



Timber Ridge Newsletter

March 2025 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2025

6:30 pm meeting

Prairie Room - Portage County Public Library

Hospitality: Deanna Willems & Melanie Wiltse

Upcoming

Events

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

2025 Labor Day Agility Trial
(Aug 31-Sep 2 at OKC)

2025 Scent Work Trial
(September 6 & 7)

2025 Obedience & Rally Trial
(November 1 & 2)

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!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS!



Dana Nelson - Vice President
Barb Crowther - Treasurer
Kathy Schuh - Board Member
Karen Lemke - Board Member



SPRING FORWARD!
Daylight Saving Starts March 9th!

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings Everyone,

It has been too long since I have been able to write an article for the club, with 2024 behind us and 2025 is here and already moving fast. For many of our members, 2024 was a year of challenges and rewards. Titles were gained and new goals were set for 2025. With the start of a new year training time continues with the expectation of achieving the next goal each of us set for ourselves and beloved companions.

I would like to address the importance of volunteering. Every year the subject comes up and our trial chairs scramble, yet our trials come together, and competitors boast how well run our trials are run. It takes work and when the members we depend on to say yes, need a break, it is up to our members to fill those spots. Every club shares these challenges not just ours. Our membership is strong, if everyone commits to one or two trials per year, we wouldn't have to address this topic at each meeting. For the members who volunteer, I can't thank you enough. If everything continues to go well, I'll be joining you soon. Volunteering is one of the best ways to interact with your fellow members, plus it is rewarding.

As a gentle reminder, if you have any questions concerning the club, please contact a member of the Executive Committee or a Board Member. Recently I've been made aware of some interesting rumors that are completely baseless. We are fortunate to have such a strong group of leaders who are vested in the club's best interest. We want every member to feel supported and appreciated.

Unfortunately, as everyone is aware, we lost a amazing member. Rose Gottung was not only the kindness person with a heart of Gold, but an integral part of Timber Ridge. She will be missed and remembered fondly today and in the future. She had an impact on all of us.

I want to personally thank Ellen Hardin, Dana Nelson and everyone who pulled together submitting the results of the clubs Spring Obedience & Rally Trail to the AKC during this difficult time.

I would like to welcome Phyllis Christensen to the Board of Directors.

I hope to see everyone at the March 10th meeting.

Sincerely,

Karyn L Kopecko

President

WE WILL MISS YOU, ROSE!

It is with great sorrow that we have learned Rose Gottung has passed away. Her niece said Rose passed peacefully.

For the last several years, Rose filled a huge spot for our club as Trial Secretary at untold Timber Ridge events. Her loss is simply unimaginable.

