



Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc  
P.O. Box 407, Greenfield, MA 01302

October 2016

# ***Pioneer Tails***

## ***Election Dinner Note: New Date***



***MONDAY Oct 24***

***Pot Luck Dinner***

***Brown Motors***

***39 Beacon St, Greenfield***

***6:30 pm***

***It's a Pot Luck!***

***A to L PLEASE bring a main or side dish  
M to Z PLEASE bring a dessert***

### **PVKC Proposed Slate of Officers – 2016-2017**

**President:** *Darci Brown*  
**Vice President:** *Sheila Blanker*  
**Recording Secretary:** *Sue Meachum*  
**Corresponding Secretary:** *Linda Gagnon*  
**Treasurer:** *Open Position*  
  
**AKC Delegate:** *Margaret Vohr*

**Board – 3 years:**  
*Marcia Evans*  
*Cyndi Bussey*  
**Board – 2 years:**  
*Catherine Carr Lee*  
*Gail Kenny*  
**Board – 1 year:**  
*Lori Carver*  
*Karen Duprat*

## ***Come Eat, Socialize & Vote !***

# President's Message

October is one of my favorite months! Crisp weather and beautiful color that just makes life worth living! I love that it signals the coming of winter. My months for cleaning closets and planning the upcoming year. What shows to enter, what breeding's to do, what goals to set, what direction to go.....sometimes the joy is in the journey and not the destination!

But before we leave September behind we need to shine a light on Joyce Lak and her dedicated agility committee for a great weekend of trials. Many hands made for light work and the response from exhibitors was really positive and everyone can't wait for next year! This year we combined with Holyoke Kennel Club to do back to back Rally trials on the Westfield grounds. Kudo's to chair Emily McDermott as nothing but positive reports came from the exhibitors and our judge! Emily also chaired our Tracking Trial which was it's usual traditional success. Let's face it, our shows and events are very popular with exhibitors because we have such talented and dedicated people running those shows! Proving once again, that PVKC is the club to belong to!!!!

Darci

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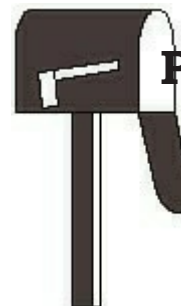
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**PioneerTails**

**Deadlines**

**Oct 26, 2016**

**For advertising  
contact Judith**

## SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

**Sharon Domier** and **Shane Peters** report that *Larkslane BlissHollow Sapphire* recently competed in the Bearded Collie Club of America's national specialty at Boxborough MA. She earned her first leg and a third place award in Beginner Novice Obedience, her first leg in Novice Rally, and won the Amateur-Owner-Handler group. *Sapphire* is 16 months old and this was her second time in the breed ring.



From **Jason Mazzone**: My Sheltie puppy, *Gracemere All of Me (Milo)*, was Winner's Dog at the Newton Kennel Club show in Augusta, NJ on September 2 and Winner's Dog again at the Pocono Mountain Kennel Club show in Macungie, PA on September 15.



*Leonberger Leos by the Sea Brigadier General* was BOW Saturday and Sunday September 10 & 11 in Nashua NH, earning two majors. **Lynn Baker** writes, "He was handled masterfully by **Ryan Blanker**. 3 more points and we will have a champion. **Ryan** has worked with *Brig* and shown him on a very limited basis. I couldn't be prouder of the bond they have or the accomplishments so far."

**Darci Brown's** Smooth Fox Terriers continue their winning ways. *Happy Hour BYOB* picked up his 2nd major at Souhegan KC and *Happy Hour Starman* earned another point on the Cape to be within one point of finishing!

