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Club Calendar

Aug 10 (Sun)	Members' Match	CSEB, Hayward (8 AM Start time)
8/31 and 9/1 (Sun/Mon)	Agility Trials (2)	Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa
Sep 13 (Sat)	Members' Match	CSEB, Hayward (8 AM Start time)
Nov 15/16	Lori Drouin Seminar	ODTC Training Hall

ODTC President's Message – Jack McCredie

At the club's annual meeting on June 8, the members present voted unanimously to elect Sue Harvey as a Lifetime Honorary ODTC member. Sue has contributed in so many ways to the success of the club that it is impractical to list them all here. However, we congratulate her and thank her for years of dedicated service, inspirational leadership, mentorship and friendship. Our by-laws define such membership as follows:

"Honorary membership may be conferred only upon a person who has rendered a distinctly valuable service to the Club or to the progress of obedience training."

In addition, the selection committee announced that Lora Cox received the 2014 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award:

"The American Kennel Club sponsors the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award and lists the recipients of the award in the "Awards and Honors" section of the AKC web site. In the AKC's ongoing effort to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who have made a significant difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion."

We celebrated the many AKC titles earned by ODTC teams throughout 2013. Since many of you were unable to attend the meeting in person, I thought that you would enjoy reviewing these rewarding achievements since many of you helped to make them possible.

Congratulation to all!

HANDLER	TEAM STAR	2013 TITLES	
Berger, Nancy	POMMIE	CDX	
Broesder, Gail	NARA	CGC RN	
Callahan, Micki	ARETHA	BN RN RA CGC	
Collins, Ann	LIBBY	MX MXJ	
Corrigan, Fran	KATSU	BN	
Corrigan, Fran	MANDI	BN CGC	
Dickerson, Susan	BENSON	OM5 NAP NJP	
Dove, Debra	KABLE	CGC CH	
Dove, Debra	GUAGE	GO HT	

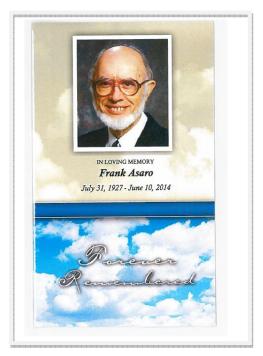
HANDLER	TEAM STAR	2013 TITLES	
Fullam, Lisa	SALLY	CGC	
Gaponoff, Sharma	IZZI	RN	
Gaponoff, Sharma	INCA	UD RAE RE	
Grossman, Gina	KENNY	UD	
Hankins, Debbi	BANSHEE	RN CGC	
Kaiser, Lizanne	DANTE	OTCh UDX5 OM7	
Kosmakos, Lynn	LILI	RE GN	
Mailer, Woujie	GADER	CDX	
Matheson, Meigs	RIVER	CDX	
McCredie, Jack	BINGO	GO NA NAJ	
McGrail, Joanne	SPIRIT	RN	
Nickoli, Marti	DITTO	CDX	
Nickoli, Marti	BELLA	CDX THD	
Olbrich, Hazel	SAM	TDX RAE UD	
Raz-Astrakhan, Laurie	LADYBUG	CDX UD OF	
Reardon, Mike	LUCAS	BN CD	
Rubin, Laurie	FENNEL	UD	
Tan, Janice	MOZART	OTCh	
Tucker, Harriet	BANJO	BN RAE2	
Vannucchi, Sharon	JOURNEY	CGC	
Ward, Patty	ANNIE	UD	

In 2013, the Alameda/San Leandro First Annual Police Canine Competition was a great success! The event showcased over fifty canine teams from across the state. These teams came together to compete in narcotic detection and patrol scenarios which resulted in the largest attendance in recent history of the Western States Police Canine Association (WSPCA). Over three hundred spectators and local media groups watched these special handler/canine teams in action.

This year's event will be in San Leandro on August 9.

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Editor's Notes - Hazel Olbrich



I was able to stop in during the visitation for Frank Asaro's funeral in June. Frank and his late wife Lucille were honorary members of the club and great supporters of the club when they were active. Frank was a great help to me and other trainers for checking in dogs to our drop-in classes. I was able to meet his children and express my personal and the club's condolences.

