



### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**Remember our Club meeting date had been changed to NOVEMBER 14, at 7PM.**

Also you must have your dues paid before you can vote in our election. You will be able to pay them at the meeting if you already have not done so.

Monday November 20, Darlene Wisecup will be taking Christmas Pictures at CCDTC. This will start at 4pm and go to 9pm. There is a \$25 dollar setting fee will go towards any pictures purchased. She is also offering package deals. Darlene is the owner of Nature Works Photos and is an accomplished pet photographer.

We are once again selling Foodie cards to benefit CCDTC. They are \$30.00 per deck and have card coupons for many restaurants. CCDTC will receive \$10 for each deck sold. If you use it three times you have covered the cost. Great Christmas gifts! They will also be at the trials. Check the club website [www.ccdtc.org](http://www.ccdtc.org) for a list of restaurants and more information.

~ Sandi McKenzie

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewals were due on Oct 1st for the 2017-2018 membership year. If you still have not renewed your membership, you have until the start of the membership meeting on November 14th to renew. Memberships not renewed by that time will be dropped from the roster.

Again, the final deadline for renewing is November 14th.

Membership renewal forms can be downloaded from our website under "Membership" or there are forms in the bin right outside the office at the club. One can also pay by PayPal on our website, HOWEVER, you must still turn in your membership renewal form along with a copy of your PayPal receipt and work hours.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing everyone around the club!  
~ Jackie Barth, VP Membership CCDTC

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - 7PM**

### **Tuesday, November 14 (Election)**

Tuesday, January 21

Tuesday, March 20

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 14: CCDTC General Meeting/Election

November 17: Steve Chasse UpDog Seminar

November 18: UpDog Challenge

November 20: Holiday Photo Shoot

December 1-3 CPE Trial

December 9-10: CCKC AKC Trial

December 15: Dr. Leick

December 16-17 CPE Trial

Dec. 29-Jan 1: CPE Trial

January 19: Dr. Leick

January 26-28: CPE Trial

February 10: UpDog Challenge

February 16: Dr. Leick

February 16-18: BarnHunt Trials

## **NEW CCDTC MEMBERS**

The following were voted into the Club at the last Membership Meeting. Don't<sup>TM</sup> forget to add their information to your Member Directory:

### **Amy Brown**

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Batavia OH 45103

513-601-2120 cell

513-732-3911 Home

[aib1@fuse.net](mailto:aib1@fuse.net)

Border Collie mix

### **Katri Wirick**

7608 Devonwood Dr.

West Chester, OH 45069

513-616-4149

[katri.wirick@gmail.com](mailto:katri.wirick@gmail.com)

Shetland Sheepdog

### **Beth Voss**

519 Maple Ave

Newport, KY 41071

513-207-6099

[mymaepue@gmail.com](mailto:mymaepue@gmail.com)

Mix & Min American Shepherd

**Linda Jones**

8448 Short Ridge Road

Aurora, IN 47001

812-926-0560

[icehorsy@yahoo.com](mailto:icehorsy@yahoo.com)

Mix, Miniature American Shepherd

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

The following people are applying for Membership into the Clermont County Dog Training Club and are eligible to be voted on at the November 14 Meeting:

**Lisa Hadsell**

Portsmouth, OH

Havanese

Any comments concerning these New Applicants must be made in writing and sent to:

Jackie Barth

1243 Spotted Fawn Run

Milford, OH 45150

[Cincyess1@aol.com](mailto:Cincyess1@aol.com)

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If the weather gets bad - too cold, too much snow and ice, etc, classes will be cancelled. Instructors should notify their students by email or phone, so everyone needs to be looking for their notification. We will also put info about cancelled classes on the home page of the CCDTC website: [www.ccdtc.org](http://www.ccdtc.org).

There also may notifications on the club's Yahoo group or Facebook, but the notifications from instructors and the website will be the primary methods of cancellation notifications.

