

# Tails Up Agility Club

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Hi everybody! The Casino-Deadrick family has been fortunate enough to go to several agility trials this Spring and Summer. We've met some really nice people, been to some nicely-run trials, and really had a lot of fun.

Some of the really nice things we have seen at trials that made them more memorable include:

- Several clubs hosted pot-luck cookouts during or after the trial. They provided hot dogs and hamburgers with fixings for interested participants and asked people to bring a side dish/salad/dessert to share with other people. This provided show entrants the opportunity to mingle and get acquainted with each other, particularly with people they didn't know.
- The opportunity to learn something new about agility or dogs. We have

been fortunate enough to be at trials with some of the best teams in NADAC and really appreciate having the chance to watch how they handle different course challenges. At another trial, they had a massage practitioner which gave people the chance to learn some ways to make their dogs feel better via non-veterinary methods.

- One club plays music during course-building and walk-throughs. They also allowed competitors the option of having music played during their Regular runs and let each competitor pick their own song (they use an iPod with speakers to play the music).
- Finally, at one of the above club's trials, we watched the course building team pause to do the Electric Slide. It was fun and entertaining and a number of non-workers ran out to join in.

What really made these trials most memorable was the camaraderie among competitors. Everyone was friendly, supportive, appreciative of the success/failure of other teams, and always willing to help out with whatever work needed to be done (which makes everyone's trial more fun because everyone shared in the work). In summary, what makes for a great agility trial is the people. -SC

## Doggie Doings

If you or someone you know are interested in being a vendor at our trial please let me know so that we can mention it in the premium and confirmation letters. Right now we have Linda Anderson (photographer), and Carrie Kinnear (massage).

Don't forget about the club's Show-n-Go on October 3, We are tentatively scheduled for 11am-3pm at the Family Dog Club. We will run 4 different courses and have premiums so that participants can fill-out their entries. Please

### Upcoming Club Meetings & Locations

September 9: Chris' home  
Oct. 3: TUAC show-n-go @ Family Dog Club  
Oct. 14: Scott & Diana's home  
Nov. 11:

come and lend a helping hand - we need course builders, info & registration providers, ring crew/judges.

Our October trial is coming up quickly. **Do NOT wait until the meeting before the trial to enter.** There's a lot of pre-trial work done in the week before the trial (such as sending final confirmations, printing run orders & scribe sheets, preparing worker schedule, ...). So please help minimize the amount of last-minute work to be done by getting your entries in on time (*come to the show-n-go!*) and checking your confirmations carefully when you receive them.

NADAC Championships are in Shelbyville, TN Sept. 23-27. You can watch a live feed of the event at [www.3pbn.tv/nadac](http://www.3pbn.tv/nadac) and there will be a live highlights special broadcast on Oct. 17.

## TUAC Member Profile

**Member Name:** Patty Cooper

**Owned by (your dogs):** Harley, Sam, Jessie

**Age:** 53

**Member Since:** Beginning day in 2003

**Occupation:** Payroll Administrator at ECPI Colleges

**Other Dog Activities or Sports You Are Involved In:** Not really involved at the moment in anything

### **Why Do You Play Agility?**

I started training in 1995 with my first rescue sheltie (Lacie) for something fun to do with her. Traveling to trials to watch I realized that she was good enough to compete so that began my journey.

### **Where Do You Play Agility? (training sites, trials you like, venues)**

I have trained at Merrimac and at Family Dog Club. Right now MY EXCUSE is having to go so far at night for training. Current training is in my back yard.

### **What Do You Want to Accomplish in Agility?**

Fun with the dogs and to go as far with titles as we can without pressure.

### **Weirdest/Coollest/Most Embarrassing Thing You've Ever Done/Seen at an Agility Trial?**

The most embarrassing thing I can remember is falling on my butt at one of our Agility trials and before that, forgetting the course in MD.

### **Favorite Trial? Why?**

My favorite trials are the ones I travel to so I see new faces and new dogs with old friends. Places would be Westminster, MD and Salisbury, MD as the folks are always friendly and they have a lot of shelties!

### **Favorite Agility Game? Why?**

I don't play a lot of games (cost reasons) but I believe Harley's favorite is Tunnellers.

### **Best Agility Training Tip or Advice You've Ever Heard?**

With new dogs especially, "Treat every obstacle as a challenge" was told to me by Nelson Fletcher. Example: Your dog may decide not to go through the tire jump so you decide that the Tire is your dog's issue. Next trial you are so concerned about the tire that you forget about the spread jump that gets stepped on.

### **Something funny or interesting about you that most members don't know about you.**

As a youngster through teen years all I thought about was playing softball and going to "the pros". Later teen years I was a muscle car fanatic and spent a lot of time at the drag strip. After moving to Va. Beach, I started going to Country bars and was very interested in cowboys and rodeos and thought at one point that I would become a Rodeo Secretary.

