

The Wire Fox Terrier Club of the Central States

Newsnotes

February 2014



**Barn Hunt Comes to WFTCCS Specialty
May 8-10, 2014**

On the Cover: A montage of Barn Hunt images, courtesy of Karen Passow.

President's Message

Hope everyone had a great Holiday season this year. Like a lot of you so far this winter I've been hit by an ice storm, snowstorm, subzero temps and blizzard conditions. Can't wait for spring!

We've all been working hard for the show this year and Donna Johnson is working to have a Barn Hunt demonstration on Thursday which should be really great fun for all. I hope everyone has had a chance to look at the newsletter on the website. Having the NewsNotes on the website allows for more pictures and articles and also lets us publish those with not a lot of content without the publishing and mailing expenses. Plans are for there to be a charge for paper newsletters in the near future. One of the Club's largest expenses is the newsletter and in today's economy we need to try to curb expenses whenever possible. I think it will be great to have them for reference without having to keep that stack of old newsletter in the corner.

The Constitution Committee has completed the work on the revisions for the Constitution and Code of Ethics. These changes were not done lightly and centered only on bringing the Constitution up to date and in line with the recommendations of AKC. We needed to include electronic communications and voting for the board and to define the selection and duties of committees. Again the Code of Ethics was modified to better reflect today's concerns and duties of breeders. The new proposed Constitution and Code of Ethics will be sent out along with the regular ballot information for board members in March and the vote of the membership will take place at the show in May per the guidelines in the current Constitution.

Remember it's time to start working with those puppies and trimming for the show. Don 't forget those rally and obedience dogs!

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Shellie Magraw

President WFTCCS

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Submissions are welcome. Please send article suggestions, photos and New Champion news to: Joyce Hanson, Editor, at Hanson2000@aol.com.

Board Nominees

Paul Gyori



I would like to thank the nominating committee for considering me the for the WFTCCS board member position. It was an honor to be asked.

South Bend, IN has been the place I have called home for most of my adult life. A job offer after college brought me to South Bend 37 years ago. And, I am still employed at the same company as Customer Service Manager. What I have learned from being in corporate management is to always be aware of what is best for the team/group and there is no place for personal agendas. And, always keep in mind the voice of reason.

As a child growing up there was always a cocker in the house. In fact “Muffin” was there about a year before me. None of the dogs were show dogs, but they all instilled my passion for dogs. Fast forward I owned and finished a couple of Airedales and a Norfolk in the 80’s. Deciding, I wanted something smaller than a Airedale - my first wire hit the scene in the early 90’s. Shortly afterwards Bill McFadden and I became partners- Ch Random Respect “Aretha” was the first. 20 some years later there have been many successes with our wires-wins at important shows, champions, top producing dogs and the dogs themselves. Truly the highlight of my day is coming home - Harmony & Stanley waiting to greet me as I walk through the door.

I strongly support the traditions of the Club, but we have to be receptive and open to ideas to meet the ever changing needs of the membership and encourage new members. Let’s face it, breeding and showing dogs is not socially acceptable to most people in today’s world. We have to work extra hard to change that perception. We need to make sure the wires we place in homes are ambassadors for Wire Fox Terriers and purebred dogs in general. Remember the dogs we keep are rarely seen by the general public once they are no longer being shown. Let’s pull our forces together to make the WFTCCS the best club.

Lucia Hackett



Thank you for this nomination to the Board of Governors of the WFTCCS class of 2018. My name is Lucia Hackett and I live in MA. I have been in the Human Resources field all my working career. I am fortunate to be employed by Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Foster Hospital for Small Animals and the Large Animal Hospital and have been for the last 13 years. In my role as HR Business Partner I spend my days recruiting, hiring and handling employee relations issues for both hospitals. It is a perfect match as I have a passion for all animals.

As a kid my father had sporting dogs who we shared life with and I continued to do so into adulthood. Early on I discovered my passion for all things horses and was lucky to share my life with and competitively show my horses in Dressage for 30 years until a day in 2004 when..... A 3 year old retired WFT show dog came into my life. "Bella" Ch Hiwire Act at Hexham CD RE SE CGC CG CD-C RATO RL1 and dog star of Moonrise Kingdom came into my life and turned it upside down. I fell in love with Bella and with everything the breed has to offer. Bella allowed me to learn how to strip her coat and prepare her for my first experience showing a breed dog. Together we enjoyed Veterans breed classes for four years until she retired from breed as Best in Sweeps 2012 at the Central States Show.