News from **Karen Duprat** and The MeadowView Havanese gang: On September 10 & 11 we hit the road for a weekend in New Hampshire, and had a nice weekend of Clean Sweeps both days at the Souhegan Kennel Club Shows. *GCHS CH Yup's Life Is A Mystery – Sherlock*, Best of Breed, Owner Handled Grp 3, and a Toy Group 2. *MeadowView's Architect Of Time – Breitling*, Winners Dog, Best Of Winners. *Pellutio's Message in A Bottle – Fiona*, Winners Bitch and Best Of Opposite sex. On September 15-18, 2016 we were on the road again to spend a fall at the Cape Cod Fair Grounds. The pets got to enjoy the weekend in their new RV ..... *GCHS CH Yup's Life Is A Mystery – Sherlock* had 2 Best Of Breeds, 2 Best Owner Handled and an Owner Handled Group 1. *MeadowView's Architect Of Time – Breitling*, Winners Dog 3 days, Best Of Winners 2 days & a Best Puppy. Breit has only shown 8 times has 11 points and a Major toward his Championship. Looking forward to see what else we do with this guy!!! *Pellutio's Message In A Bottle – Fiona*, Winners Bitch and Best Of Opposite sex over specials, with a Best Puppy & a Puppy Group 1!!! We are also excited to make two announcements... Brielle officially started showing in Jr's. in July 2016. Since that time she has had a Best Jr's In Show, moved from Novice to Open Jr. in August. Brielle received her Invitation Letter to Compete in Jr's At The National Dog Show (Eukanuba) in December. Brielle would also like to tell everyone that Her Monroe and Sherlock puppies arrived on Sunday September 25, 2016. Everybody is doing great!! Total count 2 Girls, 4 Boys.



Brielle – PVKC Summer Show





## **Breed Handling Special Program**

*If you want your dog to look like this in the ring, then you can't afford to miss our Special Breed Handling Classes*

**Wednesday, 7:30pm**

**November 2 & November 9**

There is nothing more rewarding than walking into the ring with a happy dog who really knows their job and performs it beautifully. On the other hand, there is nothing more stressful than walking into the ring hoping to make it through without an incident. We've all been there! Do champions just happen or are they made?

We have a very special seminar planned for the breed handling classes on Nov 2 and 9 at 7:30 pm. Please join us as Leslie Woodward and Noel Hoffman team up to teach some fun techniques for shaping behaviors and building attitude for show dogs. We'll be working on nailing the free stack, the relaxed examination and focused attention.

**Dust off your veterans  
leash up your star champions  
round up your puppies**

**come learn some techniques that may change the way you  
think about showing forever.**

*Reservations Recommended. Contact Judith at [handart@sover.net](mailto:handart@sover.net)*

*Regular Drop-in Rates Apply*

*It's a small space so we will limit participants to 15 max. Don't miss this amazing opportunity !!*

## AKC Delegate Report – PEG VOHR

The AKC September meeting was held on Sept. 11th and 12th in Newark, NJ, just as it was fifteen years ago. Much of the meeting focused on the events of Sept. 11, 2001, when, sadly, we were meeting just across from lower Manhattan as the planes struck the World Trade Center. I well remember that meeting with scores of bewildered, horrified delegates, trying to make sense of what had just happened. Perhaps my most vivid memory is driving my van, jammed with stranded New England Delegates, north on the New York Thruway, along an eerily empty road. The only other traffic was going south: ambulances, fire engines, all sorts of emergency vehicles.

The rest of the meeting was concerned with electing delegates to the standing committees and passing a couple of “housekeeping” amendments clarifying age determination in Puppy classes and eligibility to show in Amateur Owner-Handler classes.

At the August Board Meeting, a relaunching of the AKC website was announced. This will involve about a year's worth of work and will include redesigning the Events Calendar to hopefully make it more user-friendly. Group Clubs will now be allowed to offer supported entries at All-breed shows, whereas previously only Specialty Clubs could support entries at an All-breed or Group event. There was a discussion about renewed interest in Group Realignment; a committee was formed, headed by Dr. Tom Davies, to study and make recommendations on possible realignment.

### Calendar of Events PVKC 2016

Newsletter Deadline October 26, 2016

#### *October*

Board of Directors, Oct 3

Annual Election & General Meeting Banquet –  
**Monday, October 24 \*NEW DATE\***

#### *November*

Board of Directors, Nov 7

#### *December*

Board of Directors, Dec 5  
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 12

## Special Announcements from AKC

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry, the Theriogenology Foundation and the AKC Canine Health Foundation announce that the recently established American Kennel Club/Theriogenology Foundation Companion Animal Residencies in Theriogenology have been renewed and expanded to four universities in 2016. <http://www.akc.org/news/the-akc-and-the-theriogenology-foundation-announce-2016-companion-animal-residencies/>

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred registry and advocate for all dogs, joins the world of online learning as it announces the launch of its online learning platform, the AKC Canine College. <https://caninecollege.akc.org/>

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to recognize breeding programs from the Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding groups as 2016 AKC Breeder of the Year group honorees.

<http://www.akc.org/press-center/press-releases/2016-breeder-of-the-year-group-honorees/>

The AKC Humane Fund Humane Fund is pleased to announce the winners of the 17th annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). These awards celebrate five loyal, hard-working dogs that have significantly improved the lives of their owners and communities.

