

The Barker

The newsletter of
the Greater
Lincoln
Obedience Club



Announcements

AGILITY Building News: Due to a swap meet the weekend of March 12-13, 2006, the agility and flyball equipment will need to be removed from the food court on March 7. Any and all able bodies are asked to show up and help out. Contact Mary Schweitzer for more information.

PLEASE Remember: Keep your dog on-leash outside of the GLOC buildings. The city of Lincoln and the state of Nebraska both have leash laws requiring dogs to be kept on 6' leashes when not on their owner's property. Additionally, a dog on leash is less likely to be injured or killed or to cause problems for others.

You Get What You Train For

By Elbert Traylor

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“We choose to go to the moon *because* it is hard.” President John F. Kennedy used these words to explain why he set such an ambitious goal for the nation’s fledgling space program. He understood that while earth orbital missions were much easier to achieve, they would not stimulate the enormously greater scientific advances and secondary public benefits that a lunar mission would generate. Such a lofty goal didn’t allow for “good enough” performance. Every aspect of the program had to be precise from the outset. Every early development had to anticipate future needs of the program.

This philosophy pays big dividends in obedience training as well. Whether or not you plan to compete, training your dog to competition standards from the outset lays a firm foundation for the future relationship between you and your dog. Precise, immediate and enthusiastic response to obedience commands makes your interactions with your dog an experience of pure joy. Competition standards are not easy to achieve, but we derive the benefits of training to the competition level because it is hard.

When I teach exercises in class, I often refer to “what a judge would look for” in competition. I do this for several reasons. It helps

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GREATER LINCOLN OBEDIENCE CLUB BOARD MEETING

Minutes: February 2, 2006

Present: Cheryl Griffin, Vince Kamrath, Jennifer Brown, Janet Ball, Dave Hayes, Nancy Bowen, Mary Schweitzer, Judy Vitamvas, Elbert Traylor, Jayne Sebby, Hope Sass.

1. Minutes: Minutes of Jan. 28, 2006 Special Board Meeting were corrected to include Jayne Sebby in attendance. Vince Kamrath asked for correction that he did attend the January 2006 general meeting. Minutes approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jayne and Vince and detailed elsewhere in the Barker.
3. Correspondence: Cheryl reported sending a thank you to Curves for the donation of mats for agility.
4. Committee Reports

Agility: Beginning class has started, split intermediate class due to growing number of students. Building at state fair grounds was cleaned by the flyball team. Thank you. Vanessa Gorman will send out post cards and emails for the April 2006 agility premium. Discussion regarding extending the Friday portion of the April agility trial to include a specialty competition for Manchester Terriers. It was suggested we expand the classes available on Friday and open it to other dog breeds while separating the Manchester Terrier scores. Expansion of the April trial is dependent on having adequate volunteers to staff the event. The ring space is already reserved for the entire day.

Obedience: Events Center room is reserved for the Fall trial but contract is not yet complete. Judy will work on this.

Building: Dennis Drbal checked the furnace and it is in good repair. Members are asked to turn the thermostat down to 50 degrees when they exit the building.

5. Old Business: Elbert has left a message for obedience trainer Kathy Platte to inquire about Kathy conducting a seminar.
6. New Business:
New Building: Janet shared a city map marked with member locations to determine any patterns of residence. GLOC members are not clustered in any one part of Lincoln. List of potential income and expenses associated with new building was reviewed and revised. It was suggested that the training director and building chair serve as arbitrators of any building use conflicts. Further discussion of new business was recessed until after the GLOC general membership meeting.

Following the general meeting, no business was conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bowen, Recording Secretary

GREATER LINCOLN OBEDIENCE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Minutes: February 2, 2006

Present: Cheryl Griffith, Shirley and Walt Nasalik, Vincent Kamrath, Vicky Graybill, Hope Sass, Ann Kleimola, Jodi Hiskey, Jill Morstad, Margot Peterson, Christine Lehmann, Pat and Kim Wiseman, Susan Taylor, Gregg Garthright, Heather and Jeff Kulhanek, Dave Hayes, Jerry Peterson, Georgette Wolters, John and Karen Lyne, Aimee Grosdidier, Karen and Scott Merchant, Brandi Hatch, Darrin and Heather Curry, Sherry Wolf Drbal, Elbert Traylor, Kathy Zupancic, Mary Schweitzer, Jennifer Brown, Judy Vitamvas, Jayne Sebby, Nancy Bowen, Janet Ball.

