

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

October 2018

Pioneer Tails

Election Dinner Note: New Date



MONDAY Oct 22

**NEW
DATE**

Pot Luck Dinner

**NEW
DATE**

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 – 2018/2019

President: *Lori Carver*
Vice President: *Linda Gagnon*
Recording Secretary: *Cyndi Bussey*
Corresponding Secretary: *Cyndi Bussey*
Treasurer: *Darci Brown*

AKC Delegate: *Margaret Vohr*

Board – 3 years:
Trish Libby
Nanette Prideau
Board – 2 years:
Sheila Blanker
Jason Mazzone
Board – 1 year:
Marcia Evans
Catherine Lee

Come Eat, Socialize & Vote !

President's Message

October has arrived! Beautiful crisp days and cool nights - finally!

I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to Joyce Lak and all of her committee members and volunteers who put on another fabulous Agility Trial. I was not able to be there, but I heard awesome things about it.

What a monumental task it is. I know how much is involved and I do appreciate the wonderful job that the Joyce did (once again!).

I also want to Thank Emily McDermott for Chairing another successful Rally Trial, put on in conjunction with the Agility Trial.

Oh, did I mention that Emily also Chaired the Tracking Test the next weekend. And I believe she also competed.....

Enjoy the fall weather with your best friend,

Lori

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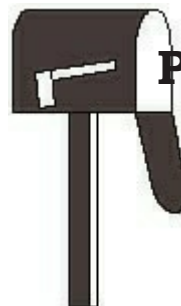
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Deadlines

Nov 27, 2018

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PVKC 2018 Tracking Test



Laying Track

PVKC's tracking group did it again!! Another perfect combined TD/TDX tracking test was held Sunday, September 23, 2018 in the fields and woods near Dorie Viguer's home in Bernardston, MA. The judges were PVKC's own Dorie Viguers and Stephanie Crawford from Binghampton, NY. As

if judging were

not enough, Dorie was also the weekend hostess, graciously turning her home over to tracklayers, 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 2018 test!

What a spectacular weekend we had for the test. On both plotting day Saturday and test day Sunday the weather was gorgeous. The fields were beautiful and tracking conditions were excellent. There



Track #2

were four TD tracks and four TDX tracks, and by the end of the day there were four new TD dogs and one new TDX dog and five very happy handlers!

Arya of Lavender Hill BN RA TD had track #1; Brian Huss from Sudbury, MA and his two year old Golden Retriever dog Shor'Line Bondi Beach CD NJP TD CA DN DJ CGCA FDC TKA had track #2; Deb Eldredge from Vernon, NY and her two



Track #1

The **TD tracks** were run first starting at about 8:30 a.m. All four TD entrants successfully

completed their tracks and earned their TDs. Peter Piusz from Johnston, NY and his year old Rottweiler bitch Seren's

year old Cirneco dell'Etna dog Coyote Run RN TD JC RATO had track #3; and Diane Manocchia from Durham, NH and her one year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi bitch Sandwynn's 'Taint No Angel RN TD CGC had track #4, the last TD track. **Congratulations to these four new TDs and their handlers! Great Job!!**



Track #4

The four **TDX tracks** were run next starting shortly after 10 a.m. TDX tracks are much more challenging than TD tracks, and only one TDX entrant passed. On TDX track #1, France Roozen from Middlebury, CT and her three year old Golden Retriever dog Sunfire Tarn CD TDX JH successfully completed their 800+ yard track to earn the TDX. Passing a TDX is a major accomplishment in tracking! **Congratulations to the new TDX!! Super job!!** Other TDX entrants were Stephanie Cannella from Milford, MA and her four year old GSD bitch Dixie Voodoo TD, Pamela



Track #3

Carlson from Framingham, MA and her five year old PWD dog Salty Dawg's Flim Flam Man, and Emily McDermott from Amherst, MA and her four year old English Cocker Spaniel Whitfield's Danger Zone CD RA TD TDU CGCA TKN (Archer). Archer's track was the heartbreak of the day as he successfully completed his entire track and then failed to indicate the final article and tracked on following the tracklayer off the track. Yes, things like that can happen in these tests! There will be more TDX tests for the three dogs that didn't pass, and the best of luck to all of us!!

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 Tracklayer, 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!! Thank you, Tom!! In addition to keeping everybody on schedule, Tom also put in two of the TDX tracks. The other **TDX tracklayers** were **Deborah Abeles** and **Donna Proudfoot**, and the **TDX cross tracklayers** were **Lori Eliot** and **Mary Ellen Hluska**. The **TD tracklayers** were **Cheryl Cornett** who put in two tracks, **Terry Miller**, and **Kenyon Fairey**. 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, tracklayers each re-walked their tracks at least once and probably 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 **Terry Miller**. This was Terry's first time chairing hospitality, and she did a superb job coordinating all the different aspects of hospitality. Thank you, Terry, and your assistant **Kenyon Fairey**. 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 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 or walking from track to track. And last, but not least, thank you so much **Deborah Abeles** for agreeing to be the **Chair/Secretary** of this year's test so that I would be able to enter Archer in the TDX. You were absolutely

phenomenal!! Well done!! 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. 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

PVKC Calendar of Events 2018

Newsletter Deadline – Nov 27, 2018

October

Board of Directors, Oct 1
Annual Election & General Meeting
Banquet – Monday, **Oct 22 – NEW DATE**

November

No Board of Directors Meeting

December

Board of Directors, Dec 3
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 10



2019 PVKC Membership Renewal Form

Our new membership year starts **January 1, 2019** and in order to appear on The membership list and to vote at meetings your dues must be paid by **December 31, 2018**. After that date a **\$7.50 late charge must be added**. Please complete the form below and send with your check made payable to **PVKC** to:

Marcia Evans
P.O. Box 208
Deerfield, MA 01342

Please Print Clearly!! And please complete both sides of this renewal form.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Breed(s) _____

Check one: If you have been an Associate member for one year or more, you may choose to become a PVKC Regular Member. Regular Members are expected to attend two general club meetings a year.

