

**NORTHWEST  
OBEDIENCE  
CLUB, INC.**

# The Fireplug

November & December 2017

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## President's Message...by Jim Doescher

As we get ready to celebrate the up coming holiday season, we at NOCI have a great deal to be thankful for. We have many, many great volunteers that make this a great place to train our best friends!  
THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL!

A few weeks ago, I presided over my first board meeting. I knew there were a lot of items on the agenda but I didn't realize we would be there for 3 hours (even missed a few items)! Many thanks to the board! I would like to share several important items with you, the membership, now.

First, you should have received an email with a Special Meeting Notice for 7 pm on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing options for flooring at the club. Because this is a special meeting, this will be the only item on the agenda. I am hoping that many of you can come and weigh in on this important issue.

Secondly, the board spent a great deal of time discussing training issues. We are all in agreement that it is time for NOCI to promote only **positive** training methods! Last January, I attended a Nose Work training seminar. I was sitting through a presentation that I was not particularly interested in until the speaker said the U.S. military has now adopted positive methods for training military dogs! The U.S. military does not easily change their methods! It is time for NOCI to promote a more positive method of training! As part of that effort, we will be offering opportunities to you so that you and your best friend can have FUN at NOCI, competing or in the community!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jim

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## What to look for in a good obedience class instructor

**N.H. Sunday News - Dog Tracks Column - 6/18/06**

By: Gail T. Fisher

One of my first obedience class instructors stood in the middle of the room with a cigarette dangling from her mouth, barking commands like a drill sergeant breaking in new recruits. Things have certainly changed since then – at least as far as the cigarette goes.

Most people observing this type of class would recognize that the drill sergeant approach is not the best way to teach – not adults, not children, and not dogs. But what if a poor instructor isn't easily recognizable when you enroll in a class? It's easy to tell a terrible instructor, but can you discern the merely mediocre? Can you tell beforehand if your time and money will be wasted?

There are no professional credentials or certification for obedience class instructors. The National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI) is a membership organization with strict requirements for membership. But a NADOI instructor is hard to find, and truth be told, membership won't help determine if an instructor is good.

I belonged to NADOI for many years, and was the Education Chairman for several years. Twenty years ago, NADOI had about 350 members. It now has about 450 – expanding to include international and provisional members who haven't yet amassed sufficient teaching hours. Although each of our All Dogs Gym instructors is more than qualified for NADOI, I don't require – or even request – that my instructors join. I, myself, have let my membership lapse. So not belonging to NADOI doesn't mean much either.

If no organization can help, how can you find a good instructor?

In my book **TEACHING DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES – The Manual for Instructors** (Howell Book House, 1987, co-author J. Volhard), we list the attributes of a good instructor. First and foremost, the instructor must like people. Many instructors teaching classes are good dog trainers, but are not good teachers. Just because someone can train dogs, doesn't mean they can teach people to train dogs.

The adage "those who can, do; those who can't, teach" does a great disservice to all teachers – including obedience instructors. Dog training class instructors have to know it all – training dogs, and teaching people.

The instructor must know her stuff – she has to understand dogs and how they learn, normal and abnormal dog behavior, and dog training techniques. Plus she has to understand how people learn, to communicate and teach adults.

Among the qualities that make a good instructor are empathy and patience – critical for a teacher of any subject, but especially when simultaneously teaching two species of beginners: the novice student with an untrained dog.

She should be impartial, showing no favoritism to any particular breed or student. And be respectful of both species – demonstrated many ways: Respect to dogs by using fair, gentle, up-to-date techniques that utilize how dogs learn; respecting the dog's perspective and his comfort. Respect to the students by being punctual, dressing neatly and being attentive to the students' mental and physical comfort, too. It is disrespectful to keep students waiting, to dress as if you just cleaned a barn, or teach in a dirty, uncomfortable or inappropriate facility.

Additionally, instructors should be friendly, and it's always helpful to have a good sense of humor.

How can you find such a paragon? It's not as hard as it may seem. Next week, some questions to ask, and things to look for in finding the right training class for you and your dog.

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### "NOCI Awards Program"

Have your dog honored with a plaque

At its annual awards banquet, NOCI recognizes titles and major awards won by its members by giving each handler/dog team a plaque listing its accomplishments. Each year the plaque is updated to reflect new accomplishments.

