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NEXT MEETING

Thursday
March 21, 2024 - 7:00

Church of the Living Christ
2725 Concord Dr.
Florissant, MO



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Training Director	B. J. Arnold
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	Missy Kichline
	Tim Cutshall





The President's Gavel

Moving into another month, one filled with Cornbeef and Cabbage, Fish Fry's every Friday, and of course a Rabbit well known for bringing baskets filled with sweets and goodies. That's the sign we're getting closer to our show n go and Fast Cat events. Volunteering is a good way to get your feet wet, and learn more about your club.

I'd like to thank Nancy for working even while grieving the loss of her husband, to get our news letter out.

See you soon,

Sharon

TRAINING DIRECTOR UPDATE

We are geared up for our next session which begins Monday March 11th.

At our training meeting, we discussed how to continue to promote our classes. We will be contacting shelter and rescue folks. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

We will also have a form in each class file – *“so what do you want to accomplish during our classes and what issues are of concern.”* At the end of each session trainers will use those forms to share with students what goals they have accomplished and how far teams have come from the first session

Again a few gentle reminders: if you have a key, please sign in when you come to work your dog, remember to vacuum after your session to respect those who follow, insure the door is locked – some issues still remain and the lights off and temperature returned to the established temp.

We will be setting a time for CGC/CGCA and Tricks shortly. Not only are our students invited but others in the community. When the dates are set, this will be on our website and facebook.

Any concerns, please let me know, leave a message and sign it so I can respond. Again thank you to our training staff. Without them we would not be a 'training club'

BJ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— UPCOMING EVENTS

Show and Go - May 4, 2024
Obedience/Rally Trial - June 21-23, 2024
Obedience/Rally Trial - October 4-6, 2024
Novice Obedience/Rally Trial - December 7-8, 2024
FastCAT Trial - April 20-21, 2024
FastCAT Trial - Oct. 26-27, 2024



Contact Kathy Schreck if you can volunteer at either of the FastCAT trials.

— Thanks to Pat and Loren Shelton for the delicious strawberry cake at meeting!



— TRAINING ROOM BATHROOM

Thanks to David Lehenbauer for replacing our cracked and leaking toilet.
Brand new toilet in place.

— **Filler announcement** - Nancy Lincoln

I still have one set of 12 stick in the ground weave poles free to a good home



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

Kathy Schreck - 21

APRIL

Kathy Pinkas - 21



Future Obedience, Agility, FastCAT Trials

Check the AKC web site for accuracy

April 2024

- 05-07 Dalmation Club of Gtr Stl - Agility @ Westinn
- 06-07 Show-Me Agility Club - Obedience @ Coloumbia
- 10-11 Greater St Louis Sheltie Club - Agility @ Purina
- 12-14 Greater St Louis Agility Club - Agility @ Kim's
- 19-21 Capital Canine TC Springfield, IL - Agility @ Westinn
- 26-28 Show Me Agility Club - Agility @ Columbia

May 2024

- 03-05 Triune Agility Club - Agility @ Wood River
- 06 **NCOTC Show & Go - Obedience & Rally @ Westinn**
- 10-12 Capitol Canine TC Springfield, IL - Agility @ Glen Carbon
- 18-19 Greater St. Louis OTC - Obedience @ Westinn
- 25-27 Evansville Obed Club - Obedience Only @ Evansville - 6 Trials
- 24-26 Greater St. Louis Sheltie Club - Agility @ Wood River

June 2024

- 07-09 Mound City OTC - Agility @ Kim's
- 08-09 DTC of Champaign-Urbana - 4 Obedience trials @ Urbana
- 14-16 Schipperke Club of America - Agility Kim's
- 21-23 **NCOTC Obedience TC - Obedience @ Westinn**
- 21-23 Old English Sheepdog Club of America - Agility @ Wood River
- 28-30 MO Rhineland KC - Obedience & Agility @ Purina

