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Presidents Message

Greetings all!

First, huge thank you's to:

1) Sharon Walker and Karen Lively for their hard work in organizing ORKC's participation in our neighbor AmVet's "Dog Days of Summer" event! There was a nice showing of different breeds for the Meet the Breed part--Swissies, Frenchies, Golden Retrievers, Leonbergers, Berners, Puli and Vizslas (go Hungarian breeds!). Thank you too to other ORKC members who helped. Karen got ORKC and AmVets some TV time, thanks to her connections from her days at Young-Williams. Sharon and Karen are already talking with the AmVets group for next year's event (I hear will be in September rather than the HEAT of July!). And some Tshirts were sold, too!!

2) Becky Malivuk, Ruth Andrick, Oh Rats!, and all the others who worked their butts off for a successful Barn Hunt event. Becky's summary is elsewhere in this Woofers.

Both of these events were new to ORKC, and I think we learned from these events--what went great, what needs improving, what to do differently next

And 3) Ken Dudley and Susan Varrasso, respectively Show and Rally/Obedience chairs for our 2022 Harriman shows. Entries are closed as I write this, and numbers look great!! Thanks also to Barbara Byrum (eye clinic), Tami Bradford (Meet the Breeds), and Paula Jenkins (Trophies) for their efforts. I especially want to thank the club members who took Bonnie Hornfisher's Steward training class, and stewarded for Obedience/Rally. I heard wonderful comments about you! And thanks to all the other ORKC members who volunteered and helped to make this a great weekend for all exhibitors!

New Director: Regina Hairie has resigned as a Director; at the September 8 Board meeting, Becky Malivuk was approved to be Regina's replacement. Welcome, Becky, to the Board!!



Looking forward:

ORKC held a tracking event for TDU (tracking dog urban) and VST (variable surface tracking) on Oct 16, 2022. It is a joy to watch these talented dogs work!!! The full report will be in next Woofers.

November work day(s) at club Nov 19-20. I hope to have hot dogs on the grill for workers! What needs doing:

1. Clean up/figure out what is in metal building (take everything out, ID, sort for keep or trash, clean, donate, etc.) Ditto for the two small buildings.
2. Inventory of club equipment (agility equipment is already complete) (need someone with laptop and Excel skills to record) We need an inventory for insurance purposes (just in case) and for keeping track of what needs fixing/replacing.
3. Clean, wet mop, and reseal mats in West building, probably best done late Saturday or on Sunday. The sealer needs 24 hours to cure.
4. Evaluation of dry-rotted baseboards in East. Water comes under middle door in heavy rain w/ winds from the west, baseboards get wet and so on.

After input from Bonnie Hornfisher, the Board is looking at some changes both to new member application and to renewal applications. Of immediate interest to current members is the possible addition of a volunteer hour requirement in order to have access to club facilities for practice (ie, the gate combination). There are plenty of volunteer opportunities: most need physical presence but some can be done from home. We were unable to have a booth at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce "Cars for Canines" to benefit the local shelters because only one person stepped up. Becky and her Barn Hunt crew could have used more help from club members. Come and help at the club work day! As always, your input is appreciated--to me directly or to any other officer or director.

Susan Varrasso has done the work to get ORKC licensed to hold scent work trials! She is now scouting out venues. Thank you Susan!!!

ORKC is also in need of a Show Chairman for the 2023 All Breed show in Harriman. The dates are reserved with Roane State, and a placeholder application has been submitted to AKC to reserve the dates on AKC's calendar. There is a great detailed (although perhaps a bit out of date) writeup in the club procedure book that I can send anyone interested; AKC has much guidance available on its web site; for example, <https://images.akc.org/pdf/MEAC01.pdf> and <https://images.akc.org/pdf/RESHOW.pdf> (Shella's comment: some of this was a bit obscure to find on AKC web site--call or email me if you can't easily find more.) Prior experience would be lovely but not required. Organizational skills are absolutely necessary. Please call or email me if you are interested and we can talk!

