



Timber Ridge Newsletter

March 2024 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30

Stevens Point Public Library in the
Prairie Room (downstairs) & via Zoom.

Hospitality: Rose

Upcoming

Events

2024 Spring Agility Trial:
(April 27-28 at OKC)

2024 Scent Work Trial:
(September 7-8)

2024 Fast CAT:
(September 14-15)

2024 Fall Obedience Trial:
(November 2-3)

2024 Fall Agility Trial
(November 9-10 at OKC)

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!



**Mark these dates
on your calendar!**



2024 Timber Ridge Membership Meetings (second Monday of the month)

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| March 11, 2024 | Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm |
| April 8, 2024 | Annual Awards Meeting - location TBD
@ 6:00 pm |
| May 13, 2024 | Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm |
| June 10, 2024 | Iverson Park
@ 6:30 pm |
| July 8, 2024 | Iverson Park
@ 6:30 pm |
| August 12, 2024 | Summer Potluck - location TBD
@ 6:00 pm |
| September 9, 2024 | Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm |
| October 14, 2024 | Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm |
| November 11, 2024 | Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm |
| December 9, 2024 | Holiday Party - TBD
@ 6:00 pm |

From the President:

Greetings everyone.

After holding my first meeting as President of TROCCW, the weight of having been elected to this position became clear. The club we chose to belong to is strong and growing. With so many opportunities ahead, moving forward during meetings we will concentrate on new business, old business, and updates only for our busy trial schedule with the closest dates taking precedence.

The need for volunteers as with most clubs continues. I'm aware that many of you have volunteered for decades and are looking forward to only participating in a supportive role. For those of you who are concerned about undertaking a lead role in an upcoming trial, rest assured that you will get the support needed to ensure a successful event.

To every member that dedicated your time and efforts to the Spring Obedience Trial, Congratulations!

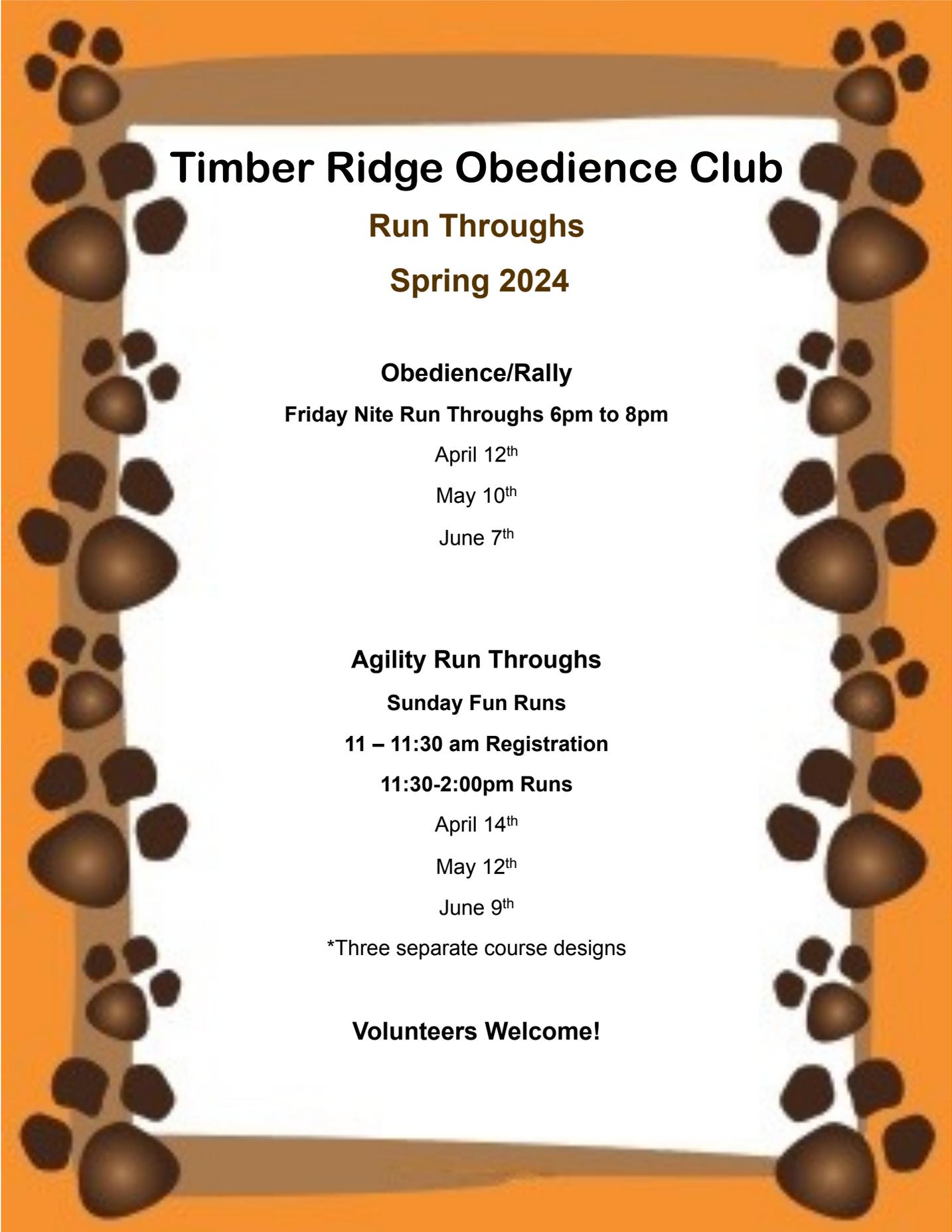
Kathy Schuh, Cindy Bohnert, Mary Frisch, Chris Jarvis, Dana Nelson, Phyllis Christensen and Rose Gottung and everyone who donated food, set up, acted as ring stewards, and stayed to tear down, outstanding teamwork! The exhibitors noticed and several mentioned, they circle Timber Ridge Obedience and Rally Trials every year on their must attend show list, quite the complement.

