



Timber Ridge Newsletter

October 2024 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 14, 2024

6:30 pm meeting

Prairie Room – Portage County Public Library

Hospitality: Deanna Willems

Upcoming

Events

2024 Fall Obedience & Rally
Trial

(November 2-3)

2024 Fall Agility Trial
(November 9-10 at OKC)

2025 Spring Obedience &
Rally Trial

(February 1-2)

2025 Spring Agility Trial
(April 26-27 at OKC)

Consider

Volunteering

Volunteers are always
needed for all our events.

It is a great way to meet
people and learn how
these events run.

Plus, what could be more
enjoyable than a day
spent with dog people?

As events are posted
here in the newsletter,
please consider helping
the club. None of these
activities can continue
without your help!



Mark these dates
on your calendar!



2024 Timber Ridge Membership Meetings

(second Monday of the month)

October 14, 2024 Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room

@ 6:30 pm

November 11, 2024 Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room

@ 6:30 pm

December 9, 2024 Holiday Party - TBD

@ 6:00 pm

Friday NIGHT Run-Thrus

Friday, November 1 OBEDIENCE

Sign up begins at 4:45

Run-Thrus 5 - 8

\$5 - 5 minutes

\$10 - 10 minutes



Those who do the set-up - sign up first!

Contact Dana if you want to help with set
up set up begins at 4
nelson.dana22@gmail.com



NEW THIS YEAR: No treats in the ring!

*Interested in a RALLY RUN THRU: please bring your own signs and
do your own set up. \$10/10 minute minimum*

FastCAT Volunteers ROCK!!

Submitted by Dana Nelson

The second Timber Ridge FastCAT took place on September 14-15, and it almost didn't happen! But thanks to Rose (our trial secretary), Jona (our trial chair), and a dedicated group of volunteers, we had a successful event!

As someone who had never experienced a FastCAT, I wasn't sure what to expect. FastCAT is heavily volunteer-dependent, and the number of people who stepped forward to help was truly humbling. We received support from Timber Ridge members, folks from the Wisconsin Rapids club, and individuals who simply love the sport.

It was heartwarming to see everyone teaching the newcomers. A particularly special moment was watching John Wiltse teach 8-year-old Harrison Zoeller how to set the line, and then seeing them work together. It's also the small things that make a difference—like Chris Jarvis making a Starbucks run on Sunday afternoon. And let's not forget the Amherst Football team, who arrived at 2:30 to help with the tear-down!

A huge thank-you to all the incredible volunteers: Cheryl Hoerman, Rose Gottung, Jona Decker, Wally and Barb Hermans, Tom and Lori Whitney, Lori Brown, Kelly, John and Melanie Wiltse, Chris Jarvis, Linda and Jared Redfield, Ann Hanson, Carole Lanphear-Cook, Sara, Dani, Laurelei and Harrison Zoeller, Natalie Cogswall, Asa Plonsky, Serena Menge, Jai Dee Menge, Lisa Huber, Jocelyn Reid, Deanna Willems, Evette Danielak, Mary Moleski, Karen, Suse Riddle, Joyce MacKay, Jayden Bronk, and the Amherst Football team! If I've unintentionally missed anyone, please know that your help was deeply appreciated!

Thank

You



Fast CAT Fun!



Nice weather, wonderful volunteers, and lure-crazy dogs made the second Timber Ridge Fast CAT event at Country Paws Canine Athletic Center in Stevens Point a GRRRRRRRreat success!

Obedience/Rally Trial is on the Horizon!

November 2 & 3!

Submitted by Dana Nelson

Mark your calendars for November 2 & 3—these are the dates of our Fall Obedience and Rally Trials at Camp Bandy! This year, Jen has navigated just about every roadblock you can imagine. One of our judges became ineligible to judge, and when she found a replacement, the AKC posted incorrect information on their site. The good news? Jen's hard work has already secured the judges for our 2025 trials! Great job, Jen!