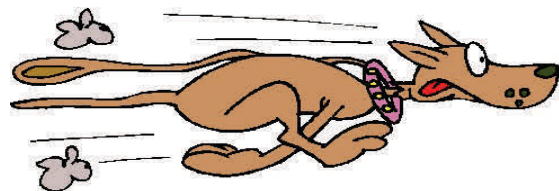
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- 05-07 Springfield MO DTC - Aglity @ Springfield
- 05-07 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 12-14 Tri-County Agility Club - Obedience @ Westinn
- 18-19 **Rally National Championship @ Wilmington, Ohio**
- 20-21 **Obedience National Championship @ Wilmington, Ohio**
- 27-28 Dog Training Club of Champaign-Urbana - Rally Only @ Champaign
- 26-28 Gateway Agility Club - Agility @ Purina

FASTCAT TRIALS

2024

- 04/13-04/14 TAC @ Purina
- 04/20-04/21 **NCOTC @ Purina**
- 04/27-04/28 Three Rivers KC @ Purina
- 10/26-10/27 **NCOTC @ Purina**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NCOTC MEMBERS
INVITED TO THE 2024 NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
QUALIFYING PERIOD: DEC. 1, 20122 - NOV. 30, 2023**

RALLY QUALIFERS

Donna Clifford	Felon	Rally Novice
Jill Yates	Dover	Rally Advanced
Nancy Lincoln	Indy	Rally Excellent
Missy Kichline	Pearl	Rally Master
Nancy Moss	Charlie	Rally Master
Scot Yates	Maizie	Rally Championship

Elgibility Criteria

All dogs that have met the eligibility requirements for a specific level may enter. Dogs should be entered at the highest level class for which they qualify.

Rally Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Master and Excellent Classes

Dogs must have earned the title prior to or during the qualifying period.

Must have earned three scores of 93 or more points during the qualifying period from the specific class.

Rally Championship Class

Dogs must have earned the RAE title prior to or during the qualifying period.

Must have earned three scores of 93 or more points during the qualifying period in Advanced B, Excellent B and Master.



PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE - SEE UNDERLINED CHANGES

NOTE - Only the sections being changed are shown below

POLICY RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: *Club Training Program*

**Policy Number 5
March 21, 2024**

POLICY:

The training program of the North St. Louis County Obedience Training Club consists of organizing, conducting and overseeing dog obedience training classes at facilities used by the Club. In this way, the Club seeks to fulfill its objects of encouraging dog owners to develop control of their dogs in order to obtain socially acceptable behavior in private and public, thus promoting closer companionship between the dogs and their owners; and where desired, to achieve adequate performance for qualifying scores at AKC sanctioned dog shows. This policy sets forth the authority and guidelines for the administration and conduct of the Club training program.

1. *The Training Director* - no change

2. *Training Committee* - no change

3. *Head Instructors* - no change

4. *Assistant Instructors*. - no change

5. *Training Classes*. The following specific guidelines are provided relative to Club training classes:

a. Curriculum. The club shall offer Puppy Class, Beginning Obedience, Intermediate Obedience, Advanced 1 and 2 Obedience and Rally on a regular basis. Competition Beginner Novice, CGC and Trick classes may also be offered as the demand may dictate. Other classes may be added if there is a demand, instructors are available and a curriculum is designed.

b. Class Graduation. Certificates of Attendance will be awarded to all students who complete at least five weeks of the Club's course of instruction.

c. Club Members. Club members will have first preference when enrolling their dogs in a class and will receive a 50% discount. Those who choose to enroll must conduct themselves in the same class routine as the students so that they blend into the class and do not draw undue attention.

d. *Instructors. Head and assistant instructors who teach a minimum of four classes in a session will be eligible to attend one free class in a later session. A family member may take the dog if the instructor is not able to attend.*

6. *Use of Club Building by Members* - no change

CLAY LINCOLN
3/2/1937 - 2/26/2024

I want to thank everyone for the lovely cards and condolences - they have meant so much to me. After a lot of thought, I want to write a short note about Clay. NCOTC was very important to him and I know many of you didn't know him.

We joined the club in 1992. Clay immediately began helping with classes, became Training Director around 1995 and served for 10 years. At that time we trained for multiple entities using their facilities - the city of Florissant, the city of Hazelwood, Pattonville School District, Baronwood Kennels, St. Charles Community College. This required annual contracts and careful scheduling. We held several sessions a year at each location, offering Puppy, Beginning and Advanced and often competition Open and Utility. Classes varied from 8 to 10 weeks. Making sure we had instructors was always a major effort. Clay had to substitute often, dragging me with him.