As we move into spring, many members are actively competing in their discipline of choice, others are gaining confidence to enter their first trial or move into a higher-level class. I firmly advocate that each trainer set goals prior to each training session. These goals must be realistic and within reach of the trainer and dog. To achieve the competition level and fulfill your dreams, remember, as a handler you and your dog must mesh, in your mental and physical capabilities. Because the sport of obedience is such a wide-ranging sport, there is a goal for everyone. There's a niche in this the world of Dog Sports that each of us can aim for and achieve. The same can be said as members of Timber Ridge set goals of what you want from the club, there's a niche for everyone to participate and achieve their dreams.

There's a quote from Robert T Self that rings true still today "We are not in the ring to make our dogs look stupid." Implying, sometimes the dog will not perform in the manner you desire, but as in life, you must be flexible and experienced enough...to compensate and cope with changes.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Karyn Kopecko



Timber Ridge Obedience Club

Run Throughs

Spring 2024

Obedience/Rally

Friday Nite Run Throughs 6pm to 8pm

April 12th

May 10th

June 7th

Agility Run Throughs

Sunday Fun Runs

11 – 11:30 am Registration

11:30-2:00pm Runs

April 14th

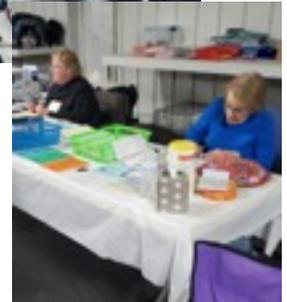
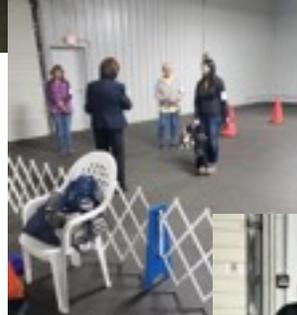
May 12th

June 9th

*Three separate course designs

Volunteers Welcome!

