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Winter Wonderland!

- By Marla Belzowski – Editor



December is upon us with all the festivities of the winter season. Already we've had a few heavy snow falls to remind us how to drive in bad weather.

As we bustle about, getting gifts for giving and food for feasting, and curse the shortness of day for sending out cards on line or invitations to family and friends for times to get together, remember to keep an eye on your pets and make sure they are not getting into something they should not be, such as chocolates, bones from the turkey, or tinsel from the tree or slipping out the door left open in the busy rush..

Have a Merry and safe Holiday Season with family and friends and we will see you all in the New Year.



Shout Out!



Thank you YABTC for all your support of the North Coast Coursers of Ohio AKC Lure coursing Field Trial at Portage County Fairgrounds September 8 & 9.

There were 60 CAT entries on Saturday & 59 CATS on Sunday. "The most beautiful thing in the world is to see a dog running without a leash." Tally ho!

Rob Garrett, President North Coast Coursers of Ohio

Member in the Spotlight....



Liz Wise

Can I get a w00t, w00t? And, let's throw in a Yay, too!

YABTC's very own Liz Wise of Ravenna, Ohio made the 20-hour trek to Bryan, Texas at the end of October to compete at the 2014 Australian Shepherd Club of America National Specialty. Liz and her two Australian Shepherds, ATCH II Regatta Whiskey Zero Zero Tango DNA-VP NA NAJ RS-E-SP JS-E-SP GS-E-SP (w00t) and ATCH Fly Away's Bravo Zulu DNA-VP NA NAJ RS-E-OP JS-E-SP GS-E-OP STD-s (Yay),



were two of 88 agility teams that participated in the national event. When the dust settled, literally because the agility arena had dirt flooring, w00t leapt into a 5th Overall finish with Yay not far behind at 17th place!

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Would you have guessed that this was Liz's first time entering this event? Or that she has only been involved in agility for five years? And that crazy colored socks make you run faster?

You don't have to guess because we're about to tell you.

The agility bug bit down on Liz about five years ago after she decided it looked like a fun activity to do. She built her own equipment and transformed her front yard into an agility course.

Liz's self-taught skills led to her putting elite titles on two dogs by 2012. By late 2012 she was accepted as a member at YABTC after being encouraged to check out their agility program by a fellow member. "I met Pat Goodwin at an ASCA trial that spring and she mentioned YABTC and made me check out the class offerings. Yay was 18 months old, it was his first trial and he got his novice titles, so I entered him in Carol Kershner's Monday morning Agility 1/2 class. The next session I put w00t in Lotta's advanced class and that's where we still live."

Shortly after joining YABTC, Liz began subbing as an agility instructor and moved up as a regular instructor for the Thursday Jumpers courses.



Both w00t and Yay have their AKC novice agility titles, but Liz mostly frequents ASCA events in the area, which is what led to her qualifying both w00t and Yay for ASCA Nationals.

According to Liz, any ASCA registered Aussie can enter Nationals, but in order to enter the Finals, you need to be a member in good standing and qualify between June 1st and May.

Qualifying for the agility portion goes by number of Q's, and only the top 60 dogs competing at the elite level are invited to compete, along with the top 30 dogs running in the veterans and junior divisions. This year 88 agility teams showed up to compete for the national title.

This was the first time that Liz entered the event. "In April when I checked the standings I saw that Yay was at #62 and on the alternate list for agility finals. That little competitive spark ignited and I had to see if I could qualify him too. w00t was already in at #34. And then when Yay came in at #53 at the year-end count, I felt like I had to go."



So how did she prepare herself and the dogs for an event this size? "I basically just tried not breaking anything we'd worked on so far. I didn't press for more accuracy or more distance, tried to not fret and keep it fun to get good speed. A happy dog runs faster than a dog who is worrying about being right."



In Liz's words, this is how it all went down over the day's events. "w00t placed 5th overall, which I feel is pretty true to how he ran that day.

We were connected and had a lot of fun. We could have had better - as in faster - contact performance,

and if he'd gotten the gamble... Yay came in 17th overall.



He on the other hand didn't bring his A-game. We had some focus issues, he was clearly more distracted about the different running conditions, but he enjoyed himself taking a few extra tunnels here and there. And he had a smoking fast gamblers opening.

Liz wanted to share the following in hopes that it will help someone else try something they thought was out of reach. "If you're thinking about going out of your comfort zone, whether it be nationals or entering your first trial. What are you waiting for? Even if things don't pan out, you'll have a lot of fun with your dog striving for it. Enjoy the ride. Every run might be your last together, make it count. Also, crazy socks makes you run faster."