FYI: Here is what Ohio Counties use for their Snow Emergency Classifications:

Level 1:

Roadways are hazardous. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

Level 2:

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads can be very icy. Only those who feel it necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. People should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Obviously, if you are driving, use extreme caution.

Level 3:

All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during this condition unless it is absolutely necessary, or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employers to see if they should report to work. Anyone traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

## **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

CCDTC Members will elect Officers for 2017-18 at the November 14 Membership Meeting. The offices of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and several Trustee positions are up for election. Candidates have submitted the following biographical sketches so you can get to know them a bit better.

All bios are published here as received from the Candidates. CCDTC and the Staff of The Happy Howler take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information. Published by position and alphabetical order.

### **PRESIDENT - Sandi McKenzie**



I became a member of CCDTC in 2002. I was member of the year in 2006 and received the Louisa Flood Award in 2009. I spent a session on the Board in 2008. I have taught several agility classes since becoming a member. A large part of the Clubs income is derived from shows and seminars. I have been Chairperson for our CPE trials for many years. I am also Chairperson for our Barnhunt trials which has brought many people and dogs from all over the U.S. and Canada.

One of the purposes of CCDTC is to hold and sponsor public matches, seminars and demonstrations. And to encourage sportsmanship competition. This is what I hope we have done with our various types of trials. I hope to continue promoting CCDTC as a

training and competition center. We need to continue encouraging our current members and find new members interested in training their dogs and by volunteering to help CCDTC grow and prosper.

### **VICE PRESIDENT - Jackie Barth**



Jackie has been training English Springer Spaniels for over 30 years. She has completed many obedience titles on her dogs along with completing AKC Championships on three of her dogs as an owner, handler and breeder. Active also in UKC, she has shown quite a few of her dogs to UKC Championships and Grand Championships. In the agility ring, she has completed numerous CPE titles on three of her current dogs. Active in many of the club activities, Jackie has run the huge raffle at our UKC shows which has raised over ten thousand dollars for the club since she started. She has also decorated the C-ATCH poles for our CPE trials for the past several years.

As current VP of Membership, she handles all new membership applications, dues, billing and membership directory for the club. She has really enjoyed meeting many of the new members and their dogs over the past years. She looks forward to getting to know more of the members and working with the membership to help improve our club for all.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY - Diane Method**



I am a retired educator of 30 years, 14 years as elementary teacher, 16 years as elementary administrator. Post retirement, I spent 9 years working as a school district technology trainer.

I have been married to Jim Method for 45 years. We have one daughter, Emma, 31. She and her husband, Matt, have one 2 year old, Nora, and one child on the way.

I have been a member of CCDTC since 2010, and participate with my dogs, Gus and Ollie, in agility classes and competitions. I have served as the CCDTC Webmaster and Co-Administrator of the CCDTC Facebook page. I served as Trustee on the Board for four years (Nov. 2012 - Nov. 2015).

Since becoming an active member of CCDTC I have always looked for ways to make positive contributions to the Club.

Some of those include:

- Serving on the Bylaws Committee I was instrumental in adding the amendment for electronic meetings and in revising the Discipline Code.
- Co-taught a class on CPE games.
- Served on the CPE Nationals planning committee and as club liaison twice.
- Managed Foodie Cards fund raiser the last two years.
- Worked to help make the Awards Assembly more inclusive of all members and their dogs' achievements.

I feel I can continue to have a positive impact on Board policy and Club activities as Recording Secretary. I have always kept copious notes at all Board and Membership meetings that I have attended. My school administrative experience provides me with background and perspective for working with diverse groups of people.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY - Ruth Ann Stewart**

I have been a member of CCDTC since 2009, and recording secretary since 2013. I am now up for re-election to that post and would like to continue to serve in that capacity as I believe

it is the best way I can promote the best interests of my club at this time. While I am most active at CCDTC, I am also a member of several other dog clubs in the area and have served in various positions with those clubs. I also serve periodically as trial secretary for both obedience and agility trials for various clubs.

