



Timber Ridge Newsletter

May 2023 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2023 at the
Stevens Point Public Library
in the Prairie Room at 6:30 (downstairs).

Upcoming Events

**2023 Labor Day Agility
Trial: (September 1-3)**
With the possibility of a Fast
CAT! Stay tuned...

**2023 Fall Scent Work Trial:
(September 9-10)**

**2023 Fall Obedience Trial:
(November 5-6)**

**2023 Fall Agility Trial:
(November 10-12)**
May be cancelled.
Stay tuned...

Consider Volunteering

Volunteers are always
needed for all our events.
It is a great way to meet
people and learn how
these events run.
Plus, what could be more
enjoyable than a day
spent with dog people?
As events are posted
here in the newsletter,
please consider helping
the club. None of these
activities can continue
without your help!

ALERT! SCENT WORK TRIAL SUCCESS!

Our club's first AKC scent work trials were a huge success! And, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in making the event a success!

For this first time scent work event chairperson, I had an amazing committee who all played active roles from concept to planning to execution: [Joyce MacKay](#), [Jocelyn Reid](#), [Lisa Huber](#), and [Rose Gottung](#), who had a dual role as our event secretary. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to making these events happen and, especially, for diving in and making sure the last minutes details were taken care of while I tended to a family matter during the final weeks of planning.

We had fantastic judges, Bonnie Gutzwiler and Robin Taylor. Both were easy and fun to work with, kind and supportive to our exhibitors, and very knowledgeable of the sport.

So many of our own club's members, as well as many non-club members, volunteered their time during the weekend, whether or not they were entered in the trials. I won't name anyone here for fear of missing someone, but know that you and the time you shared with us is appreciated, immensely.

We were lucky to have a talented photographer, [Tiffany Schmitt](#), and videographers, [Courtney Burris](#) and Taylor Bechel, attend the entire weekend of trials to capture the action on film and video for our exhibitors. We look forward to having all of them join us again at the trials in September.

The trials filled within two days of opening and had long wait lists from people from near and far! We received many positive comments on the facility, the judges and the organization. Exhibitors seemed to be having a good time and earning many qualifying searches and new titles! We even gave out TWO new Scent Work Master (SWM) level titles! A wonderful accomplishment for both exhibitors and so great to have the titles earned during our club's first scent work trials.

And, last but not least, a huge thank you to the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County and the Village of Plover for allowing us to use their beautiful Schierl Center facility to host our event. Without their support, we would not have been able to offer these trials.

The committee is already planning for our next trials to be held September 9 & 10, 2023 at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt! Let us know if you want to get in on the fun!

Sherry Salzman-Scott





Tick-Borne Diseases in Dogs: Symptoms & How to Prevent

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by a spirochete bacteria (*Borrelia*) carried by the Black-Legged Tick (more commonly known as the Deer Tick). Lyme disease has typically been associated in the Northeast and upper Midwest areas of the United States, but we are now seeing it also on the west coast (Washington, Oregon, and California), as well as in Florida. In fact, Lyme has been detected on dogs in many parts of the country and also in some areas of southern Canada. The tick has to be attached to its host for about 36-48 hours for transmission of bacteria into the host, and signs of illness occur about 2-5 months after a tick bite.

It's important to do a thorough check for ticks and remove them promptly after a walk in the woods or other grassy or shaded areas where ticks may reside. In urban areas, that may include your local dog park.

Signs of Lyme disease may include fever, lameness, limping, joint pain/swelling, enlargement of lymph nodes, and lethargy. Lyme disease can progress to kidney disease, which can become fatal. (Unlike Lyme in humans, dogs do NOT develop a "bull's eye" rash.)

Lyme disease is usually diagnosed via blood tests. The initial test detects exposure to the tick-agent and helps the veterinarian determine additional testing as needed.

The treatment of a dog that is positive on the initial test but is otherwise healthy remains controversial amongst some veterinarians. When the decision to treat a dog with Lyme is made, dogs are usually placed on antibiotics for 28-30 days.

There is a vaccination for Lyme disease and plenty of other tick preventatives. Though some question its duration and efficacy, the vaccine may reduce the rate and severity of the illness should it appear. Dog owners should speak to their veterinarian to determine if the vaccine is appropriate for their pet.

Canine Ehrlichiosis

Canine Ehrlichiosis is found worldwide. It is caused by several types of ticks: The Brown Dog Tick, Lone Star Tick, and American Dog Tick. Signs include fever, poor appetite, and low blood platelets (cells that help the clotting of blood), often noted by nose bleeding or other signs of bruising or anemia. Signs start about 1-3 weeks after the bite of an infected tick. Dogs diagnosed and treated promptly can have a good prognosis, but those who go on to the chronic phase have more difficulty recovering.

