

SPDTC

President Corner Karl Blakley

Greetings everyone, as I write this article we are in the "dog days" of summer. I think most of us associate the term with long hot days as the summer is winding down. I Googled it, wondering how the dog got linked with the weather. It turns out, the term goes way back to ancient times and there is a star constellation called the Dog Star, and when it was present the weather was hot. With fall coming things should start picking up down at the club, funny that less than desirable weather is outside the more popular our classes become. Well there have been a few changes over the summer, and I am hoping that one of them is evident not long after you set foot in the place, we have a new custodial service. Over the years we have had "friends of friends" helping us out with this task. While we certainly appreciated the help with our modest cleaning budget, there had been times when the place was not as clean as it should have been. Thanks to Paula Ellis's recommendation and John Piddie's coordination, we now have a professional cleaning service that appears to be doing a bang up job, and as a plus, we stayed within our cleaning budget. The next change is with our August agility trial. We just completed it and our numbers were very low. The August trial always has been our poorest performing trial with regard to numbers, partly due the timing of it falling in the middle of the string of trials at Soccer Blast and the summer trials in general draw less.



Because we depend on the revenue of our agility trials to help pay for club expenses, we decided to try for a different time of year. The good news is we are going to give you chance to get your first Q of the New Year. We are moving the August trial to New Year's weekend, January 1, 2, 3, 2016. Think of this way, it could be interesting to see some hung over handlers running fired up dogs, we are betting with our demographics, that most of our exhibitors are tucked into bed well before midnight, but just in case we will start with T2B and give people a chance to sleep in. Well that's all I have for now, see you down at the Club

Director of Training Report Greg Kirmeier

Obedience

The Obedience program continues to offer first rate training to our students at all levels. We are looking to extend the Wednesday daytime classes to include Nose Work. The Monday Nose Work classes have consistently had wait lists, and this new dog sport seems to be generating a lot of excitement. The addition of classes on Wednesday will open training opportunities for many of the teams we have turned away. If you are interested in pursuing Nose Work with your dog, contact Board Member Kristi Portugue for more information. You can reach her through the SPDTC website.

Agility

Agility classes are doing well. I am looking to offer a 1 day seminar this block on the new AKC Premier Class, which will be recognized in October. This class will be open to SPDTC members, and will be a fund raiser for the Club. Details are being finalized, and a flyer will be sent out to members when everything is nailed down.

Of General Interest

Board Member John Scandurra is working to host a Mental Management workshop focused on strategies and skills for managing the “human side” of the team in dog sports. Topics will include visualization, memory strategies, and calming techniques to name a few. We are hoping these topics can be equally applied to both Obedience and Agility. Again, we will send out a flyer when details have been finalized.



SPDTC has contracted with a commercial cleaning service to maintain our facility. I think they are doing a great job, but if you notice something that is being overlooked, please bring it to the attention of a Board member. As we head into the winter months, it becomes harder to keep things clean. The main room floor in particular can become gritty and dirty, and any suggestions you might have as to how we could keep it clean would be appreciated.



K9 Nose Work at St. Paul Dog Training Club

By: Jeff McMahon, CNWI and Kristi Portuguese

In July 2014 SPDTC began offering K9 Nose Work classes with instructor Jeff McMahon. Jeff is a National Association of Canine Scent Work® (NACSW) faculty member and trial certifying official, and travels around the country instructing nose work teams at seminars, workshops and camps. The SPDTC program has grown into 7 classes and 30 students over the past year, and we maintain a wait list of people interested in joining a class. We plan to expand the nose work program to meet student demand beginning in early 2016.

K9 Nose Work® (K9NW) is a scent detection activity conceived of in 2006 by Ron Gaunt, Amy Herot and Jill Marie O'Brien. These three individuals, each with experience training and handling working detection dogs, developed a philosophy for helping companion dogs express their hunting drives and companion dog owners to understand how their dogs detect scent in the environment.

The activity of K9NW begins with your dog's primary reward (food or toy) and a small collection of cardboard boxes. The boxes are a low cost, portable, and widely available tool for hiding the dog's primary reward and creating learning opportunities and challenges for the dog in a variety of environments. As your dog progresses, searches become more complex, with the reward hidden outside of boxes, in larger or more cluttered areas, and in more distracting environments.



Once your dog is consistently motivated to search for his primary reward and is willing to solve difficult problems on his own, you may choose to introduce the dog to the target odors used in competitive K9NW: birch, anise, and clove.

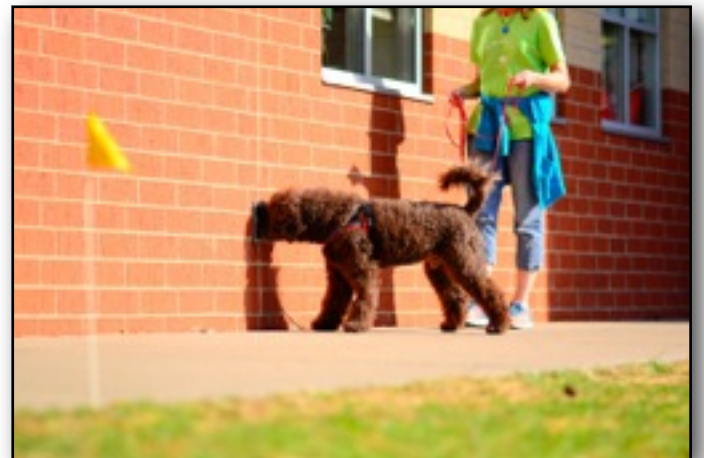
Training to compete in the sport of K9NW is fun and challenging. Handlers must understand how to read their dogs in searches where the location of the hidden scent is unknown or "blind" to the handler. There are four elements of competition to train for: container, interior, exterior and vehicle searches. Teams must gain exposure to many different search scenarios in order to be successful at a National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) K9NW trial.

Competing in K9NW events offers you and your dog a bonding experience like no other sport can provide. In K9NW the handler must trust the dog's ability to hunt down the source of the target odor, as well as trust his or her own ability to know the dog and understand what he is communicating about the search environment.

A typical nose work competition requires the dog to find all odors hidden in each search area, and the handler to correctly identify the dog at each odor source. Teams search one at a time with no other dogs present in or around the search areas. Ribbons are awarded for accuracy first, then time. At the NW1 level of competition, a special award, the Harry Award, is given to the most outstanding rescue dog in honor of an early nose work dog who succumbed to a rattlesnake bite protecting his human. Trials are held across the country, and teams can work towards qualifying for an annual National Invitational event.



K9NW is a highly enriching activity for virtually all dogs to participate in, regardless of competition goals. Dogs that engage in searching behavior typically have fewer behavior issues, most notably displaying less fearfulness, shyness, environmental sensitivity and reactivity. Working in partnership with your dog to understand the world as he smells it is a beneficial, fun and satisfying way to spend time together.



Visit the K9 Nose Work section of the SPDTC web site at <http://spdtc.com/classinformation/k9nosework.html> for additional information on classes. For general information on K9 Nose Work visit the NACSW web site at <http://www.nacsw.net/>.



Member Brags

Congratulations to the following club members for these special accomplishments.

The club loves showcasing the club members' accomplishments. If you have a brag, send a photo (JPEG format preferred) and a brief paragraph along with your dog's name and the owner and/or handler's name to Newsletter@SPDTC.com.



**MACH Casanova's Midnight Spirit CDX BN GN
RAE MXB MJB CA THD CGC (Casanova)**

Owned by Carol Lauren-Schmidt

June was Casanova's month to shine in both AKC and UKC Agility. At the UKC Premier Top 50 Agility Invitational on June 11th, he won HIT Toy Division in AGIII in which the handler has to work at a distance in a number of obstacles. Carol was really proud of him, especially since they were running outside. The next day he turned 10 years old and gave Carol the best presents by earning 1st place in AGI and AGII. They took 1st place in their division in every run. In between runs they earned points in weight pull and qualifying runs in the new dog sport opened to all small breeds called drag racing. They took home one Silver Platter and 5 1st place medallions. On June 26th, with handler Wayne Carlson, Casanova earned his AKC MACH.



**Silver Grand Champion CH Valentino by
Monarch BN RA CGCA RATN (Tino)**

Owned by Carol Lauren-Schmidt

Not to be outdone by his mentor Casanova, Tino rocked his new dog sport events. He was featured in the drag racing events at UKC Premier running the Steeplechase. Then he is the Papillon mentioned in the AKC Gazette article about Barn Hunt which can be accessed by the link <http://www.akc.org/learn/akc-gazette/weekend-of-trials-in-se-minnesota/>. It was his 1st Barn Hunt event and he earned 4 titles. Barn Hunt titles are recognized by UKC and AKC as well. He is the 1st Papillon in MN to earn the RATN title. Barn Hunt is harder than Carol thought it would be. They will be entering Agility trials soon as that is another one of the dog sports he loves. Carol is very proud of her first breed dog.



