

# WAG 'N TAILS

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## THE FUTURE IS COMING

### **The Latest Building Status**

Hi WAG'sters!!!

Here's a little update on our building situation. We're concentrating on the Johnsborg building. Toni is busily negotiating with the owner's lawyer, who has turned out to be quite helpful and very supportive in our efforts to be able to rent this building.

Recap of the Johnsborg building: Address is 5701 Weatherstone Way, 27,000 sq ft, 3.8 miles from our current location, heated, will have a/c, will have good parking, 30 days' notice to current tenant needed, needs a variance.

Biggest stumbling block right now is the sprinkler situation. There would definitely need to be a sprinkler system installed if we take the wall down. The owner's lawyer consulted a sprinkler company and was given an estimate of \$80,000 at the max. There would also need to be a holding tank as the building is on well water, I'm not sure if this is included in the above price or not.

If we don't take down the wall but instead install fire doors (the lawyer called them curtains - which I believe are different than doors), there would be two 10' x 20' openings, and the cost would be in the area of \$65,000.

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Our preference is to take the wall down, that will give us many options in designing our space (and believe me, Diana has many, many, many, many, whew, many options designed).

The a/c came in at about \$110,000, but they are willing to install this if we commit to a 10-year lease.

If we can work this out, we'll end up with a beautiful building - fully air conditioned and fully sprinkled.

Negotiations are ongoing, which is why there's not much to update at the moment. We will keep the membership apprised of the progress on this.

As for parking, they are going to put in a parking lot on some acreage next to the building, which will allow for up 80 spots. We will also be able to park in the lot of the building across the street, the building's lot at the northwest end of Weather stone Way, and on the street (except for overnight or when there is more than 2" of snow). Needless to say, we'll have ample parking. And NO ice cream trucks to maneuver around!

We have many plans for increasing classes, adding premium classes, adding workshops and seminars, even possibly adding events other than agility (such as obedience, rally, tricks, etc.). Thank you to all who filled out the survey we passed out, there is a lot of enthusiasm out there for expansion! This kind of reminds me of when we first started WAG. Who knew we would grow like this!?! :)

Patti Jo Yuswak 

WI-IL Agility Group (WAG) President



## SPECIAL BULLETIN:

Review the Membership List & Send Mailing Address Updates to [Julie Janke](#)  
Session 5 Class Registration begins during Sept 14th - Sept 28th  
Board Meeting: Friday, October 9th at 7:30pm  
General Membership Meeting: Friday, November 20th at 7:30pm





# BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

AUGUST 14TH, 2015

## Board Approvals...

- ✦ Diane Sanders requested an extension of 4 months for her CSA classes. Board approved.
- ✦ Ring rental payment process was drafted. Gayle Pluta will be in charge of monitoring but had several questions. One main concern was the timing for cancellation notices. 12 hours was suggested. New ring rental policy has been implemented effective 8-1-15
- ✦ Value of cards has been changed to \$20 to be consistent with AKC fee change to be implemented on November 1. Also discussing the change to the "5 card per class" payment to make the cards equal to the new \$20 face value. Effective August 7, the cards now have a face value of \$20.
- ✦ Nadia Adint asked if she could spray around the potty area to reduce number of mosquitoes. Board approved and asked also to have her spray parking area.
- ✦ Mary asked for permission to put together a dog treat basket for the Spring Grove Fire District fund raising door prize. Board approved.
- ✦ A new Level 1.A student brought her BIS to class not knowing that the current policy excludes them from attending. She was allowed to stay for the class with no problems to any other dogs. Discussion ensued whether a BIS should be allowed in class similar to most other training facilities that allow them. Board members support this change to policy so a proposal was initiated and passed to begin a trial period to allow BIS to attend class (panties required) with option of student to take BIS credit and skip class instead if they wish. Trial period will be effective from March 3 thru April 9 – day before next board meeting.