Views Of The Spring Obedience & Rally Trials



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DEATH
INTOXICATION

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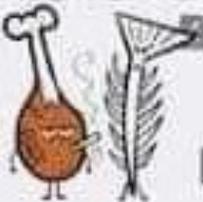
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VOMITING
DIARRHEA

RAISINS CURRANTS



KIDNEY
FAILURE

COOKED BONES



STOMACH
LACERATIONS

WALNUTS MACADAMIAS



NERVOUS SYSTEM
AND MUSCLE
DAMAGE

ONIONS GARLIC



BLOOD CELL
DAMAGE
ANEMIA

DAIRY



TOO MUCH:
DIARRHEA

The world's

MOST

DANGEROUS

FOODS

FOR DOGS

GRAPES



KIDNEY FAILURE

MUSHROOMS



SOME VARIETIES:
SHOCK
DEATH

FATTY FOODS



TOO MUCH:
PANCREATITIS

CAFFEINE



TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM

VOMITING
DIARRHEA

XYLITOL



(GUM, CANDY ETC.)
LIVER FAILURE
HYPOGLYCEMIA
DEATH

CHOCOLATE



TOXIC TO HEART
& NERVOUS
SYSTEM
DEATH

MEDICATIONS



(TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.)

KIDNEY
FAILURE
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If you think your dog ate something dangerous,
CALL YOUR VET or:

ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4436

NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680

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KENNEL CLUB

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."

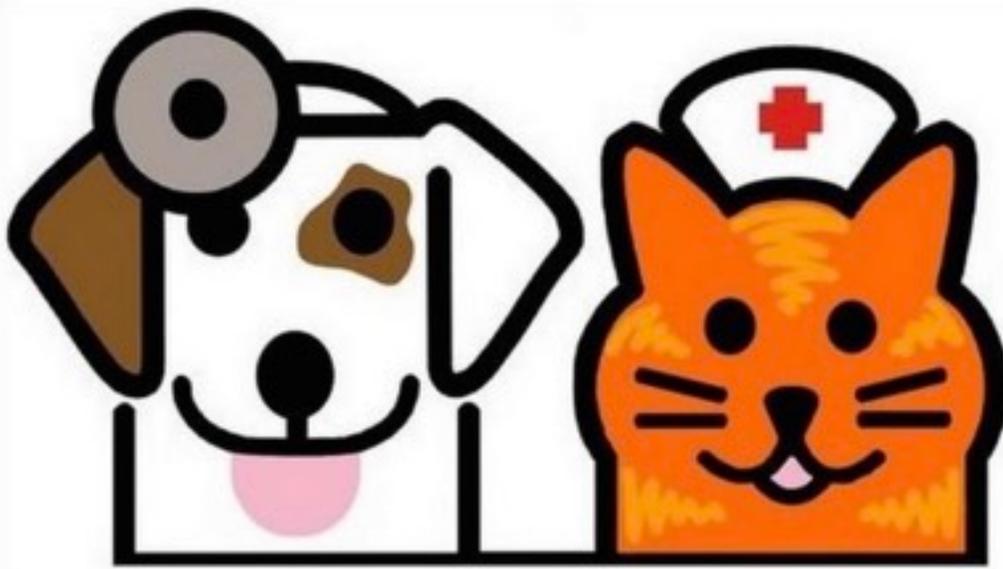
Another option that is even easier to master is the use of a tick removal hook. It's especially useful if you live in a tick-dense area where your dog is frequently playing host to the vexing little critters. There are several types of hooks, like the Tick Tornado or the Tick Stick. You simply put the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

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.



HSPC Vaccination Clinic



Services for **Dogs** and **Cats**

- \$20 Rabies vaccination - 1 year vaccination
- \$20 Rabies vaccination - 3 year vaccination (requires proof of prior rabies vaccination)
- \$15 Microchip with free lifetime registration

Additional Services for **Cats**

- \$15 FVCRP (feline distemper / panleukopenia, calicivirus, rhinotracheitis) vaccination
- \$25 Feline Leukemia

Additional Services for **Dogs**

- \$15 Bordetella (Kennel cough) intranasal vaccination
- \$15 DAPP (Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza) vaccination
- \$25 Leptospirosis 4 way vaccination
- \$35 Lyme booster vaccination

You are welcome to license your dog also. Prices vary by municipality and if the dog has been spayed or neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.