Sue Harvey was able to attend his funeral and mentioned the large number of scientists there who expressed their esteem for Frank's professional work. Two of his best known accomplishments were in providing the corroborating proof of the asteroid impact theory for the cause of the mass extinction of the dinosaur and the proof that the brass plate supposedly left by Sir Francis Drake in Marin County was made no earlier than the first half of the 19th century (250 years after Drake's landing). Here's a link to Frank's Wikipedia entry.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Asaro

Here's a handy little checklist for showing at obedience trials. This is written by John Cox, obedience judge (and St. Bernard enthusiast).

http://clubs.akc.org/saints/Archives/Preparing%20To%20Show.pdf

On a different note, I wanted to share my latest training treat "find". Titania really likes the Zukes Salmon mini-treats, but they are not mini enough for her. She needs to keep a svelte figure for the conformation show ring, and too much of a good thing makes for GI distress. I have learned how to cut the treats in half by lining up five of them at a time and cutting them right down the middle as a group. This isn't a fast task to say the least, but it appears to work for us. . (Note: of course one could pinch them in half during training, but my own experience is that the less food preparation one does during training the better.). Right now my training treats, the cut up Zukes (I do the whole bag at one time) and the Charlie Bears, stay in my car. This means loading up the car to go training requires one less thing to do. I find every effort/task barrier I can remove makes it more likely that I will go out to train my dogs.

Debra Dove's series on taking your show on the road has another installment this issue. I highly recommend that you take your dog "on the road" to prepare for obedience competition. Some of these training venues do represent a long haul in rush hour traffic, but the rewards for taking the time to drop-in on these classes from time to time is absolutely worth the effort.

Membership Report – Sharon Vannucchi

Dues are predominately up to date!

ODTC would like to give a warm welcome to our newest member Kathy Miller.

Kathy Miller has been training Cardigan Welsh Corgis in competitive obedience and Rally since 2008. Her goal is to participate in an activity that would be fun for her and her dog. Thus so far, she has found the bond that develops as a result of the training and showing process to be rewarding.

Welcome Kathy Miller!

Business Plan Update – Lizanne Kaiser

(Ed Note: after struggling with formatting the business plan to shoehorn it into the newsletter, I've decided to cry uncle. You can find the detailed report at the end of the newsletter.)

Overall, we're doing well. If the drop-in trends seem a little lower this year, a few reasons why:

- Fewer drop-in rally sessions; replaced by pre-paid training tools class (thus, pre-paid numbers higher than last year). Also, Barbara Henry is seeing fewer drop-in students on Mondays (by her choice, not her students!), so that also has reduced the number of total drop-in students.
- A few weeks here and there when drop-in instructors were on vacation or the class was cancelled because of heat, so no class.

Thursday pet classes (pre-paid) still lower than desired. Puppy and Beg have had fairly good attendance, but a lot of Interm classes have been cancelled due to low enrollment (most likely due to the late hour of class -- starting at 8:30pm)

But overall, numbers look good so far for the year.

On the Road with Debra Dove

(Ed Note: As we all know, preparing for competition obedience includes taking one's show "on the road". Our sister obedience clubs offer road opportunities. Debra has volunteered to compile listings of these opportunities and as time permits will report back on her experiences in these locations. Locations covered in previous newsletters are Santa Clara, Mt Diablo, Oakland, County Wide, San Lorenzo, and San Mateo Dog Training Clubs. Added this month are Monterey Bay, Deep Peninsula, and Fremont).

Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc.

montereybaydog.org

Watsonville Dog Training Location: Crosetti Building

Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds 2601 E Lake Ave Watsonville CA

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Run Thrus

Need to practice before the big show? Want to find out what your dog really knows? Where do you keep losing those points? Need an extra pair of eyes?

Limited Availability - First Come - First Served - \$10 (drop in only) - Ask at the Front Table for sign in.

8:25 pm Tuesday evenings

Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club

dpdtc.org/

Phone: 650 -961-891 Email: dpdtc@dpdtc.org

Training Location

Rengstorff Park (outdoors!) 201 S Rengstorff Ave Mountain View, CA

Classes are outdoors on <u>Mondays</u>, so if it is raining (*Ed note: Raining?*) at 4:00 p.m. at Rengstorff Park on a training day, classes will be canceled. If the weather is questionable, call (650) 961-1891 after 4:00 p.m. to hear a recording giving the status of classes. If it rained earlier in the day, we may cancel for the safety of the dogs and humans.

