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OKLAHOMA CITY OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB COURIER

Next Meeting:

Date: May 17, 2016

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: OCOTC Training Facility

OCOTC MEMBERS AT THE 2016 CKCS NATIONAL SPECIALTY



From Left to Right: Mrs. Suzanne D. Hemminger (judge), Pat Gonzales, and Renee Bruns (ACKCSC Show Chairperson.) With Paden Simply Irresistible BN CGC NAJP (Cori).

The American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club National Specialty began in Shawnee with Agility Trials on April 29th through May 1st. Pat Gonzales finished Cori's NAP title and Jack's NA title. Cori also earned one leg in Open Jumpers.

Then on May 2nd through May 5th the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma hosted the National Specialty. Followed by The Central Oklahoma Regional Specialty beginning on May 6th. Club members Angie Dayton, Pat Gonzales, Brian and Laura Swingle are all members of the CKSCOCO. Other members who helped as ring stewards and made the competition possible were Betsy Staton, Patti Cantrell, Patti and LeRoy Saiz. Laura Swingle acted as Show Chairman for Obedience and Rally in both shows. Pat Gonzales conducted the silent auction for this event.

Cori earned her CD in Novice B with a 1st place win and a High In Trial at the National Specialty. She also finished in 2nd place on May 4th. Cori earned another 1st place and High In Trial on May 6th at the Regional Specialty. In addition, Cori placed 1st three times in Rally Novice earning her RN title.

Presidents Message: So the numbers are in and as always we didn't make any money from the Spring Trial. This is normal, however what wasn't normal was the amount that we lost. After all the income and the expenses was claimed we lost \$4,986.16. This is why we just cannot continue to have our shows at the Fairgrounds. The jump in increase of the loss was directly related in the cost increase they did this year. So we are looking for a new location to have our trials. The board needs member input. If you know of someplace email ocotc100@gmail.com and we will check it out.

Speaking of the board. Elections are coming up in June. If you would like to serve on the board please let Kaye Kirk know by sending her a letter of intent. If you would like to volunteer on the nomination committee also let her know. There are rules on who can do what position so if you're not sure you qualify ask and we can look it up and let you know for sure one way or the other.

Lastly our lease is coming up on our building and we are busting at the seams. Our class enrollments are up and we have added new classes. I am open to looking at a new facility. If we find one large enough for two rings we could use it to have our own trials and not have to pay some of the costs we currently pay. If anyone knows of a good commercial real estate broker. Point them the clubs way.



It's time to get busy on the GARAGE SALE. You can bring items for sale to the training facility on Thursday, May 12th, after 8:00 pm. Or you can bring your items by on Friday, May 13th, from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you can't come during these times mentioned you can call Patti Cantrell at 831-3487 and make other arrangements. Setup will begin at 8:00 pm on Friday night. Items brought on Thursday evening need to be brought through the back door so we do not disturb the classes. We will be sorting and organizing Friday afternoon and evening. Everything will be set up for the sale after classes on Friday evening. All items need to be priced before you bring them. If you don't have labels you can use masking tape and a marker to price your items. All items are considered donations, so if they do not sale they will be donated to Heart and Hand or Habitat for Humanity. If you don't want your item(s) donated you will have to pick them up on Sunday at 3:00 pm. We will need lots of help to set up and sale the items. There is a signup sheet at the building for people to sign up for times to work.

We will also need all of the dog crates in the NORTH side of the building removed Thursday night. We don't want to sale your crate!

If you are unable to donate or help out, come by and shop. Thanks for all of your help.

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CLUB PICNIC

This year our club picnic will be held on July 23rd, beginning at 5:30 pm, at our training facility. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy themselves. Just bring the dish of your choice. This is a time for us all to get together without our dogs and just enjoy a fun time together. At May and June meeting there will be baskets available for members to take home and fill up for a silent auction. Even if you cannot attend you can provide a basket full of goodies. If you have any questions regarding this year's picnic please contact Patti Saiz.

Coming Events:

- May 14th and 15th:
Garage Sale.
- May 17th at 7:30 pm:
Regular Meeting.
- June 10, 11, and 12, 2016:
K-9 Squares Fun Match.
- July 23, 2016, 5:30 pm:
Club Picnic/Meeting.
- August 13th and 14th:
Summer Sizzler
Obedience and Rally
Trials.

SUMMER SIZZLER RAFFLE

Our Summer Sizzler Trials are just around the corner. Please help our club out by bringing your raffle items and ideas to the training facility. Small items are very welcome. We can use the things you bring to fill baskets and make some very nice raffle items. Ask any business where you are a regular customer for their support. You will be surprised how often people will help out. I know that times are tight, but the worst you can get is a simple "No." There will be a box set up soon in the corner at the training facility for your small items. If you have ideas that might help out please don't hesitate to call or text Karyn Corn at (405) 249-2566. You can also email me at: karynbrad@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks,
Karyn Corn

KAITLYN GREGG 2016 OSU SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Pictured from Left to Right are Kaye Kirk, Kaitlyn Gregg, and Ben Anderson. Kaye and Ben are shown awarding the 2016 OSU Scholarship to Kaitlyn Gregg. The scholarship was presented during the banquet for the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences at Oklahoma State University. (See letter on following page.)

A very gracious letter was also sent from the dean of the CVHS, Jean E. Sander, DVM, expressing gratitude for the continued partnership with the OCOTC. The dean indicated that donors had contributed \$632,000 to the scholarship fund for continued education at the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

OSU SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

In March 2016, Kay Kirk and I received the applications for OCOTC's annual scholarship awards to third year veterinary students. Irma Jean Eufinger also received applications for the Laura Summers Memorial Scholarship.