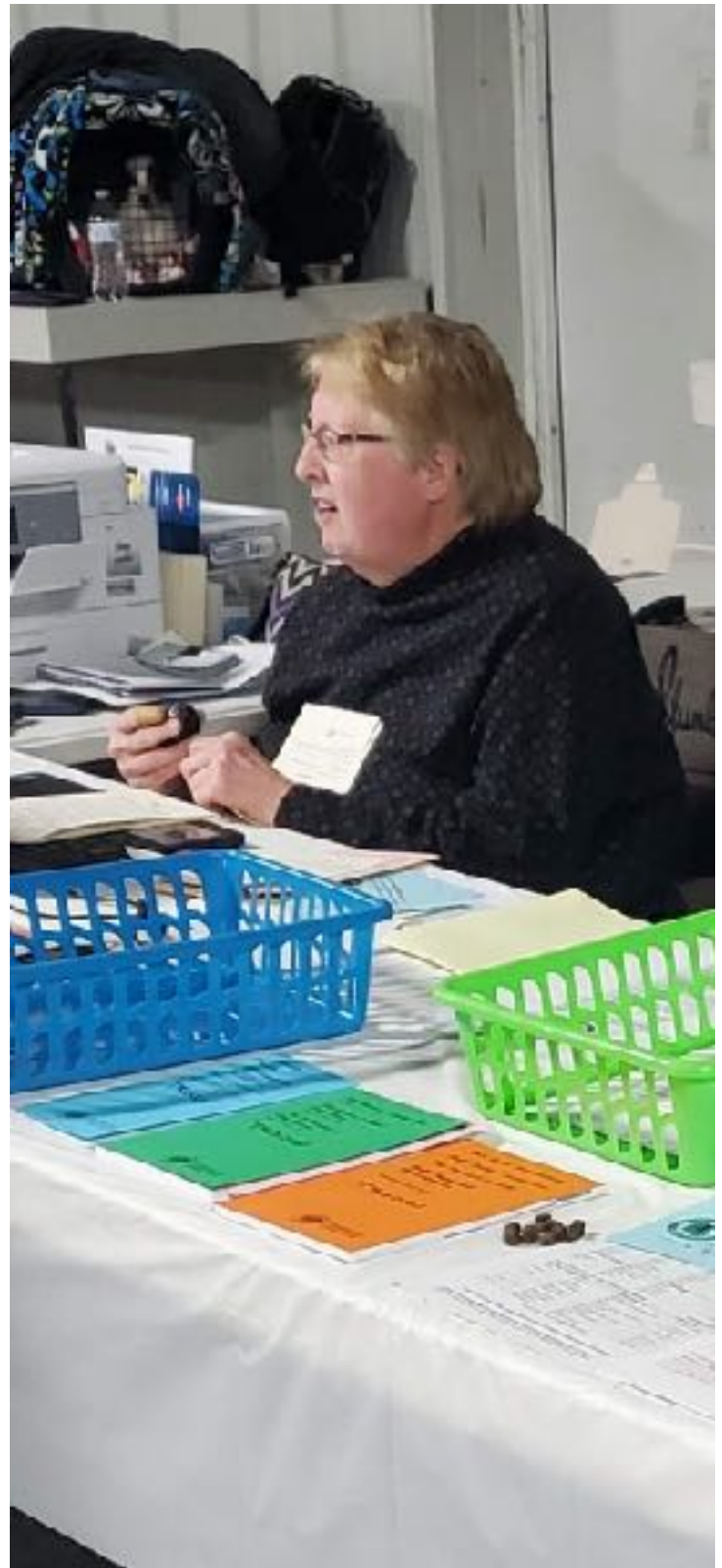
Rose was dedicated and meticulous and she did everything with ease. Her shoes will difficult to fill as she was always ready and eager to support all our trials, no matter what the sport.

Rose has always loved Beagles. She discovered Scent Work where she found her passion. Her beagle Sonny was excelling in Scent Work and she ran him in Fast CAT this past summer, as well as taking agility classes with him. Rose was such a sweet lady who was appropriately named after a beautiful flower. She will be truly missed by everyone who crossed her path.

A memorial for Rose has been set up both at the Beagle Nationals and at the Timber Ridge Scent Trial.

If you would like to share your favorite stories about Rose, in the April Newsletter we will be dedicating photos and memories in her honor.

Please send your contributions to k.kopecko@gmail.com by March 25th!



That's my dog!

FROM DOWN TO UP!

Stuart, my Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, has been out of the performance life for awhile. He will be 4 on March 1st. Shortly after turning two, Stuart was diagnosed with CM/SM & Hydrocephalus, which is progressive & incurable. Symptoms are being controlled to some extent with daily medication. This created an immediate halt to his blossoming career. Stu was 4 points away from his championship and started in Barn Hunt. Although he had already earned his SWN title when he was diagnosed, all the other things we were working on (Barn Hunt, Agility, Conformation) were immediately taken off the table. December 8, 2023, I suddenly lost my loving 13 year old Belgian Tervuren, Lila, to a brain tumor. 2024 was a year of depression, which I am glad to say has finally passed.

