



# HABOC NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hamburg All-Breed Obedience Club

September 2011

## Member Survey Results

The club recently asked our members to participate in a survey about whether or not to actively pursue finding a new building. With a little more than 50% of the active members responding to the survey, here are the most frequent responses to the five questions asked:

### 1. What do you like about the current location?

The most frequent responses were the flooring, no poles, the club location and the size of the training room.

### 2. What do you dislike about the current location?

The most frequent responses were the condition of the parking lot and driveway, the lack of adequate outdoor lighting, the training floor is too small and the location.

### 3. Do you think that the club should seriously pursue finding a new building or stay at our current location?

The majority of the respondents replied that the club should pursue finding a new building if it were larger yet still affordable.

### 4. If the club were to relocate, what features would you like to see in the new building?

## New Instructors & Classes at HABOC

There have been a number of changes to the class schedule as we enter the fall season. Most notably, we welcome Barb Klucik back as an agility instructor, and Cindy Rathbun joins the roster as an obedience instructor, offering a new Happy Heeling class (see article to the right).

Bonita Habitzruther is now offering NoseWork classes. These classes are growing in popularity across the country and provide a fun way to interact with your dogs and put their noses to work.

We also welcome Dina Bistany back to a full line up of classes, and Dawn Gagola will be back in the first week of October after her summer break.

There are many changes in times and classes. Please be sure to check out the class schedule on page 2 and contact the instructors if you are interested in their classes.

Overwhelmingly, the top response was a larger area where two rings are possible. Other frequent responses were: good parking facilities and outdoor space, better lighting, good lavatory and storage space, and good ventilation.

### 5. Other comments or suggestions:

The most frequent response was that the membership needs to be part of the decision making process.

It is not too late to respond to the survey. Please contact Sue Murphy at [smur@roadrunner.com](mailto:smur@roadrunner.com) for instructions as to how to do so.

THANK YOU to all the members who did respond. The Board truly appreciates your input and ideas!

## New Happy Heeling Class

Beginning Thursday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m., Cindy Rathbun will be conducting a "Happy Heeling" class. The class will focus on encouraging and motivating your dog to heel with attitude and joy. Heel position should be a safe, happy place for your dog, so we will be using games, toys and lots of non-threatening physical touching.

If you are interested in joining this class, please email Cindy at [cynthiarathbun@aol.com](mailto:cynthiarathbun@aol.com).

## Next Meeting: September 9

Our next HABOC general meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, at 7 pm at the club. We have a number of important items on the agenda, so we hope all our members can attend:

- Building Survey Results
- Changes in Instructor Payments
- Changes in Class Schedule
- Chairpeople Needed for Obedience/Rally and Agility Trials
- Nominating Committee Needed for January Elections

# HABOC TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE

## MONDAY

### OBEDIENCE

**Bonita Habitzruther**

716-254-6762

info@competitorsedgedogtraining.com

9:30 am - Beginning Competition Obedience

11:00 am - Open/Utility

12:00 pm - Novice/Open

### AGILITY

**Dina Bistany**

716-860-5969

ubistany@roadrunner.com

3:00 pm - Advanced

4:00 pm - Advanced

5:00 pm - Advanced

**Barbara Klucik**

716-440-0936

agiliteve@aol.com

6:30 pm - Advanced

7:30 pm - Advanced

8:30 pm - Beginners

**Dina Bistany (continued)**

2:00 pm - Advanced Beginners (for dogs not trialing, not proficient on equipment and not jumping full height)

**Lynn Broderick**

716-510-0838

PetWorksBuffalo@roadrunner.com

4:00 pm - Starter Agility

6:00 pm - Agility Handling

7:00 pm - Agility Handling

8:00 pm - Agility Handling

Contact Lynn to be placed in the appropriate level class.