**As written in the club bylaws, these are things you must do to be eligible for a plaque.**

Submit a record of your accomplishment on a [NOCI score report](#) form.

To submit a score report, go to [tinyurl.com/nociscore](http://tinyurl.com/nociscore) and enter the relevant information. To submit a score report in writing, download the form from the club website, fill it in, and place it in the "WOOF Box" in the club office, or mail to the awards chairperson (Judy Gemperline) All score reports MUST be submitted by December 31 of the year in which the title was earned. If you do not meet the deadline, the club will not pay for the engraving/ plaque.

Provide one service to the club during the calendar year.

Fill out the service form so we have a record.

Attend at least one general membership meeting during the calendar year. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet whenever you attend a meeting.

Due to the increasing number and expense of these awards, the club will be adhering to these guidelines very strictly.

If you are eligible for a plaque you will receive a letter in early January listing the titles and awards which will go on the plaque. You will be asked to check it for accuracy and return it so that the plaque can be made or updated. You will receive the plaque in March at the awards banquet (or pick it up in the office later if you do not attend the banquet). Detailed instructions will come with the award letter in January.

## 2018 Obedience Class Schedule

### MONDAY

Pre-Novice	9:00am—10:00am	Jessica Frost & Peggy Roesner
Beginner	10:00am-11:00 am	Kristin Vesely & Jessica Frost
Novice	11:00am-12:00 pm	Bev Mills
Novice	12:00pm- 1:00 pm	Chris Wagner & Cheryl Kistner
Pre-Utility	1:00pm- 2:00 pm	Karen Haberkorn
Utility	2:00pm- 3:00 pm	Cheryl Kistner
Beginner	7:00pm- 8:00pm	Shawn Hacker & Chris Wagner
Beginner	8:00pm- 9:00pm	Patti Burgess & Donas Bradford
Novice	9:00pm- 10:00pm	Sylvia Simmons

### TUESDAY

Rally	10:00am-11:00am	Karen Haberkorn & Sally Banka
Novice	5:00pm—6:00pm	Heide Jakiel & Lisa Monge
Novice	6:00pm- 7:00 pm	Heide Jakiel & Lisa Monge
Open	7:00pm- 8:00 pm	Sandy Lewandowski

### WEDNESDAY

Beginner	7:00pm- 8:00 pm	Chris Wagner & Katie Monteraselli
Novice	8:00pm- 9:00 pm	Joan Nebesky & EJ Jennings
Pre-Open	9:00pm-10:00 pm	Joan Nebesky

### THURSDAY

Beginner	9:00am- 10:00 am	Jessica Frost, Donas Bradrofd & Kara Hoppen
Novice	10:00am- 11:00 am	Marianne Noble & Debbie Fields
Open	11:00am- 12:00pm	Marianne Noble & Judy Gemperline
Puppy	7:00pm- 8:00 pm	Sylvia Simmons, Denise Weidmeyer, Adrienne Ostrowski
Pre-Novice	8:00—9:00	Barb Novak

### Friday

Drop-In Training	10:00am - 12:00pm	Sits & Downs at 11:00am
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Non-Members \$10.00 - Unlimited number of dogs  
Members \$5.00 - Unlimited number of dogs

Free fun match certificates earned at NOCI Agility Trials will be honored:  
Non-Members 1 Certificate = 1 Friday training session  
Members 1 Certificate = 2 Friday sessions

### **Obedience/Nosework Class Fees:**

Non-Members:\$120.00    Members:    \$60.00    with 2 Service Credits:    \$35.00

### **OBEDIENCE CLASS ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

I am looking to start a mentorship program for those members who are interested in becoming an assistant instructor. If you are currently trialing with your dog or plan to do so in the next 6 months, and would be interested in helping others achieve their goals in obedience, please contact me for more information: [tridisney@comcast.net](mailto:tridisney@comcast.net)

Chris Wagner, Director of Training

# Nose Work News

## Nose Work Class Schedule

### Monday

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Intro To Nosework	Jim Doescher and Adrienne Ostrowski
7:00—8:00 p.m.	Advanced Nosework	Jim Doescher
8:00—9:00 p.m.	Intermediate Nosework	Jim Doescher and the Burris'
9:00—10:00 p.m.	Intro to Odor	Jim Doescher and the Burris'

### Tuesday

8:00—9:00 p.m.	Advanced Nosework	Jim Doescher/Sandy Lewandowski
9:00—10:00 p.m.	Int/Adv Nosework	Sandy Fuller

### Wednesday

10:30—11:30 a.m.	Advanced Nosework	Cheryle Homuth
12:00—1:00 p.m.	Advanced Nosework	Cheryle Homuth

- Please note: All nose work classes are full and there is a waiting list. Please contact Jim Doescher to be added to the wait list.

