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The New Crateliner

Our Pending Move

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We are getting ready for preparations for our move to our new facility on Northcutt.

The move will present new challenges and opportunities for all club members.

Everyone who can help with preparations please contact (board member email address are listed in the membership book on the GCDOC web site). Hours used in preparation will be awarded toward membership and service vouchers.

The New Crateliner

The Crateliner is now under new management and we would like to have more member participation.

If you have earned a new title, have a new pup, have had success in a training endeavor and wish to tell about it, email your story to: GCDOCCrateliner@yahoo.com. There are new features that we hope you will enjoy and participate in. Look for your copy each quarter in your email.

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From the President

Membership

From the Obedience and Rally Rings

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It's a sad yet exciting time, as we prepare to leave Springfield Street for Northcutt at the end of this session. Then president Mara talked me into helping remodel Springfield Street. I made the prototype pole cover and helped Gene cut the foam and wrap the poles. The poles are one of those reasons I am so excited about the move. No poles for Freestyle, and we will draw more obedience entries without poles. No poles to train utility go outs around. All of Northcutt is air condoned. Yea! There is a lot of work to be done to make the move.... I look forward to working with you to make Northcutt the best ever Obedience training facility.

There is good news and bad news for Tricks instructor Sharon Grant, good for Sharon, she has accepted a job training service dogs on the east coast, and you guessed the bad news, she won't be teaching at Gem City. We will miss Sharon and River.

Canine Free Style and Conformation

Conformation's photo Not available for this issue

Canine Freestyle

Gems & Stars will be hosting a Freestyle competition on Saturday June 11 and Sunday June 12 (2016) at our new building on Northcutt Drive. Our members will be welcoming performers from other areas like Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, Illinois, Cont. Page 8

Agility

Agility is a team sport where handler and dog must complete a set course in a given amount of time with minimal errors. In some of the venues, there are games where the team must accumulate points. In others, the team must complete a course with few errors.

I used to watch agility on TV and thought only special dogs could participate in agility. That is not true. All it takes is a dog who is willing to work with you, and lot of patience. You can go as far as you want in agility – from simply coming to practice to seeking out and earning top titles. It is up to you and your dog.

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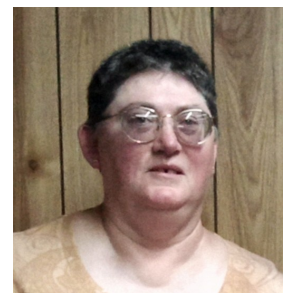


Barn Hunt, Earthdog and Lure Coursing

Earth dog and pretty much anything to do with rats.

Our spring earth dog tests will be held out at Valleycrest on June eleventh and twelfth. Also on the eleventh the Buckeye Dachshund Club will be holding their spring test immediately following ours.

We will be in need of 5 or 6 workers to handle stewarding and also as club members to serve as part of the committee. Pretty easy work really and you don't have to handle rats unless you really want to, then you can be rat steward for the Senior test. If you can work all day both days, it should result in between 8 and 10 hours and you get a chance to see terriers and dachshunds do some of what they were bred to do. More about Barn Hunt and Lure Coursing on page 8.



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State of the Club

New Members

Laura Brittingham

Chris Martin

Jessica Souza

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From a New Board Member



Greetings from one of the newest Board members – Brenda Marcks. I serve the Board in the capacity of member-at-large. I became a member of the club in 2014 and enjoy the comradery among fellow dog lovers. My breed of choice is Miniature Schnauzers. I train two dogs at the club – Myles in obedience and barn hunt and Margo in rally obedience. Margo is also on Canine Cadence and a demo dog for obedience classes.