Anaplasma

Anaplasma is a disease caused by a bacterium carried by the Black-Legged Tick (*Ixodes*). Though Anaplasma can be seen worldwide, there are two Anaplasma species that are known to detect disease in North American dogs:

- Phagocytophilum: Northeast and the upper Midwestern United States,
- Platys: California and coastal states.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is one of the more commonly known tick-borne diseases to affect dogs and humans. It is carried by the American Dog Tick and the Rocky Mountain Wood Tick, as well as the Brown Deer Tick. This disease has been found in much of North, South, and Central America. Signs include fever, poor appetite, swollen lymph nodes, and joint pain. Low platelets, which help in blood clotting, are often found. On occasion, neurological signs such as wobbliness can also occur.

Babesiosis

Babesiosis is another disease caused primarily by the bite of a tick, but can also transfer from dog bites, transplacental transmission and possible through contaminated IV blood. The main issue associated with Babesiosis is “hemolysis,” or the breaking down of red blood cells. Symptoms include lethargy, pale gums, dark-colored urine and jaundice (yellow/orange colored skin or sclera — the “whites” of the eyes).

Bartonella

Bartonella is an emerging infectious disease in dogs, as well as cats and humans. It has also been known as cat scratch disease (CSD). Most infections usually occur after scratches from domestic or feral cats who have been infected from fleas. CSD can occur wherever cats and fleas are found.

Hepatozoonosis

Hepatozoonosis is slightly different, in that the infection is acquired after a dog ingests an infected tick. This disease is not zoonotic; in other words, people cannot catch this from infected dogs. This disease is generally found in the southern United States. Signs of the disease are pain and reluctance to stand or move, fever, muscle wasting, and mild to moderate anemia. This disease is severely debilitating and often fatal.

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How To Prevent Tick-Borne Disease

These diseases can present a serious risk to the health of dogs and to people. It's important that dog owners talk with their veterinarian to determine the best approach to flea and tick control.

Further information can be found through the American Kennel Club's Canine Health Foundation.

A map showing the prevalence of Lyme disease can be found at the Center for Disease Control.

Removing a Tick From Your Dog

Using a pair of tweezers is the most common and effective way to remove a tick. But not just any tweezers will work. Most household tweezers have large, blunt tips. You should use fine-point tweezers, to avoid tearing the tick and spreading possible infections into the bite area.

Spread your dog's fur, then grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Very gently, pull straight upward, in a slow, steady motion. This will prevent the tick's mouth from breaking off and remaining embedded in the skin. People often believe it's the head of the tick that embeds in the skin. But ticks don't have heads, in the conventional sense, so what gets inserted into your dog is known as "mouth parts."

Another option that is even easier to master is the use of a tick removal hook. It's especially useful if you live in a tick-dense area where your dog is frequently playing host to the vexing little critters. There are several types of hooks, like the Tick Tornado or the Tick Stick. You simply put the prongs on either side of the tick and twist upward.

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Never remove a tick with your fingers—it's not only ineffective, but the squeezing may also further inject infectious material.

After you've removed the tick, make sure to wash your hands thoroughly, clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol, and rinse the tweezers or tool with disinfectant.



That's my dog!

Wags & Brags



We showed at the Fond du Lac Kennel Club on April 22 & 23. Saturday, **Chip** went Select, BOBOH and then took a GROUP 1 in the NOHS ring. Sunday, Chip went Select, BOBOH and went on to take a GROUP 2 in the NOHS ring. He is GCH CH Temora All In CD BN.

Chip is owner-handled by Dana Nelson

SUPER SNIFFING!



***Jaylah** went 1/2 in Master Interiors.

***Risa** went 7/8 with 4 placements to earn both her Excellent Interiors & Excellent Container titles! Risa had some incredible searches that made me so proud.

***Geordi** had his AKC trial debut going 8/8 with 5 placements to earn his Novice Interiors & Novice Container titles! He had fabulous, focused, fun & did amazing.

(in photo Geordi to left, Risa to right- we call them the wonder twins).

Thanks to EVERYONE for making our
1st Nosework trial a huge success!!

Joyce & Patrick MacKay

Can you believe CHIP is 4?!?!



Can you BELIEVE my mom put this koala bear hat on me?!



THIS is more my style!!

Chip is owned and loved by Dana Nelson

Reese Smells Good!