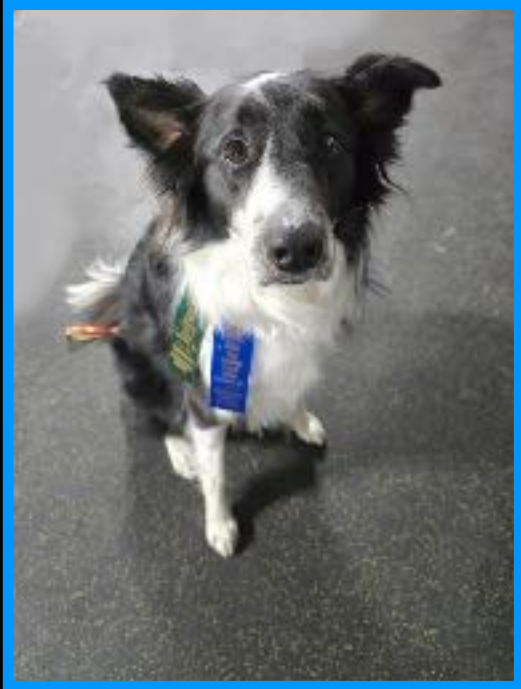
I'm now working with Stuart on things he can handle. Last summer we gave a try at FastCAT. After 4 runs Stu has a whopping 36.62 points toward his DCAT (& an award for slowest dog on the Sunday trial). We will probably give it a try again this summer to see if he can figure out that I'm actually waiting (actually jumping, screaming, waving my arms) for him at the end of the runway.

Stuie is currently in a Trick Dog Class and excelling at it. On January 30th, Stuart earned his Trick Dog Intermediate title! Woo-hoo - Go Stuie!



Submitted
by Linda
Johnson





1st OPEN OBEDIENCE!

Bramble got his first leg in open obedience at the Timber Ridge Obedience and Rally Trials!

Submitted by Asa Plonsky

GIBSON SNIFFS FOR CLUES!



At the February C-WAGS Scent event, **Gibson** (Oorbellen Mel) qualified in two Detective Diversions trials. He had to find 2 odors hidden among 24 objects, while ignoring 4 distractions. With these successful attempts, he earned his C-WAGS Detective Diversions title!

Submitted by Sarah Krueger

REESE ACES SNIFFING!

Reese added two more successful attempts at identifying the box containing birch odor to her previous total at the February C-WAGS Scent event. By bringing her total number of qualifying runs in Level 1 Scent Patrol to 14, Reese earned her ACE Title!



Submitted by Sarah Krueger



SIREN GOT HER ACTS TOGETHER!

Siren
earned her
ACT 1,
ACT 2 and
ACT 2J
titles at
Clever K9's
Feb 1 and
2!

Submitted by
Linda
Redfield

Brag
are due by
NOON on
March 31st
for the
April
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025 – 6:30 pm Meeting – Portage County Public Library – Prairie Room

Hospitality: Karyn Kopecko

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Karyn Kopecko

Members in Attendance: Chris Jarvis, Cindy Rodeback, Deanna Willems, Jocelyn Reid, Karen Lee, Karyn Kopecko, Kathy Schuh, Melanie Wiltse, Phyllis Christensen, Sherry Salzman Scott. Via Zoom: Connie Wood, Dana Nelson, Jessica Kachur, Jona Decker, Katherine Fox, Linda Johnson, Serena Menge, Sue Taylor, Suse Reinke Riddle. Guests: Karen Konopacky (1st meeting), Hannah Richards (1st meeting). Guests via Zoom: Lori Crane (2nd meeting), Sharon Schultz (1st meeting)

Minutes of last meeting/motion to dispense: Motion to dispense made by Karen Lee, seconded by Phyllis Christensen.

President's and Board Report: A Board Meeting via Google Meet will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Filling Rose Gottung's board position and other topics are on the agenda. A meeting invite will be sent as soon as the agenda is finalized.

Secretary's Report: Five members have not yet renewed nor responded to the first reminder. A final email reminder is being sent on Friday 2/14. Two members have chosen not to renew.

Treasurer's Report (subject to audit): Checking: \$5,328.76 Savings: \$32,821.82 CDs: \$8,834.98 Total: \$46,985.56. Ann has worked with Barb to switch the accounts at Pineries over. Everything is fine there. Our books before Barb will be kept on file by Ann. The program used is antiquated and not compatible with Barb's computer. Barb has downloaded the past year of financial information from the bank records online.