## Members FYI...

- ✦ A moving committee: Toni has started a list of what needs to be done. Jeff Rapey is handling all the flooring and Elaine Stuby is handling the crate move.
- ✦ WAG has held two fundraiser: "Basket" raffle at AKC July trial and brought in an estimated \$1,200. Ice cream floats at CPE July trial brought in an estimated \$250. There will be a raffle for the November AKC trial as well.
- ✦ The November AKC Trial has been approved and Jim will send in the premium by August 15th. Diana is working on March 2016 application to send out.
- ✦ Entries are coming in for the September CPE. There are concerns about a March 2016 CPE trial and getting the new facility approved.
- ✦ Jim requested a list of candidates for the job of researching turf. Long list of names was provided. Jim anticipated sending out an email the week of June 22 to the "turf" team requesting they begin their investigation.
- ✦ Extension options at current Spring Grove location are being discussed with Toni and Ron. Currently asking for October 1 thru December 31 extension with possible additional extension thru 3-31-2016. Board approved but Shelly raised concern about scheduled CPE trial for March 2016. A six month advance notice is needed to change a location with CPE. Extension thru end of 2015 has been granted by landlord for continued use of the Spring Grove location. Possibility to extend beyond if needed.
- ✦ Jeff and Mary will go through equipment and misc items to figure out what can be auctioned off. Auction should be completed by the end of October.

*If you'd like to see a complete summary of the minutes, reference them on the WAG website under the MEMBERS ONLY page.*

**Welcome To Our  
Newest Members!!**

Ken & Cindy Neltner

# SKLENAR, FONTAINE, & CLARKE...

Author: Loret Bartol

## Three Top Competing Handlers and What they Taught Me



### Tracy Sklenar

My first time with Tracy was in 2012 with Willow – my little black tailed aussie who is a bit high powered. At that time Willow had just turned 4. Tracy really got me to understand how important it is to truly be with the dog at each obstacle; to pay attention to each and every obstacle that you want your dog to take. She was the first one to really get me to be successful under pressure with this high powered dog. Not only did we complete all the correct obstacles but Tracy taught me how to give clear information for Willow to not only be extremely fast but to keep the bars up as well – putting responsibility of the bars on me completely. I try to remember to watch those videos before I head to a big event to remind myself of this responsibility.

To check out who Tracy is:

<http://www.lotp.com/>



### Dudley Fontaine

My first time with Dudley was at Ann Braue's summer camp in 2014. My goal was for Hawk to shave off 2-3 seconds. Hawk, at the time was 4.5 years old, he is an awesome border collie but can't make first or second place with over 40 dogs. Dudley is perfect for this situation – she shows perfect lines for the dog to be able to be quicker – not always the shortest route, but the easiest for the dog to really power out. We continued on this same journey when we saw Dudley again at CSA camp in 2015. Dudley was great at giving me some great advice on how to get Hawk around a course as quickly as he possibly can.

To check out who Dudley is:

<http://www.quickk9s.com/aboutdudleyfontaine.htm>



### Anthony Clarke

I attended a seminar with Anthony Clarke 12/2014 – AC comes from the UK. He is a very young man (now 24 years old) and has been doing agility since 6 years old. He studied with Greg Derrett for most of his agility training. Anthony was fantastic at truly pushing me out of my comfort zone – what does that mean? Getting me to places that I never dreamed were possible. Getting down the line and faster than Willow and being in position. Presenting us with courses that were extremely challenging; and making everyone become successful. He shows you exactly where you should be at what time and how to position yourself. I will be attending his seminar again next month.

Although Anthony studied with Greg Derrett he does not tell you that you are only allowed to do the Derrett system – nor does he emphasize on it – he shows you what works best to be successful.

To check out who Anthony Clarke is:

<http://acagility.co.uk/>

## SMALL SPACE COURSE DESIGNER

Have you recently decided to work on **skill building**? Not quite sure how to get started? The Agility Nerd has developed a fabulous tool to help you design a quick set of drills that will fit into a small space!