Reese (Reese De Hemert) qualified in 3 out of 4 Container Novice trials at the Timber Ridge Scent Work event in April. I am surprised and she is thoughtful about earning her element title!



NEW TITLE!

Thank you to all at the Fond du Lac Kennel club for a great Rally Trial. Having two trials in one day was great!

Jaya completed her Advanced Rally title with a 4th place and a 2nd place. So proud of our girl! Jaya is now CH Afortunado Expects The Best BN RA SIN SEN CGC TKN JWC

Bred and co-owned by Shelley Plucker and Barb Crowther
Handled by Shelley Plucker



Matthew Carlson went to Black Swamp Gun Dog Club in Ohio to compete in Rally level 3 and Junior Showmanship. The team earned their title, two highest scoring junior awards and once snagged High in Trial!

In six shows for junior showmanship, **Matthew** won the open junior class then competed for Best Junior Handler. He won every show! What an achievement with competition every time. In addition he handled a borrowed gun dog for the specialty show. Great job working towards your goals!



Wizard brought home some beautiful ribbons from our TR Scent Work Trial held April 22-23 at the Boys & Girls Club in Plover. On Saturday he went 2 of 2 in Excellent Interior, earning the last leg needed for both the Element title (SIE) and the overall Scent Work Excellent (SWE) title. Wizard also searched at the Master level for the first time, and went 1 of 2 to earn his first leg in Master Container on Sunday. Such a good partner!

Submitted by Lisa Huber

Braggs
are due MAY
31st
for the
June
Newsletter!

**TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.
MEETING MINUTES**

April 10, 2023

Bill's Pizza, Stevens Point

Meeting was called to order: at 6:33 pm by President Dana Nelson.

Members in attendance: Lisa Huber, Phyllis Christensen, Rose Gottung, Karen Lemke, Kathy Schuh, Ann Hanson, Sarah Krueger, Dana Nelson, Chris Jarvis, Janet Smith, Jona Decker, Karen Lee, Donna Levitt, Serena Menge, Elaine Kirsling, Connie Wood, Joan Schmeling, Linda Johnson, Jocelyn Reid, Dave Cattanach, Amy Sjomeling, Mike Frisch, Mary Frisch, Suzanne Paulik, Laurie Bandy, Steve Bandy, Karyn Kopecko, Sara Zoeller, Evette Danielak, and Kathy Fox.

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion made by Kathy Schuh to dispense with the reading, was seconded and the motion was carried.

Board Report: Officers & Board are continuing to update & expand upon the Roles and Expectations for TR Event Chairs/members for Obedience, Agility & Scent work trials.

Treasurer's Report: provided by Ann. Assets are increasing. Approved, subject to audit.

Committee Reports:

1. **Website:** Karen and Jona – no update
2. **Awards Committee:** We are looking for someone interested in stepping in to fill the role effective immediately – Tasks include collecting Members' orders, placing the order with the Wausau Supply Company, collecting payment and distributing the awards at the annual April Awards dinner.
3. **2023 May Agility Trial:** (May 5-7) **Cancelled.** A Chair and Judge will need to be secured as soon as possible for 2024 if the Club intends to retain the trial date.
4. **2023 Fast CAT:** (Sept. 1-3) Possibility of a trial on Labor Day Weekend with Operator Don Adams, though its dependent on other area trials & the AKC distance regulations allowing it. We have several people offering to Chair the Trial, at Camp Bandy.
5. **Labor Day Agility Trial:** (Sept.1-3, 2023) Chair Lisa Huber, Judge Karl Blakely. Chief Course builder Chris Heckle.
6. **2023 Fall Scent Work Trial:** (Sept. 9-10) at the Lion's Camp in Rosholt. Chairperson Sherry Salzman-Scott, Judges Robin Taylor, Trish Nienow, & Cindy Anguilo.
7. **2023 Fall Obedience Trial:** (Nov. 5-6) Chair Jennifer Kressin, Judges Fred Buroff and Dr. Hallie Ray.
8. **2023 Fall Agility Trial #1:** (Nov. 10-12) May be cancelled - Chair Linda Redfield, Judge TBD as the previously hired Judge has decided to retire.
9. **2023 Fall Agility Trial #2:** (Nov. 24-27) It appears that this shared trial will be cancelled as WRKC does not have a Trial Chair or Judge either. **2024 February Obedience Trial:** Co-Chairs Cindy Bohnert & Kathy Schuh, Judges TBD
10. **2024 April Agility Trial** – Date has been applied for with AKC. Jane Zank as Chair. A judge and venue will need to be secured.
11. **2023 Spring Scent Work Trial:** (April 22-23) Chair Sherry-Salzman-Scott, Judges Bonnie Gutzwiler & Robin Taylor. Site: Boys & Girls Club in Plover.