Committee Reports

1. **Website** – Jona Decker –
2. **Awards Committee** –Serena Menge and Amy Sjomeling –The awards order has been turned into Wausau Awards. Phyllis Christensen volunteered to pick them up when ready. The Awards Banquet will be held at Legacy Family Restaurant (in the Econo Lodge Inn & Suites), 5110B Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, on April 14 at 6:00 pm. Dinner to follow the meeting.
3. **Sunshine Committee** – Chris Jarvis –
 - a. Two card requests for club members went out since the last meeting.
 - b. Suggestions for honoring Rose
 - a) Individual donations to local humane societies in Rose's name
 - b) Individual donations to Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog, an organization that Rose was passionate about. The goal of VEST-A-DOG program is to provide a bullet & stab proof vest and First Aid Kit for every police dog in Wisconsin.
 - c) A motion was made by Dana Nelson to sponsor five years of a HIT trophy at the Beagle Nationals. Chris Jarvis seconded. The motion carried. Jessica Kachur will gather more information from the Nation Beagle Club and share with the Board about how we can help Rose's legacy live on with her favorite breed.
 - d) Sherry Salzman Scott brought up renaming the Silver Sniffer Scent Work Award that goes to the most senior dog competing in the Timber Ridge Scent Work Trial in Rose's honor. This was originally Rose's idea. Phyllis Christensen moved to rename it to the Rose Gottung Memorial Silver Sniffer Award. Deanna Willems seconded. The motion was carried.
4. **FIT Dog** – Asa Plonsky - none
5. **Feb 1-2, 2025 Spring Obedience & Rally Trial** – Trial went smoothly, well organized, judges were well-received. A full accounting will be available as receipts are turned in.

Dana Nelson and Phyllis Christensen are working with Rose's family to gain access to the Obedience paperwork

from the trial. Dana contacted the AKC to let them know what transpired. We have until Friday to turn in paperwork. Ellen Hardin has agreed to review the paperwork and make sure the AKC has what it needs.

6. Apr 25-26-27, 2025 Spring Agility Trial – Update from Karen Lemke: I need some volunteers for the committee. I can list Lisa and myself and Lori Schuman, but I think I need one more person. There will be a note on the premium that additional club members may act as trial committee members, but I still need at least one more name. It doesn't matter if the person isn't there all three days. The premium should be out shortly. When I registered the events for each day on the AKC website, they were all pended because Terry Elger, the judge, needed to complete a continuing education course. Terry took care of that, I updated the information on the AKC site, after which the AKC sent me emails confirming that processing has completed for the event. But, the event it is still listed as pended; I'm not sure why. As soon as I learn the event has been approved, I'll have Lorah get the premium out.

- a. Chairs: Lisa Huber (Fri) Karen Lemke (Sat)
- b. Trial Secretary: Lorah Marquardt
- c. Course Builder: Lori Schuman
- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- e. Judge: Terry Elger – Jessica Kachur suggested that instead of paying for a hotel in Stevens Point (about an hour drive to/from Oshkosh) that we pay mileage for the judge (who is from Milwaukee; about an hour and a half to/from Oshkosh) and offer that they can drive to and from the trial and stay at their home overnight. Karyn will contact the judge with that suggestion.
- f. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
- g. Volunteer Coordinator: *** VOLUNTEER NEEDED ***
- h. Individual Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

7. Aug 30-Sep 1, 2025, Labor Day Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- b. Trial Secretary: Lorah Marquardt (?)
- 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 ***

8. Sep 6-7, 2025, Scent Work Trial

- a. Chairs: Sherry Salzman Scott and Joyce MacKay
- b. Event Secretary:
- c. Committee Members: Sherry Salzman Scott, Joyce MacKay
- d. Judges: Bonnie Gutzwiler, Erin Rezmer, Tom Rezmer
- e. Venue: Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt, WI

9. Nov 1-2, 2025, Obedience/Rally Trial

- a. Co-Chairs:
- b. Chief Ring Steward:
- c. Trial Secretary:
- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED *** Mary Frisch
- e. Judges:
- f. Hospitality:
- g. Venue: Camp Bandy
- h. Individual Volunteer Sign-up:

10. Nov 8-9, 2025, Labor Day Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- b. Trial Secretary:
- c. Course Builder: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- d. Committee: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- e. Judge:
- f. Venue:
- g. Course Builder: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- h. Volunteer Coordinator: *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***
- i. Volunteer Sign-up: (link coming) *** VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED ***

Elections – Lori Crane (2nd meeting) Elected unanimously. Welcome Lori!