## Nose Work Brags

Misty and Sandy Fuller-  
UKC - ME (Master Exterior), MI (Master Interior), MN (Master Nosework)  
AKC - SCN (Container Novice)

Brody and Sandy Fuller-  
NACSW - ELT1  
UKC - SE (Superior Exterior), SN (Superior Nosework), EC (Elite Containers), EV (Elite Vehicle)  
AKC - SBN (Buried Novice), SIN (Interior Novice)

Dagger and Jessica Mueller- NACSW NW 2

Killian and Hilery Page- UKC Advanced NW HIT

Indy and Jim Doescher- competed at NACSW NW Nationals and earned a 1st place in one of the 10 searches

## A Heartfelt Thank You!

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as the Director of Obedience Training this past year. It provided me the opportunity to work with members that I have known for some time and to also get to know some of the newer members. I appreciate all the support and feedback that I received from the instructors and assistants, as well as the Board.

Thank you to Kristin Vesely, Jessica Frost, Chris Wagner, Shawn Hacker, EJ Jennings, Sandy Shivers, Peggy Roesner, Barb Novak, Patti Burgess, Katie Monterastelli, Colette Ritter, Betty Jo Hoebel, Silvia Simmons, Bev Mills, Lisa Monge, Rich Spetka, Marianne Noble, Deb Fields, Sandy Lewandowski, Judy Gemperline, Kim Young, Karen Haberkorn, Joan Nebesky, Cheryl Kistner, Wally O'Brien, Jan Sund, Adrienne Ostrowski, Denise Weidmeyer, Donas Bradford, Ed Barys, Kara Hoppen, Janis Kohler, Liz Wescott.

Your time and commitment to your classes and students was appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Heide Jakiel

**Titles and Awards****Reported 9/18/17 – 11/25/17****Titles and Awards****Reported 9/18/17 – 11/25/17****Doris Barys and Jade (Shih tau)**

4/23 Car-Dun-Al **AKC BN**  
7/30 NOCI **UKC URO3**

**Pat Behles and Britta (German Shepherd Dog)**

10/22 Thorn Creek Tracking Club **AKC TD**  
10/22 Thorn Creek Tracking Club **AKC VCD1**  
10/22 Thorn Creek Tracking Club **AKC UDT**  
10/22 Thorn Creek Tracking Club **GSDCA PAM**

**Abby Brownell and Ellie (Australian shepherd)**

9/23 WAG **CPE CL1-F**  
9/23 WAG **CPE CL1**  
9/24 WAG **CPE CL2-S**  
10/22 Greater St Louis Agility Club **CPE CL2-H**  
10/22 Great St Louis Agility Club **CPE CL2-F**

**Patti Burgess and Furbie (Papillon)**

10/23 **AKC TKI**

**Patti Burgess and Phil (Rat Terrier)**

10/23 **AKC TKI**

**Patti Burgess and Scarlett (Rat Terrier)**

10/1 K9 Happy Feet **BHA RATO**  
10/23 **AKC TKN**

**Susie Cohn and Austen (Chihuahua)**

11/19 Fox Valley KC **AKC PCDX**

**Aline Denges and Miss Georgia Grace (Great Dane)**

2/16 **AKC STAR puppy**

**Sandy Fuller and Brody (Shetland Sheepdog)**

9/24 Sundog Sports **NACSW ELT1**  
10/22 UMASCI **UKC SE**  
10/22 UMASCI **UKC EC**  
10/22 UMASCI **UKC SN**  
10/22 UMASCI **UKC HIT (nosework)**  
11/5 Paw Power Blues **AKC SBN**  
11/5 Paw Power Blues **AKC SIN**  
11/12 For Your K9 **UKC EV**