If you've ever watched Liz run her Aussies on a course you'll know what she's talking about when she says that they were connected and had fun. The energy level they bring will make you envious and their competitive spirit will inspire you to try harder.

Be sure to tell her congratulations along with a w00t and a Yay!

Congratulations!



More Shout Outs!

A FEW GOOD MEN AND A FEW GOOD WOMEN...

Again, we salute each and every one of the dedicated and hard working club members (along with some spouses and friends) that made the November agility trial a success at the Wellness Center in Niles. This awesome core group of volunteers worked as hard as ever to make everything run smoothly for the two day trial. We really can't thank you enough! And for those of you that don't realize it it, these trials are one of the big reasons we can enjoy that beautiful building we now have. Yes, it is taking some really hard work, but we are doing it! THANK YOU again for all of your help!!!

Lotta Shafer (worker herder)

Baby-Puppy Alert!



From Marla Belzowski

LegendHold Collies welcomed into the world a litter of puppies long in the making.

Rapunzel, Earthstar's Tangled at LegendHold RN whelped 4 rough, sable and white puppies on November 13th. The litter consisted of 3girls and boy. 9 year old daddy Rush, LegendHold Talent on Loan CD, HSAd is already looking forward to raising his son and the little girl that looks and acts just like his naughty sister Mae, auntie of the litter.

Rapunzel is being a very good and very protective momma. I'm going to be really busy showing dogs next year - if I ever get time away from traveling for work.



More Brags...

From Debra Harper & Yvette Shipman

The two day Agility show at The Wellness Center in Niles was a success due to everyone pitching in and working together to make this a great show. The setup crew, show workers, and all the behind the scenes workers including the office staff, worker herders and not to forget the gift basket raffle workers should be proud of a job well done.



On a personal note, both Debbie Harper with her Shetland Sheepdog "Miley" and Yvette Shipman with her Australian Shepherd "AJ" won their Open Jumpers with Weaves Titles under judge Don Skibniewski. What a great way to finish the weekend!

Good luck to those who are showing at the IX Center!

From Debra Harper

Miley and her offspring Q'd at YABTC November Agility Trials!



Enthralling's Hannah Montana BN,RA, OA, OAJ, NF (Miley) qualified with a first place in Open FAST at the agility trial on Saturday, November 29.

Miley's male puppy, Harper's The Phantom Tobias (Tobey), qualified in Novice B FAST with a first place.

Her female puppy, Harper's Sweet Bit of Elegance (Ellie), qualified in Novice B JWW with a second place. This was the puppies' second agility trial.

From Dan & Vilma O'Neill

The O'Neills win Breeders Stake at Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States Nationals.



Then MBIFDC, Diamond's Sojourner Veritas, MC, LCX, CGC won Best of Breed at the Portage Co. Fairgrounds Nov. 8 & 9. hosted by the North Coast Coursers of Ohio Lure Coursing Field Trial. Sunday she got Best in Field.

Her run off was against a Whippet, Saluki, Greyhound and an Afghan. Ridgebacks Rule!

The ASFA Region 8 Invitational Lure Coursing Field Trial held in Hanover, PA Nov. 29 & 30 was a big weekend for SOJIE. Dan & Vilma's Ridgeback won the BREED. The American Sight Hound Field Association sponsored the event.

It was hosted by the Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club. There were 4 judges from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Sojie ran 745 yards 3 times on Saturday and 800 yards 4 times on Sunday to win BOB. Tally ho Sojie !!

Upcoming Events and Activities!



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Acana	Fromm
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Nutri Source	

George Alston is holding a Super Advanced Seminar

When: May 2 and 3, 2015

**Where: Beaver County Kennel Club
580 Jackson Street
Rochester, Pa. 15074**

SUPER ADVANCED SEMINAR: \$150.00

This is the last SUPER ADVANCED SEMINAR that George will teach. It consists of all blackboard & lecturing on how to change a dogs anatomy while in motion.

It is for the folks that want & are currently showing their Special in GROUPS & BEST IN SHOW.

George will continue to teach the basic Beginners & Advanced seminars in the spring at the Beaver County Kennel Club & also the in the fall at Salisbury, Md.

Payment must accompany registration form in order to reserve your place in the seminar.