Humane Society of Portage County

VACCINATION CLINIC UPDATE

HSPC has scheduled four Pet Vaccination and Dog License Clinics that will be held at the shelter, 3200 Iber Ln, Plover, WI 54467.

- The first clinic on 2/29/24 is fully booked.
- The 3/13/24 clinic still has a few openings.
- The 3/27/24 and 4/17/24 still have lots of availability!

Please see the events on our webpage for complete details including services provided and cost. <https://hspcwi.org/events/> Dog licenses for all Portage County municipalities will be available for dogs coming to a clinic for medical services.

REMEMBER The deadline for licensing is March 31. We want to make sure everyone is able to get a rabies vaccine for their pet, get their license, and avoid the late fee.

That's my dog!

Wags & Brags

AUSS-OME DREAM COMES TRUE!



Loki ran two perfect 100 runs at the DPCGM trial in Oshkosh on February 24 & 25 to complete his Novice Standard title. We've been working on Agility with Kathe Carter for 2+ years (and still are, mostly for me!). Loki definitely isn't a natural, but he gives it his all because he's an Aussie and I ask him to. This title was really special for me, as competing in Agility was one of the reasons I wanted to become an Aussie parent. He made my dream come true!

Submitted by Christine Jarvis

One More To Go, Carmen!

Matthew worked towards his Novice title in the February trial with **Carmen San Diego**. They earned their first 2 legs with qualifying scores.

Submitted by Wendy Carlson



YAY, RORY!



Rory pup (Roarke NA NAJ OF OJ OA BCAT SWN) earned his Open Title with a double Q at the Lakeland Dog Training Club trial at Canine Sports Zone in January! He now has 1 leg in Excellent FAST and JWW. Yay, Rory!!

Submitted by Janet Smith



Kooikers Title In C-WAGS Rally/ Obedience/ Scent Detection League Play!

Gibson earned two Ace titles (after the original 4 Q's, 10 additional Q's must be earned) in Starter and Zoom 1 Rally. He also earned his Obedience Level 2 title. The dark blue 1st place ribbons signify Gibson earning the highest score for each of the 6 days of the League!



Reese got her Scent Ranger 1 and Scent Detective (Level 2) Scent Work titles. The cute Pheew Sloth Award is for one of her Ranger searches.

She alerted with one second left!



Obedience Level 2 was hard for **Reese**, but she endured and Q'd in 5 out of 6 rounds.

Gibson & Reese are owned & loved by Sarah Krueger

Obedience & Rally Are Fun For Oliver!



Oliver had a very successful showing at the Timber Ridge obedience trial last month! He finished his Beginner Novice title in Obedience with a respectable 4th place, and his first attempts at Rally Novice resulted in a 1st and a 2nd place finish, including a perfect score of 100. This boy is going to be fun!

Submitted by Jocelyn Reid

Gibson & Reese Retrieve Titles At First AKC Fetch Event In Wisconsin!



Gibson and Reese Brendel participated in Wisconsin's first AKC Novice FETCH event held by the Central WI Dog Sports Club at Camp Bandy on February 17th. Dogs must retrieve an object thrown past distractions at a distance of 30 feet. Three successful throws per trial are needed for the Novice Fetch title. Good fetching, Kooikers!

Submitted by Sarah Krueger

Braggs
are due
March 31st
for the
April
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2024 – 6:30 pm - Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room and via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at:6:33 pm by President Karyn Kopecko

Members in Attendance: Ann Hanson, Chris Jarvis, Dana Nelson, Jocelyn Reid, Karen Lemke, Karyn Kopecko, Kathy Schuh, Phyllis Christensen, Rose Gottung, Serena Menge. Via Zoom: Donna Leavitt, Jessica Kachur, Jona Decker, Katherine Fox, Sue Taylor. Guest: Melanie Wiltse (1st meeting).

