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FROM THE PRESIDENT: KARL BLAKELY

Hi Everyone,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. Another year is in the books and looking back there have been many changes at SPDTC. Over the past year we have added some new training opportunities. We now have a Therapy Dog program and also offer nose work classes. Both programs have been very popular and offer something different from our regular obedience and agility training. The therapy dogs will have to pass a test to be certified and from what I have been told, it is very challenging. The nose work classes are super fun and very rewarding for the dogs. Check the web site for more information and class times. We also have a new landlord and while the thought of this brought a few "what ifs", so far our first impressions are good. We are feeling more secure in the fact that there are no major changes in our immediate future with regard to our facility and lease. That being said, we need to keep in mind that

we are also making first impressions too and need to be mindful of our parking rules and being a good neighbor and tenant. Our annual banquet is just around the corner, February 7th. Our banquet committee has been hard at work and has found us a new venue this year, we will have more room and an improved menu. There are also some changes to be awards and recognition too, be sure you register and send in your membership dues, please see the website for details. Another important function of the banquet is election of board members. We are always in need of fresh talent so don't be surprised if someone from our nominating committee taps you on the shoulder asks you. Or if you are interested or know someone who may be a good candidate, contact myself or any board member for more information. Well I hope to see many of you down at the club training or at a club sponsored event.



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DIRECTOR OF TRAINING: GREG KIRMEIER



Almost Christmas! Many SPDTC members are already on their way to the Invitationals and the warm, Florida weather – Good Luck to all! Those of us back at home are busy planning next year’s campaign.

Obedience

The Obedience program is going great guns! The building is full every Tuesday night. In the New Year, Judy Super will be offering a Beginner’s Open class to round out the current list of classes.

Agility

The agility program continues to run smoothly, under Director Camay Blakely. We anticipate some changes to the collection process for class fees as we go forward in the New Year. Hopefully this will make things easier for both students and volunteers coordinating the collections.

Agility has purchased a new A-frame. This is part of our ongoing commitment to offer students and

competitors first-rate equipment for training and competition.

The Board is tracking on proposed changes for AKC. Some of these would be equipment changes. If passes, we will work quickly to see that we are in compliance with the requirements for competition.

As we head into the end of the year, it’s time to think of the annual awards banquet and general meeting. Watch the newsletter for instructions on how to make your reservations and apply for your awards. We are all very proud of your achievements this year (and every year!), but it will help immensely if you report your new titles early.

The annual meeting is also when we elect new members to the Board of Directors. If you have an interest in greater participation in Club decision making (along with the time and surplus energy!) we would love to hear from you. Please inform a Board member of your interest, and we will get you on the ballot.

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WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR?

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| January 2, 2015 | • No Obed Run-Throughs |
| January 5, 2015 | • Deadline for awards |
| January 10 & 11, 2015 | • Bernese mountain dog Club Agility Trial |
| January 17, 2015 | • 10-4:00 GSD Workshop |
| January 23, 2015 | • TCVESSA Agility Trial - ALL DAY |
| | • No Obed Run-Throughs |
| January 24 & 25, 2015 | • TCVESSA Agility Trial - ALL DAY |
| January 30, 2015 | • St Croix Valley KC Agility Trial - ALL DAY |
| | • No Obed Run-Throughs |
| January 31, 2015 | • St Croix Valley KC Agility Trial - ALL DAY |
| February 1, 2015 | • St Croix Valley KC Agility Trial - ALL DAY |
| February 7, 2015 | • 9-5:00 AKC Agility Judge Cont Educ |
| | • SPDTC Annual Banquet |
| February 20, 2015 | • SPDTC Agility Trial |
| | • No Obed Run-Throughs |
| February 21 & 22, 2-15 | • SPDTC Agility Trial |

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Obedience Tip

Take full advantage of Run Through or Fun Matches. Have a plan. Don't feel like you need to complete all exercises. Work on exercises you need to.

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BANQUET AND AWARDS INFORMATION

Banquet

You are invited to the St Paul Dog Training Club Banquet on February 7, 2015 at a cost of \$28 per person which includes your meal, prizes and wonderful conversation with our St Paul Dog Training Club family. We will have a short meeting and elections for new board members. If your membership dues are paid you are welcome to vote.

Membership Application

The Banquet/Award Committee is excited to have the banquet at a new location. We have contracted with the Southview Country Club located at 239 Mendota Road E, West St Paul MN, where we have plenty room, parking and a new menu. We will start off with a cocktail hour (cash bar) at 5:30 pm and should end about 9 pm.

The Banquet/Awards Committee is trying something new this year where you can register online. Payments will need to be sent to our St Paul Dog Training Club, PO Box 2443, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 or drop off at the club (please indicate on your check what you are paying for). We will have all the information we need to make your reservation. Below is the link to register for your tickets.

Reservation for Banquet

Awards

The process for submitting titles earned in 2014 has changed. Please use this link to submit **ALL** the titles your dog(s) earned in 2014.

Awards forms

This form MUST be completed by January 5, 2015.

Heidi Fisk, who is coordinating awards again 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.

Donation and Volunteers Needed

The committee is asking for donations of new or slightly used items or with your business name on it if you would like to advertise your business that could be used as prizes or gifts at the banquet. We are estimating about 75 to 100 members will show for the banquet. If you wish to donate please bring your articles to St Paul Dog Training Club and leave in the room behind the desk. Please mark it for the banquet. We are looking for volunteers to make centerpieces and help set up the day of the banquet. We appreciate it and thank you for volunteering and any donations you can provide.

If you have any questions please contact us at cmehlhaff@gmail.com or call [952-221-9998](tel:952-221-9998).

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BANQUET INFORMATION

When: February 7, 2014
Where: Southview Country Club (New Location) 239 Mendota Rd E, West St Paul, MN 55118
Cocktail Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 PM (Cash Bar)
Buffet Dinner: 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Meeting and Awards: 7:30 - 9:30 PM
Cost per person: \$28.00

Please make payment and mail to: St Paul Dog Training Club
PO Box 2443
Inver Grove Heights MN 55076

You can register online but will need to send your payment to the addresses above.

Membership dues are payable between October 1, 2014 and the annual meeting (which is February 7, 2015) for the current membership year. Please see the membership web page for further information. See below:

<http://spdtc.org/membershipinformation.html>

How many tickets do you want for the Banquet? _____ (Cost Per Person \$28)

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

If you have any questions please contact Carol Mehlhaff at cmehlhaff@gmail.com or call 952-221-9998.

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Need more information about the club? Phone: 651-455-2431

Address: 219 13th Avenue South South St. Paul, Minnesota, 55076

Mailing Address:P.O.Box 2443

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Agility Training Tip

Winter inactivity can greatly reduce your dog's level of fitness and preparedness for agility competition. Simple conditioning exercises, using little or no equipment can fill the gap when weather keeps you and your canine partner indoors. Tricks like "Sit Pretty", "Crawl", "High Five" (both sides), and many others will improve your dog's fitness and stimulate their mind too. For more suggestions check out this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfkA5yfnxQ>

And here's one for Handlers that the dogs will love!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfkA5yfnxQ>