Drop-In Classes

Drop-In classes are available for some of our more advanced classes (Intermediate, Advanced, Show Novice, Open, Utility, and Ring Prep) only. Dogs and handlers must be ready for or competing at the class level, and all drop-ins are on a space available basis, subject to instructor's approval.

Drop-In Class Fee: \$15 per class

Fremont Dog Training Club

Fremontdogtrainingclub.com

Training Location

45581 Industrial Place, Unit #5 Fremont, CA 94538 **Phone:** 510-659-0324 Training Class Questions/Sign Ups: Contact Toni at 510-790-2904

Email: info@fremontdogtrainingclub.com

Drop in Classes are held on Monday and Thursdays – check the club calendar for details. Drop in fee is \$12.

Training Tools: Foundation Skills for Obedience & Rally

Purpose: This series of classes is designed to teach a variety of dog training skills useful not only for an obedience and rally competition dog but also for any well-trained canine companion. Each four-week session will focus on a different set of skills such as sits and downs, attention, footwork, etc. Students must prepay to enroll and save their spot in the classes. Refunds will only be issued if there is a replacement on the waiting list.

Requirements: Dogs must have completed a beginning pet or novice obedience class and must be able to work in a group setting without disrupting other dogs. The classes are designed to build new skills as well as polish existing skills and will be of use to both novice and advanced handlers.

Monthly topics:

- August: Fancy Feet 2.0: Heeling and Footwork Continued (starting August 5). As of July 24 the class is full with one person on the waiting list.
- October: **Tools of the Trade**: Flexi- Lead, Long Line, Solid Lead, Chutes and Dowels as Training Aids (starting October 7)
- <u>December:</u> Line Up: Fronts, Finishes & Pivots (starting December 2)

To enroll, please call ODTC at 510-339-3276. Questions? E-mail either of the instructors-BLGKatie@sbcglobal.net (Barbara Henry) or mrfiacra@yahoo.com (Lizanne Kaiser).

Free-Style - Laurie Rubin

(Ed Note: Recently Laurie Rubin wrote about her experience with free-style with her dogs. I so enjoyed the story and videos that I asked her if it would be OK to share the information with the club. Here it is.)

On June 7 & 8, I competed in canine musical freestyle competitions in Corvallis, Oregon. Below are links to videos of my performances.

This was Fennel's last competition, as he will be turning 10 on July 22. (*Ed Note: Happy Birthday Fennel!*) We competed in the Championship division, doing a routine to What Do the Simple Folk Do?

from the Broadway musical Camelot. I think Fennel makes a very regal King Arthur. On Saturday, we scored 97 out of 100. A number of things didn't go as planned but most did. This was my highest score to date and I'm very proud. Ebbtide Fennel Hill now has a Musical Freestyle Championship, a Heelwork-to-Music Championship, an ASCA Altered Conformation Championship and two Utility Dog titles (plus an ASCA Rally Masters title).

Simple Folk link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-LT1DtFBp0

On the other end of the spectrum, this was two year-old Racy's first performance competition in any venue. We performed to a Summer of Love medley. Racy scored 82 in the Entry/Beginner level, from which she only needed a 60 to qualify. Most of her work went better than I expected. On the other hand, she barked more than I expected. Whining and barking will be our biggest challenge in obedience, too. This little red Aussie loves to work, and she has a lot to say about it.

Summer of Love Medley link http://youtu.be/mOS73jWPvcE

Freestyle is both very challenging and very fun. I would love to have more of my obedience friends take up the sport with me. In my experience an obedience competitor can put together a qualifying Beginner A routine in only 3-6 months. So, think about putting some of your dog's tricks to music!

What the dogs have taught me – Pat Steed

(Ed. Note: This is a regular series about training topics and our dogs.)

Note from Pat: I was wondering and wondering if my Chips would ever stand still enough for me to earn my 8^{th} UD when I came across an ode I'd written in 1978 when I had earned my 1^{st} UD. It was with a mix, Pepsi, who had walked into my home and heart and sold me on the obedience world

To Pepsi, My Beloved Mongrel

The litter wasn't wanted, it just came via lack of thought
About the pros and cons of breeding, if they'd be the sort
Of pups for which there'd be good homes and owners that would care.
At first they were considered cute, but this began to wear
When no on came to give them homes. The owner lost his head
One night, he took the trusting mites and wishing they were dead,
He dumped them all for Fate to tend or cull as she saw fit.
But Fate was smiling on that night and gave one pup the wit
To cope with her unnatural ills, to struggle and survive
Until she found her way to us, so very much alive!

