

Tails Up Agility Club

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Hi everyone! I am working on this edition of the newsletter while sitting in a hotel down in Burlington, NC. Cali, Summer, and I are down at the Wiggle-Butts CPE trial in Mebane, trying out CPE and we think it's really cool and a whole lot of fun.

The games are a lot of fun to play once you figure out the rules, but the judge has been really good about briefing before each game and answering any questions people have. The courses are similar to NADAC spacing and flow but there are obstacles that no longer are in NADAC (such as the tire jump, double jump, teeter, chute, and table). Many of the games give you the opportunity to skip doing obstacles that you don't feel your dog is ready to do yet. The point games are a lot of fun even if your dog isn't real

good at performing every obstacle—either you don't get points for doing them correctly or you just stay away from them.

The girls entered Level 2 which is sort of like Novice and had a really great time last night, getting Qs in all 5 events. (In hindsight, we should have entered Level 3 but since this was our first try and we weren't completely sure what to expect so we did Level 2.) CPE has 6 different levels in compete in, compared to NADAC's Novice/Open/Elite. Standard course times are **much** easier than NADAC's which many people seem to appreciate.

Several competitors here REALLY like CPE and say they would definitely travel up to Chesapeake if we host a trial. Some of these folks are willing to travel from as far away as Charlotte, NC. Rita talked to people at Beagle Nationals who also felt the same way.

All in all, CPE was really fun! The trial had a NADAC atmosphere (relaxed and have fun, not competitive) with courses and games that emphasize more handling than distance/speed but allows the handler to be creative and have choices. I think that a lot of people will enjoy this new venue and we will be sponsoring some CPE soon! -SC

Doggie Doings

The club is planning a Show'n-Go/run-through for June to introduce CPE to the club and other agility competitors. Tentatively, we are looking at June 20th at the Family Dog Club, either early morning or in the evening to try and beat the heat. More planning for this event will be done at our May and June meetings, so please make sure you are there to help out.

We have hired Dee Falk from Albuquerque, NM to judge our **Fall NADAC Trial** on Oct. 16-18. An unexpected benefit of having her as a judge is that she has family who live in Tidewater and will try to stay with during the trial which means the club may not have to pay for putting her up in a hotel. I am in the process of completing the premium and submitting it to the NADAC Office for approval.

Upcoming Club Meetings & Locations

May 13 at 6pm: Club practice at the Family Dog Club
June:

July 11 (time TBD): Club summer picnic @ the Parsons'

The Virginia Pilot featured a very cute story about our very own Deborah Lankford and *Bonnie* in the May 7th Beacon. You can read the article online at <http://hamptonroads.com/2009/05/rescued-shelter-adopted-dog-returns-favor>.

TUAC Member Profile

Member Name: Bob Parsons, Club Vice-President

Owned by (your dogs): Jake, Lola & Bentley

Age: 50

Member Since: 2002

Occupation: Computer Resource Specialist, Brandon Middle School, Virginia Beach Public Schools,

Other Dog Activities or Sports You Are Involved In: Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Conformation

Why Do You Play Agility? Starting my “doggy play” in Obedience, Agility became a sport of fun for both dog and handler. Rusty was my first Aussie and he loved agility. When I would pull into the drive for classes he would literally scream with excitement. His excitement was contagious. That started the love of the sport.

Where Do You Play Agility? (Training sites, trials you like, venues)

I haven't run a dog in agility for over 3 years due to illnesses, etc... but the love of the sport keeps me coming back. When I did train it was at Family Dog Club. I've only competed in NADAC, but I enjoy all the venues. I greatly enjoy the game side of NADAC, plus it's a calmer atmosphere with lots of support from handlers and spectators.

What Do You Want to Accomplish in Agility? My only goal is to have fun. If my dogs or I don't have fun then it's time to stop.

Weirdest/Coolest/Most Embarrassing Thing you've ever Done/Seen at an Agility Trial? I guess for any handler taking that tumble is probably an embarrassing moment; I've had my share of tumbles!!! I guess the coolest thing I've seen is watching handlers basically stay in the middle of the ring and successfully direct their dog through the course with little to no movement, WOW!!!

Favorite Trial? Why? My favorite trial would have to be TUAC Trial, February 2007 when Carolyn ran her first run. I was under the weather per se and Carolyn agreed to run the Hoopers Novice course. It was great seeing her enjoy it with the dogs. And of course you always have a special place for your first Q, which would be 2004 for me!!!