As the Chief Ring Steward for this trial, I'm looking for volunteers! If you can help, please reach out via email at nelson.dana22@gmail.com. Let me know where you'd like to assist (Obedience or Rally), and if you're showing, which class you'll be competing in.

Jen and I are also seeking help with a few special projects. First, we're planning a **Selfie Station** for participants to snap photos with their ribbons. Second, we'll be organizing a **raffle** to raise funds for the trial. We need donations for gift bags or baskets, as well as volunteers to help set up the table and sell tickets. All proceeds will go towards offsetting this year's trial costs. If you're interested in helping with either project, send me an email!

We'll also be providing **lunch**, with Chris Jarvis graciously leading the effort—thank you, Chris! Be on the lookout for an email and signup sheet from her as the event draws closer.

Lastly, we encourage everyone to **enter the trial!** Both of our judges are new to judging at Camp Bandy, and we'd love to see a strong turnout. The premium is available on our website—don't miss out!

That's my dog!

Wags & Brags

CORA AND ARCTURUS RUN OVER OBSTACLES AND AFTER BAGS!

Cora earned her Novice Preferred Standard & Novice Preferred JWW titles at our TROCCW Agility Trial on August 3rd.

Then she earned her DCAT on September 14th during TROCCW's Fast CAT trials. Run, **Cora**, Run!!



Jai Dee & **Arcturus** gave FAST a shot during our TROCCW Agility Trial on September 1st and earned their first Q in Agility! Woohoo!!

Submitted by Serena Menge

GIBSON WAS EXCELLENT AT FINDING MOM!

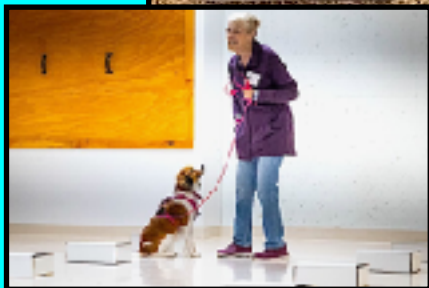
Gibson (Oorbellen Mel) searched for and found a cotton ball with my scent on it hidden outside at the Timber Ridge Scent Work event, earning his Excellent HD title!



Submitted by Sarah Krueger



Can you see that he found my cotton ball?



REESE FOUND MY GLOVE!

Reese (Reese De Hemert) found my glove three times at the Timber Ridge Scent Work event. She earned her AKC Novice Handler Discrimination title!



Submitted by Sarah Krueger

GEORDI COMMANDS RESPECT!



Excel-Ent's Commander D Geordi (**Geordi**) earned his Scent Work Interior Advanced (SIA) title in Sheboygan August 17th and the next day August 18th he earned his Dock Junior (DJ) dock diving title at Country Paws Athletic Center. We hit the road traveling to Lexington, KY over Labor Day weekend where Geordi earned his Conformation Championship in style, going Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best of Breed Owner-Handled, Best of Winners & Best of Breed 3 of the 4 days including beating specials. He earned a total of 24 ribbons with 3 qualifying scores dock diving at his first mobile dock! Then September 8th at our Timber Ridge Scent Work trial at the Rosholt Lions Park, Geordi earned his 1st Excellent Scent Work title- Excellent Exteriors! Submitted by Joyce MacKay



RISA IS MULTI-TALENTED!



Excel-Ent's Arriving at Risa (**Risa**) earned her Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA) and overall Scent Work Advanced (SWA) titles in June at the Fond du Lac Scent Work trials. In June she also earned her Agility FAST Open (OF) title and in July **Risa** earned her Time 2 Beat (T2B) title.



Submitted by Joyce MacKay



GIBSON HAS FCAT3 IN THE BAG!



11 year old **Gibson** (Oorbellen Mel) chased the plastic bag at the Timber Ridge Fast CAT event to earn the gorgeous rosette in honor of his FCAT3 title!

Submitted by Sarah Krueger

Braggs
are due by
NOON on
October 31st
for the
November
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

September 09, 2024 – 6:30 pm Meeting – Prairie Room – Portage County Public Library

Hospitality: Karen Lemke

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Karyn Kopecko, seconded by Lisa Huber.