<http://www.agilitycourses.com/en/>

This fun website will help you design courses such as Box, Double Box, or the Star Box. Additionally, you can choose what type of skills you'd like to work on! Want to train your back sides? 270s? Or, how about Threads? Design the perfect skill course that is just right for your training program! *(These Fit Perfectly in NASCAR, as well, if you're renting WAG!)*





# INTRODUCTION TO...

Author: Paul Engemann

## United Kennel Club



### About UKC

UKC Agility was introduced in 1995 after the NCDA (National Club for Dog Agility) merged with the United Kennel Club. UKC's philosophy isn't just get through a course as fast as possible, but UKC wants the dog/handler team to maintain a sense of control, straight on and straight off is what judges look for on contact obstacles.

UKC offers 3 levels of runs. AGI, AGII and AGIII. All courses are standard courses and feature contacts. Most trials offers two separate trials a day, usually the course is flipped and run backwards which gives the dog the opportunity to run a course twice. Competitors can run up to 6 runs a day depending on what level they are competing at.

### How Do I get Started

Healthy dogs over 12 months old and registered with UKC may compete. Any dog can register with UKC with a limited privilege if they don't come with a registered UKC breeder. Dogs can register for exhibition only as well if they don't have a UKC number and want to run on Day of show.

### Local UKC Trials

- 10/24 - 10/25 - WAG - Spring Grove, IL
- 11/14 - 11/15 - Paw Power Blues Dog Club - Lowell, IN
- 1/23 - 1/24 - Bark River Dog Club - Ixonia, WI

### What are the different divisions?

UKC has different height divisions. Toy which jump at 4", Division 1 jump at 8", Division 2 jump at 14" and Division 3 dogs jump at 20". Veteran dogs jump one jump height lower. Toy veterans still jump at 4".

### Titles:

- AGI – 3 Qualifying legs in AG1
- AGII – 3 qualifying legs in AG 2
- UACH – 100 points -- 40 of which come from AG1 and 40 from AG2
- UACH-X – 5 Qualifying Legs in AG3
- GRACH – 5 Triple Q's in each trial (Must Q in 1 AG1, 1 AG2, and 1 AG3 in the same trial to be considered a triple Q.)

Earning the UACH and GRACH titles require minimum scores in the runs to be considered.

WAG also offers a unique title only awarded, recognized, and achieved by running WAG UKC trials. This title is called the WAG-ACH.

### What's unique about UKC?

UKC features some unique challenges not seen in other venues. The box, though similar to the table, the box is larger and on the ground. Distance challenges. 2 foot or 6 foot distance to the table or box, and weaves. UKC uses 9 weave poles. Unique contact obstacles: UKC features a swing plank, a deck jump, a bridge, a window jump, and two non-displace-able jumps (a flower box, and log jump). Judges may restrict handling to right side in AG-III. A fault is assessed if a handler handles that obstacle from the left.

### For More information:

Attend our **UKC Fun Match** on **Oct. 3rd** from 9am - 3pm

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/DogEvents/Agility>

## WAG UKC FLASH MOB



# REAR END AWARENESS & STRENGTHENING

*Author: Roxanne Tapaninen*

Did you know most dogs aren't consciously aware of their back legs? I've heard it described as a caboose and the front end is making all the decisions. Or its like a bus and the back end just follows the front with no independent movement of its own.

We can help our dogs have better performance in the weaves or in their jumping skill and contact behavior like the dog walk. where their hind end can slip off if not aware of their footing.

Some fun things to teach your dog that will help with building body awareness:

- ▶ Sit Pretty
- ▶ Crawling
- ▶ Puppy Push up (sit to a stand to a sit their front paws stay stationary)
- ▶ Back Up
- ▶ Balance Disc or Wobble board
- ▶ Perch work or Pivoting
- ▶ Side step
- ▶ Ball or Peanut Exercise



I have included links to videos and Blogs that teach these things step by step. WAG also has a wonderful DVD entitled "Pilates for Pouches" that you can check out from the library that provides great exercises!

Our dogs are performing athletic moves and having them in shape will help prevent sport related injuries and help them perform at their best.