## THURSDAY

### OBEDIENCE

**Bonita Habitzruther**

716-254-6762

info@competitorsedgedogtraining.com

2:15 pm - Novice/Open

### RALLY

**Sue DiBianca**

716-941-5499

sdibianca@roadrunner.com

3:45 pm - Rally Practice, Combined Levels

### OBEDIENCE

**Cindy Rathbun**

716-491-0585

cynthiarathbun@aol.com

6:00 pm - Happy Heeling

### CONFORMATION

**Peggy Doster**

xpertiseast2@verizon.net

7:15 pm - Conformation Handling

## TUESDAY

### AGILITY

**Patty Andolina**

Sheltiefun@aol.com

9:00 am - Advanced Agility Handling

**Dina Bistany**

716-860-5969

ubistany@roadrunner.com

10:30 am - Private Lesson

11:00 am - Beginner Class (for dogs familiar with some equipment)

12:00 pm - True Beginner Class

1:00 pm - True Beginner Class

2:00 pm - Puppy Class (geared towards agility)

3:00 pm - Private Lesson

### OBEDIENCE

**Dawn Gagola**

772-7813

6:30 pm - Beginners

7:30 pm - Advanced Beginners

## FRIDAY

### NOSEWORK

**Bonita Habitzruther**

716-254-6762

info@competitorsedgedogtraining.com

6:00 pm - NoseWork

7:15 pm - NoseWork

## WEDNESDAY

### AGILITY

**Dina Bistany**

860-5969

ubistany@roadrunner.com

9:00 am - Advanced

10:00 am - Advanced

11:00 am - Lower Level Advanced (for dogs trialing at Novice level)

12:15 pm - Private Lesson

1:00 pm - Intermediate

## SATURDAY

### OBEDIENCE

**Bonita Habitzruther**

716-254-6762

info@competitorsedgedogtraining.com

1:00 pm - Beginning Competition Obedience

2:15 pm - Beginning Competition Obedience

3:30 pm - Novice/Open

4:30 pm - Utility

# HABOC General Meeting Minutes - June 9, 2011

## SUNDAY

### **FUN WITH OBSTACLES**

8:30 - 11:00 am - Bonita Habitzruther  
716-254-6762  
info@competitorsedgedogtraining.com

### **AGILEPUPS**

Lynn Broderick  
716-510-0838  
PetWorksBuffalo@roadrunner.com  
Contact Lynn for dates and times

The hall can be rented for practice  
whenever not in use for classes. Contact  
Sue Murphy for information.  
smur@roadrunner.com; 716-823-6852

## **AGILEPUPS**

### **Puppy Agility Experience Workshop**

For Puppies 2-7 months old  
With Instructor Lynn Reece Broderick

**Sunday Sept. 11th**  
5:00-7:00 pm

At Hamburg All Breed  
Obedience Club



**RSVP required:**  
**To Register call Lynn at**  
716-837-3647  
Or Email PetWorksBuffalo@roadrunner.com

Obedience training is essential for a successful agility career and should definitely be undertaken with every dog, but it's also beneficial to socialize our young pups to the experiences and equipment they will encounter when they start agility training. Sometimes it's tough to juggle both obedience and agility classes at the same time, and in some situations for the dog to be successful in agility, they must have obedience competency first.

This clinic will acclimate the pups to baby-sized agility obstacles and starter training equipment, so if you decide to wait on getting into agility classes, your pup will have had some early socialization to the equipment, making it easier for them to get going again later. We will also show you some exercises that can be done at home.

**Come join us for some puppy agility! It'll be so  
much fun you'll be smiling for days!**

President Candy Folkerth called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm on June 9. Present were: Bonita Habitzruther, Marilyn Putnam, Kathleen Dahmer, Kathy Quinn, Mary Ellen Pratt, Sue DiBianca, Sue Murphy, Dawn Sullivan, Lynn Broderick, Nancy Biller and Candy Folkerth

#### **Secretary's Report: Nancy Biller**

No changes were made to the minutes as published in the May Newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kathy Q, seconded by Lynn; approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Sue DiBianca**

A \$1500.00 loss was reported in May due to additional agility trial expenses, but the profit was seen in April. Motion to approve made by Bonita, seconded by Marilyn; approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Herding: Sue DiBianca**

Sue reported that the half the spots were filled already, and we still had a month before the trial closed. She is looking for items for the basket raffle.