Members in Attendance: Chris Jarvis, Deanna Willems, Jocelyn Reid, Jona Decker, Karen Lemke, Karyn Kopecko, Katherine Fox, Kathy Schuh, Laurie Bandy, Lisa Huber, Melanie Wiltse, Phyllis Christensen, Rost Gottung, Sarah Krueger, Serena Menge, Suse Reinke Riddle.

Minutes of last meeting/motion to dispense: made by Serena Menge, seconded by Phyllis Christensen

President's and Board Report: none

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's Report (subject to audit): Checking: \$9,974.82, Savings: \$22,809.33, Christmas Club: \$0, CDs: \$8,751.56. Total assets: \$41,535.71

Committee Reports

1. **Website** – Jona Decker – no updates
2. **Awards Committee** –Serena Menge and Amy Sjomeling – no updates
3. **Sunshine Committee** – Chris Jarvis – no updates
4. **FIT Dog** – Asa Plonsky – no update on Thursday August 15th walk. There was a suggestion to perhaps get one more walk in before Winter.

5. **Aug 30-Sep 1, 2024 - Labor Day Agility Trial**
 - a. Chairs: Karyn Kopecko and Jennifer Kressin and Lisa Huber – Great teamwork with OKC members, judges were very professional, we're missing a box of title ribbons which Lisa and Karyn will follow up on.
 - b. Net Income: \$2,725.02

6. **Sep 7-8, 2024 Scent Work Trial** –
 - a. Chairs: Sherry Salzman-Scott and Joyce MacKay – 253 entries Saturday and 254 entries Sunday, \$13,000 in entry fees collected, net income hasn't be determined yet, most on the waiting list were handled, great volunteers, great weather, awarded 4 Silver Sniffer Awards

7. **Sep 14-15, 2024 Fast CAT** –
 - a. Chairs: Jona Decker Set up starts at 1:30 Friday, should be done by 5 pm. Volunteers welcome! Volunteers will be trained, sign up on the link below, especially Sunday spots. No fun runs on Friday night.
 - b. Committee: Jona Decker, Ann Hanson, Dana Nelson, Linda Redfield, Jared Redfield, Sara Zoeller. Rose Gottung
 - c. Trial Secretary: Rose Gottung.
 - d. Venue: Country Paws Canine Athletic Center, 6760 Burr Oak Road, Stevens Point, WI 54482
 - e. Operators: Fast & Fun -Don Adams
 - f. Volunteer Coordinator: Dana Nelson
 - g. Individual Volunteer Sign up: *** [VOLUNTEER\(S\) NEEDED CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#) ***

8. **Nov 2-3, 2024 Fall Obedience & Rally Trial** –
 - a. Chairs: Jennifer Kressin
 - b. Chief Ring Steward: Dana Nelson
 - c. Trial Secretary: Rose Gottung

- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- e. Judges: Pat Strong - Jennifer has worked hard to find another judge to judge with Pat Strong. Shirley Spall hasn't judged in this area, and we are hoping this is a good draw. While searching for judges Jennifer was able to find judges for next year!
- f. Potluck Hospitality: Chris Jarvis
- g. Venue: Camp Bandy
- h. Individual Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- i. Raffle & Selfie-station

Nov 9-10, 2024 Fall Agility Trial –

- a. Chairs: [Lisa Huber](#)
- b. Trial Secretary: Lorah Marquardt
- c. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- d. Judges: Rhonda Bermke
- e. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
- f. Course Builder: Mark Besar
- g. Volunteer Coordinator: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- h. Individual Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

9. Feb 1-2, 2025 Spring Obedience & Rally Trial

- a. Co-Chairs: Asa Plonsky and Kathy Schuh
- b. Chief Ring Steward: Mary Frisch (also ordering ribbons)
- c. Trial Secretary: Rose Gottung
- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED *** Mary Frisch
- e. Judges: Laurel Stern (Rally) and Lynn Tamms (Obedience)
- f. Hospitality: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- g. Venue: Camp Bandy
- h. Individual Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