Minutes of last meeting/motion to dispense: Kathy Schuh, seconded by Serena Menge. Motion carried.

President's and Board Report: no report

Secretary's Report: 2024 Membership List was emailed to members, some corrections have been made and a new list will be sent by the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report (subject to audit): no report

Committee Reports

1. **Website** – Jona Decker – an updated TROCCW Membership Application is available on the website.
2. **Awards Committee** – Serena Menge and Amy Sjomeling – 7 members submitted applications for awards. There were 5 plaques and 19 plates ordered from Wausau Awards.
3. **Feb 3-4, 2024 Spring Obedience Trial** - a very successful trial with 227 entries netted about \$2400 for the club after expenses, plus approximately \$300 from the run-throughs. There was a discussion about raising the price of lunch from \$5. Lunch generated \$104 on Saturday and \$96 on Sunday; expenses were not available. Also noted that having lunch available saves money providing lunch to judges. Kathy Schuh expressed her thanks to all the volunteers who made the trial run so smoothly.
4. **Apr 27-28, 2024 Spring Agility Trial**
 - a. Chairs: Jane Zank
 - b. Trial Secretary: Lorah Marquardt
 - c. Judges: Mark Rudd
 - d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
5. **Aug 30-Sep 1, 2024 Labor Day Agility Trial**
 - a. Chairs: Karyn Kopecko and Jennifer Kressin
 - b. Trial Secretary: TBD – Karyn will check about hiring Lorah Marquardt or Kathy Dachlet
 - c. Judges: Katherine Guerra (Fri 08/30), Loretta Zich (Sat & Sun 08/31-09/01)
 - d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club – signed contract and deposit
6. **Sep 7-8, 2024 Scent Work Trial**
 - a. Chairs: Sherry Salzman-Scott and Joyce MacKay
 - b. Committee Members: Karon Lee, Janet Smith, Mary Damien, Rose Gottung
 - c. Judges: Amy Wukotich, Robin Taylor and Caroline Oldham
 - d. Venue: Rosholt Lions Camp
7. **Sep 14-15, 2024 Fast CAT**
 - a. Chairs: Jessica Kachur and Sara Zoeller (AKC Deadline is 06/14/2024)
 - b. Committee Members: AKC requires a 5-person committee – looking for volunteers
 - c. Trial Secretary: TBD
 - d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club – there is an agility trial at OKC the same weekend, so we should have a good turnout.
 - e. Operators: Fast & Fun -Don Adams (pending contract review)

8. Nov 2-3, 2024 Fall Obedience & Rally Trial

- a. Chairs: Jennifer Kressin
- b. Chief Ring Steward: Dana Nelson
- c. Trial Secretary: Rose Gottung
- d. Judges: Pat & Richard Strong
- e. Hospitality: TBD
- f. Venue: Camp Bandy

9. Nov 9-10, 2024 Fall Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: Karyn Kopecko
- b. Trial Secretary: TBD
- c. Judges: Rhonda Bermke
- d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club

10. Feb 1-2, 2025 Spring Obedience & Rally Trial

- a. Chairs: ~~Cindy Bohner~~ TBD
- b. Chief Ring Steward: TBD
- c. Trial Secretary: TBD
- d. Judges: TBD
- e. Hospitality: TBD
- f. Venue: TBD

Elections - none

Unfinished Business

1. TROCCW becoming an AKC FIT DOG club - Chris Jarvis will work with Asa Plonsky on organizing some regional walks to judge interest (Amherst/Amherst Jct, Stevens Point/Plover, Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa). There was a suggestion to partner with area humane societies to raise awareness of the club. At one time, the club made rotating monthly donations to area humane societies.
2. Sunshine Committee – no update

