



The Newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, Inc. January 2005

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to check and respond to phone messages. Please contact Sharon Hayes (488-8983) if you are willing to do this.

NEW SHOW & GO Obedience practice runs at Noah's Assistance Dogs, 910 W. 12th Crete, NE (next to Super 8 Motel, west end of Crete on Hwy. 33). Sundays: **Feb 20, Mar 20, April 17**. \$5/run. Entries open from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. Judging begins at 10:00 am. Carpeted rings in a climate controlled facility. Ring one: novice and pre-novice run simultaneously. Ring two: utility, followed by open.
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Social Saturdays

Meet At Restaurant at 7 pm Unless Stated Otherwise
February 13, Wind Chimes, 3520 Village Dr., Williamsburg Village
February 27th, T&R Garden, 5250 Cornhusker

Phone List

<i>Feb. 6 Sharon Hayes</i>	<i>March 13</i>	<i>Janet Ball</i>
<i>Feb. 13 Sharon Hayes</i>	<i>March 20</i>	<i>Sharon Hayes</i>
<i>Feb. 20 Marcy Graybill</i>	<i>March 27</i>	<i>Sharon Hayes</i>
<i>Feb. 27 Judy Vitamvas</i>	<i>April 3</i>	<i>Marcy Graybill</i>
<i>Mar. 6 Sharon Hayes</i>	<i>April 10</i>	<i>Judy Vitamvas</i>

GENERAL MEETING TIMES

GLOC Bldg, 7:00 PM
1st Thursday of the month
February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th

SUBMISSIONS to the Barker need to be in by the 15th of every month. E-mail them to Vanessa Gorman at vgorman1@unl.edu or call 327-9930

Backyard Agility Equipment on a Dime by Jerry Harder

First I would like to thank those who offer their time to build our club's standard equipment and to help train us and our dogs. This article is dedicated to them, for without them our club could not be complete in these events. Thank you!

Our club's standard agility equipment is available at limited times; one class and one practice session a week is probably not enough for rapid progress. Training consistently and frequently is key to any athlete, man or dog. I live out of town so a trip in to town for a practice adds an additional 1.5 hours and \$10 gas. In my budget and I assume others, these are costs can get to be prohibitive. I need the club for training me but the daily training sessions have to happen at home. The answer to this dilemma is owning your own agility equipment, but who can afford such an expensive outlay? The answer is anyone and this article is about how.

The key is getting every thing you need quickly and cheaply so that you can be training without delays. That means realizing what it is you really need. I distilled this down to 4 or 5 jumps and a set of weave poles. More is better and more of the different stuff is better but I feel that the two hardest things are the weave poles and teaching yourself and the dog how to move about the course. These two pieces of equipment are some of the easiest and cheapest to make. It is also important to realize that it is not critical (and perhaps undesirable) to make everything standard. If your dog gets used to jumping jumps of different designs, widths, heights and colors he is not likely to be disturbed by any odd little differences in standard equipment. When I make my cheap and sleazy stuff I don't even use a tape measure, so lack of building skill is not an excuse.

I am probably the proud owner of what is probably the largest, ugliest, most substandard set of agility equipment in the Midwest. See the bulletin board for photos. It was built over the last 2 months for about \$10. For example my weave poles are electric fence poles with different heights and colors and thickness of scrap PVC on them. I have pause tables made of a 4 ft concrete manhole cover, upside down wooden box, and pallets. A tire and a hula hoop are suspended from a tree and a seesaw is made from a piece of culvert and board. My dog walk is a board on concrete blocks and my tunnel is just a barrel with the ends cut out.

I collect pallets and shipping crates from farm implement dealers, hardware stores and lawn mower shops. I take them apart and save the good wood for other projects. The remaining pile of scrap is ready for the wood burning stove- but wait! It still gets one last chance to be something! A jump for my back yard agility set.

My favorite tools are a hammer, crowbar, circular saw, pencil, and a drill driver with torx screws. Although torx screws are more expensive, they can be removed more easily and reused without the heads stripping out. Before starting, it is important to remove any screws, nails, staples, or splinters that may injure a dog. Then, I just look at my pile of junk wood and start building something. I usually start with something that looks like a big I---I or

++ for the base adding the 2 uprights and bracing as necessary. Form follows function. Sometimes I use screws to balance the cross pieces, and sometimes I cut small pieces of wood with a “v” on my band saw to hold them up. For short jumps, I might even screw them completely together. Pallet lumber tends to be brittle so pre-drilling holes for screws will help keep the wood from splitting.

Once you have enough jumps to practice the tricks you learn in class (like the front and back crossovers) you can think about using some of that other wood you saved for some more standard jumps and other equipment. Remember that unlike jumps, the contact equipment needs to be sturdy enough to support the dog. I am currently building a seesaw. Everything on it IS measured to be standard. Although it is also made of salvaged lumber, once it is finished and painted you would never know it. This type of equipment takes much much more time to make.

If you are worried about your dog not working on standard equipment, or you don’t have the skills or equipment to make anything other than the jumps, just come to class. Our club has great stuff. There you can focus on the stuff you don’t have. But I hope I’ve helped you realize you can make some practice equipment of your own.