MACH Rocky

During those years he also created our first web site around 1998 - very basic but one of the few at the time - and established our domain name, NCOTC.com. It ran until 2006 when it was rewritten by Amanda Carter, the daughter of a long time member and a pro. He maintained it until we got our new site in 2018. He took the newsletter in 2012 when the previous editor retired.

Clay also made available the dog and man logo we use everywhere, extracting it from an old piece of stationery and cleaning it up.

Meanwhile he and his best buddy Rocky participated in TOUCH Dogs and trained and showed in both agility and obedience. Rocky became the first miniature schnauzer to have both an Agility Championship and an Obedience Championship - there are now two.

But the best thing he did was convince me to get a dog - I had never had one and it changed my life forever.

Thank you for letting me tell you about him. I am so proud of all he did. He was a special person. Nancy



BRAGS



Chris Carter & True
UD Title - MCOTC
Three 1st places
In Utility A

MORE BRAGS

Kathy Schreck and Cheyenne

#8 fastest FastCAT beagle

Invited to the FastCAT AKC Fastest Dogs USA Invitational - on ESPN

Tim Cutshall and Gala - MCOTC

MCOTC - UDX title and 1st leg for UDX2

AKC 2023 Obedience Rankings - #17 border collie in Utility

B.J. Arnold and Zander - Teacup Agility

Games 1 title with 1st place 100

Cathy Cunningham and Kiko

Novice Agility title

Nancy Moss and Charlie

CPE Agility Nationals

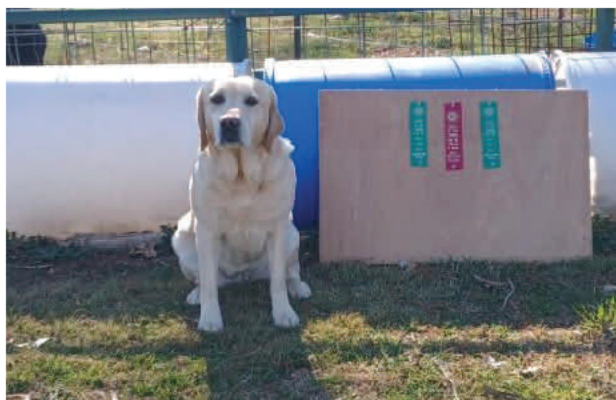


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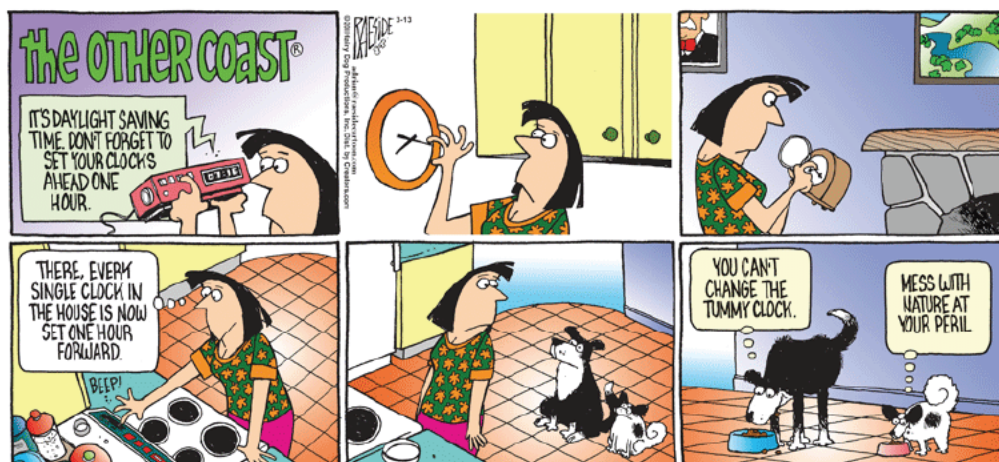


**Nancy Moss & Charlie
QQ & JWW Q**

**Nancy Moss & Jamie
1st Nov Std leg
Also won the raffle
TAC Agility**



**Scot Yates and Maizie
Greater STL Training Club
2nd place in Rally Choice**



**WELCOME TO
DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME**