



Message From The President



Karl Blakely

Hello everyone! We are just coming off another successful spring season at the club. With summer's arrival, we traditionally experience the slowest time of the year for our training programs as many of us enjoy training outdoors, or take some time off for vacations. This means we have to pay closer attention to club expenses as our revenue declines as well.

Some of you have asked me about our newest board member John Scandurra. John is an up and comer in our agility program with his first dog Gemma. They look to have a promising show career ahead of them and John's talents have already proved to be an asset to the Board with his background as a veterinarian. If you see John please say "hi," and introduce yourself.

Thanks to the hard work of many, both of our spring shows went off without a hitch. Our April agility trial was as popular as ever and had a waiting list of exhibitors hoping to get in. The April obedience trial continued its tradition of being one of the best trials offered in our area. Entries were high and the show made a nice profit.

On our "To Do List" in the upcoming months is to upgrade our aging and well used agility equipment. We anticipate selling some of our old jumps, and do give preference to club members. Additionally, we are planning a face lift for our kitchen area. The board is looking into costs associated with new cabinets, paint, etc.

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From the President: Karl Blakely

SPDTC has two exciting seminars on the horizon. For the obedience teams we have Laura Romanik returning in November. In the agility venue, Barb Davis is making an encore appearance. Both presenters proved to be a hit the first time they were at SPDTC, and we expect the spots to fill fast. Watch the bulletin board or club website for details.

Finally, of interest is we have added a new agility trial to our 2014 calendar. The show will be the last weekend in February and because of this, we will be moving the date of our banquet to earlier in the month. The board will let everyone know when we have the details worked out.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer and maybe will see you down at the club or some local shows. ~Karl Blakely

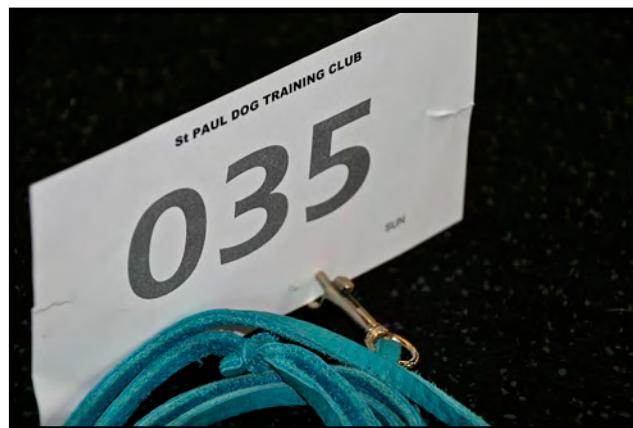
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Director of Training Report

Greg Kirmeier

Director of Training Report June 2013

Summer is upon us, though you could hardly tell from the weather! The Twin Cities seem to be doing a bad imitation of Seattle this year, and once again I am grateful to belong to a club with a comfortable, dry, indoor training facility.

Obedience

Mirrors have been installed on the walls in most rings. After some back and forth, I think we have come to a solution that allows the Obedience instructors and students to use these tools, and still makes the room safe for Agility students. If you haven't trained a beginner Agility dog, it probably wouldn't occur to you how distracting the reflection can be to a young dog doing the dog walk. Ultimately the dogs need to work through many more severe distractions (think another dog running in an adjacent ring), but for beginners the mirrors presented an unnecessary challenge.

We also needed to address safety concerns for handlers. If you look carefully, you can find the patch in the wall where a stumbling handler put an elbow through the plaster board. Think how much worse that could have been had he hit a mirror. Many thanks to Ron for making the peg board covers.



I think this solution will work out for both Obedience and Agility.

Agility

The Agility program has once again gone to a Summer schedule of only 1 class on Wednesday night. The Monday and Thursday schedules are unchanged. The open ring time on Wednesday evenings has been discontinued due to lack of participation. We will continue to look for ways to offer students more time on the equipment in the future, but apparently the Wednesday evening window doesn't work this year.

We are looking at several equipment upgrades this Summer. In an attempt to improve safety on the floor, we will replace as much metal as we can. Our triple and tire jumps were the first to go, and will be followed shortly by a new set of wingless jumps.

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Director of Training Report Continued

The rubber surface on the dog walk and a-frame will be patched (eventually the surfaces will be replaced completely), and a new rubber surfaced table will make an appearance. Our goal is to have all of this done by the August Agility Trial - wish us luck (or better yet, email me with an offer of help!).

Seminars

Both Obedience and Agility are presenting seminars this Summer/Fall. Laura Romanik will be back, as will Barb Davis. Details are available elsewhere in the newsletter, at the Club, and on the SPDTC website.

Personal Note

In May of this year Robbie and I won a spot on the AKC World Team to compete at the Agility World Cup. We were also offered a spot on the AKC Team for the European Open, but sadly I have a day job and I just can't take the time for both. I want to thank everyone at SPDTC for your help and support. This was a personal goal, but it's not the kind of think you can achieve alone. You all helped, and I am very grateful.

Coming Soon

SPDTC Agility Trial, Aug 2-4 2013

Barb Davis Agility Seminar Sept 7-8 2013

Laura Romanik Obedience Seminar Nov
16-18 2013



OBEDIENCE BRAG!!!

Karen Coffee and Twister winning Nov B at SPDTC Obedience Trial



AGILITY BRAG!!!

MACH Smith and Rhonda Meath

He earned his MACH in 2 years. We started at the St Paul Dog Training Club agility show when he was 18 months. He is 3 1/2 years old.





SPDTC Member Profile: Gary Herber & Stephanie



MACH 4 THERAPY (DOG)

On April 13th, 2013, Stephanie and I finally completed our last double Q to get that elusive MACH 4 title. It was by far the most difficult title for us to finish.

Many of you know that I had a massive stroke in February 2011 and nearly died. The left side of my body became paralyzed and I was wheelchair bound. Stephy became my Therapy Dog and came to rehab every nearly every day. If she did miss a day, the staff at Sister Kenny/ Abbott Hospital asked why she was not in attendance. She did long sit stays in my wheelchair while I learned how to walk and run again. She even accompanied me in the cafeteria and slept in my bed until visitation was over. (I "lived" in the hospital for 1 month).

After I got home and the weather got nicer, we began some light agility training in the backyard see if it was possible to come back. Stephy did not like the downtime and was eager to get training.

Stephy did not like the downtime and was eager to get training. Training at Saint Paul is better rehab than you can get at either Sister Kenny or the Courage Center. It helps with fatigue, stamina, balance, problem solving, visualizing things, decision making, and thinking on your feet. It is also more fun than the stale rehab exercises given to me. Stephy adapted nicely to my new handling style, which has few front crosses, poorly supported jumps, and many more rear crosses than ever before.

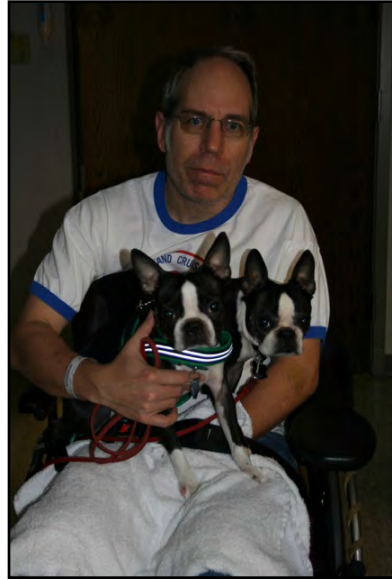
We missed every agility trial for one year while I got stronger and we became more competitive. We entered the February 2012 St. Croix Valley trial at St. Paul as our first show back and DOUBLE Qed under Rod Ramsell! YEAH!! We really pushed to come back as we needed to get those double Qs before we get any older. Those last 7 double Qs took another year to get (way longer than in the past), finishing on our "home turf" at the St. Paul Dog Training Club Trial.

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Member Profile Cont.

It was good to finish at our own trial and get that big MACH ribbon from Camay!

We want to thank all the trainers and fellow students at St. Paul Dog Training who urged us on and let us slip back into class Wednesday nights just like old times. Stephy and I are not as fast as we once were, but we can still work towards our personal goals – something that I hope everyone is doing, no matter their abilities or challenges. Good Luck!



Gary with Stephanie & Jewel, wheelchair bound while unable to stand or walk.





**St. Paul Dog Training Club Proudly
Presents (3) Days with**

Laura Romanik

November 16, 17 & 18 – Mark Your Calendars Now!



Bridging the Gap Between Training & Competition

St. Paul Dog Training Club is delighted to have an encore seminar presentation from Laura Romanik in November. What is unique about Laura's style is she provides an approach to Obedience training designed to produce a happy upbeat, performance both in training and in the obedience competition ring. Laura has a knack for breaking exercises down and explaining her techniques and principles in a straightforward way that others can understand. Laura loves working with obedience enthusiasts at all levels, no matter your experience, breed of dog, or training philosophy - she will help you improve your training and show results.

For those of us that attended her seminar last year we were amazed how her approach was simple to grasp yet produced significant impact on results. Additionally, she focused on individual questions and concerns and allowed plenty of time to use her ideas.

Laura Romanik has excelled in competitive obedience, earning numerous High in Trial and High Combined awards, national all-breed rankings, tournament placements and finishing Obedience Trial Championships on three dogs: two Shelties and the FIRST Beagle to be awarded an OTCH. Her Sheltie, Bright is the number three Sheltie with 2,385 lifetime OTCH points. Laura and her current partner, Flare, went from CD to OTCH in just 11 months. This achievement occurred before Flare was three years old!

Laura uses a balanced training approach built on scientifically recognized behavioral principals. She excels at teaching reliable responses to commands, while motivating dogs to understand and enjoy the training process. Laura enjoys working with obedience enthusiasts at all levels. No matter what your experience, breed of dog, goals or training philosophies, she will work with you to improve your training and results.

Watch our Club Bulletin Boards for More Details and Registration!



Barb Davis Seminar coming September 7th and 8th

The winner of 2012 AKC Nationals is coming back, and will be presenting four mini seminars. Preference will be given to SPDTC members until May 31st.

Saturday, Sept. 7 AM **Building Blocks for Young Guns**
(Skill building with young dogs)

Saturday, Sept. 7 PM **Get Ready, Get set, Trial.**
(Polishing skills for Novice/Intermediate)

Sunday, Sept. 8 AM **Got Game?**
(Handling and Course Analysis for Ex/Masters)

Sunday, Sept. 8 PM **Your Toolbox Challenge.**
(Handling complex Sequences for Ex/Masters)

For more information, go to www.spdtc.com

Or contact Ginny Hayes at
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Barb Davis Seminar Registration Form

Name _____

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Phone _____

Please put a W for working spot and an A for Audit
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Sat. Sept. 7 AM 8:00-11.30 Building Blocks for Young Guns (Skill building for young dogs)	_____	_____
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Sat. Sept 7 PM 12:30-4:00 Get Ready, Get Set, Trial (Polishing skills for Novice/Intermediate)	_____	_____
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Sun. Sept 8 AM 8:00-11:30 Got Game? (Handling and Course Analysis for Ex/Masters)	_____	_____
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Sun. Sept 8 PM 12:00-3:30 Your Toolbox Challenge (Handling complex sequences for Ex/Masters)	_____	_____
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