I belong to and volunteer with the New England Terrier Club and the Greater Boston Area Earthdog Club. I am a member of the AFTC and am their Performance Coordinator for the Combined Title Versatility Award Program that awards Fox Terriers who earn both breed and performance titles. I write their Performance News Brag column showcasing those Fox Terriers who are out in the world as wonderful ambassadors for the breed. My passion for this breed extends from the breed ring to encouraging owners to then have fun with their Wires in whatever Performance venue both ends of the leash enjoy.

Board Nominees

Joyce Hanson



I fell in love with wire fox terriers before I even knew what they were. When I was 5, a curly-coated stuffed dog with a long, long nose showed up under the Christmas tree. I named him Boule and he was my best buddy. Many years later, when we adopted our first wire from a shelter in Chicago, my sister took one look at our new pet and said "I know why you picked that dog, it looks like Boule." And she was right!

Our first two wires were pets, and by the time we were ready for a third, we decided we wanted to get more involved with the breed. We feel very fortunate to have had the support and guidance of many breeders and handlers, who helped us finish our first champions and learn more about what it takes to develop a breeding program.

The year 2012 particularly eventful for us as breeder/owners of GCH Gordon's Bite of the Apple. Butch, under the skillful handling of Leonardo and Jody Garcini, finished as the #1 wire dog in 2012. It was a whirlwind year for us as we were immersed into all that goes into managing a special's year on the road. What an education! What more we need to learn!

The world of dogs is truly a team sport and serving our clubs is an important role that everyone plays in maintaining and sustaining the important work that is done on behalf of the breed. In Dallas, I was a member of the Lone Star Fox Terrier Club and served as club secretary. For the past year, I have been newsletter editor for WFTCCS.

I still consider myself a newbie in the wire world and am humbled by the incredible expertise and talent of so many of our club members. My thanks to the board and nominating committee for the honor of being nominated this year.

Roz Kramer



My first Wire Fox Terrier was from Virginia Matanic in the mid 70's. After finishing him very quickly I was "hooked". In the late 70's I went to work for George Ward as an apprentice, where I learned the true art of trimming and training terriers. I expanded my show career to include showing all Terrier breeds, Hounds and Toys. While I was handling I obtained BIS on numerous terriers and toys, which included some of the top dogs in the country. But I won BIS on more Wire Fox Terriers than any other breed! Dogs bred and owned by Amelia and Dan Musser, Elizabeth Carruthers, Carolyn and Richard Vida and dogs bred by Ric Chashoudian, to mention a few.

I was extremely honored to have won Best of Breed at the WFTCCS two years in a row with a wire owned by the Vidas and bred by Geir Pederson, Ch. Louline String Along. He was top dog in the country all breeds. A bitch I bred, and co-owned with Amelia Musser was Best of Breed at the WTCCS 50th Anniversary show – Binnie, Ch. Albany

Spellbinder. One of the greatest thrills of my life as a breeder, and the judge was no other than Ric Chashoudian. That year started my co-breeding of Wires with Amelia Musser.

In 1999 I retired from handling, and went to work for Dan and Amelia Musser at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and I started a judging career. In 2006 I went to work for the American Kennel Club as an Executive Field Rep and head of Judges Education. At the time I thought I would stay at AKC until retirement—WRONG! I meant my husband Andrew Kramer and we married in 2009. I currently reside in Leesburg VA and continue to breed Wires. I also judge the Terrier group, Toy group and part of the Hound group. But my true loves are my Wires! They bring joy, happiness and laughter to every moment of my life. No life is complete without a Wire!!!

Board Nominees

Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine



It wasn't until high school that Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine discovered the world of dog shows. After graduating in 1973, she bought her first show dog, an Old English Sheepdog. She continued her education by attending the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay, and showing her dog on weekends.