Terry Long wrote an awesome article on the Dog Channel entitled: Full Body Awareness in Agility

<http://www.dogchannel.com/dog-shows/full-body-awareness-in-agility.aspx>

Donna Hill also offers a webcam Rear end awareness video and article:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O7mS4blCF8>

<https://www.dhill1.wix.com/donnasdogs>

FitPaws has an article on "How to Get Started in your Doggy Gym" to help you with all of your strengthening needs:

<http://blog.fitpawsusa.com/how-to-get-started-in-your-doggie-gym/#more-2436>

Not only will having a well conditioned dog help with his agility or other dog sports This will help him later in his life.

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

We all should play our part in ensuring the **success** of WAG in **2016 and beyond**.

Here are some great upcoming events that everyone can participate in to help make it happen!

### Big Ticket Raffle

- Each Membership Sells 10 tickets at \$10 per ticket
- Money Prizes will be Awarded in Mid-October

### CPE 50/50 Raffle & Ice Cream Float Sale

- This Event Returns during the September CPE Trial!

### AKC Raffle Baskets

- This Event Returns to the November AKC Trial!
- **Are you a vendor or know of one willing to donate?**  
We will be looking for items to add to the baskets.
- We still have a ton of baskets, just need items to fill them!

**Have another IDEA or a DONATION for the AKC Raffle?**

Contact **Joy Sonsalla** or **Monique Engemann**  
to help the Fundraising Committee!



# HOW ARE WAG BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED?

*Author: Diane Kuby*

Have you ever wondered how board members are selected? Do you want to take an active role in the decision making process for WAG? In this article, I'm going to explain the board nomination process and answer the question of how each and every WAG member plays a key role in guiding the future direction of WAG.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Let's start with the nomination process. The WAG board consists of four officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and five Directors. The person elected to each role serves a two year term.

During the month of September, the board selects a nominating committee consisting of three members and two alternates not more than one of whom may be a current board member. The purpose of the nominating committee is to select the slate for each board position that is up for election that year. Ideally the nominating committee will be a blend of members ranging from long term to newer members to best represent the membership in this very important nominating process. The chairman of the committee is required to hold at least one committee meeting on or before October 1 to begin discussions.

As a courtesy, the chairman may ask each of the individuals currently holding positions up for election if they are interested in continuing in their roles. While the individuals may want to continue, the nominating committee is not obligated to include any or all of those individuals on the slate.

Once the committee agrees on their selections, the chairman secures the consent of the nominated individuals and notifies the secretary of the slate. The secretary must notify the membership in writing at least two weeks prior to the November general membership meeting of the candidates nominated by the committee.

However, the nomination process does not end with the slate submitted by the nominating committee. At the November general membership meeting, any member in attendance can nominate either themselves or other WAG members for the available positions. If a nominated person is not in attendance at the general membership meeting, the proposer of the absent candidate must present the secretary with a written confirmation from the proposed candidate stating that the nomination will be accepted. The written confirmation must be presented at the meeting. Also, please note that no individual can be nominated for more than one position.

Should there be multiple individuals nominated for a specific officer's role or more candidates nominated than the number of open director positions, a vote for those board positions will take place in January. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes for each role will be declared elected and will serve in that role for the next two years. If there are no additional nominations for a particular board position and the incumbent has indicated a desire to continue in that role, the incumbent will remain in office for another two years.

## POSITIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2016

For the January 2016 election, the positions up for election include the **president, treasurer, and two (2) directors.**

## WANT TO NOMINATE SOMEONE OR BE NOMINATED?

How can each WAG member play a part in the election process? It's easy. If you want to take an active role in the board selection process and nominate individuals that you feel will best represent the membership's concerns and guide the policies and future of WAG, then your attendance and participation at the November general membership meeting is essential.

The November general membership meeting will take place on **Friday, November 20th at 7:30 PM.** Hope to see you all in attendance!





Author: Sandy Rapey

She's been in competitive dog sports for over 30 years! Her resume includes obedience, conformation, agility and herding championships, triple champion titles and multiple successful litters of border collies. It was my honor to interview one of the founding members of WAG:

## Meet... Laura Kincaid



Laura began competing in obedience in 1984 with her first Border Collie, Brandy. After having 3 Brittany's, all with significant health issues, Laura decided to return to Border Collies and acquired Lindy from a competitive herding rancher and competed with her in obedience and agility. Laura met Rae Tanner (another founding member) while competing in obedience in 1993, and they began training in and teaching classes in agility. She currently teaches herding, agility and trains other agility trainers. I would describe her instruction method as kind, firm, loaded with knowledge and confidence from years of experience.

