping track of smaller service contributions, perhaps with a card of some kind. Arleen pointed out that the structure we have been considering might make it difficult for members who must drive long distances to do the kind of service that would earn those rewards. Laurie described an array of significant service opportunities that would not require driving to a trial. Kathe asked if the purpose of these rewards would be to recognize significant service or to pay people for putting in a lot of time for the club. Karlene pointed out that it takes 6-8 hours every month to produce, copy, and distribute the newsletter. It’s not done to make money, but it does add up to a large number of hours across 12 months. Laurie listed the rewards that our club already provides:

1. Members get a discount on our training classes;
2. Instructors get half of the course fees from the classes they teach; and
3. Members who attend three meetings and work at one event get a plaque and award plates for titles earned during the year.

Arleen suggested it might be worthwhile to discuss this further, and perhaps to brainstorm a list of various service opportunities. After more discussion, Kathe moved to table this item for further

discussion at the next meeting. Beth seconded the motion to table. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

Membership List Online. Laurie reported that the updated membership list has been posted on our website. On our home page there is a link to Members. Phyllis said we had talked at a meeting about publishing the User ID and password in the newsletter since it doesn’t go to many people besides members.

How to Get on the Club’s Email List. If you are interested in adding your name to our email discussion list, send your email address to Terese Barta at [tbarta@coredes.com](mailto:tbarta@coredes.com). Terese can add your name to the list. Once you are signed up, if you send an email to [TRTDC@groups.com](mailto:TRTDC@groups.com), all members of the group will get your message, and you will get all messages sent by other members.

## **Our building was burglarized.**

I’m sorry to report that our training building was burglarized late on the night of June 18. When Chuck arrived the next morning, the building was locked, but someone had taken cash and some guns. For the new lock combination, call Laurie, Kris, or Karlene. Please do not share the combination with non-members, and please always be sure the door is locked when you leave.

Concern about the Building. As Coordinator of Classes, Kris has become aware that the training floor is often dirty and full of dog hair. Our instructors have been vacuuming the floor and leaving it clean, and then finding it dirty when we have not used the building in between. Someone is still turning our display board toward the wall every week, even after we have asked the other trainers to leave it in place, or return it when they are finished. Laurie will talk to Sylvia and Chuck about this problem. The vacuum cleaner is in the storage room.

New Members. Arleen moved to dispense with the secret ballot. Bud seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Laurie asked guests applying for membership to introduce themselves.

Valerie, Michael, and Jesse Barden  
9419 Damrau Rd.  
Amherst, WI 54406  
9715) 824-5235

Val has an English Field Setter training in agility and two Gordon Setters. Val has already volunteered at club events.

Members voted to accept Val and family as members.

Katie Steinberger  
(Katie’s address will be included in a later newsletter.)

Katie has two Golden Retrievers and an Australian Cattle Dog, training in obedience and agility.

Mary Ann moved to accept Katherine as a member. Bud seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welcome to the club!

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karlene Ferrante  
Secretary

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### **\*Braggs \* Brags \* Brags\* Brags \***

Cherilyn Antin's Newfie Splash finished her championship at Fond du Lac on April 19, and her TD May4 at the North Shore Dog Training Club in Kenosha. Her son Austin, that Cherilyn co-owns, won a 3 point major from the 6-9 puppy class in Madison and earned a puppy group 3.

Cheryl Brimmer Vizsla CH Coffee's Prairie Smoke (Smoke) earned his second leg for an AKC hunt title at the Vizsla Club of Illinois field trial, on June 7 at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds.

Smoke earned his third leg for an AKC hunt title at the Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club field trial, on June 8, also at Ottawa. He scored a perfect 10 in "bird finding ability" and a 9 for "hunting." Smoke needs one more leg for his title.

Heather Varco's Charlie completed his OA title at Packerland Kennel Club on May 31, with a first place finish. He had a good run, too, the following day in Excellent.

Lori Whitney and Chocolate Lab "Keeper" earned their second CDX leg at the Milwaukee Dog Training Club's trial held in Ixonia on June 7. Keeper was also the highest scoring Labrador Retriever in the Open A class and won a large gift basket.

The following weekend, Lori and Keeper went to the Winnebago Labrador Retriever Specialty show and took a third place in Open A, with a score of 193 ½. This was her CDX title, and I couldn't be more proud of Keeper. She earned her CDX in three straight shows. "Keeper" sure is a "KEEPER"!!! Now, to get ready for utility.

