

Heel And Sit News

**NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE DOG
TRAINING CLUB**

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**We are saddened to learn we have lost a
Great Tracking Judge**



Photo....L - R Craig Green, Elizabeth Taylor and her Golden "Bunker" and Sally Diess

Craig Green from Denver, CO, one of our favorite tracking judges, passed on Tuesday January 10, 2017. Craig was walking his dog and suffered a massive heart attack.

Craig will be missed!! What a wonderful person and asset to the tracking community!

AKC Proposes Changes & New Events:

Rally Program Enhancements

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to create two additional Rally classes – the Intermediate class and the Master class. In terms of difficulty, the Intermediate class is between the current Novice and Advanced classes. The Master class will be more difficult than the Excellent class. There will be titles associated with these new classes. In addition, a Rally Championship prefix title (RACH) is recommended for dogs that achieve a given number of triple Qs (qualify in the Advanced, Excellent and Master class at the same trial) plus earn a given number of points from the Master class. If approved, clubs may start to apply for events with these new classes on August 1, 2017 for events held on or after December 1, 2017. **This will be discussed further at the February meeting.**

Updates to Agility Equipment and Use

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify some of the equipment used in AKC agility in order to modernize and improve safety. In addition, two new jumps are also recommended to be added to the AKC program to add variety and keep the sport fresh. Also, changes are recommended to the equipment used in the International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) in order to keep this class aligned with the FCI agility program. **This will be discussed further at the February meeting.** If approved, the equipment changes must be implemented no later than January 2, 2018 by the clubs. All of the equipment changes can be implemented immediately by clubs if they have conforming equipment with the exception of the new pause table heights, which will become effective January 2, 2018. The changes to Chapter 14, of the ISC regulations, are effective April 1, 2017, which corresponds to the start of the qualifying year for the 2018 World Team tryouts.

Change to Premier Jumpers with Weaves Course Time

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to increase the course times slightly for some jump heights in the Premier Jumpers with Weaves class and to refine the jump heights from three to five groupings. The Premier class launched in October 2015. The initial course times were based on testing prior to implementation, however, given the critical nature of course times to the success of the sport, it was prudent to continue to study this after launch. Based on data collected and input from judges, the staff is recommending a refinement of the jump heights from three to five groupings in both the Regular and Preferred classes and a slight increase in course times in six out of the ten jump heights. **This will be discussed further at the February meeting.**

AKC Scent Work - A New Sport

The Board reviewed a recommendation for a new sport called AKC Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. This proposal responds to many requests that the American Kennel Club provide such an event. Significant research has been done in developing this program and it is believed it will meet the needs of many dog owners. Scent Work is a sport in which a dog-handler team must locate hidden scents within a defined search area. The dog uses their sense of smell to locate the target odor, which may be an essential oil or the scent of the handler. Any team who finds and calls all hidden odors within the designated time will qualify. Scent Work is a pass/fail sport, however placements will be awarded for the first through fourth place teams, based on fewest number of faults and then on time. Titles are earned when teams reach a certain number of qualifying legs. The event will be open to all breeds and Canine Partners. Dogs must be registered/listed with the AKC. Scent Work is a fun and engaging activity that taps into the dog's strongest sense.

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If approved, clubs may start applying to hold AKC Scent Work events on August 1, 2017. Events may be held starting October 1, 2017. **This will be discussed further at the February meeting.**

New Trick Dog Program

The Board reviewed a recommendation to develop an AKC Trick Dog titling program. If approved, There will be four levels of titles - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Performer Trick Dogs. The performance of a dog attempting to earn its trick dog title will be certified by CGC evaluators. In addition, titles earned through the Do More with Your Dog (DMWYD) trick dog organization will be acknowledged by the AKC at the request of the owner. **This will be discussed further at the February meeting.** This program may be approved by the Board of Directors. **If approved, the program would launch on May 1, 2017.**



Xylitol Toxicity in Dogs



Posted By Nancy Kay D.V.M
In **Canine Health** from the Best in Show Daily

For some folks, the start of a new year is a catalyst to lose weight and this may mean switching from plain old sugar to lower calorie sweeteners. Xylitol is one such sugar substitute that is safe for human consumption, but is toxic for dogs. In fact, it can be deadly.

What exactly is xylitol?

Discovered by German chemist Emil Fisher in 1891, xylitol is found in fruit and vegetable fibers. The xylitol we consume is manufactured by beginning with a product called xylan found in hardwood trees and corncobs. Xylitol was first put to use as a sweetener in Finland during World War II when sucrose was unavailable. The growth in xylitol popularity is attributed to its many beneficial properties. To begin with, xylitol is as sweet as sucrose, but with far fewer calories. Additionally, compared to sugar, it causes very little insulin release in people and insulin is not required for it to be put to use as an energy source for the body. Lastly, xylitol has been shown to prevent mouth bacteria from producing acids that damage the surfaces of the teeth. For this reason, xylitol is commonly included in toothpastes, sugar-free gum, and other oral care products.