In 1977 Peggy began a three year apprenticeship with Terrier master George Ward, where she discovered her love for terriers, specifically Wire Fox Terriers. It was also during her apprenticeship with Ward that Peggy met her husband to be, Sandy McIlwaine. They married in 1980, establishing Foxairn Kennels in Ann Arbor, specializing in Wire Fox and Cairn terriers. One notable handling client, among others in their thriving business, was the legendary Cairn breeder Mrs. Betty Hyslop, of Ontario, Canada.

Peggy and Sandy have three sons, Patrick, Trevor and Ian, and one daughter in law, Cara. In 1996 she retired from the demands of professional handling and was approved to judge the Terrier Group and Junior Showmanship. She is also approved to judge the Sporting and Herding Groups, and several additional breeds. She has judged internationally, with assignments in the UK, Australia, Scandinavia, the Philippines, South America, Mexico and China. She has judged at Westminster on five occasions, and in 2006 judged the terrier group. She has judged at the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational show on a few occasions and judged the terrier group in 2012. She has judged breeds at the famous Montgomery County Terrier show on several occasions and in 2010 she was honored by judging best in show at this famous terrier show.

In her spare time, Peggy's time is consumed with her family, her kennel and judging. In addition, Peggy is an avid sports fan, her favorites being the Green Bay Packers, the Detroit Red Wings, Pistons, Tigers and the University of Michigan. She also enjoys reading and movies. Peggy is a member of the Detroit Kennel Club in which she has many duties, Westchester Kennel Club and many of their breed clubs. Peggy and Sandy no longer breed Cairns or Wires and now share their home with a colored bull terrier named Sport and a white bull bitch named Lily.

Sue Carter Nowicki



I would like to thank the board for this nomination.

I have been involved in the sport of purebred dogs since 1984. I got my start with an Airedale Terrier, I have owned and bred Wire Fox & Lakeland Terriers under the WyrLake prefix. My experience has taken me from breeder owner handler, to assistant for many top handlers, and onto handling dogs for clients.

Currently I'm a Member of the AKC Breeder of Merit Program, American Fox Terrier Club, Airedale Terrier Club of America, Wire Fox Terrier Club of Central States, and Vice-President of Lake Effect Fox Terrier of WNY. I look forward to serving the board and club members.

Board Nominees

Mary Ann Roma



I had my start in wft's about 30 years ago when my husband brought home a pet WFT that one of his clients had given to him. We fell in love with Trina instantly. Our vet suggested breeding her as he thought she had one of the best temperaments he had ever seen in a wft. Never having bred a wire, let alone any dog, we were a little unsure of what we were about to do. Around this time, I was active in bird breeding and showing exotic birds: Australian Finches, Lady Gouldians, Shaftails, and Cockatiels. I was also one of the co-founders of the South Jersey Bird Club which is still active today after 30 years. After breeding our pet wire, we were urged by Bill Rawlings to go to a dog show to see what quality wft's looked like. Trina was, after all, only pet quality. When we saw our first groomed wire in the ring we were hooked. Good bye to the birds. Goodbye to the kids. And in came the wires. I showed actively as an owner/handler until we started building our home in Bucks County, Pa in 1989. Since we were doing the building ourselves, we had to ease up on our dog activities and concentrate on putting a roof over all of our heads. We have presently hit the 15 Champion mark, some home

bred, some co-bred with Torie Steele and a few co-owned with her, and it has been an absolute thrill to see our wires win many BIS's.....!!!! We are members of the AFTC, the WFTCCS, the GSATC, the Hatboro DC, and the Fox Terrier Club of New England, and the Fox Terrier Club, and the Wire Fox Terrier Club of England. We have both served on the board of the Hatboro Dog Club for many years. We have 2 sons who have given us 5 of the most beautiful grand daughters. And in January of 2014 we will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary. I want to thank the committee for considering me for the board of this wonderful club.

Tammy Severson



My husband Bruce and I have been married for 35 years and we have two children and one grandchild. We are located in Marengo, IL which is about 35 miles Northwest of Chicago. I retired from working as a Veterinary Technician and Office Manager. We acquired our first wire fox terrier in 1999 and currently have six that range in age from one to thirteen years old.