Current Board Members

Deb Arnold, President	Tami Woodrow, Membership	Pam Murn, Obedience
Elaine Stoermer, Vice President	Cheri Davis, Registrar	Mary Beam, At Large
Esther Kadash, Secretary	Deb Werts, Agiligy	Curt Givens, At Large
Kathy Roberts, Treasurer	Kathy Combs, Conformation	Mary Kemphues, At large
		Brenda Marcks, At large

New Titles

Ch SherRex's Mischievous Moocher O'Tav-A-Mac, loved by Trish Clute

INTLCH Toddits Phoenix Rising, CPE 1000 point Level One Title, Loved by The Beams

Rainbow Bridge

Ch Sylmars Canadian Mist MW CA , Misty, loved by Krista Williams

C-ATCH, U-ATCH Suncatcher Turbocharged Sportster, Sport, RATI, loved by Mary & Ralph Beam

C-ATCH Case, loved by Gayle Ingram

CH Garnet, loved by Sharon LaFuse

Phoenix, loved by Stacy and Craig Parks

Chase, loved by Jennifer and Steve Scott

Charlie, loved by Megan, Kathy and Jennifer Combs

Beree, loved by Doug and Patty Scott

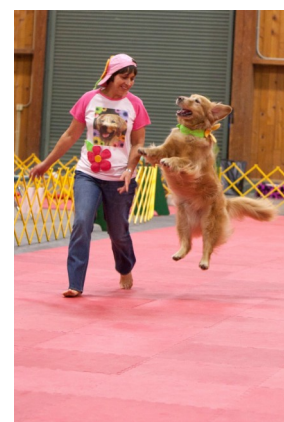


Photos

Brag

Brag, Nickie earned her last Advanced Heelwork to Music leg, making her officially WCFO-CH-HTM/MF DDX, that's a champion in both Heelwork to Music and Musical Freestyle and a Dance Dog Excellent.

Brag, Rocky earned his Beginner Heelwork to Music title.



Agility, Cont.

Gem City members typically participate in two venues – CPE (Canine Performance Events) and AKC (American Kennel Club).

In CPE, teams play games to earn points. Some courses are laid out by the judge, and the team simply completes the numbered course within the given time. Others, however, have no numbers and the handler has to plan his/her course. Many times, something occurs while on the course that changes that plan, and the handler must be able to think on his/her feet and alter his/her plan while running the course. CPE tends to be a relaxed atmosphere. They celebrate small victories. I was at a trial recently where the judge gave trophies for mistakes that happened that made him laugh. When I am at a CPE trial, it always makes me feel like a camp where everyone is helping everyone out and celebrating and laughing at the silliness of the dogs and people participating

AKC agility is more about accuracy and speed. The courses are tight and technical. The courses are set up by the judge and teams must complete the course within the time allowed and with minimal numbers of errors. Each of the levels becomes more difficult until the team reaches the highest level, Masters, and is allowed no errors in order to qualify. The atmosphere at an AKC trial is not as relaxed, but participants still cheer each other on. They discuss strategies for executing the technical courses.

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Barn Hunt, Earth Dog and Lure Coursing, Cont.

Not sure when this will hit the newsstand but the May Barn Hunt tests are fast approaching. They will be held May 21/22 at the Springfield street building. The July tests are scheduled for the 16th and 17th and with the impending departure from the building we will likely be suspending barn hunt operations until a new site can be prepared.

Barn Hunt had a trial in March. Many new titles and Q ribbons were awarded. There have been 3 barn hunt classes the last 2 sessions. Monday 10am is for the very beginners in barn hunt. Friday night classes starting at 7pm for beginners and 8pm for walk in advance have produced some great barn hunt teams. Watch the club email and Face Book groups for current information on the classes.

Coursing Ability Testing , By Leah Shiller

(CAT) it is an introductory event fashioned after the sport of lure coursing. It tests a dog ' s basic coursing instinct or hunting-by-sight ability. The dog chases an artificial lure, and the test is a non-competitive pass/fail event with dogs run one at a time. To pass the test, a dog running alone must pursue a lure, completing the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a given time. Most dogs will happily go after the lure! The CAT provides a lively and healthy activity attractive to many dog owners. We are going to have another one in October, so hope to see more members attending. If anyone has any questions, please let me know ~ Leah Schiller, CAT Chair-person" F4Stingray@aol.com

Canine Freestyls and Conformation, Cont.

and maybe some other nearby states to dance with their dogs. You are all welcome to come over and enjoy our show there is no price for admission and you may bring friends or relatives if you wish. Members who need work hours may contact Pam Murn at myeltneb@aol.com. Event times will be approximately 9am – 3 or 4pm. Freestyle classes are available at through Gem City on Thursday evening at 8pm or Wednesday day time at 1pm. If you or someone you know would love to learn how to teach the moves, plan the choreography, determine the costumes, and just plain have fun.