MACH 3 PACH 6 Liberty Bella Tickerita (Libby)

Owned by Heidi Fisk

When the AKC Agility 2014 results came out in June, Libby was listed as:

#3 Preferred Shetland Sheepdog for all jump heights

3 Preferred dog all breeds for 8" jump height

#4 for all preferred breeds/all jump heights.

#79 for all breeds/all jump heights/regular and preferred (out of 25,000 dogs competing in AKC in 2014)

She also was listed in the Top 20 Lifetime Preferred Agility Dogs. Her cumulative score for 2014 was 2949 which was comprised of 2179 speed points and 77 double Qs in 2014. In June 2015 she earned her PACH 6.



Csilla

Owned by Ginny Hayes

Csilla earned her MACH 2, T2B 2, and MJG this summer.

Tocho (not pictured) got his Open STD.



**OTCH MACH Jo's X-Rated Hobi O'Himark UDX 8
OGM GO VER MX MXB MXJ MJB T2B (Boo)**
Owned by Phil Rustad

Boo finished his first MACH on August 29th at the Key City Kennel Club trial under Judge Sue Fregien. Phil would like to thank the great staff of trainers at SPDTC as well as the entire Twin Cities area agility community for all the support and encouragement needed to accomplish this goal. Boo is Phil's second OTCH MACH dog but, hopefully, not his last



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Recent Titles Earned by Club Members

Congratulations to the following club members and their dogs on their new titles!

If you and your dog have earned a new title in 2015, use the online form on the club website to enter your title information. You do NOT have to wait until the end of the year to submit your new titles. Also note that the old poster boards have been replaced with print out lists that are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

New titles will also be listed in the newsletter and on the website. Titles are eligible for awards at the annual banquet. Information on how to submit new titles, the requirements for earning end-of-year awards, and volunteer opportunities are posted on the website. Also you can earn credits towards awards by helping in the Club Maintenance Day on July 1st. See the article on volunteering elsewhere in this newsletter.

Note that you may only submit titles for events which the SPDTC provides classes for: Agility, Obedience, Rally, Nosework, and Therapy Dog.

(Titles reported from June 17 - September 7, 2015.)

Owner (s)	Dog's Call Name	Dog's Breed	Date this title was earned:	Performance Event	Venue	Title
Marjana Callery	Laser	Standard Schnauzer	4/4/15	Obedience	AKC	Beginner Novice (BN)
Marjana Callery	Laser	Standard Schnauzer	4/5/15	Obedience	AKC	Rally Novice (RN)
Marjana Callery	Finn	Standard Schnauzer	1/23/15	Agility	AKC	Master Excellent Agility (MX)
Marjana Callery	Finn	Standard Schnauzer	4/10/15	Agility	AKC	Time 2 Beat (T2B)
Marjana Callery	Finn	Standard Schnauzer	7/19/15	Agility	AKC	Master Silver Jumpers with Weaves (MJS)
Sunny DeYoung	Justine	Bouvier	5/10/15	Obedience	AKC	Beginner Novice (BN)
Sunny DeYoung	Justine	Bouvier	8/2/15	Obedience	AKC	Pre-Trial Tested (PT)
Heidi Fisk	Libby	Shetland Sheepdog	6/27/15	Agility	AKC	Preferred Agility Champion (PACH 6)
Carol Lauren-Schmidt	Casanova	Papillion	6/26/15	Agility	AKC	Master Agility Champion (MACH)
Carol Lauren-Schmidt	Tino	Papillion	4/19/15	Obedience	UKC	UROC
Carol Lauren-Schmidt	Bella	Papillion	4/19/15	Agility	UKC	United Agility Champion (UACH)
Carol Lauren-Schmidt	Reine	Papillion	3/1/15	Obedience	UKC	Rally Obedience Level 1 (URO1)
Carol Lauren-Schmidt	Tino	Papillion	3/31/15	Obedience	AKC	Rally Advanced (RA)
Carol Lauren-Schmidt	Tino	Papillion	3/31/15	Obedience	UKC	United Rally Excellent (URX)
Kelly McDuff	Titan	Dachshund	8/21/15	Obedience	AKC	Rally Novice (RN)
Melissa McIntyre	Linea	GSD	5/22/15	Obedience	AKC	Companion Dog (CD)
Melissa McIntyre	Linea	GSD	6/14/15	Obedience	AKC	Rally Advanced (RA)
Kristi Portugue	Moby	Portuguese Water Dog	7/18/15	Nose Work	NACSW	Nose Work 1 (NW1)
Jan and Dave Richards	Sheila	Miniature American Shepherd	4/5/15	Agility	AKC	Master Agility Champion (MACH6)
Jan Richards and Nancy Stein	Tex	Miniature American Shepherd	1/31/15	Agility	AKC	Novice Agility Standard (NA)
Jan Richards and Nancy Stein	Tex	Miniature American Shepherd	1/31/15	Agility	AKC	Novice Agility Jumpers with Weaves (NAJ)
Maureen Seibert	Zena	Lab cross/ Plot Hound	6/23/15	Canine Good Citizen	AKC	Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
Maureen Seibert	Zena	Lab cross/ Plot Hound	8/26/15	Therapy Dog	AKC	Therapy Dog International (TDI)
Dick Sheehan and Mindy Elledge	Charlotte	Golden Retriever	4/11/15	Agility	AKC	Novice Agility Jumper (NAJ)