From Kathy Schuh: U-CDX Silvercreek's Hav Gun Wil Travl, CDX, MX, MXJ, TDI, V,CGC (Gunner-border terrier) owned by Bud & Kathy Schuh took a 1st place finish at the Packerland agility trial on Sat.May 31st to add another leg to his Exc.STD titling. Then on Sun. June 1st at the same trial he qualified again in JWW.

On Sat.June 14th at the Marshfield agility trial held at Camp Bandy, Kobold Blue Suede Schuh's CGC,TDI (Brodie-border terrier) took a 2nd place in Novice Std. & the same day he also took a 2nd place in Novice JWW. Both of these guys are handled by Kathy.

From Arleen Ravanelli: My White Shepherd girl "Shira" finished her UKC Grand Championship this weekend. This is really huge not only is she young (18 mo) but she did in 6 shows ( 5 majors required). She took 3 out of 3 Best of Champions and 2 Best of Breeds (beating out the number 1 "top ten" ranked White Shepherd (her Dad) both shows; in Ixonia WI this week end to finish for her title. So she is now officially called: GR CH Royal Shylo's Nashira. She is also my

## **Minutes of Board Meeting 6/12/03**

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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### **Old Business**

Chris Gilbreath is filing the paperwork for our 2004 AKC obedience trial. She has hired an extra judge for each day, so we will have three judges on both Saturday and Sunday. We may need three judges if we get a lot of entries, and if we wait until entries close, it may be too late to get judges, so this seems like a good idea.

### **New Business**

Karlene received a letter offering us an opportunity for us to be listed in the Encyclopedia of Organizations & Associations. Board members agreed we don't need this listing.

Karlene has a form to notify the AKC of who our officers are. Laurie will complete and send the form.

Karlene is redesigning our application form. She is organizing our files, and has purchased a portable file box. VerJean will be glad to know it was on sale.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

first conformation dog EVER. I will be smiling for a month. Now it is off to obedience work with her.

Karlene's Samoyed Sasha (Chelestina's Cinnabar CD AX AXJ) earned his 8<sup>th</sup> leg in Excellent B Standard, at the Packerland agility trial June 1, with a third place finish. He also qualified for his 6<sup>th</sup> leg in Excellent B Jumpers. At the MAKC trial on June 14, Sasha qualified for his 9<sup>th</sup> leg in Excellent B Standard, with a third place finish. He also qualified for his 7<sup>th</sup> leg in Excellent B Jumpers. These were our second and third Double Qs, out of 20 needed for the MACH title. We now have 73 MACH points, out of the 750 needed.

Congratulations to all!

### ***Failing to Succeed***

I am writing to encourage some of you newer trainers out there who may be feeling the effects of the big NQ! I am sure that most or all of us have felt the disappointment of going to a show with a dog that has been practicing well, has been proofed in foreign locations, and who, we feel, has the potential for one of those colored ribbons(not green) or at least to do a respectable jog. Then you and the dog bomb!

I experienced one of those days again here a couple of weeks ago with a dog, not my own, but trained a lot by me. She was coming off a high in match performance, and I had hopes for one of those colored ribbons. Being one of those older and more experienced trainers, it was especially disappointing when dog managed to produce six(6) no sits in one novice routine.

No doubt the proofing was lacking, even though it seemed that she was ready. My point in all of this is that there is a lesson in each of these bad performances. What I have learned from this latest one is that you can't cut corners in training and hope to be in the ribbons. We were only working a couple of days a week, and those foreign sites weren't more than a handful.

My earlier, somewhat excessive, experiences with failure came with a black over sized miniature poodle named Cinder. Some of the older club members I am sure can attest to the fact that he had an attitude. He didn't do too badly in novice, just running out of the ring once in an Oshkosh show. Lots of repetitions got us through to our title. In open things went reasonably well, with Cinder even scoring in the 190's once in getting the CDX.

It was utility that exposed all of the training errors in the area of attention. In the signal exercise, I had to resort to a shaker can to keep his attention on me from across the ring. A long line also helped focus his wandering eye.

Then in scent articles, Cinder showed his disdain by peeing on the articles in practice. Out came the ear pinch at the start line, and Mr. Cinder started to perform. His heeling would also deteriorate over the course of a few shows, and then the pinch collar had to be employed to straighten things out.

And his last major problem area was in the directional jumping. Seems he couldn't tell left from right. The solution for

this one was a scruff shake when he made a mistake. I had to run across the ring and grab him immediately when he chose the wrong direction. Finally after about 35 shows(can't remember exactly how many) spread over 5 years, we did achieve the UD title. Flunking was a way of life in this period of obedience. Toward the end of that time I also added a 2nd dog to the utility level and she did her share of flunking too.

But, my point is that the failures showed where my training needed to change. The big black poodle taught me what a hard dog is and about the need for attention training. The final success was very rewarding, and Cinder, my first obedience dog, will always be a prominent memory as I work with his successors.

Then came Laci, an in-size cream female, who trained like a dream compared to Cinder. She did Dog World scores in novice, and in open had some very nice scores also. But, she came with a different set of challenges. She had a propensity to go down on the long sit out of sight.

Once we got to utility the stays were behind us, but she was good enough to go beyond the UD, so we fought the good fight against that nagging sit stay problem. We put her on the edge of the bed and had someone ring the door bell. We tried having another trainer give a down command during the stay. If she responded, we corrected. We tried the soft command with lots of treats and praise upon success. We tried matches with judges and stewards correcting. The latter two did help, and we finally reached the U-OCH. But, the pain lingers for all of those good scores and placements lost.

Then came Chelsea, black female, who was also a good heeler, but she came with a terrible drop on recall. Oh, the lesson of starting a dog right with a good fold down drop. Of course, we didn't get this dog until she was three, but we could have done better.

And finally came Tyler the too small cream. He re-taught the lesson of heeling. He didn't respond to food at all, nor to toys. He was a real slug starting out. So we struggled. Part of it was his attitude and part of it was mine. Once we converted to agility, Tyler's attitude came up, and we returned to obedience periodically to title through to U-OCH. Tyler flunked the least of all of my puppies, but he had the benefit of all the those preceding failures.

So, that is it--those failures are great teachers if you persevere and learn from the humiliation. Just go for it, and if you fail, keep on and get smarter. Failure is just a part of eventual success, so hang in there!

*Clay Stebbins*

### ***We'd like to hear from you!***

*Thanks to Clay Stebbins this encouraging story! We beginners need the boost. The members of Timber Ridge Dog Training Club have a lot of experience and wisdom, and a lot of great stories to tell. If you have enjoyed reading these stories, I hope you'll think about submitting a story of your own for others to enjoy. Even if you don't think of yourself as a writer, please just jot down your thoughts, and I'll help you to get it together. Others will appreciate it!*

**\*\*\*Announcements \*\*\***

**Obedience Run-Throughs**

At Ellen Hardin's Training Building, 2603 Ridge Road, Custer  
7:30 p.m.  
on July 7, and August 11  
\$2.00 per dog per run-through

**Meet a Search and Rescue Hero**

Captain Scott Shields and his dog T-Bear were the first dog team to arrive at Ground Zero following the attack on New York City's Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. They will be visiting EAA, and Scott will give a talk about the rescue efforts on July 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oshkosh Kennel Club Building. For more information, contact Cindy Pischke.

**Timber Ridge Building dates for July**

Second Monday after 12:00: July 14  
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Thursdays after 12:00: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Saturdays all day: 5, 12, 19, 26

**Timber Ridge Building dates for August**

Second Monday after 12:00: August 11  
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: August 5, 12, 19, 26  
Thursdays after 12:00: August 7, 14, 21, 28  
Saturdays all day: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Timber Ridge Building dates for September**

Second Monday after 12:00: September 8  
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Thursdays after 12:00: September 4, 11, 18, 25  
Saturdays all day: September 6, 13, 20, 27

**Our Time at Camp Bandy**

*The training building at Camp Bandy is available for the use of club members twice each month, on the first and third Sundays.*

July 6 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
July 20 9:30-11:30 a.m.

August 3	9:30-11:30 a.m.
August 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Sept 7	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Sept 21	9:30-11:30 a.m.

*If you have items, announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please send them to Karlene Ferrante at 1324 Portage Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email to [kferrante@uwsp.edu](mailto:kferrante@uwsp.edu).*