

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

October 2017

Pioneer Tails

Election Dinner Note: New Date



MONDAY Oct 23

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 – 2017/2018

President: *Lori Carver*

Vice President: *Linda Gagnon*

Recording Secretary: *Sue Meachem*

Corresponding Secretary: *Sue Meachem*

Treasurer: *Darci Brown*

AKC Delegate: *Margaret Vohr*

Board – 3 years:

Sheila Blanker

Jason Mazzone

Board – 2 years:

Marcia Evans

Cyndi Bussey

Board – 1 year:

Catherine Carr Lee

Gail Kenny

Come Eat, Socialize & Vote !

President's Message

October is PVKC election month and you will be welcoming a new President and new Board members. It has been my pleasure and my honor to serve as your President and I know that you will embrace the new officers and board members with typical PVKC open arms. If you have no other experience with a dog club let me assure you that this one has some of the most talented and dedicated members in the sport.

The sheer diversity of the membership's talent and interests are what make us one of the most productive clubs in all of the AKC and is proven by the many awards we have won as a club and as individual members.

I know that our future in the sport is on solid ground and the opportunity for continued greatness knows no bounds!!

Darci

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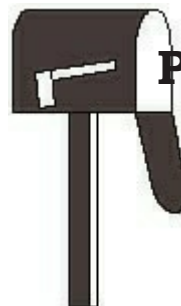
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Deadlines
Nov 27, 2017

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SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

Peg Vohr's Collie *CJ* earned three Rally Excellent legs to complete his RE title at the Merrimack Valley KC shows, Sept. 1, 2, and 3rd.

Introducing *Northern Light's Darion, CD, RE, WPD* – *Darion*, and **Sheila Blanker** went to the Pioneer Valley and Holyoke KC rally trials and came home with two Rally Excellent legs! **Sheila** said “*Darion* was not a fan of the first course so we just squeaked by to get our first leg, but he did a wonderful job on the second course and earned a perfect score of 100 and first place! Such a good boy! A nice thank you to everyone from both the Pioneer Valley and the Holyoke KCs for making these trials happen. Then we went to the Wampanog rally trials. It was a nice day with a fun group of people who cheered everyone on – no matter pass or fail. Great sportsmanship all around – kudos to all involved. Under Judge Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, *Darion* earned his 3rd Rally Excellent leg, with a nice score of 96 in the morning trial. We came back for the afternoon trial and *Darion* earned a bumper leg with a nice score of 94. This should qualify *Darion* for the AKC Rally National Championships! Not too shabby for our almost 11 year old – such a great teammate!



Welcome to Fall ! !

Calendar of Events PVKC 2017

Newsletter Deadline Nov 27, 2017

October

Board of Directors, Oct 2 (Brown)
Annual Election & General Meeting Dinner
– Monday, October 23

November

Canine Good Citizen Test – Nov 18

December

Board of Directors, Dec 4 (clinic)
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 11
Training Party & Trick Dog Test – Dec 16

PVKC Tracking Test – September 2017

PVKC's Tracking Dog (TD) Test and Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) Test were held Sunday, September 24, 2017 in the fields and woods in the Bernardston / Leyden area. Planning and plotting the tracks for the test were done Saturday September 23rd. The judges were PVKC's own Dorie Viguers from Bernardston, MA and Lynda Morgan from Grande Isle, VT. Dorie not only was one of the judges but 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 2017 test!

What a sunny and VERY hot weekend we had for the test with temperatures closely approaching 90 during the afternoon. Fortunately all the dogs had run their tracks by shortly after the noon hour before it got extremely hot. The fields were beautiful, and tracking conditions were quite good. There were four TD tracks and four TDX tracks, and by the end of the day there were two new TD dogs, one new TDX dog, and three very happy handlers!



The TD tracks were run first starting at about 9:16 a.m. Two of the TD entrants successfully completed their tracks and earned their TDs. Carole Bolan from Groton, MA and her 10 month old Beagle bitch Landbur Katie Of Bridalvale Farm had track #2 and completed the 445 yard track in 5 minutes to earn their title. She was the youngest dog at the test to pass either the TD or TDX.