I started training my dogs in obedience back in 1977, and in the past have taught a number of obedience classes along with some agility classes. I have trained and competed with my toy poodles in obedience, rally, conformation, and, most recently, agility. I have traveled all over the country showing my dogs, meeting other dog people, and visiting other clubs.

My education is at a Master's level in Business/Finance. In my previous life, I was a computer programmer. Then in 1999 I started my own embroidery business specializing in items mostly for dog show people. I still run that business today. It has taught me a lot about how to manage finances, how to deal with people, and how to both attract and keep happy customers. Most of all, it has taught me how important it is to treat people fairly and with respect. I would like to see the club come together to grow and find a way to accommodate all members and their interests as the field of dog sports continues to evolve, diversify, and expand.

#### **TRUSTEE - Michelene Ellington**

I have been a member of CCDTC since 2006. For the past year I have served on the board as Trustee. Along with my duties as Trustee I am also co-manager of CCDDTC store "The Dog Store". I own two White German Shepard's that I train and trial in Agility, Dock Diving, and Disc. My volunteer activities since I became a member include: Trial set-up for agility and disc events, teaching numerous agility classes, and agility trial secretary. I have enjoyed serving on the board and look forward to serving the club in the future as trustee.

#### **TRUSTEE - Susan Geers-Meiners**



One of the first things my husband, Rob, and I did after moving to Saltair, Ohio in October of 1998 was join the Clermont County Dog Training Club. I have been an active club member since then. I have taught Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally Obedience classes at the club throughout the years. (Who remembers the fun times we had with classes in the green space when we were transitioning to our current building!) I have also previously served on the Board as VP of Membership and Training Director. Over the years I have been involved with CPC Agility Trials, NADAC Agility Trials, Conformation Fun Matches, AKC Obedience Trials, and numerous seminars that have been held at the club. I introduced UKC Conformation Shows and Rally/Obedience Trials to the club. I am very thankful to the club for bestowing on me a Member of the Year Award and the Louisa Flood Lifetime Membership Ward.

Currently my husband and I share our 25-acre farm with 6 Belgian Tervurens, 1 Border Collie, 40 head of sheep, ducks, chickens, peacocks, barn cats and a partridge in a pear tree. We have grown from taking our first puppy to basic training classes to actively competing in Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience, and Rally Obedience with our dogs. Along the way, we have always believed in volunteering as a way of giving back to the community that has brought us so much joy.

**TRUSTEE - Susan Litchholt**





Hello my name is Susan Litchholt , and if you are anything like me you probably know me by my girl Koco,a border collie. I have served two years on the board of trustees and I am running again. I have been a member of Clermont County Dog Training Club since 2010 and have been a part of obedience, agility or therapy dog classes in one capacity or another. Whether teaching or learning I have truly enjoyed being a member of CCDTC. I have worked for Thriftway for 21 years and now Kroger for 13. I spend a lot of free time volunteering at the League of Animal Welfare and also working with my new reactive pup with a behavior trainer.I can truly say CCDTC , the League and my pups are my biggest hobby. I have helped in trials , fill in as corresponding secretary, and also been on the banquet committee for 4 years. I had the experience of a lifetime being an active part in the 2016 CPE Nationals making the raffles the best ever . I want to bring creativity, honesty, spirit and most importantly fresh ideas and new perspectives to this club. I have dedicated my life to my rescued pups and our hobby of agility/ obedience. I would be happy to help further the growth and success of this club not just for m own enjoyment but so other's can experience the CCDTC as I have. Vote For Me!!!!

### **TRUSTEE - Edith Markoff**

I have been a member of CCDTC for 25 years and have worked hard for the success of the club over that time. I have held various offices such as Training Director, Trustee, and Treasurer. I have also taught various obedience classes. I am honored to have received the Louisa Flood award in 2002. A significant part of our club income is derived from trials in various venues. More recently I was part of the committee that worked to bring Barn Hunt to our club as a trialing event and I am working with another committee to bring scent work to CCDTC.