So now we have Pepsi, the beautiful one, who appeared with innocent trust, Not resenting the hardships, or fearing man's hand, but just confident life would be just. We can't boast of a pedigree "long as your arm", but such boasters are oft times misled, For if manners make dogs as they say they make man, then my Pepsi is not poorly bred.

Meet the Members Kathy Miller

(Ed Note: This section of the newsletter is devoted to dog life bios of club members)



Hi, I'm Kathy Miller. I must have been born a "dog lady," as I can't recall a time when I have not been captivated by them. By the time I was six years old I had memorized all of the breeds in my child's version of the Encyclopedia of Dogs and thought that everyone could identify them all.

As a child, the best birthday gift I ever received was my first puppy. A Springer/Cocker Spaniel mixed breed, Susie, became my dearest companion. My father trained Susie and I thought everyone's dog knew how to sit, down, come and stay. Susie introduced me to what it was to have a relationship with an animal, and to have verbal influence over its behavior.

Currently I live in Santa Clara with my husband and three Cardigan Welsh Corgis. Our canine family includes: Denali, female, age 11, Sage, male, age 5, and Quimby, female, age 2.5. Most people think of the red and white foxy-looking Pembroke Welsh Corgi when they hear someone say "corgi." The Cardigan is more rare in the United States and is the corgi with a full tail. They also come in a myriad of colors. In our house we have a black and white with brindle points, a clear red (two recessive red genes), and a brown brindle with white markings. Other colors include tri-color, blue merle, various brindles, as well as red and white.

After extensive research I chose the Cardigan Welsh Corgi as a good fit for us based on their affectionate temperament, high level of intelligence, and the fact that they are the comedians of the dog world! The smallest dogs in the herding family, corgis are spunky, fearless and have no idea of their small stature. These dogs have very clear opinions, especially the females, as they are the more dominant gender. While they're not a breed for everyone, corgis have been a great fit for us!

I am relatively new to the world of competitive obedience training. Quimby is my "A" obedience dog, and Denali was my first Rally dog. But I am not new to dogs in general, having had seven of them to date. Each has taken me on a different journey – expanded my view of what the canine/human relationship is about. For me, it is all about that relationship, and the many ways in which we communicate with dogs. The bond.

Since 1997 we've almost always had three corgis, or corgi-mixed breeds in our household. All have been obedience trained, to some degree. The first one, Bart, was a rescue Cardigan Welsh Corgi/Australian Shepherd mix who presented many of the greatest behavioral challenges and from whom I learned the most. He became a heart dog and inspired the creation of ForPaws Corgi Rescue, an online dog rescue website devoted to finding homes for corgis and corgi mixed breeds. Over the course of fifteen years, working with several foster people in various parts of the U.S., I've placed over 1,000 dogs in new homes in over thirty-five states. The amount of time I have to devote ebbs and flows, but dog rescue work will always be an important part of my life experience.

Our token rescue Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Elbee, was so painfully shy and under socialized that it took three years for her to gain the confidence she needed to become her real self. But when she did, she helped multiple children who were afraid of dogs overcome their fears with her calm, sweet temperament. She taught me just how much love and patience can conquer.

Fast forward to our first purebred Cardigan Welsh Corgi puppy, Denali. Her busy personality dictated the need for a "job," thus my discovery of competitive obedience. Bored with the repetitive nature of obedience training, Denali was in her element with Rally. She earned her RAE3, with consistent high scores and many placements. But her favorite part of the trial was when we sat together afterward, sharing our lunch. I never realized what a bond the competitive training process builds until having that experience with Denali. It is a lifelong gift.

The Rally experience with Denali sparked my interest in competitive obedience. My current obedience Cardigan, Quimby, is the penultimate happy, funny, curious, and very biddable dog I was looking for. Her lack of coloring around her eyes disqualifies her for conformation, so I was able to focus exclusively on obedience training when she joined us at ten weeks of age.