10. Apr 26-27, 2025 Spring Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: [Karen Lemke](#)
- b. Trial Secretary: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- c. Course Builder: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- e. Judge: Terry Elger
- f. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
- g. Volunteer Coordinator: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- h. Individual Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

11. Aug 31-Sep 2, 2025, Labor Day Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- b. Trial Secretary: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- c. Course Builder: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

- e. Judge: Han Yu
- f. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
- g. Course Builder: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- h. Volunteer Coordinator: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- i. Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

Elections –

Unfinished Business

1. Training Seminar- Karen Kopecko – [planning a Spring Obedience seminar](#)

New Business

1. [Amendment to the August 12 Meeting Minutes: Tiered membership dues was not discussed at that meeting. The item was mistakenly listed in the minutes instead of the September agenda. The topic was not discussed in August.](#)
2. Tiered membership dues – explore a “volunteer membership” annual dues price versus a “non-volunteering member” annual rate. Also consider amending the membership requirements to include a minimum number of volunteer opportunities required.
 - a. The same small pool of members is counted upon for filling volunteer spots. This could encourage more people to become involved
 - b. Example from Badger Kennel Club: New Member:\$80 initial new member dues, Member:\$80 with 0-19 hours of volunteering in the past year, Contributor:\$60 with 20-59 hours of volunteering in the past year (building key available – this is not applicable to TR), Sponsor:\$30 with 60+ hours of volunteering in the past year (building key available – this is not applicable to TR), Family:\$120/\$100/\$50 and Junior: \$20
 - c. Concerns about members with physical limitations, but there are many non-physical opportunities to help at trials also.
 - d. Encourage members to volunteer at trials where they aren’t participating so other members can focus on running their dogs during the event.
 - e. We should be focusing on expanding membership to different demographics, families, younger adults, children to build the volunteer pool.
 - f. Offering classes is the largest source of members and volunteers at Badger KC. Classes like Puppy, CGC, CGC-a, CGC-u, Family Dog
 - g. Ways to make All American dog owners aware they can compete in AKC.
 - h. Reaching out to the small animal vet programs at local high schools (SPASH in Stevens Point and Lincoln HS in Wisconsin Rapids)
 - i. Karyn will schedule a Board Meeting to further discuss the tiered membership and ways to increase membership and membership engagement.

Next Meeting Hospitality: [Deanna Willems](#)

Next Meeting: [October14, 2024– 6:30 pm meeting – Prairie Room – Portage County Public Library](#)

Meeting Adjourned – [motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 pm and seconded by Kathy Schuh](#)

Brag! [Send your brags to Sarah Krueger by September 30 for the October newsletter.](#)