Laura bred Lindy twice; the first litter, she kept a puppy named Aimee; and from the 2nd litter she kept Jack.

Those close to Laura may remember Jack's story, of how Lindy went into labor and had 3 puppies, but Laura knew she was carrying 4. After hours of waiting, a C-section was performed, where Laura expected to deliver a dead puppy. The 4th male puppy was very much alive, and she named him 'Jackpot'. And indeed he was. It would be a disservice not to mention the enormous accomplishments Laura and Jack achieved. His official name: AKC/UKC CH UACHX UCDX Oelamp's Jackpot UDX2 HSAs HSBs HIAs HIBs HXAs MX MXJ HRD-II's HTAD-II's HTD-III's OAC OGC NJC CGC.

Wait, What?! Don't forget the 2005 Janet E. Larson Versatile Border Collie Award Winner!

Jack, at age 14, went to the Rainbow Bridge, is waiting and (in true BC fashion) watching for Laura.

Currently Laura shares her home with Flicker, 11 y.o. and retired from competition (AKC Herding Championship 'HC', AKC AX, OAJ OF). Kal is 7, still very much competing with multiple titles, (see below). Genee, 7 years old, is Flicker's daughter, still competing and has earned her AKC HC, OA, OAJ, and OF titles. Prize is 4 years old, her parents being Kal and Flicker. Prize competes in herding and agility as well. She is working towards her AKC HC title and has earned her NA and NAJ in agility. Kaydee is 2 years old, her parents are Kal and Genee. Kaydee has just recently earned her first AKC herding title (PT)!

Laura is passionate about her Border Collies because they love to work! The main things she wants from her dogs is the natural instinct to herd, stamina to work all day, and good listening skills. Laura adds, a good 'off switch' is important too, because sometimes we all just gotta chill. These qualities make for great dogs, great pets and working partners.

Laura believes herding to be the most challenging of all canine sports in which she has competed, because the sheep continue to change and you can never really duplicate the situation that caused you a problem while herding. Laura loves the sport because "its intriguing watching a dog do what they were bred to do. Watching a dog realize and tune in to its instincts, its really amazing!"

In agility, the courses will change, but the obstacles do not, nor is it an instinctual behavior for the dog. Agility is more challenging than obedience work, but less challenging than herding.

I asked Laura for some dog training advice, for herding or agility or any arena of canine competition. "There's no one answer (to our dog training challenges). We must tailor our approach to our own dog. Be flexible in the methods, but consistent in your criteria".

With her combined years of experience, handling, training, teaching and mentoring, it's no wonder this woman has success with her dogs in any arena. Laura, you are truly amazing and inspiring!!



HC My-Key Heaven Sent to Oelamp HXAs HXBs AX AXJ XF HRD-Is HTAD-Is HTD-IIs

## Meet... Kal Kincaid

Kal came from a breeder in Minnesota and was affectionately named after Laura's father, 'Al Kincaid'.

**Sandy Rapey (SR):** Kal, you came to Laura when you were just a baby. You are now 7 years old. Tell me about your life with Laura and your family here in Antioch.

**Kal:** It was pretty crazy at first. There were dogs everywhere which was comforting, but I had to find my place in this pack. Laura, I actually call her 'my lady', always makes every one of us feel special and like we are her only one.

**SR:** Tell me one of your favorite stories you remember from your baby-hood.

**Kal:** My lady and another woman (she called 'Mom') took me to a farm. I was only 4 months old. I was put in a really big field and I could feel the excitement. The air smelled like strange poo. I immediately loved this place. My lady was there so I wasn't scared. Then I saw them: 4 wooly beasts that looked like they were born to run, and they told me 'hey kid, show us what you got'. First I couldn't believe they talked, but I knew right then and there, my job was to watch them and make them go where I wanted them to go....in a group. I moved to the left and to the right and pushed them around the field, right to my lady's feet. My lady was really happy and I felt proud and doing what I was born to do. I always want to feel that way, and make my lady proud. It made me really feel I was home.

