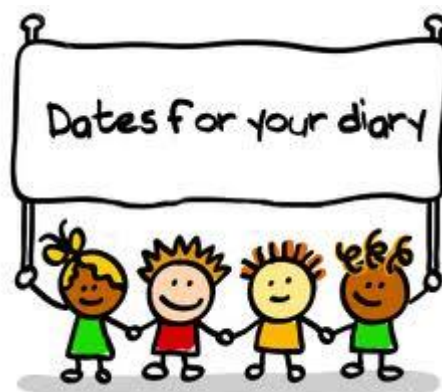


Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

November 2015



28th Nov 2015	}	Winter League match dates
16th Jan 2016	}	- all at BCA
20th Feb 2016	}	

Saturday 5th December 2015 – Home Match with Andover.
(at the Malthouse, Steventon)

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Party night – see next page for info

Club closed 24th December and 31st December – have a good break everyone!

7th January training restarts – see next page for info on new groups/times

Sunday 14th February 2016 – Away Match at Andover. Date TBC.

Thursday 14th (pm) and Friday 15th April 2016 – show set up

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April 2016 – Wallingford DTC agility show
(all hands on deck – put this in your diary now!)

Thursday 17th December Christmas Party

For our annual Christmas party, everyone comes for the whole evening, arriving 7.30pm to set up and finishing around 10pm

We split into teams with a mix of all levels of handlers and dogs, and enjoy two fun runs or games. Each team takes their turn to play the agility games, ring party, and eat food! Christmassy themed dog/human accessories welcome!



For this evening if you usually train more than one dog we need you to pick one who would like to compete/play. There will be a signup sheet at club a few weeks before and you can put your name down. If you would like to bring some food to contribute to the feast there will also be a signup list for that too.

At the end of the evening there are prizes! We also have a giant Christmas card which everyone can sign to/from everyone and put some money in the club's charity pot, instead of giving out individual cards.



2016 Training New Groups/Times

When club restarts training on 7th January 2016 the groups will have been moved around.

Each year in January the classes rotate to give everyone a fair turn at putting out the equipment and packing away. The way this is done is that the first class moves to the end of the evening, the last class moves to the middle, and the middle class moves to the start of the evening.

It is also a good chance to make any changes needed to even up the groups, or to fill in gaps where people have sadly left us. There will be a few new dogs starting in the new year – please make them feel welcome.

The new list is having a few tweaks and trainers will talk to those who may be moving groups, but the list will be ready for everyone to see soon.



Please remember if you are now in the first class you need to arrive at 7.30pm to set up the equipment. If you are now in the last class you need to help pack away before you go home. Please do not have any dogs in the school during setting up or packing away. If you have not done setting up or packing away before and do not know how to put together or take apart a piece of equipment, please just ask your trainer!

Winter League

Match One – October 17th

So we came last in our first attempt at the Winter League 2015/16 however we were not far behind and we had fun! With the help of Claire Jones and Jill Lowe, and with the backing of the committee, this year we are treating it more like winter training and aim to include many club members in classes they are ready for. It was also agreed by committee that we would give priority to those that train regularly at club.

The new league rules mean that eliminations can no longer gain points and the scoring has changed so small /mediums are still running against each other but no longer against larges. This means the top two small/mediums and also the top three large dogs from each club will score points provided they are not eliminated.

The new rules state that if you have competed at a UKA or KC show, even NFC or in nursery, you are not eligible for the Nursery class. Also, those who have competed in Nursery at Winter League are not eligible the following year. The Nursery class is purely for new handlers and dogs to give them competition experience. However you can compete in nursery for all 4 matches in one year. You can also still do Anysize with Nursery, plus of course you can use the practice ring in the afternoon.



Above: Brigid & Rosie winning G1 Jumping

It was a great day, no-one missed walking their course, Gill Kimber set some lovely courses and WDTC ring party were great as usual with newer club members learn ring party skills. There were some great runs, lots of cheering, lots of 'if only' moments, and a few triumphantly awesome ones too! Fortunately my threat to delete anyone from future dates if they were late worked well, as no one turned up late, ha ha! Lots of happy faces and waggy tails!

I think it is important to take into account that Wallingford is a large club and we have a variety of dogs and handlers competing at different levels. We differ from clubs such as Thames as we have a lot more inexperienced handlers taking part in the Winter League so we have tried to split our 100 runs fairly and equally across all the classes where possible. For example, some of the other clubs have no Grade 1's, or have higher grade handlers running in four classes each but we have chosen not to do so. 100 runs to our club is actually very limiting as there are so many of us.

Looking at the results it was great to see that a lot of members gained points for the club but probably didn't realise. When I asked Gio-Gio why she likes running Tatti in the Winter League she answered "it gives me a chance to run against adults but unlike

at a show if you don't get placed, it's not pointless as you might get points for your club."

Big thanks to Gill Rhodes for filming as much as possible, we must make sure we also film Gill's runs next time. I don't know about you but whenever I watch my runs back I am kind of hoping I won't mess up but usually do!!! Pat on the back to whoever decided to keep ring party refreshments on a small table so we could continue to provide teas for our members in the afternoon. It also acted as a nice base for members to gather.

We are currently working on the November entries, obviously it varies so much according to availability, there may be occasions when we have to limit to 2 runs or people will be asked to do last minute extra runs. We are aiming to keep this as fair as possible and also adhere to your preferences but sometimes we may have to move you where needed.