Save the Date

St Paul Dog Training Club Banquet

February 13, 2016

Southview Country Club
239 Mendota Rd E
West St Paul MN 55118

We are now accepting donation for our Banquet. Looking for new or slightly used items for our gift baskets. Please leave your items at designated location at the club. Thank you in advance for your items.

More information to come by emails, Winter Newsletter, and the website.

Recognizing Your Accomplishments at the Annual Banquet

The St. Paul Dog Training Club (SPDTC) celebrates the accomplishments of its members in a number of ways including listing the titles earned in the newsletter, listing the titles in the club, and recognizing the titles earned at the annual banquet.

At the Annual Banquet, club members receive lapel pins for titles earned in recognized events. Teams that earn Championship titles such as OTCH, MACH, PACH, C-ATCH, etc. also may qualify to receive a special gift from the club.

In order to qualify for awards, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a club member in good standing
2. Earned the title(s) between January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
3. Volunteered for approved club activities (refer to the website and the bulletin boards in the club for additional information.)
4. Volunteered a minimum of **two hours** to earn pins and **four hours** to earn championship awards.
5. Trained at least one dog at SPDTC for one term during the year.
6. Submitted titles via the online form on the website by January 5, 2016.



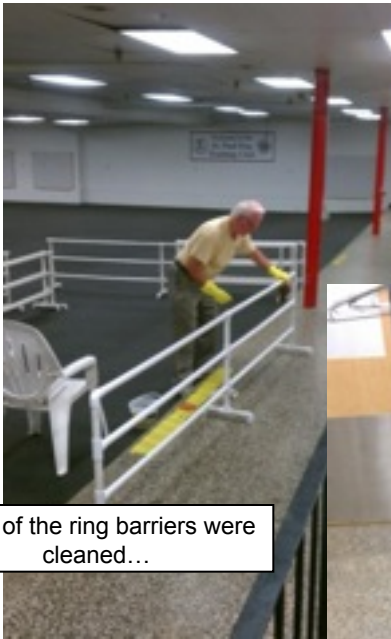
Later this year, all members who have submitted titles via the web will be contacted with specific information on how to order their title pins, and if appropriate, championship award. Heidi Fisk, who is again coordinating awards this year, will contact you via email to confirm those titles. She will also ask you which TWO titles per dog you would like for your free pins. (As in previous years, you may order additional title pins at a cost of \$10 per pin).

Those teams who earned a championship title (MACH, OTCH, etc.) are eligible for special awards. Dogs earning a first championship title can order a jacket, vest, or plaque. Dogs earning additional championship titles and who have already received a championship awards can have these additional titles added to that item. Heidi will send out a separate form to each championship title winner to complete. This form will have complete information on how to order your championship award.

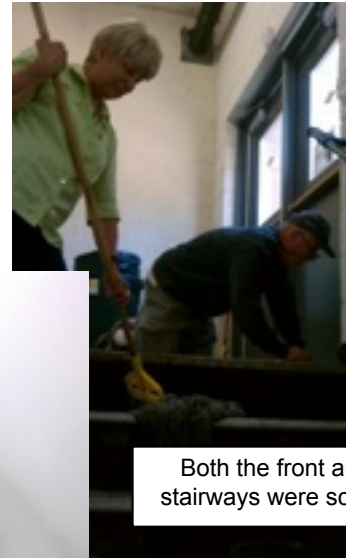
NOTE: Please note the following regarding submitting your titles using the online form.