In Fall 2012, when Quimby was nine months old, we started competing in Rally at a regional cardigan specialty show, where she earned her RN in three trials and became the first puppy in her litter of ten to earn a title. The following April 2013 we attended our first National Specialty. Largely a conformation event, no one noticed my "white mis-mark," until Quimby earned her CD (first place, Novice-A) and was the high-combined Rally finisher in both of the two Rally trials. Her RAE scores of 100, 100, 100, 99 got some attention, particularly from one of the top Cardigan breeders in the country whose dog finished second to Quimby in the Rally trials – by one point in each trial! That was a competition!

In August 2013 Quimby completed her CDX at the age of twenty months. Next, the long road that is Utility-A training – a foreign land for us. Quimby has also continued to show in Rally, completing her RAE3 Title at the ODTC trial this past May.

Watching Quimby learn has been fascinating. She has been an incredible dog with which to work. From the time we started training each morning in the kitchen when she only weighed about eight pounds, she

has been dedicated to her lessons and wants to please. She became "my dog" in no time. I feel very lucky to have found her.

No one said that competitive obedience training was easy. Certainly not at the advanced levels. When I started to work on Utility skills, I knew I needed help. Thankfully I'd met a lot of great people in the world of dog training while showing Denali and Quimby. They had a lot of knowledge to share and I really like the supportive environment among handlers in this sport.

Consistently, the performances and the relationships with the dogs that I've witnessed among the members of the ODTC have been impressive. When I was looking for the right Utility Skills training for Quimby, Hazel's class was exactly what we needed and we've enjoyed training with the other club members we've met. The ODTC feels like a great fit for us and we're really looking forward to being a part of the club.

I am thoroughly enjoying this new chapter in competitive obedience and can't wait to see where it takes us! We have a ways to go, but Quimby (Toreth Spirit in the Sky CDX BN RAE3 CGC) is always there for me. And I will always be there for her! Because no matter what happens, at the end of any trial I always get to the The Best Dog home!

Oops!

No errors or corrections this month.

Congratulations!

(Brags and stories must be submitted in writing. I don't dare try to be responsible for remembering ones relayed to me orally. Email is preferred (h_olbrich@sbcglobal.net), because it is easy and accurate to transfer the brag directly from the message to the next issue, but any written format is just fine.)

Last weekend at the Truckee Meadows DTC trials, Ladybug finished her OM (Obedience Master) and earned 2 UDX legs. It was the first time I'd taken her out of the Bay Area for a trial. Barbara Henry admonished me to get her into the ring more, so off we went. I hadn't shown Ladybug in Open B for at least 8 months, since she really needed more experience in Utility. But I figured...ring experience is ring experience, so I entered her in both classes each day. There was a match on the first day (which didn't go well for us), then 3 days of trials. Her scores in Open were 196, 196 & 197, and in Utility 195.5 & 196 (we NQ'd UB on day 2). It was only the day after we got home that it occurred to me to see where she stood vis-à-vis the OM title. When I checked her points on the AKC website and added the points she won over the weekend, she was at 201. -- Laurie Raz-Aztrakhan.

Shasta recently got her Advance Novice Draft Dog which is 5 legs in Novice Draft Dog. Shasta and her buddy Bronson owned by Cindy Beckman and Jim Maxwell teamed up and received Brace Novice Draft Dog title. Shasta has keep busy and received her ORT(Oder Recognition Test) for Anise and Clove. Shasta also recently got her HT(Herding Tested) title from the AKC.—Jasen Duncan

ODTC 2014 Training Business Plan & Attendance Stats (6/30/14)

Summary:

- This summary provides comparative data and 2014 targets and YTD results for revenue, net, attendance, class types, and number of sessions. Revenue targets are 'break-even' minimums needed to cover training-related expenses (trainer fees, rent, utilities; not major hall improvements or general club expenses). Previous year actuals are higher than current year targets, since we regularly exceed the break-even minimums. Targets are based on 3-year historical averages.
- As of Jun 30, 66% of revenue, 55% of net, and 57% of attendance targets for 2014 have been achieved. Prepaids are performing slightly better than Drop-ins in both financials and attendance.
- The table below shows which classes are exceeding (green) or below (red) their targets for sessions and average attendance. Some Pre-paid sessions are cancelled if enrollments are not high enough. The charts further below show yearly trend lines in enrollments across Pre-paid and Drop-ins.
- Please continue to spread the word about ODTC especially our pet classes.