September 2024 Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	9,774.82	
Storage Unlimited	-35.00	storage
Kathy Guerra	-416.22	Sept. agility judge
Loretta Zich	-1,339.67	Sept. agility judge
Rodney's Cafe	-497.00	Sept. agility food service
Bluestem ATS	-698.75	Sept. agility secretary
Jennifer Kressin	-25.65	misc. agility
Deposit	12,395.00	Scentwork entries
Mary Burke	-24.64	Scentwork beverages/volunteers
Janet Smith	-59.97	Scentwork U-Haul rental
Amy Wukotich	-1,150.33	Scentwork judge
Jocelyn Reid	-73.13	Scentwork gifts
Robin Taylor	-796.70	Scentwork judge
Caroline Oldham	-1,065.20	Scentwork judge
Phyllis Brandenburg	-18.00	Scentwork judges gifts
	-75.00	Scentwork judges gifts
	-15.00	Scentwork judges gifts
Wisconsin Lions Foundation	-2,185.00	Scentwork venue
Joyce MacKay	-75.00	Scentwork judges dinner, transportation
Ann Hanson	-14.60	stamps
Ann Hanson	-200.00	cash for FastCAT day-of entries
Sherry Salzman-Scot	6.00	cookies
Dana Nelson	-129.08	FastCAT food/beverage workers
Suse Riddle	-177.81	FastCAT food/beverage workers
Lisa Huber	-50.00	Scentwork pulled entry
Amherst Football	-200.00	FastCAT clean up
Fast & Fun, LLC	-1,061.50	FastCAT course running
Fast & Fun, LLC	-1,192.90	FastCAT course running
Dana Nelson	-82.89	FastCAT food/beverage workers
Deposit	200.00	return day-of entry FastCat
Deposit	1,908.00	FastCAT day-of entries
Deposit	5,594.00	FastCAT entries
State of Wisconsin	-148.13	estimated tax
IRS	-397.28	estimated tax
September agility	50.00	OKC security deposit refund
Country Paws Athletic Center	-775.00	FastCAT venue
Sherry Salzman-Scot	-505.44	Scentwork judges hotel
AKC	-1,774.50	Scentwork AKC recording fees
Elaine Kirsling	-100.00	Scentwork judges gifts
Jona Decker	-23.50	FastCAT expense
AKC	-1,050.00	FastCAT recording fees
	3,720.11	
Balance checking account	13,494.93	
Savings Balance	22,809.33	
Christmas Club	0.00	
Balance CDs	8,791.75	
Total Assets	45,096.01	
Pineries – CDs	2,796.45	
	2,893.50	
	3,101.80	
	8,791.75	

Officers & Contacts

	<u>Term</u>
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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times



Sunday, October 6th

11 - 12:30 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

12:30 – 2 | FULL COURSE Agility

Sunday, October 20th

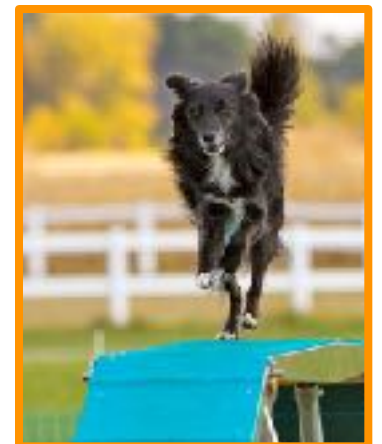
11 - 12:30 | FULL COURSE Agility

12:30 – 2 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

Members set up rings and courses

GUIDELINES

1. Please gate off the section you are working on during separate skills.
2. Please ask if the person is done using the equipment before you start working your dog.
3. Please have gating across the front while running full course agility.
4. Please have dogs on leash while entering and exiting the building.



A REMINDER FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT!

Because we have recently added many new members (YAY!!), here are a couple of reminders about training time:

1. Members set up the rings and courses. If you aren't able to help or arrive later, please don't jump in and start using things that others have spent the time setting up before they have had a chance to use the ring/course. We have Camp Bandy for this time frame only. Many hands make work light.
2. Crate your dog(s) unless you are working them in the ring/course or in a spot in the arena. Be mindful of other people and dogs.
3. Agility time is for a full course. Agility time is set aside so people can run full courses. If there are a lot of people, work together to change jump heights, etc. Gate off the area by the door.
4. Obedience rings should be used to work your dog either on a 'run thru' or a set of exercises for a reasonable amount of time. Everyone should have time in the ring. If you wish to work on an individual skill for agility, great. It means one piece of equipment (so no multiple pieces of agility equipment during obedience time).
5. Communicate with each other. If someone is taking too much time, tell them. If you need to leave in 20 minutes - ASK if you can go next. If someone sets up a course or a ring say thanks. If you need help with something, ASK. This is a great group who is more than willing to help out.
6. If you put food on the walls to mark the go-out (or for any other reason) please clean up the spot, remove the food, etc.
7. If you are there alone or just a few people, work it out, if you don't need a ring, great. You don't have to set it up. You can be there for the full 3 hours or only 15 minutes.
8. Training time is meant to be used by any/all members. Keep in mind people use these times in different ways. Whatever way you use the time...enjoy training your dog!

Many great friendships have been made during this time!