**Sandy Fuller and Misty (Shetland Sheepdog)**

10/22 UMASCI **UKC ME**  
11/5 Paw Power Blues **AKC SCN**  
11/12 For Your K9 **UKC MN**  
11/13 For Your K9 **UKC MI**

**Karen Haberkorn and Solly (Borzoi)**

8/4 Stone City KC **AKC RA**

**Karen Haberkorn and Summer(Borzoi)**

8/4 Stone City KC **AKC RN**

**Shari Hoffman and Baby Ra Ra (Rottweiler)**

11/12 Magic's Legacy **AKC HIC**

**Shari Hoffman and Spiritt (St Bernard)**

9/23 Sundog Sports **NACSW L1E**  
11/4 Kudos for Canines **NACSW L1C**  
11/8 Magic's Legacy **AKC HIC**

11/18 Cudahy **AKC SCN**

11/19 Cudahy **AKC SHDN**

**Judy Lantinen and Coppie (Labrador Retriever)**

3/25 4G & TB **NACSW NW2**  
3/25 4G & TB **NACSW HIT (nosework)**

**Sandra Lewandowski and Mona (GSP)**

10/28 **AKC JH**

**Beverly Mills and Bock( German Shepherd Dog)**

9/24 Lincolnwood DTC **GSDCA TC**  
10/7 For your K9 **APDT RL1**  
10/7 For Your K9 **APDT RL1-AOE**  
10/14 Bark River Dog Club **UKC UCDX**

**Cheryl Moore and Brigid (Aussie)**

9/23 WAG **CPE C-ATCH 2**  
10/8 FKPS **CPE ChSN**  
11/18 Race agility **CPE ChJP**

**Joan Nebesky and Fiona(Mix)**

2/5 Cardunal **AKC RN**  
7/29 Flying Paws **UKC RO1**

**Judy Nicholl and Jesse (Golden Retriever)**

9/24 For Your K9 **UKC SV**  
9/24 For Your K9 **UKC SN**  
11/19 Cudahy KC **AKC SCN**

**Barb Novak and Joy (Portuguese Water Dog)**

9/10 Kenosha KC **AKC BN**  
10/8 **DMWYD NTD**  
10/8 **AKC TKN**

**Hilery Page and Killian (Golden Retriever)**

3/25 4G&TB **NACSW NW2**  
9/23 For Your K9 **UKC AE**  
9/23 For Your K9 **UKC HIT (Nosework)**  
9/23 For Your K9 **UKC AC**  
9/23 For Your K9 **UKC HIT(Nosework)**

**Amber Perri and Ciro (German Shepherd Dog)**

9/24 Lincolnwood DTC **GSDCA TC**

**Mary Pleticha and Angel (Ambor)**

6/24 Flying Paws **WCRL RLV**  
6/24 Flying Paws **WCRL AOE Veteran**

**Peggy Roesner and Otis Blue (Labrador)**

10/17 NOCI **AKC CGC**

**Lorel Sack and Kessie (Miniature American Shepherd)**

9/3 **DMWYD ETD**  
9/24 WAG **CPE CL3**  
9/24 WAG **CPE CL3-S**

**Larry Schuldt & Nadine Greiner and Mackenzie (Collie)**

5/30 Smack Dab **AKC MXB**  
11/19 WAG **AKC MJB**  
**AKC CGC**

**Silvia & Mike Simmons and Haley (American Staffordshire Terrier)**

10/23 NOCI **AKC TKN**

**Silvia & Mike Simmons and Georgie (American Staffordshire Terrier)**

10/7 For Your Canine **WCRL RL1**

10/23 NOCI **AKC TKI**  
10/23 NOCI **AKC TKN**

**Silvia Simmons and Delilah (American Staffordshire)**

6/27 **AKC TKI**  
6/27 NOCI **AKC TKA**  
10/7 For Your Canine **WCRL RL1**  
10/23 NOCI **AKC TKN**

**Silvia & Mike Simmons and Haley (American Staffordshire Terrier)**

9/23 Element Specialty C **NACSW NW1C**  
10/23 NOCI **AKC TKI**

**Silvia & Mike Simmons and Samson (American Staffordshire Terrier)**

10/7 For your Canine **WCRL RL1**  
10/23 **NOCI AKC TKN**

**Ken & Yvonne Smith and Tess (All American)**

10/14 Race Agility **CPE CL4-R**  
10/14 Race Agility **CPE CL4**  
11/4/ Tibetan Terrier Club **AKC MXJ**