Our first wire fox terrier, Thatcher, came into our lives in 1999. While attending the IKC dog show with my family we met Robin Pensinger, of Cheviot Wire Fox Terriers who became my mentor and friend. Thatcher, Ch. Commanders Bearded Pirate, went Winners dog at Hatboro in 2000 and was shown in junior showmanship and obedience with my son Andy. Tess, Ch. Cheviots Ferrari of Foxchase joined us in 2000 and became our foundation bitch and the beginning of Foxchase Wire Fox Terriers. Foxchase has finished 14 wires, 12 of which are home

bred. I am currently the Secretary for the Fox Terrier Club of Chicago, a position I have held since 2000. I have also had the pleasure to serve as Newsletter Editor for the American Fox Terrier Club, Webmaster for the American Fox Terrier Club and historian for the Wire Fox Terrier Club of Central States.

It is an honor to be asked to run for the Board of Directors of the WFTCCS. If elected I will do my very best to work hard for the club and membership.



2014 WFTCCS Specialty

May 8-10, 2014

Eukanuba Hall @ The Roberts Center, Wilmington, Ohio

www.robertscentre.com

www.wftccs.org

Thursday – May 8, 2014

- Greet and Groom in Grooming Area of Eukanuba Hall
- Dinner Break
- Barn Hunt

Friday – May 9, 2014

- Board Meeting
- Breeders Forum
- Lunch
- Rally and Obedience
- Futurity and Champagne Toast
- Dinner
- Welcome Reception
- Hospitality

Saturday – May 10, 2013

- Coffee and Pastries
- New Exhibitor Briefing
- Sweepstakes
- Annual Meeting
- Lunch/Judges' Luncheon
- Four to Six Month Puppy
- Jr. Showmanship
- Regular Classes
- Board Meeting
- Cash Bar/View Raffle/Auction Items
- Banquet
- Hospitality

2014 WFTCCS 68th ANNUAL SPECIALTY SHOW

May 8-10, 2014

Eukanuba Hall at the Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio



Happy New Year and I hope you are planning to attend this year's Central States Show. As I look at the show expenses and the increases in certain costs, I am again asking you, the members, to support the show financially, as well as by your entries and attendance.

We have contracted to have an additional day's rental of the Eukanuba Hall to support our wonderful interest and support of performance events for Wire Fox Terriers. Obedience, Rally and Barn Hunt will all be part of this year's show.

Our Show is the largest item in the WFTCCS budget and it costs more to put on this lovely show than our entries and donations take in. We have in the past provided as much as we can to our members either at cost or at no cost at all. Think of the wonderful Welcoming Reception on Friday night with hot hors d'oeuvres, gift bags, the beautiful refreshments during the Greet and Groom, and the breakfast of fruits, pastries and coffee on Saturday morning in the Eukanuba Hall. The Show videos and the Banquet have been offered at cost.

If you haven't yet done so, please consider writing a check to the Trophy Fund, so that we can continue to have lovely trophies. With fewer than one tenth of the members supporting the Trophy Fund, and with increasing costs of silver and engraving, it is difficult to continue to provide the lovely trophies we have had in the past.

If you might consider sponsoring a small part of the show, email me to let me know you are interested, and I can provide you with a list of items and the approximate cost of each. My email address is: grahamswft@gmail.com.

I don't want to forget the auction and raffle, which you have generously supported in the past, without which our spectacular show might not be so spectacular. You have supported our show by your attendance, your entries, donations and attendance. This year please consider extra-mile giving.

Altha

Altha Graham, Showchair

Trophy Donations

Dear Fellow WFTCCS Members:

The Wire Fox Terrier Club Of The Central States is already planning and getting ready for our 67th annual specialty show May 10 and 11, 2013. The 2013 event is shaping up to be more exciting than ever as we will be moving to our new show grounds located at Roberts Conference Center – Eukanuba Hall, Holiday Inn in Williamsburg, Ohio.

As always, your assistance is critical to the success of our show. Please mark your calendars and volunteer to help out at our show.

Help make our 2013 specialty more “special” by contributing to the trophy fund. Pay tribute to that very special Wire Fox Terrier in your life or honor the memory of a special friend or loved one.