Please make checks payable to Beaver County

Kennel Club and mail to:
Johnette Dinello
705 Laughlin Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
(724) 375-0837



Your registration is not final until both the registration form and payment have been received. Cancellations must be received at least two weeks prior to seminar date for refund. For more information and online registration form:

<http://beavercountykennelclub.org/conformation.html>

Up-Coming YABTC Events



December



3	Board Meeting YABTC Building	7:30 PM
24-25	Christmas – No Classes	
27	Christmas Party	6:00 PM

Christmas Party Information

Sat ~ December 27th ~ Fifth Seasons Restaurant on Route 46;
Gather at 5:30; Eat at 6:00; must complete the Ticket Information Form and send \$25 (per meal) to Mary Mignogna (5612 Norquest Boulevard, Austintown OH 44515) or give to her at the Club or in her mail slot at the Club. There will be 2 raffles like we normally have. Hope to see everyone there. Once the Ticket Information Form is available, it will be posted on FB or email Mary @ MiMarAkitas@gmail.com

Chinese Raffle:

Bring a gift (wrapped) with a value of \$10. Tickets will be sold for this raffle.

West Virginia Raffle: Bring a wrapped gift with a value of less than \$10. An explanation of this raffle will precede the event.

January Preview

5	Board Meeting	7:30 PM
14	Agility Committee Meeting	6:00 -8:00 PM
19	Membership Meeting	7:00 PM





Annual Club Christmas Party!



Please join us for as we celebrate another year of training and trialing. Holiday Dinner will be held at The **Fifth Season Banquet Center, Mineral Ridge on December 27, 2014**. Cost of the meal will be \$25.00 for each person. Doors will open at 6 pm and Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. In order to have a proper head count, everyone attending must present a dinner ticket at the door. Instructor or assistant? The meal is on YABTC, but we still need you to turn in a form. Deadline for reservations is Dec. 20th. Contact Mary Mignogna at mimarakitas@gmail.com or download the form (Coming Soon) from the www.YABTC.org website.

Menu will be:

Parmesan-Romano Crusted Chicken Breast with spinach Alfred
Broiled Cod with a lemon Sherry Wine Sauce
Pasta with Vodka Cream Sauce
Parsley Redskin Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Salad, Bread, Rolls/Butter Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks



Good Sportsmanship Award:

At the Holiday dinner the Good Sportsmanship Award will be present to a member that has demonstrated what makes up a good sportsmanship.

Nominations from the membership will be available during training classes and at the November meeting.

Nomination criteria:

The nominee has provided YABTC with at least five (5) years of dedication and unselfish service to the club. (Example: Volunteering for the club for YABTC events or serving on YABTC committees)

The nominee must be in good standing with YABTC.

The nominee practices/practiced fair and good sportsmanlike conduct while exhibiting dogs. And at all times during the shows/canine events.

A general willingness to help and educate others, especially novices, in a friendly manner.

Promotes responsible ownership of dogs.

Or provides a valuable community service with their dog(s).

Or has been actively volunteering in breed rescue.



2014 Obedience and Rally Schedule



The 2015 Training Schedule is almost finished! We will have some changes in names to the Obedience class for 2015. What was Pre Novice will now be called Beginners Novice, Pre- Open will now be called Graduate Open class. We are attempting to align our names with the AKC titling classes. We will be needing instructors to step up in January and help teach classes contact Dale Burrier if you can teach or assist in a class.



11th Annual Youngstown All Breed Conformation Fun Match Sunday, March 1, 2015



13210 Mahoning Avenue
North Jackson, Ohio 44451
www.yabtc.com
Registration: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Judging starts at 10:00 a.m.
Building opens at 7:30 a.m.

PRE-ENTRIES POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 22nd - \$8.00
DAY OF MATCH ENTRIES - \$10.00
LITTER FEE (3 or more same litter) - \$15.00

CLASSES divided by age and sex

Novice Puppy 3-6 months
Junior Puppy 6-9 months
Senior Puppy 9-12 months
Adults over 12 months

Jr Showmanship and Adult Handling Classes

Junior Showmanship
(under 6 yrs/6-10 yrs/10-14 yrs/14-18 yrs)
Adult Handling
(18 yrs and over)

JUDGES

TO BE ANNOUNCED

There will be 3 rings, Working, Sporting and Herding will be judged first
and then the rest of the Groups to follow as Rings become available.