**Yvonne & Ken Smith and Riley (Cairn Terrier)**

11/4 Trail Creek DTC **WCRL RL3**

**Sherlynn Stancil and Casanova (Mixed)**

4/13//17 NOCI **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy**  
10/19 NOCI **AKC CGC**  
10/7 For Your K9 **WCRL RLP**  
10/7 For Your K9 **WCRL RLP-AOE**

**Jan Sund and Coury (Miniature American Shepherd)**

8/24 Forest City **AKC RA**

**Jan Sund and Triple (Dachshund)**

10/14 RACE **CPE TchCL**  
11/9 WAG **AKC NAP**

**Jan Sund and Valor (Border Collie)**

9/24 Forest City **AKC RA**

**Ruth Wedekind and Dieter (Poland Lowland Sheepdog)**

5/5 NOCI **AKC NAJ**  
5/7 NOCI **AKC NA**

**Susan Willoughby and Kyra (Golden Retriever)**

10/7 For Your K9 **WCRL AOE Level 1**  
10/7 For Your K9 **WCRL RL1**

**Susan Willoughby and Rudy (Golden Retriever)**

9/9 For Your K9 **UKC URO1**  
10/7 For Your K9 **WCRL RLP**  
10/7 For Your K9 **WCRL AOE Puppy**

**Susan Willoughby and Miranda (Golden Retriever)**

11/12 Car Dun Al **AKC CD**

**Susan Willoughby and Peaches (Golden Retriever)**

9/9 For Your K9 **UKC URO1**

**Kim & Peter Young and Connor (Dalmatian)**

1/8 Think Pawsitive **NACSW ORT Clove**  
7/15 4G and TB **NADAC NW 2**

**Kim & Peter Young and Rookie (Dalmatian)**

10/29 **NACSW L1I**

**Patti Yuswak and Ian (NSDTR)**

9/1 WAG **AKC TKN**  
10/24 WAG **DMWYD NTD**

**Other teams reporting qualifying scores**

Lynn Michaelson-Cohn and Sky (Flat-Coated Retriever)  
Colette Ritter and Tucker (Ambor)  
Chris Wagner and Maverick (Sheltie)

## December Trial Raffles

Hello again from Mallory with an update on the raffle for the December trials. It's time for a **Wrap Party!**



What's a WRAP PARTY? I am seeking volunteers to help assemble the baskets at the club on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>. After Open Training and before the Meeting, the club is available for a Wrap Party extravaganza.

I will have ribbon, tape, rolls of cellophane wrap and all the baskets / containers I could round up. Feel free to bring anything that can hold raffle goodies and newspaper for stuffing. Please let me know if you can help. My contact information is below.

We are continuing to accept donations and a GIANT THANKS to all who have donated. If you would like to be acknowledged for your donation, please email me your information: [bluemoonelk@gmail.com](mailto:bluemoonelk@gmail.com).

Mallory Golladay (and KiKi "The Gray Tornado")  
cell: 952-457-4552



## PLAQUE FAQs

### 1. I hear people talking about their “plaques”- what are they?

Each plaque is a wooden board, about 12 inches wide and 17 inches tall. On top is a large plate with the dog’s name and breed. Below are 18 brass plates, each listing a title or award earned by you and your dog. Each year, the plaque gets updated with new titles. A smaller plaque, about half the size, with only six plates is also available.

### 2. What do I have to do to get one?

You have to meet three criteria to be eligible

1. Submit a score report for each title you and your dog earn by the end of the year.
2. Provide at least one service for the club during the year. (Fill out the service form)
3. Attend at least one general membership meeting during the year (sign the roster)

If you are eligible, you receive a letter in January listing the titles and awards for the plaque. Check it for accuracy and return it so that the plaque can be made or updated. You will receive the plaque in March at the awards banquet. Detailed instructions come with the award letter

### 3. How do I submit a score report?

Go to [tinyurl.com/nociscore](http://tinyurl.com/nociscore) and enter the information about your title. Don’t forget to hit “submit.” Or download the form from the club website, fill it in, and place it in the “WOOF Box” in the club office, or mail to the awards chairperson (Judy Gemperline)

### 4. Do I have to wait for my official title certificate before submitting a score report?

No. You may submit a title as soon as you earn it. Waiting for the official certificate may cause you to miss the deadline. You may wait until December to submit score reports for the entire year, but it is recommended that you submit titles as they are earned.