We also need 3 or 4 ORKC members to form a judges selection committee. Our show is small enough that 4, max 5 judges for conformation need to be hired--and the sooner the better as far as getting good judges. Again call or email me for more info.

A peek at our past: please read the short article from Robert Pless. He was instrumental in ORKC's acquisition of our property which was part of the old National Guard Armory in Oak Ridge. Once the property was in our hands, many club members, both current and past, worked very hard to get the club's facility to its current state. This is a story that new members, especially, need to hear and learn from! We are so very blessed to have our buildings and grounds, but we also have to remember that it is a great responsibility for the club and its members.

An additional resource for members is our Oak Ridge Kennel Club Facebook page. If you use FB at all, like the page and see more "stuff". Our webmaster, Wendy Smith, cannot update some things on a daily basis, and we do not expect her to do that.

Let's keep moving forward!! Comments/criticisms/complaints/whatever always welcomed (ok, listened to??).

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Harriman Show Brags



John and Margo
winning both days
Best of Opposite
Sex and Best of
Breed Owner
Handler
Barb



Obedience High in Trial on Sunday and our Open Title!! Neu-Rodes Fistful of Dollars. - Oden owned by Diane Sacksteder



Jolene went Reserve Winners Bitch at the OakRidge Kennel Club show last Sunday. Thank you to judge Cindy Lane for recognizing our Black and Tan beauty!-Ruth Andrick



All handled/shown by Catherine Talbert.
Weeping Willow Morning Song (Owned by Catherine Talbert and Terry Albert)
Rally Intermediate 2nd place with a 100
Rally Intermediate 2nd place
Beg. Novice Obedience 4th place
Beg Novice Obedience 3rd place
Beg. Novice Obedience New Title!

Weeping Willow Music In The Wind (Owned by Catherine Talbert and Terry Albert)
Rally Excellent B-1st place with a 100
Rally Excellent B New Title!
Rally Adv B-1st with 100

Wolfpen Fairway Playing In

Rocking J Mahogany In Deluxe (Owned by Terry Albert and Catherine Talbert)

Rally Adv B-1st with a 100
Beg. Novice Obedience-2nd
Beg. Novice Obedience-1st
Beg. Novice Obedience New Title!

Weeping Willow Mountain Melody (Owned by Catherine Talbert)
Rally Excellent B-4th

Weeping Willow Appalachian Harmony (Owned by Catherine Talbert)
Rally Intermediate-1st with a 100
Rally Intermediate-1st
Beg. Novice Obedience-2nd
Beg. Novice Obedience New Title!
Rally Intermediate New Title!

Harriman Show Brags

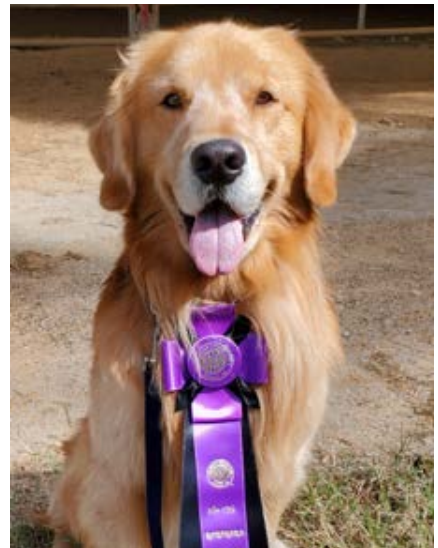


Legacy Woodland Stewart participated in all 3 Rally Trials and earned his Intermediate Rally title at Harriman. Owned and shown by Deanna Leveque

I'm a new Member of ORKC and the new **Editor of the Woofer.**

Please send me brags, articles, and photos of you doing things with your dogs. I'll be reaching out to other new members for photo's and introductions.

send to 4woofernews@gmail.com
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Merlin (Journey's Magical Shenanigans CD RI DJ CGCU TKI) Finished his Rally Intermediate title at the Harriman TN trial Oct 1st.
Owned and loved by Sharon Zickler

August Barn Hunt by Becky Malivuk

I would like to start by thanking all our hard workers for the 10 days of rats, bales, tunnels and FUN! John, Carol, Stormy, Logan, Sheree, Lois, Ruth, Jamie and many more. Thank you!!!! Members and non members teaming up for huge success. From set up to take down...to clean out we got it done.