1. Minutes: of January 2006 meeting were approved as written.
2. Treasurer Report: was approved as submitted by Jane Sebby and Vince Kamrath. See report elsewhere in the Barker.
3. Correspondence: Thank you sent to Curves for donation of mats for agility.
4. Agility: Thanks to flyball team for cleaning the State Fair training space. Classes have begun for this quarter. One beginning class and 2 intermediate classes. Spring trial (April 2006) premiums will be available soon via email and post cards. Agility Fun Run scheduled for 2/18/06, Saturday, noon, with \$5.00 runs or four runs for \$15.00 to be held at the State Fair food court.

Training you to train your dog for 43 years.

5. Obedience: Sherry Wolf Drbal is in process of sending in our application for the fall 2006 obedience trial. She invited suggestions for judges, especially those who live nearby.
6. Flyball: Cleanup went well, planning a flyball open house on Sunday, 2/5/06, 2:00 pm. Two trials are planned for March 2006 and one trial is planned for April 2006.
7. Building: Nancy reported she is delaying any building activity until after the discussion on a proposed new building later in the meeting.
8. Old Business: Walt Nasalik inquired about potential tax liability from past years. None have been identified.
9. Membership:
First reading – Brandi Hatch with Vizsla "Mia", 620 Driftwood Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510 486-9269.
Second Reading - Jane and Fred Susgin attended the meeting for their first reading. Approved for membership.
Second reading – Ron and Christy Anderson attended the meeting for their first reading. Approved for membership.
10. Discussion of new building: Janet Ball gave a brief background of the search for a larger building and a comparison of vital statistics of current versus proposed buildings. Handout provided with comparison of current and projected relevant revenues and expenses. Members were asked to sign up for 3 minute speaking times to ensure all members had the opportunity to speak. Eight members used this allotted time. The discussion was then opened for more interaction. The major concerns/contributions by the speakers were:
 - a. Projected increases in revenue are inflated and unrealistic.
 - b. Proposed fundraising activities will burn out the members who participate.
 - c. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation.
 - d. Parking, road conditions, traffic of large trucks.
 - e. Start-up equipment needed such as fans, mats, etc.
 - f. Location will discourage customers.
 - g. Increase income prior to increasing expenses.
 - h. Impact of cement plant at end of NW 27th.
 - i. Fire codes, occupancy codes.
 - j. Impact of competition from other dog trainers.
 - k. Impact of running classes simultaneously in large open room.
 - l. Members finding excuses to avoid risk and commitment to larger space.
 - m. Proposals of alternate spaces to check out.
11. Voting on New Building:
 - a. Motion made to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board defer voting on leasing the NW 27th building until additional information is gathered on the following topics:
Parking, road condition, air conditioning, taxes, fire code and occupancy codes. Motion carried.
 - b. Members requested a straw vote of the membership responding to the question, "If I had to vote tonight, would I vote for leasing this building?" Yea votes = 20,
nay votes = 19.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bowen, Recording Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: In this issue of the Barker, you will find two reports compiled for the Auditing Committee, the **GLOC Income Detail for 2005** and the **GLOC Disbursement Detail for 2005**. Both were submitted by Vincent Kamrath. Thank you, Vince.

PHONE LIST



<i>Mar. 5 Marcy Graybill</i>	<i>Apr. 9 Sharon Hayes</i>
<i>Mar. 12 Judy Vitamvas</i>	<i>Apr. 16 Marcy Graybill</i>
<i>Mar. 19 Sharon Hayes</i>	<i>Apr. 23 Judy Vitamvas</i>
<i>Mar. 26 Janet Ball</i>	<i>Apr. 30 Sharon Hayes</i>
<i>Apr. 2 Alicia Graybill</i>	<i>May 7 Janet Ball</i>

Selected Upcoming All-Breed Events through June

[Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota]

For more complete listings, see web sites listed.

AKC

<http://www.akc.org/events/search/index.cfm>

Obedience (O), Conformation (C), Rally (R)

Mar. 11-12, Columbia MO KC, Columbia, MO (O,R,Ag)

Mar. 11-12, Garden City KS KC, Garden City, KS (O,R,Ag)

Apr. 1-2, Clinton KC, DeWitt, IA (C,O,R)

Apr. 1-2, Scottsbluff KC, Mitchell, NE (C,O)

Apr. 7-9, Salina KC+, Valley Center, KS (C,O,R,Ag)

Apr. 8-9, Iowa City DOC, Amana, IA (O,R)

Apr. 22-23, Waterloo KC, Waterloo, IA (C,O)

Apr. 29-30, Seward County KC, Seward, NE (C,O,R)

Apr. 29-30, Heart of Iowa KC, Marshalltown, IA (C,O,R)

May 6-7, Greater St. Louis TC, St. Louis, MO (O,R)

Jun. 3-4, Rolla MO KC, Gray Summit, MO (C,O,R)

Jun. 16-18, Fort Dodge KC, Fort Dodge, IA (C,O,R)

