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2008 Board News

Your new board of directors met formally for the first time on February 19th. Board members include, Kim Booth, Judy Bluett, Pam Brown, Mike Chapman, Karla Forte, Julie Jones, Tanya Sacks, Pat Weinkauff & Trey Winthrop. Contact information for all of us can be found on the website under the Members section and is available on the front of the CATALYST.

The first job of the new board each year is to review the policies of the Club. We undertook a thorough review of these policies and had good discussions on them. Many of the changes reflect minor edits to clarify or reformat the policies. **All members should take a few minutes to review the Clubs policies which can be found on the website under the Members section.**

Here are some highlights of policy changes. The Junior Handler Policy has been updated to include the junior handler discount for the CPE venue.

The Barn Rental Policy has been updated to reflect the fact that half hour slots may also be rented. The fee is still due during the first week of each month and the Barn Manager may now reassign a time slot to another CAT member if the payment is not made by the 10th of the month.

The barn rental policy has always called for members to have a signed agreement on file with the club and to have reviewed and abide by the safety rules, but it appears the process of carrying this out has fallen by the wayside. So we will be undertaking an effort to have all members' sign the agreement and in the future, it will be incorporated as a part of the new member process.

Policies cont.

The CAT Bucks Issuance & Redemption Policy has been updated to restore the ability to more fully use CAT Bucks earned. The small denomination CAT Bucks were instituted three years ago to encourage volunteers to give of their time at trials. The board does not feel it is in the best interest of the Club or the sport to discourage this much-needed resource and given the Club's financial position at this time, it will not create an unbearable burden. The uses defined in the policy are as follows:

“CAT Members may use denominations larger than \$2.50 towards a lunch meal or raffle tickets at a CAT sponsored agility trial, entry to a CAT sponsored agility seminar, CAT barn rental fees or towards the entry fee to a CAT sponsored agility trial.”

“Non-CAT Members may use denominations larger than \$2.50 towards a lunch meal or raffle tickets at a CAT sponsored agility trial or toward the entry fee to a future CAT sponsored agility trial.”

CAT Bucks in \$2.50 denominations may currently be redeemed for the same items described above for the larger denominations. The policy intentionally keeps the two categories separated (items 3 and 4) within the policy to facilitate future changes as the Clubs financial or philosophical position changes.

CAT Bucks are valid for two years from the date of issuance.

Those are the highlights, but again; please review all the Clubs policies in full.

Sincerely, Tanya Sacks - President

February NADAC Trial

The Canby trial was blessed with good weather this year, which led to a very fun weekend. The trial committee was the best, keeping everything running smoothly.

The judges, Ken Perlmutter and Doug Ricks brought some challenging but doable courses. Both of them are friendly, accommodating and approachable.

A big hit with everyone were the distance lines on some of the Elite courses, which challenged some competitors to “step up to the line” and give it a try. There were one or two impressive successes which brought rousing applause and cheering. I did try a couple of times with one dog and although we were not able to succeed it was great fun to try and to learn from the experience. Back to the practice barn!

Two CAT's earned NATCH's on the weekend. Karla Forte and her teammate Mike showed everyone how it is done with an outstanding jumpers run on Sunday. Carl Mathews and his consistent little Joey also earned their first NATCH.

Welcome to the 22 new members applicants who came out to work at the trial. We look forward to seeing a lot of new faces and some amazing new teams at up-coming trials.

We had hoped to be running on the new NADAC matted equipment but have not been able to pick it from Idaho which is snowed in. We look forward to using it at the Columbia Cup in September.

Submitted by Pat Weinkauff

Another Dispatch from Cat's NADAC Trial

Hope you all had a good weekend with your furry teammates. Today we got to partake of some NADAC fun in Canby, OR. This is the third year we have done this particular trial and the change in Zibbit is just amazing. Two years ago I was in tears because I had stressed him so badly that he didn't want to play. I even scratched him from two runs (a first for us). I finally got it together enough to run him as the last dog of the entire weekend (and quite after dark) in Tunnelers. He was still worried, but managed to run the course in the right order and only 11 seconds over time. That was definitely a personal Q.

Well, today we had our first "perfect" NADAC day, with Zibbit nailing all 5 of his runs. We even managed to overcome our Jumpers-block and whip through that one with tons of time to spare (and it was a great ride—smooth, flowing, fast fun!!).

There was at least one NATCH today, too!

I don't know if it was the fact that it was so "balmy" today as compared to years past (today was in the high 40s/low 50s), but I saw lots of great runs in all levels.

As usual, the trial committee really outdid themselves. Scoring boo boos (very few, of course) were fixed quickly, course building was fast, the judges (Ken Perlmutter and Doug Ricks) were friendly and approachable, and the volunteers were ever present so that no ring had to wait for ring crew to start. We were completely done by 3:00, too!!

Back to bragging about Zibbit...we finished three titles today!! Finally got that elusive NJC with a time of 22.09 sec (pretty darned fast for someone with such short legs, eh?), and wrapped up the outstanding Novice Regular and Tunnelers titles. Yippee!!! Now, if only we could play a little Touch n Go and Weavers, we might eventually get a Novice Versatility award (Lynda, keep a spot open for us at the WAG games trial, please/please/please).

Let's hear how the rest of you did at this super fun trial!!

Kim and Zibbit the zooming wonder wienie

Kimberly Boothe

We are about to go to electronic publishing for the Catalyst. If you must have a paper copy, please call M'Lou Thompson at 503-246-3054 or send this box back to me with your name and address to 10650 SW Lancaster Rd, Portland, OR 97219.

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Remaining CAT Agility Trials for 2008

April 19-20: CPE Trial, Clark Co. Fairground, WA

June 27-29: USDAA Trial, Canby, OR

August: CPE Trial, Memorial Park, Wilsonville

September 6-7: NADAC Trial

October 11-12: USDAA NW Cup Trial

Many other agility trials are listed on the Columbia Agility Team Website

Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting: March 11, 7pm, Elmer's Clackamas, 16087 SE 82nd Dr , Clackamas

General Meeting: March 16, 7pm, Buster's Texas Barbecue, 11419 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard

Board Meeting: April 11, 6:30 pm, Village Inn, Bridgeport, 17070 SW 72nd Ave, Tigard

NADAC TOP TEN

NADAC has announced the top ten mixed and pure bred dogs for 2007.

Congratulations to the following CAT member. I apologize if I overlooked anyone.

Mixed Breed 12" dogs: Oslo, handled by Paige Pierce, earned Second place in regular, Fourth place in Weavers, Sixth place in Touch N Go and eighth place in Jumpers.

Cindy Cordray and her beagle Ritzy earned First place in Chances, Regular Weavers & Tunnelers, Second in Touch-n-Go and third place in Jumpers.

Kevin & Connie White along with their GSD, Boo Boo won Fourth in Jumpers and 10th in Regular.

Patty Bensene took Third in Jumpers with Sahali.

Dwight Cash and his English Shepherd earned Second place in Regular

Carl Mathews and mini poodle, Joey, won Second place in Regular and Weavers, Fourth place in Chances, Jumpers & Touch-n-Go and Fifth place in Tunnelers. Go Joey!!

Lynda King and her "spinning" Robby earned eight place in Regular, Ninth in Tunnelers and tenth in Chances.

Tanya Sacks and Joe's Jake in top ten mixed breed in Chance.