<http://www.akc.org/news/five-heroic-dogs-honored-with-akc-humane-fund-awards-for-canine-excellence/>

## 2017 Membership Dues

Another year about to go

Membership Renewal will  
be January 1, 2017

Form will appear in  
November and December  
Newsletter



## Pioneer Valley Kennel Club September 2016 Agility & Rally Extravaganza

On September 17 and 18, PVKC had an extremely successful weekend at the Westfield Fairgrounds hosting both two days of agility and a rally trial. When the fairgrounds were rented for agility, it was apparent from

a



one ring trial, but set up two rings and alternated classes between them for efficiency. The cost for renting a sound system was quoted at \$300, so to help reduce expenses, we opted to purchase a small sound system

monetary standpoint, the club would benefit from also hosting a rally trial. To make this rally trial even more successful, it was proposed to do a joint venture with Holyoke Kennel Club. Both clubs would share the site, judge, stewards, premium list, catalog and trial equipment. Specifically, PVKC had the site, and HKC had their rally equipment and fencing stored at the Fairgrounds, making it a “no brainer” to share resources. Both clubs hired Judge Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker and Lori Carver as Show Secretary. Our very loyal member, **Emily McDermott** agreed to be PVKC Rally Chairperson, even though she was already serving as PVKC's Tracking Chairperson at the following week's tracking test.

PVKC's weekend agility trial was a particularly popular event. The trial filled the first day with 330 runs and on the second day there were 315 runs! We ran a

costing less than \$200 which worked flawlessly. Compliments abounded from the Judge Sally Gichner, Trial Secretary Noreen Bennett, and the exhibitors who were thrilled that PVKC returned to the Fairgrounds for this year's agility trial.

We had a fine group of exhibitors and three of them obtained their MACH title. PVKC awards red Director Chairs to those obtaining their MACH. If you are not familiar with a “MACH”, it's AKC's Master Agility Champion Title. To obtain the Master Agility Champion title (MACH), a dog must exhibit superior performance on the agility course. Speed and consistency are the two major qualities denoting “superior performance” and, therefore, they are the basis for the Master Agility Championship program.

As I'm sure you are all aware, it takes a lot of effort on the part of many members to make this event a





success. I would like to thank the following who took the time out of their busy schedules to make this happen:

The 2016 PVKC Agility Committee was made up of the following members: Deborah Abeles, Laurie LaValley, Lynn Mancino, Emily McDermott, and Peg

Vohr. Throughout the past year, the committee members worked hard on making this a successful trial. By phone or email, Peg guided us throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to a medical condition, Peg was unable to come to Westfield during our weekend. The rest of the committee members worked hard for three days, or in some cases more, giving their full support to the trial.

Thanks to **Fran Tilley**, who at the last moment, assumed the duties of **Hospitality Chairperson**. Fran shopped for worker snacks on Thursday and manned the Hospitality Table both Saturday and Sunday. Also, thank you Fran for bringing along your sister, Dottie, on Saturday. Dottie had never attended an agility show and she volunteered to steward the entire day in one of the agility rings. Even the Judge noted that Dottie enthusiastically clapped for each and every dog that ran in the ring!

Our most critical set-up day was Friday and club members very certainly responded to my plea for help. In addition to placing tables and chairs under the Club Tent, five pop-up tents had to be placed ringside, three easels had to be constructed, a practice jump area erected, and two 100' x 100' agility rings had to be

set up! Our very efficient crew accomplished all in record time, and was also able to set up the Rally ring for Sunday's Rally trial. Kudo's to the following: **Deborah Abeles**, soon-to-be member **Barbara Corriveau**, **Madeline Heon**, **Gail Kenney**, **Laurie LaValley**, **Stephen LaValley**, **Lynn Mancino**, **Emily McDermott**, **Jan O'Rourke**, **Kim Reardon** and **Jim Vohr**. Special Note: throughout the years, Jim has laid



out the agility rings, paying particular attention to squaring off of the corners. This year was no different, as Jim's rings were **PERFECT**!