Conformation

Conformation Run Thru Practices for experienced handlers of new or young dogs has started on Wednesday evening at 730pm location Springfield Street first ring inside the door. Cost for members is free and for non-members is \$5.00 per evening. We have eight rotating members who take turns acting as judge at these practices so each week you get a different judge. These practices are not teaching sessions although many people do learn they are intended to get the dog used to what to expect in the ring.

If you need a structured Conformation Class for a current or future dog, there is a Beginner level and Advanced level alternating sessions on Thursday evening at 630pm. Contact Trish Clute for registration at tavamac@aol.com. The structured class teaches all the terms, techniques, procedures, and tips for someone that has no or little previous dog show experience. It is perfectly okay to take this class with any breed including All American breeds because it prepares the handler how to handle themselves and their dog at a dog show.

There will be a UKC Conformation show at the Gem City building on Northcutt in November 2016. Get your dog registered and ready to be shown at this show.

Cadence Drill Team. We practice a simple routine of basic obedience commands to music (but we aren 't dancing – sometimes we sing or bounce a little bit but no official dancing). We practice once a month on the second Monday of the month at 7pm at the Springfield St. building. You will get your membership hours for practices and for attending events that we do our routine at during the year. The main requirement is that your dog be pretty steady, friendly and enjoy being around other people and dogs. Although I have seen a dog or two come to practices not so steady initially and gradually get pretty proud of themselves and their new job when the music starts.

Sunshine

Sunshine is being taken over by Leah Shiller please email her at F4Stingray@aol.com with any appropriate information.

Like to have your Rainbow Bridge angel 's photo appear on the front page banner? Send a small photo to GCDOCCrateliner@yahoo.com

New Class Offering

Gem City is now offering a new rally class. Worldcynosport taught by Jennifer Robinson and Ashley Huehn. It is being held Wednesday nights at 630. If there is enough interest, a puppy class will be added as one of the competition levels is for puppies. Puppies can earn a title with this organization.

GCDOC

We're on the web!

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937) 258-8493

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 4 pm Set up for agilty	3 Agility Trial	4 AKCAgil- ity Trial
5 AKC Agility	6 7pm Board meet-	7 10 am mvPTa class	8	9	10	11 Paw Stomp- ing Pomade
12 Paw Stomping Po-	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 7:30 pm Membership	21	22	23	24 Session 3 ends	25 Mont. Cty. 4- H Northcutt
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Clark Cty 4-H
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Barn Hunt
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 WCL Rally Trial
24 Barn Hunt	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Agility Continued

They celebrate and support each other. I have seen seasoned handlers walking the course with beginners just to offer suggestions on how to complete the course accurately.

To get to know each venue, plan to come out to watch and even help with the trials. There are several agility trials scheduled this spring, summer, and fall. Here is a list:

June 3, 4, 5 – AKC agility trial put on by Gem City at Northcutt. Runs usually start at 8:00 am and end around 3 or 4.

August 13 & 14 – AKC agility trial put on by Gem City at Northcutt

September 16, 17, 18 – CPE agility trial put on by Canine Crossroads Club at Northcutt

October 8 & 9 – AKC agility trial put on by Gem City at Northcutt.

Once you have experienced a perfect run, you will not truly understand the mystic of agility. For less than a minute, it is just you and your dog running as fast as you can through a maze of obstacles. Your dog is not on a leash. He may leave whenever he wants to. He does not have to follow you on your mad dash around that course. He chooses to do that with you. Not for the treats. Not for the ribbon. Not for the toy. He does it because of the bond you have created with him.