**SR:** So have you gone back to that field?

**Kal:** I've been to many fields since. I know my job. My lady says words that help me know which way she wants the wooly beasts to go. Some wooly beasts are nice and I'll hear them, sometimes they flirt with me, cuz you know, I'm pretty handsome.

**SR:** Yes, you are.

**Kal:** Sometimes I'll hear their farcical mutterings of how they'll show me whose boss, but then I just simply bring my A game. I never lose. I am the king of the wooly beast.

**SR:** So this thing, in the field with wooly beasts, this is herding?

**Kal:** Yes, that's what my lady calls it. We all do it, even the newbie, Kaydee. Flicker and I are the best, Genee thinks she's better than me, but she took much longer to achieve her Championship title than me. I acquired mine in only 5 weekends.

**SR:** That's impressive Kal. Besides herding, are there other activities you enjoy doing with your lady?

**Kal:** There are many. I have made her proud with jumping and running in a playground. Not sure what all the hoopla is about there. No wooly beasts. Regardless, my lady directs me and runs with me, and it's the most exciting and gleeful playtime. I'm so fast that our time in the playground goes by way too fast. When it's our turn, I walk backwards as she is walking forward. By walking backwards I'm literally trying to contain my excitement, but I feel so connected with my lady. She is excited too, and I try to tell myself, 'Kal, slow down, make this run last as long as you can'. But when I turn around, I just feel like a bullet and off I go!! I just love the feeling of running as fast as I can. Next thing I know, she's putting my leash on me and it's over. Sometimes we get to run around the ring a second time with a bunch of people cheering. I just assume it's because I'm beautiful and super fast. (take that Ms. Genee!!)

**SR:** Tell me what your perfect day would be like.

**Kal:** First I would get my belly and head scratched, then a nice big breakfast. After a quick potty break, I might lounge on the deck while the others romp and act silly. I wait and watch for my lady, and hope that we go to work together. She puts me in the white machine and we go to the field. I stand by her and feel the pride of being by her side. She brings out my tug toy and we tug forever. Or 5 minutes, whichever comes first. We go to the playground where I show off how smart I am on the playground equipment and how fast I am. I might get more than once or twice to play in that area. My day ends when I'm so tired, I go to my lady's puffy bed and it's soft and quiet and I try not to fall asleep, but I do. I have a wonderful life and I dream wonderful dreams.

My name is 'Heaven Sent', but those are the words I use when I describe my lady. I'm the luckiest dog, cuz I've found 'Heaven' right here on Earth.

**SR:** Indeed you have!



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WHERE WAG COMES TO BRAG...

## NEW AGILITY TITLES FROM JULY '15 - SEPT '15

### [AKC Titles]

Macho & Tina Gradowski

**NJ** and **OA** earned in July 2015 @ WAG

True & Gayle Pluta

**OA** and **OAJ** earned in July 2015 @ WAG

Indy & Kristi DeLegge

**AXJ** earned and Celebrated with ice cream @ DQ!



Hawk & Loret Bartol

**MXJ** earned in July 2015 @ WAG

### [CPE Titles]

Ian & Patti Jo Yuswak

**CL3-H** earned in July 2015 @ WAG and 2nd Place!

Triple & Jan Sund

**CTL3-S** earned in July 2015 @ WAG

Ripley & Jan Sund

**CTL4-S** earned in July 2015 @ WAG

Carmen & Pat Dunham

**C-ATE** earned in July 2015 @ WAG

## OTHER TITLES & BRAGS JULY '15 - SEPT '15

Coury & Jan Sund

**NTD, ITD, & ATD** Trick Dog Titles earned @ Flint Creek Dogs

Valor & Jan Sund

**STAR Puppy** earned

Ripley & Jan Sund

**RATI** Barn Hunt Title earned in August 2015 @ NOCI

Sylvie & Paul Engemann

**RATN** Barn Hunt Title earned in August 2015 @ NOCI

Also earned 3 HITs (2 in Novice, and 1 in Open)

Her second Novice run was completed in 10.12 seconds!