Chris Allen from West Chester, PA and her eight year old Australian Shepherd dog Stonehaven Bayshore Simply Shocking had track #4 and completed their 460 yard track in 7 minutes to earn the TD. He was the oldest dog in the test to pass either the TD or TDX. Congratulations to these two dogs and their handlers! The other two TD entrants were Emily McDermott's English Cocker Spaniel Whitfield's Danger Zone

Special thanks – All pictures compliments of Mary Ellen Huska

The four TDX tracks were run next starting at 10:38 a.m. One of the TDX entrants Nozomi's Takibi, a Shiba Inu dog owned by Leland Perry from Cambridge, MA had track #2 and successfully completed the 815 yard track in 18 minutes to earn the TDX. Passing a TDX test is a **major** accomplishment in tracking! Congratulations!! Other dogs entered in the TDX test were Missy Bellerose's Golden Retriever dog Foxrun's Double Time (Strider) on track #3, Ronnie Scholtzel's Dalmatian bitch Riverside's Modern Millie of Dapper Dan (Dahlia) on track #1, and Carole Bolan's Miniature American Shepherd bitch Knee High Sinbah Of Bridalvale on track #4. There will be more TDX tests for these three dogs, and we wish them the best of luck.



Without the help of a large group of willing and able members of PVKC's tracking community it would be difficult, if not impossible, to hold a tracking test. Tom DeJohn was once more our Head Tracklayer, and we absolutely could not have done it without his scheduling skill and willingness and ability to supervise all the track laying. He is the world's best head tracklayer. Thank you, Tom!! In addition to keeping everybody on schedule, Tom also put in one of the TDX tracks. The other TDX tracklayers were Donna Proudfoot, Deborah Abeles, and

Dori Almann. TDX cross tracklayers were Lori Eliot and Debbie Rodovich. The TD tracklayers were Terry Miller, Mary Ellen Hluska, Kenyon Fairey and Gail Mitchell. 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 also had spent the day before the test walking in the very hot fields with the judges as the tracks were plotted. There are always miles of walking in fields the week-end of the test!! And thank you Joyce Lak for stepping up at the last minute as Gallery Manager.

The hospitality chair was Missy Bellerose who did a superb job coordinating all the different aspects of hospitality and preparing many of the delicious items herself. Thank you Missy and your assistant Terry Miller. We were well fed on both Saturday and Sunday thanks to the delicious food that PVKC tracking group members provided. And thank you to the official driver



has done this each year, and the judges are very thankful not to have to think about driving. And last, but not least, thank you Lori Carver, this year's test chair/secretary. There is not a more experienced chair/secretary out there so when I asked her in the spring if she would please take on this job so that I would be able to enter Archer in the test, I couldn't have been happier when she said "Yes". Thank you, Lori! 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 had this tracking test without the help and cooperation and generosity of all of you. PVKC would not be having such a successful tracking program 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. Thank you Dorie for all you do for tracking. You have turned many of us into tracking "addicts"! It 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 all again for another successful tracking test.

Below is the posting on the tracking email list from Dorie the day after the test. With Dorie's permission I am including it with this write-up of the test. There was such excitement and enthusiasm all weekend, and Dorie's words capture the fun and spirit and camaraderie of a wonderful and very successful tracking test. Read and enjoy it!

From Dorie Viguers:

We had a great tracking test this weekend. We did have 2 of 4 TD passes - two beautiful working dogs, a Beagle and an Aussie. Then 1 of the 4 TDX dogs passed - a Shiba Inu! Unfortunately none of the 3 dogs from the PVKC group were able to pass. Archer was pulling Emily along the track beautifully when just before the last turn, he decided that down the hill there was something (probably a deer bed) that he had passed that just had to be checked out and Emily was not able to get him back on the proper track. On the TDX tracks, both Strider (Golden with Missy) and Dahlia (Dalmatian with Ronnie) overshot corners and continued on to the woods and then followed along in the shade of the woods and were not able to get back to the tracks. In all cases after

the whistle had blown and the dogs were taken back to the tracks they were able to complete the tracks very successfully. Obviously all three dog and handler pairs were ready to do the tracks, but on this day and this track it wasn't to be! It was disappointing for all, there are more tests coming up and I do hope that I can be the judge that gives them their title!