The BH workshops offered on Saturday and Sunday filled so quickly on line that that 2 extra days of workshops and lessons were added to meet the needs of those who wanted to learn the game. (August 6-9th) . Sue and Bernadette from Oh Rats! Barn Hunt from Sheboygan Falls,



Barn Hunt



Left to right
Sheree Girty
Lois Zebrouvis
Becky Malivuk (ORKC member)
Barb Kamp
Sue Kendall (Oh Rats! Training)
Ruth Andrick (ORKC member)
Bernadette Stahlkopf (Oh Rats!
Training)



The trials started off on time early Thursday August 11th and we were full capacity parking lot and entries! Local news came early Thursday morning to interview folks and invite the public to come and watch. Everything ran smoothly and we have lots of pictures to share the adventures of turning ORKC rings into Barn Hunt rings and back. The air was filled with straw and lots of happy dogs and people "playin" in the bales.

Thank you again to Oh Rats! Barn Hunt and NADM (Never a Dull Moment) friends coming together to help us put on this big HUGE rat fest! Anyone interested in being on the barn hunt committee please reach out to Becky Malivuk @ handstripped@aol.com or Ruth Andrick @ twstdsister74@gmail.com





1) Amanda Brown and SNAFU (English Springer Spaniel); track layer - Michael Corum; new VST title and now CT-Champion Tracker



2) Tracy Jones and CT KIMBER (Bullmastiff) track layer - Rachel Hawkins; 2nd VST now VST2



3) Kristin Brooks Jones and LUCY (German Shepard) - track layer Don McCorkle; TDU -new title



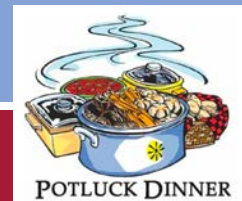
4) Cadence Manno - Jr Handler with ICE (Pointer) - track layer Carol McCorkle; TDU - new title

TDU/VSY tracking test held 10/16/2022

By Tracy Jones

Oak Ridge Kennel Club held only the 2nd VST test in Tennessee on Sunday, 10/16/2022 along with a TDU test. We had great weather and judges, wonderful volunteers from the club and lovely property to track on. The Event Chair was Jean Burdick who as always did a fabulous job organizing the volunteers. We had 3 entrants in the VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test and 4 entrants in the TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) test. The VST tracks were held at Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville and the TDU tracks were held at Roane State Community College, Harriman.


We were thrilled to have 2 VST passes and 2 TDU passes! Our judges were Ed Presnall and Deb Maheu from Michigan who designed some lovely and fun tracks. The weather was also just about perfect.



Save the Dates!

November 19 and 20, 2022, Saturday/Sunday Work day at the club!! The metal building needs to be emptied and contents identified for keep/donate/trash. Both East, West and Metal building need inventory created--someone with a laptop and Excel needed for for this--meaning people come to you with lists and you enter data. Some handyman/handywoman skills needed for assessment of some small repairs. On Sunday (or Saturday afternoon, depending, the matting in West needs to be mopped and new sealer applied. (This is actually an every 6 month task . . .) More info about times, etc. to come.

December: The regular membership meeting is postponed until Thursday, **Dec 8, 2022**. There will be a short membership meeting followed by a **pot-luck dinner**. The club will supply water, iced tea and (some) sodas as well as a meat dish (undecided: BBQ, fried chicken, prime rib (just kidding), other suggestions?) 6pm unless you hear otherwise.

