

## President's Message July 2011

We had a wonderful June meeting and awards picnic at the two rivers pavilion until the storm hit us and made for a scary but interesting conclusion.

The Pot Luck picnic was great with great food and fellowship. Thanks to Catherine Bell and Jean Dinkins for arranging for such a great site and putting it all together. After dinner and the enjoyment of music and fellowship we progressed into a great meeting with some very good discussions among our members. We had experienced a few rain showers during the dinner portion and it seemed like the weather had passed and we were enjoying the evening when out of nowhere mother nature's ugly side came through as wind gusts lifted the tables and threw them across the pavilion and several of our members were struck by the flying tables. We lost power and a tree blocked the road out of the facility but our entire club pulled together to get things cleaned up and put away.

Jeanne Ringe did another superb job of getting the awards together but the storm prevented us from public recognition for those earning them.

It really was amazing how fast the storm hit out of seemingly nowhere. When you see the devastation of all of the storms that have hit the U.S. this year I guess we were very lucky for no serious injuries or damage to property.

Please plan to attend our July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be awarding the AKC/CAR grant to the Tennessee Special response Team-A Inc. They are a part of the National Search Dog Alliance from Newport, TN. They will also be sharing with us a little about what the group does. For information on the group you can visit their website at [www.tnsrta.org](http://www.tnsrta.org). This will also be an opportunity for our club to shine as we are hoping for media coverage of the check presentation.

We have several new board members this year and I am looking forward to working with them as we continue on our mission to make the TVKC a very significant member of the community.

Don't forget that TVKC conformation classes start Monday July 11 at 6:30 PM at the Country Side Vet Clinic in Louisville. Angie Bass will be our instructor and we are grateful for her commitment to this project.

Also starting soon on Wednesday evenings Ace Russell will be offering agility and obedience classes on behalf of the TVKC at his location at very reasonable special members rates. This is a great opportunity for those members that wish to focus on these areas. For the most current information visit the TVKC website.

Also, just a reminder that Beth White is doing a great job with our website and virtually all the information you need on the club can be found there including current minutes as well as past minutes and the up to the minute happenings within our club.

We have had several new members join this year and we are looking forward to getting everyone involved in one club activity or another.

The cluster is coming along well and we hope it will be another great success. It is still not too late to sponsor a trophy or two, contact Carol Sommerfelt if you wish to donate. We have several pricing options to fit almost all budgets.

Just a reminder we are in the middle of a very hot and humid summer that has shown the area a wide variety of weather. Remember to keep your dog's safety, health and welfare in mind as you travel to shows and trials.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 19<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting room.

Walter Sommerfelt

President, TVKC