Favorite Agility Game? Why? My favorite agility game is tunnellers. I love the game because my dogs love it. It's a game of speed, my dogs aren't fast but it's great to see my dogs having fun!!!

Best Agility Training Tip or Advice you've ever heard? The best advice I've heard has been said by almost every judge and that is “Have Fun!” I agree totally that the whole reason for doing agility is to have fun, both you and your dog should have nothing but fun, if not, it's time to find something else to do!!!

Something funny or interesting about you that most members don't know about you. I actually have a music degree. I played the organ for St. Simon By-The-Sea Episcopal Church for about 14 years. I currently sing in the Virginia Beach Chorale where I've been a member for about 3 years. I greatly enjoy the music side of my life.

Calendar of Upcoming Agility Trials & Events

When putting together this calendar, I tried to use the following criteria.

- Events taking place during the next 3 months: NADAC and CPE trials in Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland, AKC & UKC trials within 2 hours of Tidewater
- Agility events (like clinics, run throughs and seminars) also within 2 hours

You can also find out about other agility trials and download premiums at www.agilityevents.net. Let me know if there is anything you would like to be listed.

Date	Venue	Sponsoring Club	Location
5/15-16	CPE	Teamworks	Youngsville, NC
5/16-17	NADAC	Periland Agility	Knoxville, MD
5/16-17	AKC	Gloucester Kennel Club	Gloucester, VA
5/23-24	NADAC	PAWZAZZ	Ellicott City, MD
5/30-31	CPE	Periland Agility	Knoxville, MD
6/13-14	NADAC	Artful Dodgers	Westminster, MD
6/27-28	NADAC	Tailwaggers Agility	Westminster, MD
6/26-27	NADAC	Teamworks	Youngsville, NC
7/24-25	NADAC	PAWZAZZ	Lothian, NC

Doggie Brags! Congratulations Everyone!!

Here are some recent achievements of club members and their dogs:

- Bob Parsons and *Bentley* won their group at the Chesapeake Dog Fanciers Association conformation show on April 24-25. He beat his brother each day!
- Rita Phoenix took the beagles to Beagle Nationals in Chapel Hill, NC and did great! *Emily Lu* had 3 qualifying runs, placing 1st twice and 2nd once, and earned an Excellent title. She was also the only beagle to Q during one of the Standard runs. *Ellie Mae* had 2 qualifying runs finishing 2nd in both runs. Way to go!
- Rita's beagles also did great at the Tidewater Dog Performance Club's recent UKC agility trial. *Billy Bob* qualified in AGI, AGII, and AGIII each day with first, second, and fourth placements. *Emily Lu* placed first in most runs and won high in Trial and High Combined. Congratulations Rita!
- Debbie Pulgencio and *Jacob* were also at the TDPC trial but she didn't email back with news about how they did!
- *Summer* earned her Outstanding Novice Regular title (10 Qs) at Canines In Action April NADAC trial.
- *Summer* & *Cali* also got their first CPE Qs (8 each) and titles at the Wiggle-Butts trial in Mebane, NC.
- **Health Update:** *Chelsea's* strained tendons are doing much better. She has not been limping for the past two weeks thanks to no agility and Dr Rowan's adjustments and lazer treatments. She hopes to be back to agility at the end of the month.
- Deborah Lankford and *Bonnie* Had a flawless Excellent run at CVAC's AKC trial in Chesterfield, but she had to wait so long for me to catch up to her at various points that we NQ'd on time faults.
- *Angel* and *Whisper* got a teeter—but it's at my house so they only play with it when Brandy pet sits. Cali & Summer thank you, Brandy!

Hookups

Selling or looking for dog/agility stuff? Looking for someone to share a ride to or lodging at an upcoming agility event? List it here!

Scott & Diana will be at the following trials: Wiggle Butts & Teamworks CPE trials and PAWZAZZ's May and Teamwork's June NADAC trial. The June trial is a night trial rescue benefit.

Deborah & Bonnie are going to Salisbury KC AKC Agility Trial in Eden, MD, on June 6 weekend.

Bob will be showing Ben at the Gloucester Kennel Club conformation show in Hampton on Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-25).

Be on the lookout for deals on a canopy that the club can buy to provide shelter to course stewards during a trial or at other club events. A recent ad had a sales price of a new 10' X 10' canopy at \$100. I believe a better deal can be found. Let Patty or Scott know if you find a better price!