Please keep in mind it is through your generous donations that we have the trophy fund and the wonderful trophies to signify the honor of a win or placement at WFTCCS. The smallest donation will not be overlooked. All donations received by **April 1, 2013** will be listed in the show catalog.

I am looking forward to visiting with you in May. Thank you again for supporting your club.

Debi & Lynn

Debi Breiter
Lynn Sobin-Comstock
Trophy Co-Chairman

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

A Volunteer (or two) is needed to help out at the W.F.T.C.C.S. Trophy Table this year on May 10, 2014. Debi Breiter will be judging Sweepstakes this year and Lynn Sobin-Comstock would love to have someone help out during that time. If you are not showing one of your dogs and would like to volunteer, please contact either Debi Breiter or Lynn Sobin-Comstock.

Thank you!

**Debi Breiter breitwire@yahoo.com
Lynn Sobin-Comstock lynsobin@outlook.com**

New Champions

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By GCH Travella's Stage Star X Ch Br'Er Fox Wise Choice
Breeder(s): Andrew DiGiorgio & Frank & Caroline Mouris.
Owner: Judith Hunter & Caroline Mouris

GCH GARCINI RANGEL'S CONCERTO WITH TES. (D)

By CH Steele Link To Terriersoul X CH Rangels Hurray For Our Side
Breeder(s): Leonardo Garcini & Jody Paquette Garcini & Gabriel and Ivonne Rangel
Owner(s): Elise Singer & Leonardo Garcini & Jody Paquette Garcini

GCH OUTFOXED AT THE CAPTAIN'S GAME (D)

Ch. Wyrlake Lake Wicked Game X Ch. Outfoxed On The Forth Of Parkway
Breeder(s): Jackie & Stan Thatcher.
Owner(s): Jackie and Stan Thatcher & Lauren Moore.

CH ROUNDTOWN BETTY CROCKER AT ALBANY (B)

CH Foxhaus Folk Star X Fyrewyre Little Bit of Magic
Breeder(s): Rosalind Kramer & Peggy Bennett
Owner(s): Altha & Clint Graham

CH STEELE'S STARLIT AT GORDON (B)

Ch Steele Top Hat Of Ironhill X Ch Steele Rockstar
Breeder: Torie Steele
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Nominations Due Now For 2014 WFTCCS Futurity!!!!

- 1) Nominate Your Dam and Sire
After the Dam has been bred and BEFORE she whelps
- 2) Nominate the Puppies Before 6 Months of Age
- 3) Make your entries to show your Puppies in the 2014 WFTCCS Futurity
Your Futurity entry is paid with your Puppy Nomination, but you must mark you are showing in the Futurity and also enter the Regular classes.



Check our website at wftccs.org or contact the Futurity Chair:

Elise Singer
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The
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W. F. T. C.

2nd SPECIALTY SHOW

June 12, 1948

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FUTURITY CLASS No. 1

1st — **CH. WYNWYRE'S SADDLESON**
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kraft

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3rd — **WYNWYRE'S VIXEN**
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kraft

4th — **ST. JOE JALAPIN**
Dr. and Mrs. F. Booth

5th — **DERBYSHIRE SPECULATION**
Thomas Keator

SPECIAL SWEEPSTAKES CLASS
(Picture not available)

1st — **STAR PILOT OF CRACKDALE**
Ralph G. Beckett and Paul M. Silvernail

2nd — **DOUBLE TROUBLE OF CRACKDALE**
Mrs. Paul M. Silvernail

Barn Hunt Is Coming to a Place Near You!

Becky Heiner

The exciting new dog sport of Barn Hunt is spreading across the country like wildfire, and our dogs are burning with excitement about another way "to get the rats!" While the sport is open to all dogs, our go-to-ground fox terriers are naturals.

Barn hunt's roots go back to the time when rat catching was a dangerous but necessary occupation. Men used small vermin hunting dogs with high prey drive to keep the wild rat population in check. Rats ran rampant in European cities, spreading disease and destroying food supplies. Remember that this method of rat disposal took place in the days of bubonic plague outbreaks and before rabies vaccines. It was very dangerous work for the rat catchers and their game little dogs. In rural areas, farm dogs were used to control rat populations in farmer's barns.

