



# PUPPY TALES

News & Views From  
Erie Kennel Club



## President's Message~

Can you believe summer is winding down already? Seems like yesterday, I was writing stating that in no time we'd be looking for someone to mow the lawn. Speaking of which, Dennis has done a great job this month keeping it cut along with help from Anthony. Thanks men, it's greatly appreciated. Marilyn, Wally and Roberta moved yards of wood chips to keep everything looking even greater. And Glen helped us out again by repairing the seat on the mower he gave the club. Without help from this crew, plus Chuck, we'd be in a tough spot for keeping equipment going and grounds maintained. For those of you not at the picnic, Chuck Moyer was awarded the Good Sportsmanship Award. I can't think of a more deserving person since he never says no whenever I ask for help, including his repair of the club trailer so it can be inspected and used when needed. Congratulations Chuck!

Everyone should have received their dues notice several days ago or at the picnic. Please get your dues sent in as soon as possible. It's a great help to the treasurer so there isn't last minute panic on who is entitled to vote at the annual meeting in September. You also want to make sure there is no lapse in your membership so be sure to have the money in no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Speaking of the annual meeting (which means elections) the club is again faced with few members having attended a sufficient number of meetings to be eligible to hold office. Meeting wise, all that is needed is to attend 5 meetings in order to be qualified to be an officer or on the board. I encourage everyone, especially those not happy with current officeholders, to attend the meetings and become a part of the board and see if the changes you want can be made. You can't beat the benefits!

We need to have a work day the Sunday after our meeting in August. We need to put fencing around the pond and that will be a long day. We might be able to do some preliminary work before that Sunday so it can be finished in a day. We also need to put some ice diverters on the roof to prevent the same problem as last year when our furnace vents were crushed. I am still hoping we can get some type storage building before the end of the year.

The first ever EKC barn hunt will be held at the building on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Aleta Ross is handling the arrangements. You should stop in that day and see what it's all about.

Thanks for reading and enjoy the rest of the summer!

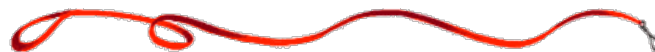
*Lou*



*Chuck Moyer*

*2015 AKC Good Sportsmanship Award Recipient*

*Thank you for all you do for our club.*



**Next membership meeting**

7:30pm, August 19, 2015

9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

*Updated Member List on Members Only Page*

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## 2015 ELECTION

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers and Board Members:

Andrea Bubna	Vice President
Carol Maxwell	Recording Secretary
Jeanne Stiner	Director
Dennis Von Hof	Director

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the August 19 meeting by any member in attendance providing the person so nominated is in good standing and eligible to hold office and does not decline when his or her name is proposed, and provided further that, if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his nominator shall present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate.



### AKC DELEGATE

#### The EKC is in search of a new delegate.

After 23 years of service to the EKC, Peggy Helming will be stepping down as our delegate. A delegate is a person who represents the club's interest and votes at the quarterly meetings for the club. This person should be well rounded and voice conformation, obedience, rally, agility concerns.

Peggy will attend the September delegates meeting but will be unable to attend the December meeting. She will stay on until we can find a new representative. The new delegate will have to fill out an application and the club will fill out another. The application will be posted in the Gazette for 2 months then AKC will vote on the delegate. This process will take some time. So if that little voice in your head is saying, "this is something I'm interested in doing" please let Lou know ASAP.

#### The Importance of Your AKC Delegate What are the unique powers of a Delegate?

- Approves Rules governing dog shows and field trials
- Approves amendments to the AKC Bylaws
- Nominates and elects Delegates to serve on the AKC Board of Directors & Delegate Standing Committees
- Approves new member clubs
- Votes to uphold or overrule an AKC Board decision to disapprove a Delegate candidate or to remove a seated Delegate
- Only a Delegate may serve on the AKC Board
- Votes to discipline, and even to expel, a Member Club

#### How do they exercise these powers?

- Attends and votes at quarterly Delegate Meetings
- Attends and/or Participates with Delegate Standing Committees
- Brings Member Club's proposals to the Delegates and/or Delegate Standing Committees
- A Member Club, through its Delegate, may propose amendments to the AKC Bylaws or AKC Rules directly to the AKC Board
- Informs all members of their Member Club of Delegate actions
- Acts as ombudsman for Member Club members dealing with AKC

#### What are the qualifications for a person to become a Delegate?

**Required** -- Article VI of the AKC Bylaws

- Represents a Member Club
- Both Member Club and individual are in good standing with AKC
- Is a resident US citizen or has permanent resident alien status
- Meets all of the occupational eligibility criteria
- May not have been found guilty of or admitted to the theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property from an AKC Club

**Suggested** -- for perspective and continuity

- Ten year involvement in AKC events and/or activities
- Willingness to serve for five years or more

- Willingness to invest time, effort and expenses
- Willingness to speak up and become involved
- Willingness to engage others in crucial conversations
- Access and skills to use a computer or the support of someone with the access and skills

### What should a Member Club expect from their Delegate?

- Long term (5 years or more) commitment to represent and serve the Member Club
- Commitment to attend and participate at Delegate Meetings
- A timely report on the actions taken at Delegate Meetings
- Presentation of actions/issues that will come before future Delegate Meetings
- When applicable, vote as directed by the Member Club

### What should your Delegate expect from the Member Club?

- Long term appointment as Delegate
- A forum to report on what transpired at Delegate meetings
- Discussion and guidance on forthcoming actions/issues
- Assistance with Delegate expenses to expand who might become Delegates and to maximize their participation

### Here is the schedule for 2016:

All meetings are in NYC & NJ except the December meeting is in Orlando, FL

March 7, Delegate Committee Meeting

March 8, Delegate Meeting

June 12, Delegate Committee Meeting

June 13, Delegate Meeting

September 11, Delegate Committee Meeting

September 12, Delegate Meeting

December 15, Delegate Committee Meeting

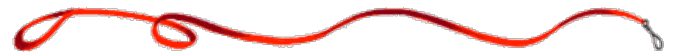
December 16, Delegate Meeting



## Conformation Classes

**Tim Terella has agreed to conduct a structured Conformation Class.**

**Start Date & Time TBA**



## Upcoming Events:

**Barn Hunt:** August 29, 2015

Contact: Aleta Ross, 814-572-2811

**Dues:** Deadline for dues is September 1, 2015.

Dues not paid, member will not be eligible to vote at the general meeting **9/16/15**.

**Trophy:** All trophy monies are due by **September 1, 2015** for the EKC All Breed, Obedience & Rally show in January 2016

**Eye Clinic:** September 19, 2015

Camboro Veterinary

Contact: Esther Kostelnik

[telme@verizon.net](mailto:telme@verizon.net) 814-398-8853

**Paws in the Park:** September 19, 2015

Contact Cindy, [funpupcls@juno.com](mailto:funpupcls@juno.com)

**Agility:** September 25, 26, 27, 2015

Opens: July 29, 2015

EKC Agility Trial/CSA

**Seminar:** October 3, 4, 2015

**Control Unleashed Seminar**

Working and auditing spots are still open.

**Agility:** October 16, 17, 18, 2015

EKC Agility Trial/CSA