☐ Regular Member (voting) - \$15.00 ☐ Associate Member (non-voting) - \$ 15.00 ☐ Junior Member - \$5.00

Check one: All newsletters will be delivered electronically in 2017. If you have special circumstances please check here: I must receive my PVKC Newsletter (*Pioneer Tails*) ☐ via USPS

Please check the dog activities you are involved in or would like to learn:

____ Conformation ____ Obedience ____ Rally ____ Agility ____ Tracking ____ Therapy Dog ____ Flyball ____ Herding

____ Earthdog ____ Service Dog ____ Couch Potato ____ Search&Rescue ____ Field Trials ____ Hunt Test ____ Carting

____ Lure Coursing ____ Nosework Other _____

Check one: ____ Currently a Breeder ____ Not Currently a Breeder

PVKC is an active Club with many annual events. To support our continued level of events and activities, PVKC members are expected to help each year. In which of the following would you like to volunteer for 2017 (check a minimum of two items from the list of events and volunteer opportunities):

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Events:

April AKC/AB Point Show (Springfield MA, run through MB-F):

___ Breed Ring Stewarding ___ Obedience/Rally Stewarding
___ Set up & Clean-up (2 hour commitment) ___ Help in Club Tent

Spring Health Clinic (Greenfield MA):

___ Assist with dog handling ___ Shepherding participants on the day of the event
___ Assist with paperwork

August AKC/AB Point Show (Greenfield MA, run completely with PVKC members):

___ Breed Ring Stewarding ___ Obedience/Rally Stewarding ___ Gate (collecting parking fees)
___ Set up (Friday before show) ___ Clean-up (late afternoon day of show)
___ Help in Club Tent ___ Parking ___ Drivers (for judges from and return to airport)
Hospitality: ___ providing goodies for show ___ working day of show

September Agility Trial (Westfield MA) Two and a half day event:

___ Set-up (Friday before show) ___ Help in Club Tent (days of show)
___ Take-down/Clean-up (Sunday late afternoon)
Hospitality: ___ providing goodies for show ___ working day(s) of show

September Tracking Test (Greenfield MA) Two day event:

___ Lay Track ___ Drivers (for judges – day before test and/or day of test)
Hospitality: ___ providing goodies for test ___ working day(s) of test

Volunteer Opportunities:

Training Committee:

- ☐ Assist at scheduled training classes (being present as the PVKC representative: opening, collecting money for drop-in classes, supervising participants, closing – Brattleboro VT on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings – commitment of one evening or morning 3 or 4 times a year)
- ☐ Act as a class assistant for a beginner or advanced beginner class (Brattleboro VT on Wednesday nights or Saturday mornings – commitment of one evening/morning for a 6 week session)
- ☐ Assist at a special event like a CGC Test or a rally/obedience show ‘n go
- ☐ Plan or co-ordinate a special event like a CGC Test or a rally/obedience show ‘n go

Administration:

- ☐ Serve on the Board of Directors
- ☐ Serve on a committees such as ___ Programs or ___ Membership or ___ event committees
- ☐ Act as legislative liaison, tracking and reporting on various bills in VT, NH and MA
- ☐ Assist in planning and administrative details necessary for AKC All Breed Point Shows

Other (please specify): _____

I agree to abide by the American Kennel Club Care and Condition Policy.

Signature

Date



Canine Good Citizen

2018 Class & Test

Classes: Oct 27 and Nov 3, 10 & 17

9:15 am; \$60 (includes testing fee)

Test: December 1st

Spaced thru afternoon

Reservations Required

Test only \$25

Class Instructor: Judith Suarez

CGC Tester: Roo Grubis

**Available for any dog,
no age or breed
requirement**

You have a Special Dog –

Show off your skills & earn a CGC Title *

* CGC is an official AKC title that can appear on the title records of dogs registered or listed with AKC. Dog owners who complete the CGC as a Title process may list the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

Go to <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/title/>

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PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin -
Saturday, Nov 3, 2018
Brattleboro, VT

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

Please check our website for exact scheduling of
2018 classes.
www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com



Come!

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling
Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Jan thru December
2018 – No class Nov 21

Novice Obedience – Saturday Drop-in
Jan thru December
2018 – No class Nov 24

Beginner & Adv Beginner Obedience
New Classes starting Wed, Nov 7

For information, please contact:

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PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in Early 2018

Wednesdays: Oct 10, Nov 7
Thursdays: Oct 25
Saturdays: Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 17 (brunch)
Sundays: Oct 14, Oct 28, Nov 4

Or Contact:

Dorie Viguers; dorieviguers@yahoo.com ; 413-648-9437

Weather & Other Emergencies/Changes

***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>