#### **Agility: Lynn Broderick**

Lynn had nothing to report on next year's trial. Kathleen asked what the profit was from the trial; \$875.00 was reported.

#### **Obedience/Rally Trial: Candy Folkerth**

Candy reported she is still looking for judges. She suggested looking into changing the date of the trial to April, as there is less going on at that time. Kathleen agreed. Candy will contact the AKC for available dates.

#### **Old Business:**

Sue D and Candy met with Mr. Mosey to discuss the lease. Rent will be increasing approximately \$300.00 per month due to utilities. There was not a quorum at the last board meeting so, another date will be picked to look over the lease and discuss.

Lynn reported that Wine and Wags went well. Sue D, Candy, Lynn and Nancy attended and quite a few brochures were handed out.

It was requested that if you are going to rent the hall, to please write it on the calendar, and if it is before or after a class, please let the instructor know.

Following brags, a motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn, seconded by Kathy. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Nancy Biller  
HABOC Secretary*

August 15, 2011

To the Board and Membership of the Hamburg All Breed Obedience Club:

Please accept this notice as my resignation from my position as HABOC Board Member at Large, effective September 30<sup>th</sup>. I am also resigning my position as Agility Trial Chairman, effective immediately.

It has not been an easy few years, serving first as Secretary, then as Board Member At Large. I believe the quote is: "There comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy." For me, that time has come, as it pertains to HABOC; time to put some distance between myself and all the negativity that I have encountered in my service to the club. Service should be enjoyable, and although hard work is usually part of the job description, you should feel a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment doing it. That has not been the case for most of my time serving this club. Instead, a lot of the time I have felt frustrated, insulted, and bullied. With other, more pressing matters in my life, I need to walk away from that.

I will be happy to advise the person who decides to take up the reins as Agility Trial Chair: we ran a great trial this past May, and I hope the club runs an even better one this next spring.

Sincerely,

Lynn Reece Broderick

# BOW, Wow, Wows!

## And Brags...



Cindy Beeley proudly shares that her 7-1/2 month-old Belgian Tervuren, Molly, won Best Puppy in Show at the Erie Shores Canadian shows. Molly also finished her Canadian Championship in 4 shows winning 4 BOB and two group thirds.



Kudos go to Laverne “Bugsy” Hahn and sidekick Chase (CH Temptation’s Northern Spy, CGC, TDI, PT, AHBA HTD1) on earning the third leg needed to complete Chase’s AKC HSAs herding title. Many thanks to HABOC for holding this great event and to the instructors at Spiritwinds Farm.

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Yvonne Michalak proudly announces that her Airedale Terrier “Roseadel” (URO-1 Icepond HonkyTonk Woman, RA, CGC) finished her Advanced Rally Title at the Conewango Valley Kennel Club Show in Dunkirk on June 18th. She came in 1st place with a score of 97. “We then moved up to Excellent in the afternoon, where the Roseadevil captured a 2nd place with a score of 94,” she adds. “Rosie and I would like to thank Sue DiBianca for all her training help, advice and caring for us over these many months we have been training with her. Also, we would like to thank Dawn Gagola for getting us started in Obedience and Sherrie Capp, and most lately, Bonita Habitzruther for giving us tips to improve our ring work. HABOC is a great place to train and improve your Ring skills!

Lynn Broderick and All-American Amber Fiona had a great weekend at the Four Seasons NADAC Agility trial, held August 26-28, in Amherst. The girls earned 7 Elite Qs and earned Amber’s Elite Superior Weavers Title. They head to the NADAC Championships in Springfield, Illinois, in mid-October.