Sierra & Monique Engemann

**RATN** Barn Hunt Title earned in August 2015 @ NOCI

Also earned 1 HIT in Novice

# WAG HAPPENINGS

## September 19th

WAG CPE Trial - September 19th & 20th

WAG, Spring Grove, IL

Judge: Cheryl Cieslinski

## October 3rd

Come out to the October UKC Fun Match

DOOR OPEN AT 9:00am

RUNS START AT 10:00am

GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 12:00pm

## October 9th

Board Meeting @ 7:30PM

## October 12th

Session 5 of Classes Begins

## October 17th

Come out to the October AKC Fun Match

Halloween Themed!

DOOR OPEN AT 12:30pm

RUNS START AT 1:00pm

GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 2:30pm

## October 24th

WAG UKC Trial - October 24th & 25th

WAG, Spring Grove, IL

Judge: William Quandt, Sr.

## November 13th

WAG AKC Trial - November 13th - 15th

LSC, Libertyville, IL

## November 20th

Membership Meeting @ 7:30PM

## November 21st

Come out to the November Fun AKC Match

DOOR OPEN AT 12:30pm

RUNS START AT 1:00pm

GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 2:30pm

© Photograph Name

## DO YOU HAVE A BRAG?

If you have a title, brag, announcement, milestone, etc. that you'd like to share with the membership, please contact **Jan Sund** @ [sundown@mc.net](mailto:sundown@mc.net) to be featured in our next issue!



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## ADDITIONAL OTHER TITLES & BRAGS FROM JULY '15 - SEPT '15

Willow & Loret Bartol

2nd Place at USDAA Regional Trial [on podium]

Indy & Kristi DeLegge

Earned a 1st Place in Open FAST, JWW, and Standard at Blitzen AKC

Keeper & Pat Casey

Took 3rd Place in Excellent Standard two days [AKC]

Ian & Patti Jo Yuswak

Ian took 1st place in Novice FAST for his second leg @ the Toller Specialty!



## UNITED BORDER COLLIE HANDLERS ASSOCIATION (USBCHA) SHEEPDOG TRIALING BRAG

*Author: Diana Antlitz*



In addition to agility, Bryn and I also are involved in United Border Collie Handlers Association (USBCHA) sheepdog trialing. These are big (REALLY big) field courses specifically designed to test the special herding traits bred into the border collie breed. This spring we took a big step up, moving up to the Open level for the first time for both of us. That is the top level, where the professionals compete and you win points towards the National Finals. It's a bit intimidating but exciting at the same time, as Bryn and I test out these new waters. For one thing, the sheep are a lot further away. The longest we've competed at so far is 500 yards, at that distance the sheep are little smudges on the horizon and I need to use a whistle to give commands because my voice can't carry that far. I was worried

that she might not be able to find the sheep at that distance. So far she has found her sheep every time :-). After she gets to the sheep, Bryn has to do a lot of the work on her own bringing them back to me over that distance, because she can see the subtle signals from the sheep that they're thinking of making a break for it - by the time I could see it and give a command it would be far too late. After bringing the sheep back to me, I stay at the handler's post and direct her with whistles while she takes them out on her own and drives them through some sets of panels that are a pretty good distance away. Then the final two elements are putting the sheep in a free standing pen and splitting the sheep and holding one or more of them away from their buddies. The highlights of our Open trialing so far have been:

- Competing at the extremely competitive Kentucky Bluegrass Classic, where she earned a perfect outrun score and a high drive score on the biggest course she has ever done.
- Making it into the double lift finals at another trial - our first time ever doing a double lift course and not something I thought we'd have a chance of getting into so soon after moving up.
- First points towards National Finals earned by winning 3rd place at Crook & Whistle in Jefferson WI.

Our next trial will be at the end of October in Missouri - however, our next local trial will be in the spring of 2016. Contact me for dates and details if you'd like to come out and watch us in action.

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