After a review, Kay and I agreed on our names and their order. Irma Jean did the same and our choices were submitted to the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. We had invitations for the Awards Banquet set for April 19, 2016

On that date, Irma Jean and I met Kay Kirk at the Reception for Donors at the Wes Watkins Center on the OUS Campus. This was followed by the Annual Honors and Awards Dinners.

We were seated at a table that had two professors and two third year students. One turned out to be the OCOTC choice and the other was Irma's choice.

It was announced the total amount of the scholarships was \$632,000 that was given to 156 students. That is a large amount of money but when you know that each graduating senior has student loans from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

We enjoyed our visit with Kaitlyn Gregg and learned she is from Shawnee and as of that evening plans to return to Shawnee after graduation. A true animal lover, she has two cats, one German shepherd, one Dachshund and a King Charles. There is probably more now that she is a fourth year student.

She has accepted an invitation to attend our May meeting and share information about becoming a Vet and her studies. Hopefully the weather will be better than it has been over the last several years of storms and tornadoes so she can make.



TEN WINNING RALLY HINTS THAT YOU WON'T FIND IN ANY MANUAL



#1 - Enter a large number of dogs. Percentages are on your side that you will have a better chance at placing with at least one of them. (When necessary, borrow your neighbor's dogs.)

#2 - The more dogs you enter, the more likely your competitors will think that you know everything there is to know about Rally. This is a psychological method causing them to spend their time "over-thinking" their patterns. (Plus, as a bonus, they might forget to potty their dog.)

#3 - By entering more dogs, you don't have time to worry about your next pattern. Note: This can be a double-edged sword. You don't have time to "over-think" your patterns. However, you might not have time to potty your dogs either. (Gosh, you probably won't have time to potty yourself.)



#4 - Teach your dogs to read the signs. This is one of the first things you should learn in your novice classes. It is highly recommended that you have a laminated set of rally signs with the picture on the front for your dog and the explanation written on the back for you. (These signs are available in a small size for toy dogs and larger sizes for large dogs, such as Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs.)



#5 - As your dogs' progress they should learn how to whisper and do that "I've got this" thing with their eyes. So, when you look down at them with that dazed, I forgot what to do at that station, look on your face they will be able to whisper the maneuver to you. Or they may simply have you follow their "I've got this gaze" throughout the station. (This is also beneficial training for those times when your dog looks up and notices that your glasses are fogged over, or you have taken a quick nap.)



#6 - Teach your dog "serpentine sign language." This is a great exercise for deaf dogs. Notice how this dog is responding to the handler's letter "L" and weaving to the left. (Unfortunately, due to camera angle, we were not able to get an example of the command to weave to the right. Please take a moment and practice the letter "R" in "serpentine sign language.")

Admit it now if you tried this.



#7 - Teach your dog the latest in "foot work." This photo shows where the handler makes a "swaying left" or "turnabout your dog" maneuver. The dog must shorten his/her stride, followed by making a T with his/her front feet. Immediately followed by synchronized left, right, left.... heeling by dog and handler. This is a new maneuver that separates the good from the best in the Rally ring. (Also, a maneuver that is highly regarded by puppies and toy dogs in order to keep people off of their tiny toes and then being expected to heel close in.)



#8 - Multi-task. After the dog has learned to read and relate information back to you it is time to have notes written on your hands too. This way you can keep track of patterns, ring assignments, numbers, and, of course, whose turn it is to go potty. (Also, take a moment to notice how this dog and handler are beautifully executing synchronized heeling after coming out of the "double left and turnabout your dog" station.)



#9 - Take flight! This is where the dog actually catches the wind beneath his/her wings and goes a minimum of three times higher than required. Formerly known as "Big Air Competition" but recently took on a new name in order to encourage everyone to enjoy Rally. (This maneuver is especially suited for our large eared companions. Notice how this dog has already pulled up his landing gear.)



#10 - Smile and get a picture and then get some sleep. You and your dog(s) have worked hard for these moments. Although you might not think so now, you will find yourself looking back at all of the special times that you have had with your dog(s). As you look at all of your photos you will find yourself smiling once again. (I know one person that can tell everyone that her "little sugar muffin" was up there with all of those big Border Collies, and she has the picture to prove it.)

All photos were taken by Pix 'n Pages at the Rally Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They turned out so good that I had to share them. Although I have only shown in Rally a couple of times I have watched it at least a billion times and wanted to share my expertise with OCOTC members. Thank you to Kelsey for letting me share your winning secrets. (A special thanks for not getting angry. I hope.)
Karyn (a.k.a. Kelsey's Mom!)

Remember to send your accomplishments and other news to me. You can text your information and photos to me at (405) 249-2566. Or email me: karynbrad@sbcglobal.net Karyn



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Economic Impact of AKC Dog Events in Oklahoma

The American Kennel Club (AKC) was established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. We now represent more than 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including **64** clubs in the state of Oklahoma.

The AKC sanctions thousands of dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Oklahoma spend annually on their dogs.

Here are the statistics for the State of Oklahoma over the past three years:

2013: AKC licensed and sanctioned 245 events in the state of Oklahoma, in which more than 35,700 dogs participated.

2014: AKC licensed and sanctioned 264 events in the state of Oklahoma, in which more than 33,100 dogs participated.

2015: AKC licensed and sanctioned 268 events in the state of Oklahoma, in which more than 36,200 dogs participated.

The AKC conducts ongoing research regarding the economic impact of AKC events in localities throughout the state, as well as of AKC registered dogs in the state. Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of \$685 per show weekend. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could inject more than \$1.7 million into the local economy. And because AKC dog shows are an educational and family-friendly event, large spectator gates can generate additional revenues for cities and towns statewide. For more information or information about the impact of dog shows in other states, visit the AKC Legislative Action Center (www.akcgr.org).

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