

## President's Message June, 2011

We continue to work hard and have a lot of activity going on at the TVKC;

First a reminder the June meeting is a "club Picnic and Awards" meeting being held on Tuesday June 21, 2011 at **6:00 PM** the meeting will be held at **Two Rivers Pavilion in Louisville**, directions should be on the web site. The club will be providing the meat and condiments and Jean Dinkins will be providing the beverages, everyone is asked to bring a "pot Luck" dish to share. If you have any special beverages you prefer please feel free to bring those also. We hope to have fun and social time as well as a brief meeting and our awards presentation.

As mentioned earlier we have been working hard to provide training classes in all areas for our members. I am happy to announce that we have made great progress on this front.

**Starting on Monday July 11, 2011 the club will be providing "Conformation Classes" from 6:30 until 7:30 at the Countryside Veterinary Clinic located at 2930 Little Dug Gap Rd. in Louisville, TN.** Angie Bass has agreed to be the instructor and we appreciate her dedication to this project. Cost will be \$5.00 for TVKC members and \$10.00 for Non-Members. Depending upon our turnout we may have additional classes from 7:45 until 8:45 or expand to two rings of classes if needed.

On the performance side we are hoping to complete plans and a schedule for classes in Agility and Obedience at Ace Russell's facility in the Eastern part of Knoxville. Our target date is July 6<sup>th</sup> and the performance classes would be held on Wednesday nights with beginner obedience and agility classes as well as advanced classes for both areas of competition. The final cost structures, time etc. should be completed soon so keep checking the TVKC web page for updated information.

Unfortunately at the May meeting we were one person short of a quorum so we will need to officially cast our vote for the new board at the June meeting so we can begin to work on our 2011-2012 plans.

The club received a Thank you letter from Ms. Shannon Marie James of Corryton, TN for the TVKC scholarship donated to the UT vet School. We hope to have Shannon speak at a future meeting to share with us her plans for the future as well as what it's like to be at the UT Vet School as a student.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> the AKC adopted a pilot program for an AKC Open Show and we are exploring the use of this program for our September Match and Meet the Breeds at Market Square.

The AKC Companion Animal Recovery Canine Support and Relief fund has recently provided a grant for a group in Newport, TN and TVKC will be representing the organization in the check presentation very soon.

The Show and Cluster committee are hard at work to make the 2011 Great Smoky Mountain Cluster better than ever. We are looking at sponsorships as well as activities for our exhibitors that will continue to make our show one of the premier fall events in the area.

Also a reminder if you wish to donate a trophy and have your name listed in the premium list and catalog please contact Carol Sommerfelt at 865-986-1614 or [csommerfelt@embryodonation.org](mailto:csommerfelt@embryodonation.org) to let her know.

That's it for now. I truly hope to see everyone at the two rivers pavilion on June 21<sup>st</sup>. It would be great to have a large turnout of members and friends.

Walter Sommerfelt

President, TVKC