Barn Hunt is a way for dogs and their handlers to play a fun game utilizing the dog's natural instinct to sniff and hunt.

Today, domestic rats are used and raised around the dogs so they are accustomed to being placed in safe, secure tubes and hidden in hay bales. Great care is taken to ensure the rat's comfort and safety. The tubes are well ventilated and the rats are changed out often to give them breaks throughout the day. No rats are ever harmed during or after a Barn Hunt event.



"Bella" Ch Hiwire Act At Hexham

Robin Nuttall is the founder of the Barn Hunt Association, LLC. which is the only official sanctioning organization for barn hunting. She has worked hard over the past year to develop rules and judges, culminating in the first sanctioned Barn Hunt that took place in April, 2013 in Missouri. Robin also collaborated with the American Kennel Club so that dogs who are registered with both BHA and AKC can add Barn Hunt titles to their AKC record. Recognizing another organization's titles is a big step forward for AKC and kudos to Robin and AKC for accomplishing this great feat.

Get in the hunt!

The rules, <http://barnhunt.com/rules/> are now set for the first year of competition. Each run is timed, meaning the dog must find the tubes containing rats within a specified time frame, depending upon level of competition. Other elements such as tunnels and climbing requirements are added to increase the level of difficulty when a dog earns a title and moves up to the next challenge.

The difference between Barn Hunt and Earth dog is that the handler must call the find. The judge does not determine whether or not a dog is working the quarry. Empty tubes, tubes with rat litter, and tubes with live rats are hidden within the straw or hay bales. Any dog 6 months or older that can get through a tunnel 22 inches tall and 18 inches wide and is registered with the Barn Hunt Association, is welcome to play.

If you build it, they will come!

After hearing about all the barn hunt fun matches out East from Lucia Hackett, Patty Greaves and Becky Malivuk, I was complaining to Lucia about a lack of them in the Midwest. She pointed me to the Barn Hunt website and told me that “if you build it, they will come.” I was looking for a fun sport that didn’t take a lot of training because I was already competing at the Master’s level in agility and dabbling in Nosework, Rally and Obedience; there just weren’t enough hours in the day to train for another dog sport. I visited the Barn Hunt site and started talking about it at an agility trial one weekend last January. I couldn’t believe the agility folks that were interested in Barn Hunt, too! Soon, there was a core group that was excited about holding a trial. We met, divided up the workload (I got to be Head Rat Wrangler and make the tubes). At the time, there were only about 20 judges in the nation and most of them were also judging Earth Dog events. We hired the judges and held our first trial in June. Our first Wisconsin trial was the fifth trial ever held and we all had a great time. Hank earned a title that first weekend. We were hooked! Since then, my two wires Hank and Billie have become the first two wires to earn RATI (Instinct) and RATN (Novice) titles, I’ve become a judge, and Hank is the first wire to earn a RATO (Open) title.



BIS GCH Dalriada MGK High Voltage BN

We’re now planning our fifth trial to take place in December. We built it, and they surely came!



James Bond

How to get started

First, I’d suggest a visit to the Barn Hunt website. There you will find everything you need to know from the rules, to rat care, how to hold a trial, and specs for rat tube construction. Then, join the Barn Hunt list and Great Lakes or Michigan Barn Hunt Facebook pages. List members are happy to help newcomers get started.

Terriers are natural ratters, but it is helpful to find someone who can help bring out the prey drive in your dog. I start new dog/handler teams with a rat in a wire cage so the dog can see and smell it. Then, I put the rat in a tube used in the Barn Hunt and wiggle it around so the dog becomes interested and starts to work the rat. The next step is to hide the tube in hay or straw

bales and build an instinct course. Most terriers accomplish all of this in one 10 minute session. I’ve found a background in agility (to get the dog through the tunnel on command) and Nosework (to help the handler learn to let the dog hunt and observe his behavior when he finds the rat) is helpful, but not necessary. The dogs quickly learn what their job is.

If you’d like to learn more about this fast growing sport, see the following links for titles and requirements and visit the links to Barn Hunt related sites.