### 5. I got a qualifying leg, but not a title. Do I need to submit this?

You may, but it is not required. Members who submitted Qs but did not earn titles are listed in each issue of the Fireplug.

### 6. I received a national ranking for 2016, but it wasn’t announced until 2017. Have I missed the deadline for reporting this award?

No. Since these rankings are not issued until the following year, the deadlines for these are the following December. For example, 2016 rankings have a deadline of December 31, 2017.

### 7. I made a mistake entering my information online. What do I do?

Email the awards chairperson (Judy Gemperline [djj1988@yahoo.com](mailto:djj1988@yahoo.com)) and explain the error. She will get it corrected in the club’s record.

### 8. I forgot whether I submitted a particular title. What should I do?

The entire spreadsheet is available at [tinyurl.com/nociscorereports](http://tinyurl.com/nociscorereports). You can search within the spreadsheet, but you will not be able to edit it. Or you could just enter the title again.

### 9. I missed the year-end deadline. Now what?

If you submit a title late, the club does not pay for the engraving. If you have a plaque on which the title will fit, you will have to reimburse the club for the engraving. However, if you do not already have a plaque, or your plaque is full, you would have to pay for a new plaque as well.



# New Members

Sue Borowitz  
Australilian Shepherds

Trish Gibbons  
All American

Del Grala  
Flat Coated Retriever

Tamara Herr  
Mix

**Welcome  
to the club!**



## **SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 8 @ 7:00PM**

The NOCI Board has researched the issue of the flooring in our training facility and would like to invite all members to a special meeting solely for the purpose of discussing and voting on plans for keeping or replacing the flooring. We have some specific recommendations, but it is essential that the membership weigh in on the issue.

The meeting will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Club, [735 Industrial Drive, Cary, IL](#). We absolutely must have a quorum of at least 25 members present in order to vote on this issue.

Please come and let your voice be heard.

## **NOCI Holiday Party December 27 7:00**

It has been quite a while since the club has had their holiday party. Since the club isn't used during the week between Xmas and New Year, we have decided to reinstate this tradition.

LOTS of games for people and their dogs.

Some of the games we may play:

Dog bowling - How many 2 liter (half filled) bottles can your dog knock down in 30 seconds.

Tic Tac Toe - One team is sits, the others down. If a dog goes from a sit to a down, they've just gone from a X to an O

Bobbing for hot dogs - Pieces of hot dog dropped into the water. See if the dog will take it out. (Psst. Uncooked hot dogs do NOT float.)

Dumbbell toss - Bullseye. Handlers try to toss their dumbbells into the center of a circle.

Musical chairs - With your dogs.

Fido says - Like Simon says

Recalls over hot dogs

Dumbbell relay races - Teams of three. First person throws their dumbbell past a line. Dog has to retrieve the dumbbell before the next person can throw theirs. You can help the dog do the retrieve.

Team competition - Teams of three. Figure 8s and individual recalls. Three handlers and their dogs. Four posts. Two figure eights without the team members walking into each other. Three dogs on sit stays. Dogs are called INDIVIDUALLY to their owners.

This will be a fun night out for both dog and handler and a chance to meet other members of the club.

The more the merrier!!

Mark your calendars for 12/27 at 7:00 PM.  
Feel free to bring a dish to share with everyone.  
Please direct any questions to Wally O'Brien  
[wallyobrien@comcast.net](mailto:wallyobrien@comcast.net)



Alexx became the first Toy Fox Terrier to earn an AKC Scent Work Title at the Eukanuba Performance Games in Wilmington, OH on September 14-17 when he earned three legs in each element to earn his AKC Novice Interior, Exterior and Container titles.

According to AKC he's now:

**GCH, CH Lillys Alexander Ragtime, SNI, SNE, SNC**

As always he's owned and handled by Arlene King



**May All Your  
Holiday Wishes  
Come True!**

**(Leah is wishing  
as hard as she can!)**

# NORTHWEST OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.

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**Next General  
Meeting  
February 16, 2018  
7:30 p.m.**



**December 2017**