TREASURER’S REPORT

<u>SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS</u>				
	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	YTD
INCOME	3,942.30	442.00	2,769.00	38,147.97
PAID OUT	<u>5,807.45</u>	<u>6,211.10</u>	<u>1,200.77</u>	<u>35,794.36</u>
GAIN/LOSS	(1,865.15)	(5,769.10)	1,568.23	2,353.61
<u>BALANCES</u>				
	Oct. 31, 2004	Nov. 30, 2004	Dec. 31, 2004	
CHECKING	8,320.47	2,551.37	4,119.60	
MONEY MRKT	<u>36,282.09</u>	<u>36,304.46</u>	<u>36,329.08</u>	
TOTAL	44,602.56	38,855.83	40,448.68	
Respectfully Submitted, Vince Kamrath				

AREA SEMINARS

“Attitude + Attention = Accuracy.” An **obedience workshop** by Marilyn Donlon, February 26-27, 2005, in Columbia Missouri, sponsored by the Columbia Canine Sports Center and the American Belgian Tervuren Club. Information: www.columbiak9sportscenter.com.

Agility Seminar with Stacy Peardot-Goudy, March 5-6, sponsored by the Wichita Dog Training Club. seminars@wichitadogtraining.org.

Obedience Seminar with Diane Schultz, July 16-17, sponsored by the Wichita Dog Training Club. seminars@wichitadogtraining.org.

“Beginning and Advanced Exercises for the Canine Athlete” with Joan Lang, Aug. 6-7, 2005, sponsored by the Long Institute for Canine Massage, Inc. and the Wichita Dog Training Club. seminars@wichitadogtraining.org.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Vitamvas, Elbert Traylor, Jennifer Brown, David Hayes, Vincent Kamrath

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of December 2, 2004, were approved as written.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No Correspondence.

TREASURER: Reported elsewhere in the Barker. Vince still has to complete the Sales Taxes and pay them, but year end profit looks to be about \$3000.00.

TRAINING: Elbert has a master list of classes through the summer.

AUDIT: Elbert agreed to head the auditing committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Vince is meeting with our insurance agent the week of January 10 and should have a new policy by the end of the week. Farm Bureau is not carrying our liability policy and is turning that business over to a different company.

NEW BUSINESS: Vanessa has informed us that AKC is now going to require clubs to provide a wicket for agility trials. These are expensive. We have been borrowing Melody Jensen's but that may not always be possible. Dave Hayes offered to make one. This will be checked into.

We decided to make keys for the building on the State Fair Grounds we rented for agility. The deposit fee will be \$25.00 and the criteria for getting one will be the same as for the Club Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Vitamvas

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Brown, Judy Vitamvas, Andrew Pitcher, Anne Devries, David Hayes, Elbert Traylor, Sherry Wolf Drbal, Eileen Van Lent, Pat Robidoux, Don Tuttle, Jack Higgins, Steve Soberski, Vincent Kamrath, Cheryl Griffith, Janet Ball, Bill Kluck, Grace Kluck, Jerry Harder, Fred Martin, Rosemary Martin, Greg Anderson, Dave Monday. Guests: Susan Garrett, Dale Rettre.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of December 2 were corrected to reflect the presence of Janet Ball and someone else, whom I didn't catch (sorry) and approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No correspondence was received or sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER: Reprinted elsewhere in Barker.

BUILDING: Instructors were reminded to vacuum after classes.

AGILITY: New agility classes starting on Tuesday and Wednesday. Contact Mary Schweitzer, Donna Bundy or Jane Sebby for information. There will not be formal Sunday practice when the outside temperature is below 20 degrees.

TRAINING: Elbert has a master sheet for future classes. He always needs instructors and assistants. Check the schedules as some classes have been rearranged to allow for different participants.

AWARDS: The Annual Awards Banquet will be at Golden Corral on North 27th Street, on January 29. Janet needs the form for titles earned completed tonight.

NEW BUSINESS: Election were held for 2005 Officers and Board members. Persons chosen re as follows:

<u>President:</u>	Judy Vitamvas	<u>Board:</u>	Jennifer Brown
<u>Vice Pres:</u>	Nancy Bowen		David Hayes
<u>Recording Sec:</u>	Beverly McGhghy		Hope Sass
<u>Corresponding Sec:</u>	Janet Ball		
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Vince Kamrath		

Elbert Traylor was elected by the Board to complete the second year of Karen Nelson's term on the Board. Ann Kleimola has a year left in her term.

First Reading:

- Susan Garrett, 2301 South 38th Street, Lincoln, 68506, 483-4641, Bouviers, Simone and Kita.
- Georgette Wolters, 1130 W. Pioneers Blvd., Lincoln 68522, 328-9268, Lab mix Payne and English Springer Spaniel Dandy.

Second Reading: Bill and Teddi Kluck, son William and daughter Grace. The Klucks were elected into membership.