New Business

1. Anne Rogalski, UWSP Continuing Education, Associate Director inquired about presenting a 60-90 minute session for about 40 UWSP life-long learners. Thursday, June 27 or Aug 6. Please do not share information about this event outside the club – this is being planned as a “mystery trip” for the group. Enough club members expressed interest to commit to a demonstration. Chris Jarvis is checking with Camp Bandy on exact availability for the requested dates. Rose Gottung (scent work), Kathy Schuh (obedience), Chris Jarvis (agility), and still looking for a Rally presenter. If you are interested in participating contact Chris ckjarvis22@gmail.com
2. Karyn Kopecko suggested reviewing the club’s positioning statement and updating the website to make it more engaging. She will present ideas at the next board meeting.
3. Karyn Kopecko asked members to submit new action photos for the website. Jona will provide the requirements for submission (file size, format, photographer credit, etc.)
4. Since the club is utilizing facilities other than Camp Bandy for trials, Karyn Kopecko suggested we invest in one or two club banner(s) to display at club trials. A suggestion was made to also investigate tablecloths with the club logo/information for the trail secretary’s table in place of a banner. Another suggestion was made to investigate floor banners that hang on a tripod since hanging banners on walls at locations can be challenging. Karyn will investigate and report back with costs and options.

5. The club is looking for a volunteer to order and maintain ribbons and awards for Agility trials (2024-25). Please contact Karyn Kopecko k.kopecko@gmail.com if you can help.
6. This discussion was tabled until the March Meeting due to time constraints - Member-invited guests to select Sunday club training days at Bandy only on select days to help grow membership. Charge a small guest fee \$5 or \$10. Instructors & trainers can invite current students for mentoring & exposure to the club's value. With approval and input from members, supplemental materials and a plan will be presented at the March meeting.
7. April – June 2024 Run-throughs – Obedience/Rally on Friday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm on April 12, May 10 and June 7. Agility Sunday Fun Runs with registration and course set up from 11-11:30 am. Run throughs from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm on April 14, May 12, and June 9. Each Sunday will be a different course design. Watch Facebook for more information as dates get closer.
8. Inventory of club equipment – the club does have a storage garage in Plover. It's used mainly for scent work equipment and some hospitality and trial supplies. There is a motor that was used for Lure Coursing that probably could be offered for sale, but the condition of it is unknown.
9. An updated 2024 membership list will be sent at the end of February. Contact Chris at (note new email address): ckjarvis22@gmail.com with any corrections.
10. Members attending trials will experiment with using the TROCCW Facebook page for communicating real-time class start/finish times. Someone attending the trial can make the initial post and subsequent updates about the schedule can be made via comments on the original post. Please don't "spam" Facebook with multiple posts regarding the same trial! Some agility trials use an app called Agility Gate to accomplish this.
11. Bill's Pizza (Stevens Point) was suggested as the meeting place for the Annual Awards meeting (April 8), pending confirmation they can host the event.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2024 – 6:30 pm - Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room and via Zoom

Hospitality: Rose Gottung

Adjournment at: 7:38 pm motion by Anne Hanson, seconded by Phyllis Christensen.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Chris Jarvis

Officers & Contacts

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Club Website: http://www.trdogtraining.com	

Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times



Sunday, March 3

11 - 12:30 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

12:30 – 2 | FULL COURSE Agility

Sunday, March 17

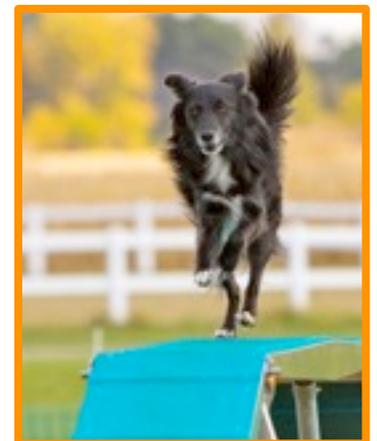
11 - 12:30 | FULL COURSE Agility

12:30 – 2 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

Members set up rings and courses

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 PAST 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!



SPRING FORWARD!
Daylight Saving Starts March 10th!