## 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](http://www.agilityevents.net). Let me know if there is anything you would like to be listed.

Date	Venue	Sponsoring Club	Location
9/18-19	AKC	Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Baltimore (4 hrs but it's an all-Sheltie trial)	Westminster, MD
9/18-19	NADAC	Teamworks	Youngsville, NC
9/19-20	NADAC	Periland Agility	Knoxville, MD
9/19-20	AKC	Richmond Dog Obedience Club	Gloucester, VA
9/23-27		NADAC Championships	Shelbyville, TN
9/26-27	CPE	Periland Agility	Knoxville, MD
10/3-4	NADAC	Agility Addicts & Rover Fanatics	Youngsville, NC
10/3-4	AKC	Tidelands Poodle Club	Gloucester, VA
10/10-11	NADAC	Canines in Action	Millersville, MD
10/10-11	AKC	Gloucester Kennel Club	Gloucester, VA
10/16-18	NADAC	TUAC - Our Trial!	Chesapeake, VA
10/17-18	NADAC	PAWZAZZ	Sykesville, MD
10/23-25	NADAC	Raising K9	West Friendship, MD
10/24-25	NADAC	Leaps and Bounds Agility	Colfax, NC
10/24-25	AKC	Langley Kennel Club	Gloucester, VA
10/30-11/1	CPE	Wiggle Butts	Mebane, NC
11/6-7	NADAC	Carolina Canine & Pet Performance	Chapel Hill, NC

Oct. 4 Bark in the Park, @ City Park in Chesapeake on Greenbrier Pkwy.

Oct. 10 Shetland Sheepdog Club of Tidewater's Responsible Dog Ownership Day@ Family Dog Club

## Doggie Brags! Way To Go Everyone!!

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

- Bob and *Bentley* earned Reserve Winner Dog, Best Aussie puppy, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Puppy Herding Group at an AKC show in Greensboro, NC on August 8 & 9.
- *Cali*, *Summer*, *Chelsea* & *Maggie* went to the In The Zone Agility NADAC trial in West Friendship, MD in August. *Chelsea* earned 11/15 Qs and her Novice Outstanding Hoopers & Novice Superior Jumpers titles. *Maggie* earned Qs in 9/15 runs and her Novice Touch N Go title. *Cali* got her Open Jumpers title and *Summer* got her Open Chances & Elite Weavers titles.
- *Chesnee* passed her Canine Good Citizenship and Therapy Dog International evaluations in July.
- *Bonnie* and Deborah went to the Salisbury Kennel Club KAC show in Eden, MD. They took first place in Novice FAST and earned their Novice FAST title.

## 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 & the shelties will be at the following NADAC trials: Teamworks, TUAC, Raising K9. We will also be participating in the NADAC Championships in TN later this month.

Chris & Chelsea will also be at the Teamworks trial.

Be on the lookout for a great deal on easels at a thrift store/yard sale/etc to use for posting Gate Run Orders.

### **From Rita:**

as most of you know Ellie May passed away from cancer... just before kids camp... Everyone said she had a great life with me... I'm thinking it was me who had a great life with her... I will miss her always!

It wasn't long before my friends were sending me pictures of puppies, one of which caught my attention... born on May 23rd... she has 1 blue eye and 1 sea-foam green eye, mostly white and black with a touch of brown on both ears... both her parents are hunt champions, the mom is a dual national grand champion hunt dog and



the dad is a dual grand champion... we flew her into NY on July 24... about an hour after we got her into our arms we discovered she was deaf... I was already in love with her so sending her back was not an option... she's smart and beautiful! I must say that teaching a deaf beagle to do agility was not on my list of stuff to do in my life... well...it is now!!! She responds to hand signals and is actually getting it... she knows several commands already including all the dogs in the house names, sit, down, come, potty, go outside, Sookie's here, [her best lab puppy friend]... she don't quite understand why I want her to shake... but best of all... she is mostly house trained, no accidents in the past several days... yeah!!! anyways back to the agility ring... she's doing awesome... a bit hard getting her through the curved

tunnel by myself... [can't exactly call her through]... I haven't tried the Lazar light yet... thought I'd give the old fashioned way a try first... we are making very good progress... she seems to love agility!...

I'm thinking if I can teach a deaf beagle to compete in agility, I just might make agility instructor of the year!!! I have to say I do enjoy a good challenge!

Her full name is... Hurry Up Ivy May Phoenix... Her mothers [kennel] name is [Hurry Up] Pickles, her Dads name is [Touch Of Class] Poison Ivy... I call her Ivy May ... She is UKC and AKC registered...

I'll show you how to sign her name when you meet her.