The meeting was adjourned by motion, second and vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Vitamvas
Recording Secretary

Upcoming All-Breed Events, Nov through March

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

AKC Obedience and Conformation

Feb. 5-6, St. Joseph KC, **St. Joseph MO**
 Feb. 20, Keomah KC, **Des Moines IA**
 Mar. 12-13, Garden City Kansas KC, **Garden City KS**
 Mar. 12-13, Columbia Missouri KC, **Columbia MO**
 Mar. 26-27, Dubuque KC, **Dubuque IA**

AKC Agility [www.akc.org]

Feb. 17-20, Triune Agility Club of Lawrence KS and
 Agility Ability of Greater Kansas City, **Lawrence KS**
 Mar. 5-6, Gateway Agility Club of Suburban St. Louis,
Lake St. Louis MO
 Mar. 12-13, Garden City KC, **Garden City KS**
 Mar. 18-20, Des Moines Obedience Training Club,
Granger IA

USDA Events [http://www.usdaa.com/events.cfm]

NADAC Agility

[http://www.nadac.com/calendar%20of%20events/Listin
 g_of_trials.htm]
 Dec 17-19, U2 Kan Du Agility, **Lawrence KS**
 Jan 29-30, Companion Dog Club, Wahoo NE
 Mar. 18-20, U2 Kan Du Agility, **Lawrence KS**

Companion Dog Club Show-N-Go

[http://www.k9webs.com/companion/showngo.htm]

AKC Tracking [www.akc.org]

Feb. 20, Cornhusker Kennel Club, Raymond NE
 [TR/TX]
 Mar. 13, Des Moines Obedience Training Club,
 Knoxville IA [TX]

UKC Agility and Obedience Events

Dec 17-19, U2 Kan Du Agility, **Lawrence KS**

Companion Dog Club Show-N-Go

AKC Tracking [www.akc.org]

UKC Agility and Obedience Events

Noah's Assistance Dogs SHOW-N-GOs

Feb 20
 Mar 20
 April 17

Canine Performance Events

Feb. 13, Agility Trial, Star City Agility Team,
 Lincoln NE

What A Good Dog!

Daniel Torres' Rottweiler Tanker, (Von Eisenhart Farro) received the following titles in the past year and a half CGC ,BH , CD, BST, ZTP, SCH1, and Multi V-1. He was rated at the USRC National, was USRC N.C. Regional Select Male And 2003 National Select male.

Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor (vgorman1@unl.edu) by the 15th of each month.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Members pre-register for regular classes with Elbert Traylor at 435-7886 to receive your discount. Direct your non-member friends to register with Southeast Community College: <http://www.southeast.edu/>

Class	Day	Start Date	Time	Number of Sessions	Class Limit	Cost
Puppy Manners	Tues	1-Mar	7:00 - 7:50 PM	6	10	\$40
Basic Obedience	Wed	9-Feb	7:00-7:50 PM	8	8	\$50
	Wed	9-Mar	8:00-8:50 pm	8	8	\$50
Novice Competition	Mon	14-Mar	8:00-8:50 PM	6	10	\$40
Tricks *	Mon	28-Feb	7:00-7:50 PM	4	8	\$25
Steps: Level 1	Sat	29-Jan	10:00-10:50 AM	10	5	\$60
	Sat	19-Feb	10:00-10:50 AM	10	5	\$60
	Sat	12-Mar	10:00-10:50 AM	10	5	\$60

* 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 By Obedience Every Thursday Except the 1st Week of the Month

OPEN AGILITY TRAINING: Sundays at 3:00 at the food court at the State Fair Park

SNOW POLICY * SNOW POLICY *** SNOW POLICY *** SNOW POLICY**

We will have classes (and meetings) unless Southeast Community College is closed due to bad weather. If an instructor determines he or she cannot make the class, that person is responsible for calling their students.

Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, Board of Directors & Committees

President

Judy Vitamvas 2014 Burnham St., Lincoln NE 68502

423-1498

Past President	Elbert Traylor	802 Judson St., Lincoln NE 68521	435-7886
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	Ann Kleimola	7630 Vine St., Lincoln, NE 68505	486-1043
	Hope Sass	1540 N. 2 nd Rd. Eagle, NE 68347	781-2864
	Elbert Traylor	802 Judson St., Lincoln NE 68521	435-7886
Committee Chairs			
Agility	Judy Vitamvas	2014 Burnham St., Lincoln, NE 68502	423-1498
Awards	Janet Ball	5015 W. Kingsley Lincoln, NE 68524	470-2171
Building	Marcy Graybill	4234 St. Paul, Lincoln, NE 68504	466-7035
Fall Obedience Trial	Sherry Wolf-Drbal	4430 Van Dorn St. Lincoln, NE 68506	489-8069
	and Janet Ball	5015 W. Kingsley Lincoln, NE 68524	470-2171
Librarian	Beverly McGhghy	5240 Colby St., Lincoln, NE 68504	465-4282
Membership Programs	Sharon Hayes	3429 Woodbine Ave., Lincoln, NE 68516	488-8983
	and Steve Soberski	2300 Smith St., Lincoln, NE 68502	477-7147
	Eileen Brewster	2300 Smith St., Lincoln, NE 68502	477-7147
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