We will keep a tally on points but will not be giving awards this year as some have more runs than others and it is a team effort not an individual one after all. So far the support and encouragement for each other has been fantastic. Bring on the next few dates...



Above: Anthony and Cookie winning G1-2 Jumping

Oh I must remember to warn you that the afternoon courses are set up directly after the morning ones finish. Please don't rush off for walks, then come in for presentations as you might get caught out with very little time for walking your course (mentioning no names but begins with D and ends with N). Better to walk your course then go for a walk and lunch, once the lunchtime presentation is over the afternoon classes start immediately.

Ok everyone, are we ready to take them on next time? "Game on!" Definitely the best club at cheering so let's keep that up. We need a chant for the startline like the Dutch competitors have!

Now over to Jill Lowe for a recap of results so far... please remember when looking at results that some had more runs than others depending on how many dogs they train or classes they are eligible for.

Wendy Botto

Winter League places and points

Hope everyone enjoyed the first match of the Winter League 2015/6. Here's the club's places.

Handler & Dog Name	Class	Place	Size	Club Points
Anthony & Cookie	Grade 1-2 Jumping	1	L	15
Brigid & Rosie	Grade 1 Jumping	1	M	10
Gill & Bertie	Grade 3-7 Agility	1	M	10
Gill & Mindy	Grade 4-7 Jumping	1	M	10
Carolyn & Ollie	Grade 4-7 Jumping	2	L	14
Claire & Indy	Grade 2-5 Agility	2	S	9
Lizi & Timmy	Grade 1-3 Jumping	2	M	9
Gio-Gio & Tatti	Grade 3-7 Agility	3	M	8
Helen & Mylo	Grade 1-2 Jumping	3	M	8
Sue & Mischief	Grade 3-7 Jumping	5	L	11
Caroline & Chippy	Grade 1-3 Agility	6	L	10
Ian & Dino	Grade 3-7 Agility	6	L	10

The top 3 large dogs for each club gain points (15-1) and the top 2 small/medium dogs for each club gain points (10-1). This year no points are given for an elimination.



Above: Caroline & Chippy

Here is the list of points gained for the club, as you can see you don't need to be in the places to get points. Well done to everyone.

Handler & dog	Points
Carolyn & Ollie	25
Dawn & Daisy	22
Brigid & Rosie	20
Sue & Mischief	20
Anthony & Cookie	18
Robert & Glen	16
Claire & Indy	15
Jill & Bella	15
Suzie & Evie	13
Kevin & Fig	12
Wendy & Bambi	12
Gio-Gio & Tatti	11
Caroline & Chippy	10
Gill & Bertie	10
Gill & Mindy	10

Ian & Dino	10
Alison & Herbie	9
Dave & Todd	9
Lizi & Timmy	9
Helen & Mylo	8
Maria & Belle	7
Elisha & Boo	6
Jill & Cass	6
Jenny & Pera	5
Wendy & Foxie-Botts	4
Amelia & Freyja	2
Debbie & Flo	2
Wendy & Arthur	2
Dawn & Lexi	1

As a club we may have ended up in last place after the first match but we can only go one way, and that is Up! Good luck to everyone at the next match.

Jill Lowe



Show Results



Bretford 1 Nov (KC)

Dawn & Daisy 1st G3/4 Agility (64 Gr3)
– into G4

Claire & Indy 1st G4/5 Agility (20) –
final G5 win - into G6

Claire & Indy 1st G4/5 Jumping (20)

Claire & Indy 3rd C3-5 Jumping (29)

Jill & Cass 4th G6/7 Jumping (50 G6)

Dawn & Daisy 8th G1-3 Jumping (90
Gr3)

Jill & Cass 11th C4-7 Steeplechase
(120)

Claire & Indy CR G5-7 Agility (20)

Annette & Maze CR G7 Agility (50ish)

Dog Vegas 31 Oct (KC)

Sarah & Merlin 1st G1-4 Jumping (60

G3) – third G3 Jumping win - into G4

Annette & Maze CR G7 Agility (30)

Chippenham 3-4 Oct (KC)

Rory and Sonic 1st YKC Agility (10 U12
large)

Claire & Indy 1st G4-5 Agility (30)

Sarah & Merlin 1st G3 Jumping (204)

Jo & Pip 2nd G5 Agility (100+)

Annette & Maze 2nd G7 Agility (120)

Sarah & Merlin 3rd G3 Jumping (112)

Dawn & Daisy 7th G3 Agility (194)

Southdowns 27 Sep (KC)

Claire & Indy 1st G4-7 Agility (25)

Claire & Indy 3rd Special pay on the
day Fast & Furious Jumping C1-7 (15)

Dawn & Daisy 5th ABC Agility C1-7
(84)

Dawn & Daisy 4th G3 Agility G3 (146)

Show results for Watchdog are taken straight from the Wiki; if you are not on the Wiki yet please talk to Gill Rhodes about getting access. If you do this your show results will also be added to the club spreadsheet by our spreadsheet magician Richard Kimber, and you will be eligible for the annual awards given out at each AGM – don't miss out!

*Don't forget to send items for the next issue to
This is YOUR newsletter, let's hear from YOU! Deadline for next issue is 12th December 2015.*