1. Only submit one title per form
2. Only submit titles for recognized events.
3. You have until December 31, 2015 to complete your volunteer requirements.

Refer to the Save the Date article in this newsletter for the Annual Banquet date and location.



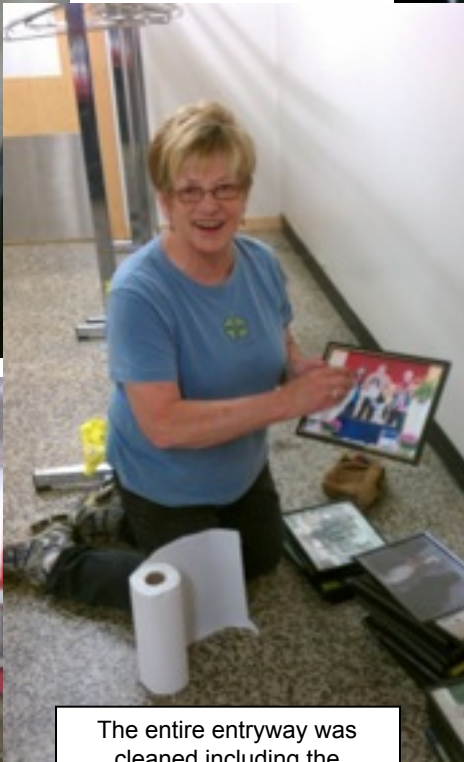
Many of the ring barriers were cleaned...



Both the front and back stairways were scrubbed...



Crates were pulled out, the floors were vacuumed and then washed...



The entire entryway was cleaned including the



The walls in the entryway and the kitchen were cleaned of both human and dog prints...

Club Members Make First Maintenance Day 2015 a “Sparkling Success”!

On July 1, about a dozen club members joined in on the first Maintenance Day of 2015. They scrubbed the common areas of the facility cleaning literally from floor to ceiling. Above are pictures of some of the volunteers hard at work.

Not only did the club get cleaned, but these members by volunteering, fulfilled their requirement hours for their annual awards. For club members who missed out helping in July, note that there will be additional opportunities to volunteer later this year. Future club cleaning and repair dates will be posted in the club and sent via email notifications. Information on how to earn annual awards is also posted in the club.

See what's coming up at the Club.

Calendar

Fri, Oct 2, 2015	SPDTC Obedience & Rally Trial - Obedience Trials
Sat, Oct 3, 2015	SPDTC Obedience & Rally Trial - Obedience Trials
Sun, Oct 4, 2015	SPDTC Obedience & Rally Trial - Obedience Trials
Fri, Nov 6, 2015	SPDTC Agility Trial - Agility Trials
Fri, Nov 6, 2015	No Obed Run-Throughs - Obedience Run Throughs
Sat, Nov 7, 2015	SPDTC Agility Trial - Agility Trials
Sun, Nov 8, 2015	SPDTC Agility Trial - Agility Trials
Sat, Nov 28, 2015	Northstar Rottweiler Club Obed & Rally Trial - Obedience Trials
Sun, Nov 29, 2015	Northstar Rottweiler Club Obed & Rally Trial - Obedience Trials
Sun, Dec 13, 2015	8-4:00 K9 Nose Work Event - Nose Work Event
Mon, Dec 21, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Nose Work Classes - AGILITY
Mon, Dec 21, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Agility Classes - AGILITY
Tue, Dec 22, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Obedience Classes - Obedience Classes
Wed, Dec 23, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Agility Classes - AGILITY
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Thu, Dec 24, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Agility Classes - AGILITY
Fri, Dec 25, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Obed Run-Throughs - Obedience Run Through
Mon, Dec 28, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Nose Work Classes - AGILITY
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Tue, Dec 29, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Obedience Classes - Obedience Classes
Wed, Dec 30, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Agility Classes - AGILITY
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Thu, Dec 31, 2015	HOLIDAY - No Agility Classes - AGILITY
Fri, Jan 1, 2016	HOLIDAY - No Obed Run-Throughs - Obedience Run Throughs
Fri, Jan 1, 2016	SPDTC Agility Trial - Agility Trials
Sat, Jan 2, 2016	SPDTC Agility Trial - Agility Trials
Sun, Jan 3, 2016	SPDTC Agility Trial - Agility Trials