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Species- specific effects

The effect of xylitol on insulin release varies dramatically between species. In people, rats, horses, and rhesus monkeys, xylitol causes little to no increase in insulin release or change in blood sugar levels. This is altogether different in dogs, cows, goats, rabbits, and baboons. In these species xylitol causes a marked increase in insulin release and drop in blood sugar and is the basis for xylitol toxicity.

Toxicity in dogs

After a dog consumes a significant amount of xylitol, there is a massive release of insulin from the pancreas. This, in turn, results in a dangerously low blood sugar level and symptoms such as weakness, trembling, seizures, collapse, and even death.

At higher dosages, xylitol can cause massive liver destruction (known as necrosis) in which large numbers of liver cells die abruptly. This produces an acute health crisis and, in many cases, death.

Vomiting is often the first symptom of xylitol toxicity. Other symptoms related to the low blood sugar level develop within 30 minutes to 12 hours following consumption. When xylitol-induced liver damage occurs, blood liver enzyme values typically begin increasing within 12 to 24 hours.

The dose of xylitol considered to be toxic for dogs is 0.1 gram or more of xylitol per kg of the dog's body weight.

Treatment of xylitol toxicity

Emergency treatment is warranted after a dog consumes xylitol. If vomiting can be successfully induced within the first 30 minutes or so (before the xylitol leaves the stomach), the problem may be solved. Once xylitol leaves the stomach and triggers the pancreas to produce insulin, intensive treatment is warranted in order to try to counteract the effects of hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) and liver damage. Treatment includes hospitalization with round-the-clock care, blood monitoring, and administration of intravenous glucose and liver-protective agents. In some cases, blood transfusions are needed to counteract the effects of blood clotting abnormalities caused by liver failure.

The prognosis for xylitol toxicity varies and depends on how promptly the dog receives treatment as well as the amount of xylitol that was consumed.

Read labels carefully

Many foods and dental products contain xylitol. It is found in chewing gum, candy, peanut butter, cereals, and toothpaste, to name a few. Believe it or not, some products advertised specifically for dogs, such as toothpaste, contain small amounts of xylitol! What are these manufacturers thinking?!

Not all product labels clearly state if they contain xylitol. If a label states only, "artificially sweetened," presume that it contains xylitol. If you opt to use xylitol-containing products in your household, be sure to keep them completely out of your clever dog's reach.

What to do if your dog eats xylitol

If you believe that your dog has just eaten (as in you *just* watched it happen) something containing xylitol, contact a veterinary hospital staff member right away. You might be advised to induce your dog to vomit at home. This is accomplished by forcing your dog to swallow hydrogen peroxide.

If you're not really sure when the xylitol was consumed (you've just returned home from work and the remains of sugar-free gum wrappers are decorating the couch), transport your dog to a nearby veterinary clinic or 24-hour emergency hospital right away. Be sure to take the label of the consumed product with you. Time is always of the essence when treating xylitol toxicity. Look around your house and see if you have any xylitol-containing products. What did you find?



Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of Jan 2017

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club
Jan 26, 2017 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Donna Smith, Judy Campbell, George & Dorathy Hart, Irene Lokcik, Michelle Larsen, Penny Morrison, Tom & Linda McLelland, Christine Wright, Stephanie Evans, Allison Russel, Darlana Quinn

Excused: Catherine Beattie, Mark Kuhn

Guests: Rich Lokcik, Todd Wright

Meeting brought to order @ 7:32 pm

Minutes of Dec Board Meeting, Christine 1st, Michelle 2nd, no opposed Minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

Nothing at this time

Executive Secretary's Report:

Nothing at this time

Home Secretary Report:

Renewals are coming in

Treasurer's Report

Sign ups have been very good. Everything paid to date.

Vice President's Report:

Jan 2017 speakers will be Tom & Wendy on how to properly play with your dog. Feb 2017 speaker will be Donna Smith on Article Scenting in the Obedience ring.

If anyone has ANY suggestions, topics or persons they would like to see speak/present at any of our General Meetings, Please contact Linda McLelland @ lmclella@yahoo.com

Show Report:

Jeff made a motion that we should discontinue the land line at Geroge & Dorathy's. Most calls are going to Wendy's anyway and email. Michelle 2nd, all in favor no opposed.

IKC will be holding a Sanction Match on Feb 12 at the Farmington Fairgrounds. To include All Breed conformation, rally and obedience.

AKC is adding a new event. Scent work, along with adding classes to the Rally sport. They will vote at their next board meeting and send out regulations. If it passes clubs can hold events as early as Oct 2017.

Training Report:

Next class sign up will be Feb 1, 2017 and to start Feb 8, 2017.

New for Feb sign ups will be a Scent work class and Beginning agility both starting at 9:15 pm. Scentwork is limited to 6 participants and dogs. For folks who don't get into the class they will be able to "audit" the class without dog/s until there is an opening.

Hospitality:

Awards Banquet date is set for Feb 11th. Prime Rib has been ordered. Starts at 6 for social, Awards and meeting 1st, then dinner. \$10.00 per person plus a side dish and or dessert to share. RSVP to Michelle Larsen by Feb 8, 2017.