Almost as important as set-up, was Sunday's breakdown! On Sunday the following members helped out: **Deborah Abeles**, **Wanda Blake**, **Madeline Heon**,

**Gail Kenney**, **Laurie LaValley**, **Stephen LaValley**, **Lynn Mancino**, **Emily McDermott** and **Jim Vohr**.

The "final" event of PVKC Agility trial was unloading the supplies from the Vohr's horse trailer back into the Bernardston storage unit on Tuesday following the weekend's trial. **Emily McDermott**, **Gail Kenney**, **Judy Lak** (my sister), **Dorie Viguers**,





**Jim and Peg Vohr** answered the call. Unknown to us workers, Jim was timing this last event, and he announced the horse trailer was unloaded in record time of 26 minutes! Wahoo!

Special thanks to Board Members, **Marcia Evans** who helped load the horse trailer in Bernardston on Wednesday, and to **Catherine Carr Lee** who worked several agility classes at Saturday's trial; thanks to **Dorie Viguers** for bringing boxes of ribbons, "Q" pins, trophy chairs, and cartons of soda and water to the trial; thanks to long-time club member **Madeline Heon** for coming all three days and pitching in wherever she was needed.



Special thanks to the Vohr's who loaned their horse trailer to bring the necessary supplies to and from the PVKC storage unit to the Westfield Fairgrounds.

Thank you to those members who contributed food donations for worker hospitality.

At last Monday's General Meeting, our President/Treasurer announced her preliminary figures which showed the Agility trial expense/profit sheet in the "black"; although not announced, I am sure the Rally trial was also successful financially.

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Please forgive me if I have neglected to mention anyone's name who helped out -- by the end of the weekend, my mind was a bit of a blur .....

Joyce Lak  
2016 PVKC Agility Chairperson



## Pioneer Valley Kennel Club

### September 2016 Tracking Test



PVKC's tracking group did it again!! Another perfect combined TD/TDX tracking test was held Sunday, September 25, 2016 in the fields and woods near Dorie Viguer's home in Bernardston, MA. The judges were Dorie Viguers and Michele Gillette. Michele is from Hanover, VA (near Richmond). She thoroughly enjoyed her assignment up here, and we all thoroughly enjoyed working with her. As if judging were not enough, Dorie was also the weekend hostess, graciously turning her home over to track layers, workers, entrants, and guests. Being a tracking judge is truly a labor of love, and PVKC is very fortunate to have had these two wonderful and supportive judges. Thank you so much for judging the 2016 test!

What a spectacular weekend we had for the test. On both plotting day Saturday and test day Sunday the weather was gorgeous except for a bit of a breeze. The fields had recovered nicely from the hot and dry summer and recent haying and were nice and green, although a little dry in spots. Considering the serious lack of rain during the summer, tracking conditions were very good. Several entrants made comments to me about how beautiful the fields were and how perfect the whole test was! There were two TD tracks and five TDX tracks,

and by the end of the day there was one new TD dog and one new TDX dog and two very happy handlers!

The two **TD tracks** were run first starting at about 9 a.m. PVKC member Tibby Chase from Monson, MA and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi Arlo (Drifan Tintern Hail to Hawk RN CGCA RATN) had **TD Track #1**. All was going very well until Arlo was convinced the track turned right towards the woods, and it really went left. Arlo has an AKC RATN title, and maybe he was hoping to find some interesting critters in the woods! Arlo is an excellent tracking dog, and he will certainly pass the TD in a future test. **TD Track #2** was run by Nancy Triou from North Canton, CT and her Flat Coated Retriever Lucas. They were spectacular on their 450 yard track, successfully completing it in five minutes! Nancy is now the proud and very happy owner of **Huntlane Blue Note Legacy TD!** Lucas is two years old and also received the award for the youngest dog to pass a tracking test Sunday. **CONGRATULATIONS Nancy and Lucas!** Both Tibby and Nancy are part of the PVKC Tracking Group, and both Arlo and Lucas were certified by Dorie to enter a TD test.

The five **TDX tracks** were run next starting at about 10 a.m. The second success of the day was an almost

seven year old Chihuahua bitch Glory owned by Carole Bolan from Groton, MA. Yes, a Chihuahua!! Carole and Glory drew **TDX Track #1**, and they were fantastic completing their 830 yard track in 28 minutes. Carole put on a text book perfect demonstration about patience while handling a dog on a track and letting the dog make the decisions so that the handler doesn't get failed for guiding. Carole stood her ground for at least 5 to 10 minutes, looking straight ahead while Glory searched, until finally this small, but mighty, Chihuahua went through the hedge and ditch on her track, and the rest of her track was perfect! Carole is now the proud and very happy owner of **Sunset's Morning Glory of Bridalvale TDX!!** Glory also received the award for the oldest dog to pass a tracking test Sunday.