The PVKC tracking group was WONDERFUL!!!!!! My co-judge Lynda Morgan was so impressed with the skills, enthusiasm, friendliness, helpfulness, and willingness to work even on a hot day. I have never been so proud of our tracking group! Every other club that I have

known is always searching for more tracklayers and we were able to do the unheard of feat of having 10 (including cross track layers) different people helping out. I realize that a good part of the track laying piece and the enthusiasm and willingness of members to lay track is due to our Head Tracklayer Tom who does so many different things from gathering and encouraging our members to lay track, to meticulous scheduling of who needs help to get from the start to the finish, to gorgeous gallery maps. Then there were the people doing hospitality particularly Missy, who did all the organizing and a lot of the cooking, and Terry who so capably filled in when Missy couldn't be here because she was a participant. My thanks to all of you who brought food and made the lunch such a great spread. Then there were the trophies you offered separately or paid for through your donations to the trophy fund, the driver (Tom's wife Carrie), Joyce who stepped in to be gallery manager, and, of course the spectators who encouraged and cheered the trackers. Then there was Lori Carver, who has never done tracking, but is always willing to step in as the liaison with the AKC (show chair and secretary) whenever needed. And, in the background was Emily doing all the groundwork and follow up, then stepping out so that she could track with her own dog. I know that without Emily, Tom, Missy, and all of you this test would be just another test and not such a huge success. I know of no other tracking group that comes close to you folks and all that you do! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Dorie

AKC Delegate Report – PEG VOHR

The September meeting was held on Sept 11, and 12th, in Newark, NJ. After a very informative presentation on the new AKC Scent Work program, the first order of business was the vote for membership on the Delegate Standing Committees. We were updated on the work that AKC is doing to assist with hurricane relief efforts. Over \$350,000 has already been donated to AKC Reunite, with more pledges coming in on a daily basis. You can learn more about the scope of the AKC effort at <http://www.akcreunite.org/storms>.

The new AKC headquarters will be located at 101 Park Ave., where the offices will be joined by the Dog Museum, which is moving from St. Louis to NYC and planning to open late in 2018.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships. This amendment would include the dog awarded Select Dog or Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for that award. There was a two-thirds vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted. There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 22-A, new paragraph, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds. The new paragraph would allow for a National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters. The event is limited to walking handlers. The amendment was adopted.

PVKC will be holding a Trick Dog Test (and Training Party) on the afternoon of Sat, December 18.

So take out those training treats and brush up your skills.

Dogs, Food, and Fun !! Who could ask for more ?



Canine Good Citizen

2017 Test

November 18

Reservations Required; Test only \$25

For Trick Dog or CGC Contact: Judith at 802-722-9848; handart@sover.net

Pioneer Tails – our PVKC Newsletter New Schedule for Publication

Pioneer Tails will now be published 7 times per year

January, March, May, July, September, October & December

Important notices in off months will be forwarded by email and available on website.

If you are unable to receive email or access our website, please contact Judith (802-722-9848) for an alternate contact plan.

PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin -
Saturday, Nov 4, 2017
Brattleboro, VT

For information, please contact
Judith (802) 722-9848 or handart@sover.net

Please check our website for exact scheduling of
2017 classes. Update should be available in late
December.

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Come!

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling

Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT
New Classes for 2017 - Nov 1

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Jan thru December except
NO CLASSES - Nov 22

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
Jan thru December except
NO CLASSES - Nov 18, Nov 25, Dec 16

For information, please contact:

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PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in Oct & Nov

Wednesdays: Oct 18 & Nov 8
Thursdays: Oct 5 & Nov 2
Saturdays: Oct 8, Nov 4 & Nov 18 (brunch)
Sundays: Oct 22 & Nov 12

Tracking Club of VT Tracking Test – Oct 14/15 judging TD/TDX

Or Contact:

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Not Winter (yet) – 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>