Unfinished Business

1. The remaining members with unpaid dues have been emailed a final notice. The 2025 membership list will be sent to all members soon. Please switch to using the updated list as membership and information have changed.
2. Trial Chair for Fast CAT September 13-14, 2025 – Jessica Kachur brought a proposal to the Board that we explore co-hosting the Fast CAT with Packerland Kennel Club in Green Bay. They have the facilities and will offer some volunteers, and Timber Ridge has the AKC dates. With a larger population, the chance of a more lucrative trial is possible, even splitting the proceeds with PKC. Jessica has offered to be trial secretary; we would need a trial co-chair alongside a PKC member. Phyllis Christensen made a motion to allow Jessica to represent Timber Ridge in initial discussions about the interest PKC may have in co-hosting with TROCCW. Karyn Kopecko seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jessica will contact the PKC board and report back to the TR board as soon as possible.

New Business

1. AKC notice effective October 1, 2025. The current event service fee of \$3.00 per entry will increase to \$4.50 per entry, while the \$0.50 recoding fee will remain unchanged. All clubs are expected to raise entry fees, many as much as \$5. Competitors are expecting it. Jessica Kachur moved to raise the entry fees \$2 to cover costs, and perhaps become more attractive to competitors. Phyllis Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Effective October 1, entry fees for TR events will increase \$2.
2. Volunteer opportunity at The Lodge at Whispering Pines (Plover) – meet & greet with the dogs, and possibly a demo – obedience, simple agility, scent work. Date/time TBD. There was interest in this event. Chris Jarvis will contact the facility and follow up with planning.

Next Meeting Hospitality: Deanna Willems and Melanie Wiltse

Next Meeting: March 10, 2025– 6:30 pm meeting – Portage County Public Library – Prairie Room

Meeting Adjourned –Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Schuh, seconded by Phyllis Christensen. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

In fond memory of Rose Gottung.

Braggs! Send your brags to Sarah Krueger by February 27 for the March newsletter.

February 2025 Treasurer's Report

<u>Opening Balance</u>	5,328.76		
<u>Expenses</u>			
AKC	-766.50	Recording fees Feb25 Ob/Rally trial	
DPI Printing	-56.94	Feb Trial	
Cynthia Simonsen	-752.00	Judge Fee - Feb trial	
Camp Bandy	-540.00	Feb Rental	
Storage Unlimited	-35.00	rental	
Laura Stern	-758.00	Judge Fee - Feb trial	
Asa Plonsky	-261.61	Judge hotel and expenses	
Serena Menge	-243.47	Food expense Feb trial	
USPS	-16.58	Postage	
Joyce Mackay	-140.00	AKC Recording Fees 04/25 trial	
DPI Printing	-48.01	11/24 Ob?rally trial expense	
Chris Jarvis	-64.84	Trial Expense Feb trial	
Barb Crowther	-50.00	Fee for 501(c)4 application	
Expense Total	-3,732.95		
<u>Income</u>			
Feb 25 Trial Entries	6,093.00		
Awards	101.35		
Membership Dues	90.00		
Runthroughs	175.00		
Membership Dues	360.00		
Awards	14.63		
Income Total	6,833.98		
Checking Account Balance	8,429.79		
Savings Account	32,821.82		
Pinerie's CDs	8,834.98		
Total Assets	50,086.59		
CD's	2,808.06		
	2,918.06		
	3,108.86		
	8,834.98		

Officers & Contacts

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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times



Sunday, March 9th

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

12:30 – 2 | FULL COURSE Agility

Sunday, March 23rd

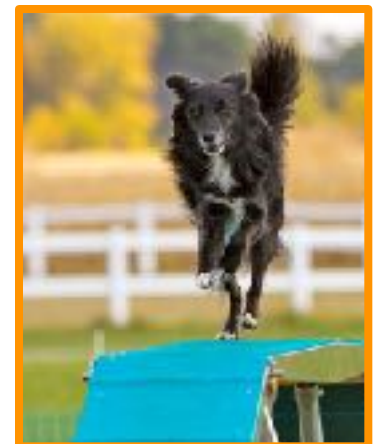
11 - 12:30 | FULL COURSE Agility

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!