**CONGRATULATIONS Carole and Glory!!**

Other dogs entered in the TDX test were a Bloodhound, a Golden Retriever, a Bull Terrier, and an English Cocker Spaniel. All did very well, but it just wasn't their day. The TDX is a very challenging test, difficult to pass, and I am sure each of these dogs will pass the TDX in a future test. The best of luck to all of you!

Without the help of the wonderful and willing members of PVKC's tracking community it would be difficult, if not impossible, to hold a tracking test. **Tom DeJohn** was once more our Chief Track Layer, and we absolutely could not have done it without his scheduling skill and willingness and ability to supervise all the tracklaying.

He is the world's best chief tracklayer, and he also draws the track maps on foam boards so that the gallery can see the track layout while the tracking team is on the track. Thank you, Tom!! In addition to keeping everybody on schedule, Tom also put in one of the TDX tracks. The other **TDX tracklayers** were **Dori Almann, Lori Eliot, Donna Proudfoot, and Jodi Fraser**. **TDX cross track layers** were **Debbie Rodovich**, primary cross track layer, and **Gail Kenny**. The **TD tracklayers** were **Joyce Lak and Jodi Fraser**. Jodi is from New Hampshire and needs to put in a certain number of TD tracks in order to become a provisional TD judge, so she came "south" to put a TD track in for us and also put a TDX track in. A million

thanks to a wonderful and very experienced and loyal group of tracklayers who not only were putting their tracks in the day of the test, but who also had spent the day before the test walking with the judges as the tracks were plotted. After the tracks were plotted, tacklayers each re-walked their tracks at least once and perhaps more than once. "Fit Bits" must have worked overtime keeping up with all the steps the tracklayers and judges took the Saturday and Sunday of the test!

The hospitality chair was new PVKC member **Missy Bellerose** who did a superb job coordinating all the different aspects of hospitality. (Missy and Strider passed the TD at this test last year.) Thank you, Missy, and your assistants **Terry Miller** and **Gail Kenny**. We were well fed on both Saturday and Sunday thanks to the delicious food that PVKC tracking group members provided, and the delicious treats (world's best brownies!) that Missy prepared for us. And last, but not least, thank you to the official driver of the judges from track to track, **Carrie Tarca**. Carrie does this for us each year, and the judges are very thankful not to have to think about driving from track to track. So to all of you and any others on the side lines who may have stepped in and helped out with all those little things that come up during an event like this, thank you again so very much. We could not have tracking tests without the help and cooperation and generosity of all of you. The PVKC Tracking Group is a class act!!







PVKC would not be having tracking tests were it not for Dorie Viguers and her loyal group of trackers. This is one of PVKC's major activities, and it is all possible because of Dorie's tireless energy, expertise, encouragement, and enthusiasm. Tracking is a great sport, the dogs love it, and it is great to be outdoors. The tracking community is truly a group of wonderful and supportive people. Thank you Dorie for all you do for this sport, and thank all the rest of you again for another successful tracking test.

Happy Tracking,  
Emily McDermott, Test Chair/Secretary

Nancy Triou from  
North Canton, CT  
and her Flat Coated  
Retriever, Lucas



Carole Bolan from Groton,  
MA and her 7 year old  
Chihuahua, Glory



# PVKC Training Schedule

## Vermont PVKC Classes:

### PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin

Saturday, Nov 5, 2016 Brattleboro, VT

For information, please contact  
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**Come!**

Obedience, Rally, &  
Breed Handling

Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT  
*New set of Classes for 2016  
begin Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly  
March 9<sup>th</sup> - Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

**No Classes – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

**No Classes – Oct 8<sup>th</sup> & Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

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### PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in Sept thru Nov

Wednesdays: Sept 28 and Oct 19

Thursdays: Sept 8, Oct 6, and Nov 3

Saturdays: Sept 10, Oct 8, Oct 29, Nov 12 & Nov 18 (brunch)

Sundays: Oct 23 & Nov 6

PVKC Tracking Test: September 25, see website for Premium  
<http://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com/tracking.html>

Contact: Dorie Viguers; [dviguers@nmhschool.org](mailto:dviguers@nmhschool.org) ; 413-648-9437

***NOT winter – but weird things & emergencies happen***

***Remember to check the PVKC Facebook Page for cancellations  
before coming to a Drop-in Class***

***It's a Public Page – anyone can access it!!***

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pioneer-Valley-Kennel-Club/198067530208377>