I currently secretary the majority of our CPE trials and Barn Hunt trials. I am interested in running for Trustee in order to get back on the Board of Directors to help lead the club in welcoming new and exciting ventures and to ensure that our foundation in obedience/rally/conformation does not get lost. I have worked very hard to ensure the success of CCDTC as a place to train, compete, and interact with friends. Continuing to move forward with new ideas is critical to our success as a dog club and to engage not only

our current members, but to bring in new members with our increasing array of activities.

**TRUSTEE - Tami Williams**



I have been a member of CCDTC since 2001. Before returning to Ohio in 1999, I served on the Board of Directors of the Humane Society in Tupelo, MS. I did pet therapy at local nursing homes, using shelter animals, and my Keeshond was the first therapy dog to visit the hospital in Tupelo. I did PSA's promoting spay/neuter and did appearances on the Noon Show, showcasing shelter animals.

I purchased my first show keeshond in 1993 and and bred several champions of record. My dogs and I enjoy conformation shows and agility training and trials.

I served on CCDTC's Board of Directors from Jan.2015 to March 2016. Because my husband was diagnosed with an incurable form of leukemia in April 2016, and we would be making daily trips to the hospital, I knew I would not be able to give my attention and time to the job of corresponding secretary, so felt it only fair to my husband and the club, to stepped down. I now have the time and the desire to focus my energy on club activities.

## OBITUARIES

Below is an obituary for one of the Founding Members of the Clermont County Dog Training Club. Marian and Howard Jones were long time members and very active in the Club for years and years. The Member of the Year Award was changed to honor Marian and her husband at one time - The Marian and Howard Jones Member of the Year Award. They were one of the earliest recipients of the Louisa Flood Lifetime Member Award. Marian taught Tracking in addition to Obedience, and was a Tracking Judge for some time. Hopefully we can get a memorial article published for Marian and Howard for a future issue. If any long time members would be interested in submitting something to the Howler - please do!



### **Marian Jones**

Jones, Marian P. (nee Ponder) age 86, formerly of Union Twp, died September 5, 2017. She was the beloved wife of the late Howard A. Jones, devoted mother of Jeffrey M. Jones and the late Jacqueline M. Forgie, dear sister of Marvin Ponder and the late Martin Ponder, caring grandmother of Nathan, Brandon, and Hannah Jones and David, Peter, and Matthew Forgie, also survived by several great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at T.P. White & Sons Funeral Home, 2050 Beechmont Ave., Mt. Washington, on Saturday, September 9 at 10 am. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Saturday from 9 to 10 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to: Clermont County Dog Training Club, 6058 Kells Lane, Milford, OH. 45150 <https://www.ccdtc.org>



### **Tim Ellington**

December 25, 1954 - October 19, 2017

Timothy R., loving husband of Michelene Ellington (nee Heiert), father of Neal Douglas, brother of Tom and Ted Ellington, son of Theodore Ellington and the late Wilma Ellington (nee Perry). Tim, a resident of Amelia, passed away October 19, 2017 at the age of 62. A memorial gathering will be held Tuesday, October 31 from 9:30 AM until the time of memorial service at 11 AM at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home, 177 W. Main St., Amelia. Memorial contributions may be made to Clermont to the Rescue Humane Society. Published in The Cincinnati Enquirer on Oct. 25, 2017.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Clermont County Dog Training Club

Minutes from the Membership Meeting, September 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by President Sandi McKenzie.

Guests present were:

Steve and Lori Pennington

Lisa Hadsell

Tom and Anne Adams

Robin Neidenthal, Cindy Williams, and Linda Setters gave a Freestyle Dancing demo with their dogs.

