

TVKC President's Message

2/21/2010

There is a great deal of activity going on within our club. As most of you know we are again involved in a "Cluster Dog Show". The Cluster to be known as the Great Smoky Mountain Cluster is set to begin this November. Our partner in this venture is the Oak Ridge Kennel Club and the cooperation between the two clubs has been outstanding and we are looking forward to a long and fruitful partnership with them.

In an effort for everyone to get to know each other better the Oak Ridge Club has invited all of the members, Friends, and families of the TVKC to a "Pot Luck" supper and mixer on **Saturday February 27th starting at 5:30 PM at the ORKC training facility. ORKC will provide plates, napkins, utensils, coffee and soft drinks as well as the building.** You just need to bring a dish to be shared. Also if you desire you are welcome to bring your own Beer, Wine or Beverage of choice. **There will be a DJ playing music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and beyond up to the present day. So there will be plenty of opportunities for dancing with your spouses, friends etc.** This is a truly great chance for all of us to get to know one another and to build a bond between the two clubs. **I truly hope each and every member and their families and friends will make every attempt to join us for this evening of fun and fellowship with our neighboring dog lovers.**

Hopefully all of you have had the opportunity to visit our updated TVKC web site. Special thanks to Beth White one of our newer members and our new web master. Beth has done a great job of updating the site, adding links to numerous activities and sites and updating our membership information. Thanks to Beth for taking on the task and doing a great job. There is a link within the site to contact Beth and let her know about any information that might be needed to keep the site up to date.

To those of you that have qualified for the club awards with titles on your dogs remember to get your information to Jeanne Ring as soon as possible. The awards are for calendar year January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

The club's agility trial will be March 19, 20 & 21, 2010 and Dawn Darr is still in need of volunteers to work the event. If you can spare a few hours to help please contact Dawn and offer her your services.

At the last meeting Steve Merritt's effort in creating a TVKC brochure were completed as Jean Dinkins donated the printing of the initial brochure. This brochure is an informational brochure to share with others about the TVKC. They can be given to prospective new members, left at your local Vet clinics, Pet Stores etc. to allow people to become aware of our club. Thanks to Steve for his efforts in completing this task and to Jean for her donation of the printing.

We are aware that there still seems to be a problem with the e-mail notification of upcoming meetings, please be sure to check the website and see that your information is up to date. Of course you can simply mark your calendar for the entire year with the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the UT vet school.

The February meeting was a lot of fun as all of our members and guests took part in a round of doggy jeopardy. The March meeting will feature a program provided by the Red Cross on Canine CPR and other canine emergency measures. Our thanks to Nan Anderson for setting up this program.

If you have ideas or contacts for future programs please let us know. Programs of interest for our members is a major goal of your board and we are hopeful to continue to provide one each month.

Steve Merritt is the chairman of the clubs nominating committee and they will be meeting to review and nominate candidates for the club. All positions are available this year. If you are contacted please consider carefully if you will be able to commit to the time and effort to attend all the board and regular meetings and serve in the job you will be asked to fill.

I sincerely hope everyone will attend the upcoming mixer with the ORKC. I hope to see all of you there as well as the upcoming March meeting.

That's it for now.

Walter Sommerfelt
President, TVKC