



The Scoop

Spring 2020 Newsletter



Letter from the President:

March is always a great time of the year, a month when the daylight comes back in the evening, daffodils start to pop out and we start thinking of getting outside more and back in the field training our dogs. I started this newsletter a month ago, and we have all seen so much change in such a short four weeks. The coronavirus pandemic has upended our usual routines. As of now, Ohio's shelter at home Order continues through May 1st, but one of the essential activities permitted under the Order is outdoor activities. The grounds do remain open and members can continue to get outside and start their season of training. However, we ask you be considerate of others by practicing social distancing and if you do not feel well, please do not come out.

As far as training days and other activities, our April events have been canceled. Our May training days remain on the calendar and Mitch White's Dog to The Line Workshop is open for registration. Of course, we will revisit planning as circumstances dictate.

I hope everyone remains safe through these unprecedented times.

Cyndi Poveda
President

Mud Season

The nursery is known for catching dog trucks, pickups and SUVs this time of the year, so please stay on the roads. The property's mud claimed a vehicle just today. AToback@NTGConsultants.com

Nursery Property Update

As we discussed at the Annual Dinner, our pursuit of grant funding will continue through 2020. We are most grateful to Mr. Kittredge's generosity in allowing an extension for more time to apply for these grants.

We applied for an Ohio EPA grant for the in July 2019 for the woods and creek areas of the property. The top 5 projects were funded in that grant, but BRC ranked #7. However, in the last month we have learned that of the top 5 projects funded, one was a Western Reserve Land Conservancy project which happened to have an alternative funding path. With that project removed the funding was made available to the projects ranked #6 & #7. As

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a result, BRC received half of its funding request, \$250,000. The funding is pending some clarification around the well leases on the property.

The exciting news is that our project was worthy of funding!!! But not receiving the entire request creates strategic questions about sourcing the remaining funds and how best to pair our second grant application to cover the training areas.

The Western Reserve Land Conservancy will work out our strategy. In the meantime, they continue the biological surveys, are considering a fish survey and will be setting up an acoustic survey to understand the bat species on the property. Everyone think bats: The Indiana bat is an endangered species, they like to roost in shagbark hickory trees and we have shagbark hickory trees on the property.

Dog to the Line! Workshop with Mitch White

Entry spots remain available for the Dog to the Line! Workshop presented by Mitch White on May 16 & 17 at the Nursery. This workshop focuses on how to strategically approach a hunt test with Junior, Senior and Master level handler teams running practice Hunt Tests and breaking down performance.

Along with judges David Philips and Joe Smithberger, Mitch will review the required elements of a test and how these elements are incorporated into the design of each series. Handlers will be coached on how to evaluate a setup and develop a game plan for a successful run. Upon completing the series, the handler team will be evaluated and performance discussed. Auditors are welcome to join the Q&A!

We have some volunteer opportunities in gun stations and are welcome to participate in Q&A Auditor fees for volunteers will be waived. The nursery will be closed for this event.

AKC Judges Seminar

We are also planning an AKC Judges Seminar October 17th at a location TBD in the Chardon area. The seminar offers an excellent opportunity to sharpen your understanding of testing requirements and how performance is evaluated. Great for handlers and for judges, the seminar will substitute for tests within one year of test date. More details on location to come.

New Equipment

We finished replacing our wingers in 2019. For 2020 we will have a new stock of decoys. The old decoys will be offered to the membership, watch your blast for details.

Annual Board Elections

At our annual meeting, members renewed the expiring terms of Jim Domo, Cyndi Poveda and Bill Skeels for 3-year terms.

AKC Event Cancellations

The AKC has set up an events cancellations page:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>

Welcome New Members!

Alex Bercheck
Mark Campanali
Russ Hannu
Charlene Hartson
Lauren Rothenberger
Cassie Vasko

Board of Directors:

Cyndi Poveda, President
David Philips, Vice President
Tim Daily, Secretary
Bill Skeels, Treasurer
Trustees: Shannon Black, Jim Buckley, Jim Domo, Kathy Heintel, Mike McFarland, Tara Perby and Joe Ricupero.

Suggestions/Comments/Questions:

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