A motion to accept the minutes from the July Membership Meeting as printed in the "Howler" was made and accepted.

### **President's Report – Sandi McKenzie**

Sandi thanked Robin, Cindy, and Linda for their demo and asked members to let her know if anyone has any other program ideas for the meetings.

### **Treasurer's Report – Judie Taphorn**

Judie had a handout available for members present showing the most recent monthly income and expenses, along with a financial breakdown of recent club events.

Total funds available = \$39,358.11

During the treasurer report, there was a discussion of terminology, along with committee participation and compensations awarded to select committee members.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Burt**

Please contact Rebecca if you know of any members who should have condolence or "get well soon", or other cards sent to them.

### **Membership – Jackie Barth**

To date, Jackie has received 45 membership renewals.

Four new members were voted in:

Linda Jones

Beth Voss

Katri Wirick

Amy Brown

## **Committees**

### **Training – Linda Macke, Carol Stephenson**

Our training directors have been having trouble finding instructors for the various classes. Linda discussed having a workshop to teach people how to teach. She also offered to pair potential new instructors with a current instructor to help them learn how to instruct.

### **Building**

The AC and the front door are not fixed yet. Rod will call the landlord tomorrow.

### **Equipment**

Our class teeter has a crack in the frame. It will be taken to a welder on Thursday.

### **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee has endorsed the following members for office:

President – Sandi McKenzie

Vice President – Jackie Barth

Recording Secretary – Ruth Ann Stewart

Trustees – Michelene Ellington and Susan Lichtholt

Nominations from the floor were made and accepted for:

Vice President – Deb Garner

Recording Secretary – Di Method

Trustees – Edith Markoff, Susan Geers Meinors, Tami Williams

Bios from all candidates should be presented to Rebecca Burt by October 20. Her email is: [lovely4leggedfamily@gmail.com](mailto:lovely4leggedfamily@gmail.com)

### **Events Committee**

We would like to have an “Updog” seminar the day before our Updog event.

The Scent Work “class seminar” was very successful. Starting Monday, Oct 9, 2017 7:00-8:00 PM we will have an advanced class for those who completed the first seminar. Then from 8:00-9:00 PM will be another introductory course.

Unleashed will have a CPE trial next week. The floor will be cleared on Wednesday September 29.

There is a CCDTC Barn Hunt trial in October, and a CPE trial at the end of October.

The June Obedience and Rally trial made \$1300. Nancy Todd won a \$25 gift card and donated it back to the club.

Rod Steele expressed kudos to Anne Russell and Kathy Wilson for their donations and work in putting on the Updog Event.

## **New Business**

The formation of a new ad hoc committee appointed by the board was announced. The committee's mission is to review and evaluate the current policies and procedures relating to CPE and Barnhunt trials and to identify opportunities for improvement. The committee currently consists of Susan Ball (chair), Ruth Ann Stewart, and Rebecca Burt. Jerry McKenzie and Susan Geers Meinors also asked to be on the committee. It was explained that the committee is still in its formation stage.

Two members live a long way away and want to donate a quilt to raffle off to satisfy their worker hour requirements. The offer was approved.

## **Braggs**

A brags session was held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Ruth Ann Stewart,  
Club Recording Secretary.

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## **Happy Howler Editor** Joni Griffith

Submissions Deadline for the January, 2018 Newsletter: Sunday, December 31, 2017  
Send newsletter submissions, articles, brags and photos to: [ccd1c1@gmail.com](mailto:ccd1c1@gmail.com)

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## **Officers**

President: Sandi McKenzie

Immediate Past President: Rod Steele

Vice President: Jackie Barth

Treasurer: Judie Taphorn

Recording Secretary: Ruth Ann Stewart

Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Burt

Trustees :Joni Griffith , Susan Litchholt, Susan Ball , Michelene Ellington

Training Directors: Carol Stephenson and Linda Macke

Class Registrar: Page Belland

Agility Class Registrar: Deb Garner