FOOD ~ RAFFLE ~ VENDORS ~ ROSETTES AND PRIZES

GROOMING SPACE IS VERY LIMITED ~ NO CHALKING OR BLOWDRYERS PERMITTED

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM 2015

Pre-Entries must be postmarked by February 22, 2015 to get pre-entry fees

NAME: _____ Arm Band # _____ (we fill in)

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ Phone/Cell: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____

GROUP (circle one): Herding Working Sporting Non-Sporting Terrier Hound Toy

CLASS: [] 3-6 months [] 6-9 months [] 9-12 months [] 12 months and over

HANDLING: [] Jrs under 8 yrs [] Jrs 8-12 yrs [] Jrs 13-17 yrs [] Adults 18 yrs and over

COST: \$8.00 PRE-ENTRY; \$10.00 DAY OF MATCH; Please make checks payable to YABTC

Mail pre-entries to: Shelley Kacenski; 667 Wilcox Road; Youngstown, Ohio 44515

For more information please email Shelley Kacenski at: snowangelsiberians@gmail.com



Youngstown All-Breed Training Club presents:

Intro to Conformation Class and Run – Thrus

January 11, 2015 through March 8, 2015

**Our Beginner's Class is an 8 week course with your dog on Sundays from 1:00pm - 2:00pm weekly, complete with one entry for the Fun Match that will be held at YABTC on Sunday, March 1, 2015. Cost is \$100.00 per person and includes your one entry to the match.
(Discount for YABTC members)**

Registration is a MUST !!
(Space is limited so call NOW!!)

All-Breed Conformation Run-Thrus will be held weekly through February in conjunction with the Beginner's class from 2:00pm – 3:00pm / Cost is \$5.00 per handler.

**Come and join us at the Youngstown All-Breed Training Club –
13210 Mahoning Avenue ♦ P.O. Box 397 ♦ North Jackson, Ohio ♦ 44451**

(New Location - West of Bailey Road, Across from the North Jackson water tower.)

Register now by calling: 330-538-3903 – Leave message for Susan Fithian or by email:
Cherokee538@att.net
(Please include Conformation class in the subject line)

New Fees for Agility Classes Beginning in January 2015

For club members, JWW, Agility 1, Agility 2, Agility 3 and Advance Agility classes will be \$24 for an 8 week class. This includes repeating the class. Intro and Beginners remain \$50 for members. The new pricing will begin January 1.

**** Checks must be received by the registrar at least a week in advance to reserve a spot in class. ****

Agility Practice

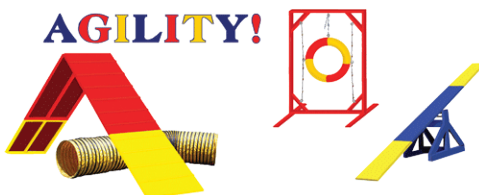
If you are a club member, you are welcome to practice agility on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is no fee and there are experienced handlers available to answer any questions you may have.

Agility classes for the next session

First Agility Session of 2015					
Class	Day	time	start date	end date	instructor
JWW advanced	Thursday	11:00 AM	Jan 8	Feb 26	Liz Wise
JWW	Thursday	12:00 PM	Jan 8	Feb 26	Pam Benus
Agility 3	Thursday	6:30 PM	Jan 8	Feb 26	Cris Conery
Advanced Agility	Thursday	7:45 PM	Jan 8	Feb 26	Cris Conery
Agility 1	Friday	5:30 PM	Jan 9	Feb 27	Cindy Steeves
Agility 2	Friday	6:30 PM	Jan 9	Feb 27	??
Agility 2	Friday	7:30 PM	Jan 9	Feb 27	??
Agility 2	Saturday	9:00-10:30 AM	Jan 10	Feb 28	JoAnn Fedyski, Susanne Stiffler
Beginners Agility	Saturday	11:00 AM	Jan 10	Feb 28	Marcy Marley
Agility 1	Saturday	12:00 PM	Jan 10	Feb 28	Marcy Marley
Agility 2	Saturday	2:30 PM	Jan 10	Feb 28	Jay Wootten
Agility Practice - members open gym	Sunday	8 AM - 10 AM	Jan 11	Mar 1	JoAnn Fedyski
Agility Practice - members open gym	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12	Jan 11	Mar 1	Cindy Zeisler
Advanced Agility, 8"&20"&24"	Monday	11:00 AM	Jan 12	Mar 2	Lotta Shafer
Advanced Agility, 12"&16"	Monday	12:00 PM	Jan 12	Mar 2	Lotta Shafer
Advanced Agility, 20"	Monday	1:00 PM	Jan 12	Mar 2	Lotta Shafer
Beginners Agility	Monday	5:30 PM	Jan 12	Mar 2	??
Agility 1	Monday	6:45 PM	Jan 12	Mar 2	Rae Reinhart

Interested in Agility?

If you wish to become an active member of the agility program, please come join us at our next Agility Committee meeting on **Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 6:00 -8:00.**



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