At the end of September, they are headed out to Purina Farms in Gray Summit, Missouri, to participate in the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge Finals, a spot they earned with their second place showing at the Eastern Regionals in April. The Challenge Finals will be livestreaming on [www.barknetwork.com](http://www.barknetwork.com) on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Log on to watch all the agility, dock dog, disc dog, and Jack Russell hurdle race action!

Lynn Broderick and Border Collie GSF Need4Speed “Maverick” also competed at the Four Seasons trial - Maverick’s second NADAC trial. He earned seven Novice Qualifiers, with six first places, and completed his Novice Regular Title.

Mike Wolff and Australian Cattle Dog Chase earned ten Elite first places & Qs at the Four Seasons trial. Chase completed his Elite Hoopers, Superior Elite Tunnelers, and Open Chances titles. They are competing in the NADAC Championships this year for the first time.

Mike Wolff and All-American Diva Storm had a great debut in NADAC, with fantastic Novice Tunnelers and Novice Regular runs and Qs! This was a “just for fun” outing for Stormy, who hasn’t competed in agility since January 2009. Yay Stormy!

Lynn would also like to congratulate her students that showed so well at the Four Seasons NADAC Agility Trial. Lynn says, “For some, this was the first time they’ve ever stepped into a competition ring with their dog: well done, girls, well done! I am so very proud of you and your dogs, both for your wonderful performances and also for your sportsmanship! You have great agility careers ahead of you, in all venues!

Eva Raczka and Curly Coated Retriever-Emmett (Ch. Softmaple’s Stand and Be Liver at Flyway): qualified four times with a first, second and third place.

Eva Raczka and Rhodesian Ridgeback Virgil (Ch. Ivy League Oscar’s Wilde Bout Kennebec NAJ, CGC): qualified five times with two first places and a third place.

Eva Raczka and Eli (Ch. Ivy League’s Red Carpet Rollick NAJ, NA, NJP, RN, NF, OFP, NJP, CGC, TN-N, HP-N: 7 Qs and finished his Open Tunnelers (TN-O), Novice Regular (NAC) and Novice Jumpers (NJC) title with four first places and three second places. Eli also earned most memorable run on Saturday for a nice Regular run. Eva says, “With over 300 runs on Saturday this is a great honor for my gentleman ridgeback!”

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## Braggs, continued from page 4

Eva Raczka and and Labrador Retriever Tillie (Augustus Ode to Grace Farms CD RN SH AX OAJ NAP) had a perfect weekend, qualifying in all 6 classes and titling in Regular (NAC), Touch n Go (TG-N) and Tunnelers (TN-N) with three first places and two second places.

Nancy Biller and Briard Theo received two first place Novice Weavers Qs.

Sue DiBianca and Smooth Collie River was third in Jumpers to finish his Novice Jumpers title and qualified in Tunnelers with a second place.

Chris Pazian and Whippet Emma completed Novice Weavers and Novice Hoopers titles. She also had a first place Q in Open Veteran Jumpers and a fifth place Q in Elite Tunnelers.

Kris Ellis and Bullmastiff Ruby, in only her third trial, received the Most Memorable Run Award for a 16-second Novice Jumpers run (first & Q). Ruby also earned a third place Novice Hoopers Q, second place Novice Chances Q, and a Novice Regular Q.

Cindy Wolff and All-American Poppy received their very first NADAC Q in Novice Tunnelers, with a first place time of 30.78, beating all others in the 16" Novice class by seven seconds.

Lisa Vathy Eagler and Border Collie Lilly received 10 out of 14 Qs, including six first places, and four second places and completed four Novice Title : Regular, Jumpers, Tunnelers, and Weavers.

Lisa Vathy Eagler and Border Collie Echo in his first agility trial received five out of 14 Q's with four first places and one second place.

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Doreen Regan and Black Labrador Carson in his first agility trial received a second place and a fifth place in Novice Regular.

Susan Cramer and Miniature Poodle Callie in their first agility trial received a first place and second place in Novice Regular with 2 Qs.

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