Links of interest

The Barn Hunt Yahoo group, now almost 400 members strong, serves as a clearinghouse for questions and rule interpretations with active oversight and guidance by Barn Hunt Association founder, Robin Nuttall. If you'd like to join, go to <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/barnhunt/>

Wherever you live, keep an eye on the BHA calendar where all official Fun Tests and Trials will be listed, <http://barnhunt.com/bha-events/>

For Facebook members, a group for Great Lakes Barn Hunt provides info about future barn hunts, practices, results, etc. Ask to join. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144778995698956/?fref=ts>

Barn Hunt Association. The licensing organization where dogs are registered, the rules are posted, and a nation-wide event calendar is maintained. <http://barnhunt.com>

BARN HUNT - AT A GLANCE

What is Barn Hunt? In Barn Hunt, dogs locate rats (safely enclosed in aerated tubes) hidden in a straw/hay bale maze. It's a timed event with 3 different height sizes. Teams can get titles, placements, and championships.

I have a big dog (or a non-terrier or mix). Can he/she do Barn Hunt? Absolutely. Barn Hunt is open to any dog of any size, breed, or mix that can fit through an 18" wide by approximately 22" high tunnel made of straw bales.

Why does my dog have to climb and tunnel? Why can't he just find the rat and be done? Barn Hunt sport is meant to emulate real life skills. Dogs who are unwilling to go into small dark places or climb up bales will not be effective ratters. The willingness to encounter and conquer adversity in pursuit of the "prey," (in this case not really since rats are not harmed) is an important breed instinct trait for many breeds. For non-vermin hunting breeds it demonstrates confidence and drive.

Are there Barn Hunt Club membership fees? There are no membership fees for clubs. There are fees to apply for an official Fun Test or Licensed Trial.

Do I have to register my dog for Barn Hunt? Yes. All dogs must be registered with Barn Hunt to be able to compete in Barn Hunt trials. You do not, however, have to register your dog to compete in a fun test or training clinic.

What is the registration fee? The Barn Hunt registration fee is \$26 per dog, which covers infrastructure and title recording for the lifetime of the dog. It is a one-time fee.

Is Barn Hunt an AKC Event? No. Barn Hunt is an independent organization. However, if you have an AKC registered dog and would like Barn Hunt titles listed on your AKC pedigree, you can do so. AKC clubs wishing to hold a Barn Hunt event in conjunction with an AKC trial may do so with some restrictions.

Barn Hunt, Agility & Performance News

BIS GCH DALRIADA MGK HIGH VOLTAGE BN RE added a companion dog (CD) and rally Rally Advanced Excellent, and the NADAC agility titles for Novice standard, Outstanding Novice Jumpers and Novice tunnelers. Owner: Kris Read

GCH DALRIADA INSTANT KARMA earned her Beginner Novice obedience, Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Novice Standard in agility and Novice Jumpers - Owner: Kris Read

CH HIWIRE ACT AT HEXHAM CD RE SE CGC CG CD-C RL1-AOE RATO "Bella" recently earned her RATI, RATN and now her RATO Breeder(s): Sally and Chip Lowe Owner: Lucia Hackett

MADFOX'S LADY SINGS THE BLUES CGC RATI RATN - "Billie" earned RATI (Barn Hunt Instinct) and RATN (Barn Hunt Novice). Breeder(s) Geneva Heller & Marilyn Stout
Owner: Becky Heiner

CH PATHWIRE KING OF THE CARNIVAL CA, RATI, RATO "Will" earned his open barn hunting title with a 1st, 3rd, and 4th place finish. Breeder(s): Gloria Thomas, Karen Passow, Gail and Mike Obradovich
Owners: Karen Passow and Gloria Thomas

Barn Hunt Association Titles as Recognized by the AKC:

Title	Title Name
RATN	Novice Barn Hunt
RATO	Open Barn Hunt
RATS	Senior Barn Hunt
RATM	Master Barn Hunt
RATCh	Barn Hunt Champion
RATChX	Barn Hunt Master Champion

Barn Hunt Seminar and Test 2014 WFTCCS Specialty Show

Thursday, May 8

9:00 am Seminar Welcome

9:15 -12:00 Seminar and Training

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 Fun Test Judging

2:15 Trial Judging

Check out www.barnhunt.com for more information on barn hunting
and to register your wire

Hank Earns Top Wire Fox Terrier Award

Submitted by Becky Heiner

TACH Sqwires Hot to Trot RN NFP OA OJP MXP2 MJP JE CA RATO CGC aka "Hank" has been awarded

A Special Award of Merit from AKC. Hank was recognized at the Eukanuba/AKC Agility Invationals in Orlando on

December 13th as the Top Wire Fox Terrier of 2012 in the Preferred Agility class.