Old Business:

1. Logo Wear – Jona has a survey on logos, please vote at <https://bit.ly/trswag> So far 22 Members have responded.
2. Roles & Expectations Spreadsheet – in progress

New Business:

1. Laurie B offered a combined Meeting & Craft Day in July. Cost for materials is \$30.
2. Discussed TR training time and its use. Historically, individual skills for agility were an option to train during the "Obedience, Rally and Individual Skills" 90-minute time block. Many members were unaware of this option & it was determined that some agility people would prefer having more individual skill time while others want the full courses. The challenge is that Members wanting full courses will sometimes need to come prepared to build a course, and this may not be feasible without sufficient people to move equipment. Members are encouraged to coordinate in advance.

Guests: Asa Plonsky attended her second meeting and was voted into Membership. Joe Laws attended his first meeting.

Adjournment at 7:10 pm

Next Membership Meeting: **Monday, May 8, 2023 at the Library.**

In June we will move monthly membership meetings to Iverson Park for the summer months, still starting at 6:30 pm.

Hospitality: Steve Bandy and Ann Hanson.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Lisa Huber.

Quick Updates!

AWARDS CHAIR - **Thank you** to Sherry Salzman for her hard work on the awards for Timber Ridge members for the past several years! Sherry will be stepping down from this role and we will need someone to step UP and volunteer to take this on.

AGILITY TRIALS - Our April Agility trial was canceled (a judge could not be found) and now our November trial that we share with WRKC is being canceled!! A judge was not able to be hired and there was no one who volunteered to chair the November one - for WRKC and TR. In addition, we canceled our May trial (no trial chair) and our first November Agility Trial is in need of a judge! So we are having some bumps in the road with agility.

>>There will be an **AGILITY DISCUSSION** at our **MAY MEETING!** Plan to attend!!<<



The Scent Work committee is in need of a golf cart or ATV to use during the next trials at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in September. If a member has one we could use, please let me know. We would like to use it from Friday afternoon, September 8, through late afternoon/early evening, Sunday, September 10.

Sherry Salzman-Scott

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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times

SUNDAY, May 7

11:00-12:30 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

12:30-2:00 Agility Full Course

SUNDAY, May 21

11:00-12:30 Agility Full Course

12:30-2:00 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

SUNDAY, May 28

11:00-12:30 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

12:30-2:00 Agility Full Course

Members set up rings and courses. *NOTE: WE HAVE 3 DATES FOR MAY – ONLY 1 FOR JUNE DUE TO EVENTS AT CAMP BANDY*

GUIDELINES

1. Please gate off the section you are working on during separate skills.
2. Please ask if the person is done using the equipment before you start working your dog.
3. Please have gating across the front while running full course agility.
4. Please have dogs on leash while entering and exiting the building.

A REMINDER FROM THE PRESIDENT!

Because we have recently added many new members (YAY!!) here are a couple of reminders about training time:

1. Members set up the rings and courses. If you aren't able to help or arrive later, please don't jump in and start using things that others have spent the time setting up before they have had a chance to use the ring/course. We have Camp Bandy for this time frame only. Many hands make work light.
2. Crate your dog(s) unless you are working them in the ring/course or in a spot in the arena. Be mindful of other people and dogs.
3. Agility time is for a full course. Agility time is set aside so people can run full courses. If there are a lot of people, work together to change jump heights, etc. Gate off the area by the door.
4. Obedience rings should be used to work your dog either on a 'run thru' or a set of exercises for a reasonable amount of time. Everyone should have time in the ring. If you wish to work on an individual skill for agility, great. It means one piece of equipment (so no multiple pieces of agility equipment during obedience time).
5. Communicate with each other. If someone is taking too much time, tell them. If you need to leave in 20 minutes - ASK if you can go next. If someone sets up a course or a ring say thanks. If you need help with something, ASK. This is a great group who is more than willing to help out.
6. If you put food on the walls to mark the go-out (or for any other reason) please clean up the spot, remove the food, etc.
7. If you are there alone or just a few people, work it out, if you don't need a ring, great. You don't have to set it up. You can be there for the full 3 hours or only 15 minutes.
8. Training time is meant to be used by any/all members. Keep in mind people use these times in different ways. Whatever way you use the time...enjoy training your dog!

Many great friendships have been made during this time!