Lock boxes in both buildings: Please deposit all practice money directly into the lock boxes. Drop in class instructors should collect moneys, put in envelope, label same and drop in. It would be helpful if everyone remembered to bring exact change (ones or a fiver)--perhaps the small plastic boxes can keep a small amount of money as change for a twenty. Thank you very much!! Board minutes are now posted in the members only section of the ORKC web site. 

Please all, put one, two or all three dates in your calendars! Let me know if you want to help or have suggestions.
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History of Oak Ridge Kennel Club by Robert Pless

My wife, Teresa and I joined ORKC sometime around January 2004 after we got our first Sheltie, Casey. At the time, classes were held in the old armory building in front of the training facility. It was by far not the ideal training facility as before and after each training night, the heavy rubber mats had to be rolled out and then rolled back up after class and stored in large wooden boxes. Sometime in 2006, the club was notified that the armory would be closing and Mary Decuir who was President at the time formed a search committee to try and find a new training facility. I was not a part of the search committee but Marvin and Marg Ellis were and reached out to me for help. Little did I know at the time that this endeavor would turn into another full-time job.

Throughout the next year, we looked at numerous buildings that were either not suitable or too expensive to rent. We contacted the city manager at the time, Jim O'Conner to see if the city could help us out in any way.

After all, ORKC was one of the oldest organizations in the city as we were established just two years after the city. We were shown several pieces of property that the city agreed to lease to us but the lease payments, cost of clearing the property and constructing a building were out of reach for the club.

I finally contacted the Tennessee National Guard in Nashville and was able to speak with the Commander about the Oak Ridge property. He was very helpful and told me that once they were through with the property, it would be turned over to the Real Property Division and provided me with a phone number to contact them. I called and was informed of the process where the property would first be offered to another state agency, then to the county and then to the city. The commander was also able to secure the Clinton armory building for us to use for training during 2007.

I contacted the county mayor and was informed that they had no interest in the property. We knew that Girls Inc. was interested in obtaining this property and it was around this time that I was introduced to Stacey Meyers who was the President of Girls Inc.



After talking with Mr. Meyers, we decided to join forces and ask the city to obtain the property and then sell it to our organizations. Mr. Meyers and I spent many hours discussing the division of the property as well as meeting with the city manager, mayor, city attorney and city council members. We attended city council meetings where city manager Jim O'Conner made a proposal for the city to purchase the armory property. The property was appraised by the state for \$750,000.00 but the buildings were not included in the appraisal as they were deemed to have out lived their use. The city was able to acquire the property for 5% of the appraisal or \$40,000.00. Mr. O'Conner then made a proposal to city council that the city sell the property to both ORKC and Girls Inc. In early March of 2008, I attended a meeting with the city manager, mayor and city attorney and provided them with a check for \$18,462.00 for the property that is ORKC today.

The property was not in the condition it is today as the training buildings were the garages where service was performed on the armory equipment. By now, both my wife and I were on the board and I was given the title of building director and work began to transform this facility into the best facility we could. I had a vision of what this property could be and I spent countless hours trying to make that vision come true with help from club members.

Through the years, the board members of ORKC did an outstanding job of making investments and saving money and we were able to pay for the property and the renovations without having to borrow any money. The club has a clear deed to the property and is one of very few kennel clubs that own property to hold training classes in the Southeast. Although Teresa and I are no longer members, this facility holds a place in both our hearts. I still to this day tell friends and acquaintances that ORKC is the very best training facility in the Southeast. I am proud to be a part of the history of ORKC.

Robert Pless

New Members! Interested in joining ORKC?

Oak Ridge Kennel Club offers you a friendly group of people who love their dogs as much as you do. We offer a wide variety classes and socialization opportunities for both you and your canine in a close-knit community.

Our new Membership Chairman is Ruth Andrick. The email address to contact her for any changes, questions, issues relating to membership remains orkcmembership@gmail.com
Renewals for 2023 are coming soon,