Business Plan:

	Revenue				Net (less est. trainer costs only)			
Class	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2014 YTD	% to Target	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2014 YTD	% to Target
Pre-Paid	\$27,270	\$24,156	\$19,840	82%	\$18,058	\$22,932	\$13,981	61%
Drop-In	\$26,805	\$21,567	\$10,455	49%	\$17,690	\$15,291	\$6,860	45%
Total	\$54,075	\$45,723	\$30,295	66%	\$35,748	\$38,223	\$20,841	55%

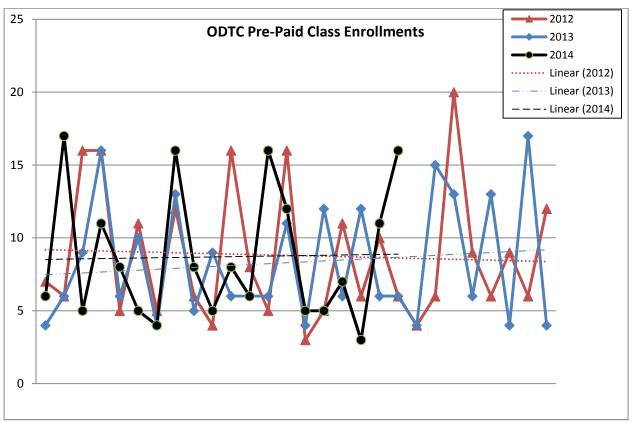
Annual Attendance:

Class	Atter	ndance (EOY Ac	ctual)	Attendance 2014			
Class	Class 2011 2012 2013		2013	Target EOY	Actual YTD	% to Target	
Pre-Paid	1,593	1,540	1,444	1,753	1,043	60%	
Drop-In	1,732	1,695	1,787	1,315	697	53%	
Total	3,325	3,235	3,231	3,068	1,740	57%	

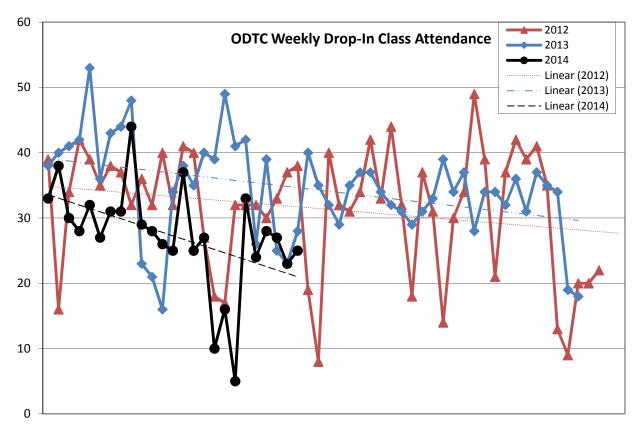
Number of Sessions and Average Attendance per Class per Year:

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	Sessi	ions Offered / `	Year	Attendance Averages / Class				
Class	2013 Actual	2014 Target (per 3 yr avg)	2014 YTD	2013 Actual	2014 Target (per 3 yr avg)	2014 YTD		
Pre-Paid								
M pm OLC (6 wk)	5	5	3	4.4	4.1	4.3		
Tu am Beg (7 wk)	7	7	4	5.7	5.8	7.5		
Tu am Interm (7 wk)	7	7	4	7.3	5.8	7.5		
Tu pm Trng Tools (4wk)	n/a	6	3	n/a	8.0	7.7		
W pm Proof/Skill (4 wk)	10	9	6	5.5	5.3	5.2		
Th pm Puppy (7 wk)	4	5	4	4.3	4.5	3.8		
Th pm Beg (7 wk)	6	7	4	6.8	7.5	7.0		
Th pm Interm (7 wk)	2	5	1	3.5	4.4	4.0		
Drop-In								
M am + pm Obed	50	47	24	19.2	12.0	15.2		

Tu am Nov/Open	50	50	25	6.4	5.7	5.4
Tu am Util	50	50	25	3.5	4.1	2.7
Tu pm Rally	23	12	6	3.7	3.0	3.7
W pm Nov/Open	49	49	23	5.0	4.6	4.7



(Data from Jan. – Present. Each data point represents the start of any new pre-paid multi-week session.)



(Data from Jan. – Present. Each data point represents the weekly attendance in drop-in classes.)