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Trophy Report:

Awards applications are coming in.

Committees:

Advertising – Website updated

Agility – Beginning agility classes to start in Feb indoors.

Obedience – Nothing until March/April when we will be looking for stewards.

Rally –Ditto on above.

Tracking – Tracking Judge Craig Green from Colorado has passed away.



Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: Feb 20, 2017 at Irene Lokcik's – 7:30 pm

Next General Meeting: Jan 23, 2017 @ Columbus Center Room 101/Gym - 7:00 pm

Motion made to adjourn Donna 1st Michelle 2nd

Meeting ended at 8:25 pm



Proposed General Meeting Minutes of Jan 2017

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club
General Meeting
Jan 23, 2017

Member Attendance:, Michelle Larsen, Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Catherine Beattie, Tom & Linda McLelland, Donna & Jack Smith, Irene & Rich Lokcik, , George & Dorathy Hart, Mark Kuhn, Allison Russell, Sandy Gage, Leita Earle,

Board Members Excused: Stephanie Evans, Darlana Quinn, Penny Morrison, Christine Wright

Guests: Cindy Dale, Kayla Enriquez

Meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes of Nov 2016 General Meeting, Michelle 1st, Donna 2nd, no opposed Minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

Classes going well

Executive Secretary's Report:

Getting the AKC application together

Home Secretary's Report:

Reinstated 1 member



A note to all New & current members: You can find a copy of the clubs Constitution and By Laws, along with all meeting minutes on the clubs website @ <http://gsltdc.com/> under "Members Page".

Treasurer's Report

Taxes completed and sent off - Everything paid to date.

Vice President's Report:

Sent cards - Speakers for tonight will be Tom & Wendy. Feb speaker will be Donna Smith discussing Article Scenting in the Obedience ring.

If anyone has ANY suggestions, topics or persons they would like to see speak/present at any of our General Meetings, Please contact Linda McLelland @ lmclella@yahoo.com

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**Show Report:**

AKC Scent Work will be a new sport. Rally will have new classes. Agility changes will possibly include 2 jumps, and pause table.

Training Report:

Next sign up is Feb 1, 2017. With classes starting on Feb 8, 2017. Jan was a HUGE sign up so the beginning class can only accept 10 new students. We may need to have 2 puppy classes at 7 and 2 at 8. Next Intermediate sign up will be in March. Will be signing up for the new Scentwork class. However the class must be limited to 6 dogs. Scentwork and Beginning Agility classes will be at 9:15. We will need March Instructors.

Hospitality:

Award Banquet date is set for Feb 11th at the Sandy Centennial Pavilion. Social hour at 6:00 pm, awards and meeting starting at 6:30 pm. \$10.00 per person. Meat & drinks are supplied, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Catherine will bring cookies for the Feb General Meeting and Lisa will bring for the March.

Trophy Report:

Award applications are still coming in, have been confirming receipt via email and adding that they need to contact Michelle for the Banquet reservation along with Michelle's contact info.

Committees:

Advertising – Website up to date

Agility – Beginning Agility class indoors in Feb. No age limit, jump height is only 8"

Obedience Nothing until March/April when we will call for volunteers for stewards for the May Trials

Rally – Ditto on above.

Tracking – TDX test in April - Need track layers. TD in May

Old Business: None

New Business: AKC is adding new sports, Scentwork, trick classes, new rally classes. If passes at next AKC board meeting, events can be held Oct 1, 2017. More info to come

Next Board Meeting: Feb 20, 2017 at Irene Lokcik's – 7:30 pm

Next General Meeting: Feb 27, 2017 – Columbus Center, Room 101/gym – 7:00 pm

Michelle motioned and Lisa 2nd for meeting to adjourn. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Next General Meeting will be held Feb 27th at the Columbus Center. 2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City at 7 pm Room 101 but occasionally moved to the gym.

Next Class Sign-ups will be March 1st, with classes starting on March 8th. At the West Jordan Armory 7 pm—Please DO NOT bring your dogs to sign-up. **ALL current classes are FULL.**

Renewals Did you forget to send in your renewal? Last chance to get them in as I will be starting on the Membership Directory after Feb 15th and if I don't have your renewal, you will not be included. Hoping to have the directories available for distribution by March 1st.





Member's Page

Next sign up is March 1, 2017. Class to start March 8th

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club

2017 Schedule of Trials & Tests

TDX Test

Sunday, April 23, 2017
Plot Saturday, April 22, 2017
Entries close Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Vernon, Utah

Beehive Cluster/Intermountain KC & Utah Valley KC

May 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2017
Equestrian Center
So. Jordan, Utah

TD Test

Sunday, May 14, 2017
Plot Saturday, May 13, 2017
Entries close Wednesday, May 3, 2017
Vernon, Utah

AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS

September 15, 16, and 17, 2017
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
Agility Trial x 3 days
Obedience Trial x 3 days
Rally Trial x 3 days
Held with Bonneville Basin KA
Farmington, Utah

VST Test

Sunday, October, 2017
Date to be announced after University of Utah football schedule is finalized

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