Agility (Ag)

Mar. 3-5, Gateway Agility Club of Suburban St. Louis, Lake St. Louis, MO

Mar. 10-12, Garden City KC, Garden City, KS

Mar. 17-19, Des Moines OTC, Granger, IA

Mar. 17-19, Tri-State KC, Carthage, MO

Apr. 7-9, USASA, Gray Summit, MO

Apr. 21-23, Greater KC DTC, Kansas City, MO

Apr. 28-30, GLOC, Lincoln, NE

May 12-14, Go Dogs AC, Omaha, NE

May 26-28, Triune AC, Lawrence, KS

Tracking

Mar. 5, Greater KC DTC, Smithville, MO (TR)

Mar. 12, Gateway Tracking Club, St. Louis, MO (VST)

Mar. 12, Des Moines OTC, Knoxville, IA (TX)

Mar. 26, Cornhusker KC, Raymond, NE (TR/TX)

Apr. 2, Des Moines OTC, Marshalltown, IA (TR)

Apr. 9, Gateway Tracking Club, Robertsville, MO (TR/TX)

UKC Obedience, Agility and Conformation

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/dogevents/upcoming/index.shtml>

Canine Performance Events (Agility)

<http://www.k9cpe.com/events.htm>

Jun. 2-4, Bellevue DOC, Council Bluffs, IA

USDAA

<http://www.usdaa.com/events.cfm>

NADAC

http://www.nadac.com/calendar%20of%20events/Listing_of_trials.htm

Mar. 18-19, U2 Kan Du Agility, Lawrence, KS

Mar. 25-26, Companion DC, Wahoo, NE

Apr. 15-16, Star City Agility Team, Wahoo, NE

Apr. 22-23, Wichita DTC, Wichita, KS

Show-n-Goes, Fun Matches, Correction Matches

Companion Dog Club Show-N-Go

<http://www.k9webs.com/companion/showngo.htm>

Agility Fun Runs At KenL Inn (\$5.00)

Noah's Show-And-Gos, Crete NE

Contact Diane Nitz hpyk9s@yahoo.com for more information

NAFA Flyball Tournaments

<http://www.flyball.org>

Mar. 4-5, Ball-Driven Bandits, Omaha, NE - CANCELLED

Mar. 25-26, Smash Paws, Wichita, KS

Mar. 31-Apr. 1, Omaha 4-Play, Omaha, NE

May 6-7, Gateway Flyball, Kansas City, MO

May 19-21, Jammin' K9s, Amana, IA

Jun. 9-11, Iowa Fly Dogs, Amana, IA

JANUARY, 2006, TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>JAN., 2006</u>	<u>FEB., 2006*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
INCOME	\$ 643.75	\$ 588.75	\$ 1232.50
PAID OUT	\$ <u>2974.21</u>	\$ <u>452.06</u>	\$ <u>3426.27</u>
TOTALS	\$(2330.46)	\$ 136.69	\$(2193.77)

*As of February 14, 2006.

BALANCES

	<u>BALANCES</u>
CHECKING	\$ 3879.55
MONEY MARKET	\$ 6383.00
CD 1 (\$5000)	\$ 5162.29
CD 2 (\$25000)	\$ <u>25811.79</u>
TOTALS	\$41236.63

Good News!

CH Carwyn's When They Call My Name (Jack) earned another leg toward his CD title at the Des Moines Obedience Training Club's trial on February 11, 2005. Jack is trained and handled by Marcy. --Submitted by Alicia Graybill

Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor (glocbarker@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

Area Seminars

Grand Island Kennel Club is offering "**Implementation and Use of the Electronic Training Collar**" on **April 22, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** taught by **Mike Kerby**. Cost \$43. Prerequisites: Dog must know basic obedience commands such as "sit," "heel," and "down." Participants must provide their own electronic collars. Registration deadline is **April 10, 2006**. Contact Caroline Buettner (goldcreek97@aol.com) or Lucy Kerby (lkimagine@msn.com) or call 308-385-4949 for more information.

Forthcoming seminars at the Nebraska Humane Society include those featuring Turid Rugaas (author of Calming Signals), June 24-28, 2006 and Pat Miller, August 5-11, 2006, 8829 Fort St., Omaha, Nebraska. For more information, contact Val Poulton at vpoulton@nehumanesociety.org or 402-444-7800, ext. 151.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Members must pre-register for regular classes with Elbert Traylor at 435-7886 to receive their discount.

Direct your non-member friends to register with Southeast Community College:

<http://www.southeast.edu/> All obedience classes taught at the GLOC building, unless otherwise specified.

All agility and flyball classes held at the Food Court at the State Fair Park, unless otherwise specified.

For directions, see the web site (www.glocdogs.org). For now, for agility classes contact Mary Schweitzer at schweitzerautomotive@binary.net. For flyball, contact Alicia Graybill at a_graybill@yahoo.com.

Class	Day	Start Date	Time	Number of Sessions	Class Limit	Cost
Puppy Manners	Mon	1-May	7:00	6	10	\$40
Basic Obedience	Wed	29-Mar	7:00	8	10	\$55
	Tues	04-Apr	7:00			
	Mon	17-Apr	8:00			
	Tues	02-May	8:00			
	Wed	31-May	7:00			
Intermediate Obedience	Mon	13-Mar	7:00	6	10	\$40
	Wed	31-May	8:00			
CGC Testing	Wed	15-Mar	7:00	1	TBD	TBD
Novice Competition	Wed	12-Apr	8:00	6	10	\$40
Flyball	Mon	10-Apr	7:00	6	6	\$40
Tricks *	Mon	13-Mar	8:00	4	15	\$30
Steps: Level 1	Sat	4-Feb	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	4-Mar	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	1-Apr	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	6-May	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
Beginning Agility	Wed	11-May	8:00	10	12	\$65
Advanced Agility	Tues	10-May	8:00	10	12	\$65

* Tricks class: Teach your dog roll over, shake, speak, play dead, dance and other fun tricks that will challenge its mind and brighten your time together.

Drop In OBEDIENCE Every Thursday Except the 1st Week of the Month
BASIC/NOVICE at 7pm and OPEN/UTILITY at 8pm (\$2)
Open AGILITY Training Sundays at 3:00 at the Food Court at the State Fair Park (\$2)

Social Saturdays

Meet At Restaurant at 7 pm Unless Stated Otherwise

March 11: Windchimes, 3520 Village Dr. (Williamsburg)

March 25: HuHot Mongolian Grill, 201 N. 66th

April 8: Red Onion, (Downtown Holiday Inn, 144 N. 9th - Park in the garage and the restaurant will validate your parking ticket)

April 22: Rib Ranch, 6440 O St.

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explain why or how that particular exercise originated. It demonstrates the precise behavior or position the dog is expected to execute. It illustrates the difference between good and poor performance. And, it gives students a standard by which to measure their dog's performance of that exercise.

Every class has at least one student who complains of "no interest in competition" and doesn't care whether the dog sits straight, as long as it sits when told. These students tend to drop out early when the training moves on to stand, finish, figure 8's, pivots and other "useless" exercises. They fail to see any value in these exercises outside of competition. They fail also to understand the most important principle of obedience.

A colleague often starts classes by asking whose dog already knows how to sit, lie down and stand. Seldom are any hands raised. When asked who has ever seen their dog sit, lie down or stand when alone in the back yard, a few hands and a few chuckles emerge. The point is we seldom teach our dogs to *do* something. We teach them to do something they already know on command. Obedience training then is not so much performing exercises, as it is exercising control over the dog.

Why train to competition standards if you just want is for your dog to sit when told? It is all about control. Dogs continually test members of their pack to see who is in control. In their human pack, that's us. More dominant dogs test often and assertively: the stubborn ones. Submissive dogs test more subtly. We interpret their behavior as mischief or mistakes. Either way, the behavior is defiance of our authority.

If we effectively correct defiance, the dog submits and waits for another day. Failure to correct or a weak correction emboldens the dog to push the limits further. Accepting sloppy performance of obedience commands is exercising weak control. The dog will use this opportunity to stretch the bounds. A crooked sit evolves into a distant sit - that evolves into an unreliable sit - that evolves eventually into no sit at all. Rewarding poor performance with praise or treats accelerates this downward slide. Who wouldn't slack off a little if poor and perfect performance paid the same?

The point of training to competition standards is to make the dog strive for perfection: to obey promptly and precisely. The dog has to use its mind as well as its muscles. Sitting parallel, with the shoulder adjacent to and four inches away from the handler's knee requires considerably more skill than plunking its butt down anywhere. Training a dog to execute with precision also requires much more attention and patience on the handler's part. It requires clear and continual communication between the handler and dog.

I find that most dogs perform to expectations. When we are patient in teaching precisely what we expect and are generous in rewarding high achievements, our dogs try harder to please us. The harder the task, the harder they try. The harder they try, the more control they yield us. Setting high performance standards in obedience training requires more work on our part, but the pay-off is stronger confirmation of our position of dominance and a closer bond with our dog.

It doesn't take long before obedience training stops being work and becomes a much anticipated recreation experience for both you and your dog. In my house, the rattle of a slip chain brings all the dogs running. Someone is going out for fun.

Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, Board of Directors & Committees

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	and Janet Ball	5015 W. Kingsley Lincoln, NE 68524	470-2171
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