Hank has come a long way since the days of the bouncy puppy we picked up from Gail and Mike Obradovich (Sqwire). Ironically, he almost didn't become a part of our family. When our mixed breed pet of many years passed away, we began researching several breeds with the goal of finding the right pure bred puppy. My husband fell in love with his friend's WFT from Geneva Heller (Madfox). After much discussion, Steve finally sold me on a wire. Thus began our search for a WFT. Being new to purebred dogs, I searched the AKC breeder's site for a reputable breeder and luckily found one in

Wisconsin. Gail and Mike Obradovich had a 6 month old puppy that someone else was interested in. As luck would have it, they didn't show up for their appointment to meet Hank. Their loss was our gain. We jumped in the car and drove down to Waukesha right away. People say you can never just go look at a puppy without bringing it home, but who could resist a dog that met you at the door shaking a stuffed snake and that climbed into your lap the minute you sat down?.

It took a few years to train a wire to compete in agility; however, it was well worth the journey. There were many times Hank designed his own courses, greeted judges and ring crew, and even stole a bar setter's water bottle only to complete the course with it still in his mouth! Every time I decided to give up on competing in agility with a terrier, Hank would have a perfect run and the fastest time in his class, even beating a few shelties and border collies along the way. Needless to say, I'm glad I stuck it out with him.

To this day, Hank maintains his sense of fun. When recently asked to perform a down stay in an obedience class, Hank decided to roll over on his back for a belly rub. The entire class burst out laughing at his antics, so now I have a dog who rolls over instead of doing a down stay. It will take a bit more training to get him over that but I would never trade his independence and free spirit for a more obedient dog. That's why I love Wire Fox Terriers for performance, they are little clowns and excellent problem solvers. When it all comes together, it is well worth the effort!

Every now and then, someone will ask me why I bother training a terrier. I just tell them I enjoy their personality and by the way, Hank has earned over 30 titles across 6 different performance events. That's an accomplishment by any breed's standards.

Titles:

RN – Rally Novice, CA – Coursing Ability, JE – Junior Earth Dog, RATO – Open Barn Hunt

CGC – Canine Good Citizen

Agility Titles:

TACH – Teacup Dogs Association Agility Champion, NFP – Novice FAST Preferred, OA – Open Agility, OAJ – Open Agility Jumpers with Weaves, MXP2 – Master Agility Preferred (earned enough qualifying scores to earn the title twice), MJP – Master Agility Jumpers with Weaves

WFTCC Donates BIS Trophy

Submitted by Kathy Voss



In October 2013 the Club sponsored a trophy for the Wire Fox Terrier Assoc- Centenary Year- Janie Bousek designed & put together the trophy and it was delivered to the Club in England, The Club did receive a "Thank You."



The Wire Fox Terrier Association (Established 1913)

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!! 2013 IS OUR CENTENARY YEAR !!

Mrs. Kathy Voss,
The Wire Fox Terrier Club of the Central States.
2311 Ridge Road
Ransomville
NEW YORK 14131-9766

14th October 2013

Dear Mrs. Voss,

On behalf of the Officers and Committee of the Wire Fox Terrier Association I am writing to thank you very much indeed for the presentation medallion to be awarded to our Best in Show winner this coming Saturday on the occasion of our Centenary.

The gesture to let us have this is very kind and especially so from our friends across the pond. I would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks and appreciation to your officers, committee and club members.

With best wishes for your show in May next year.

Yours sincerely,

Beryl M. Kay
Hon. Secretary

WFTCC Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Linda Albrecht

From The Treasurer

Our Club continues to feel the effects of a guarded economy as expenses exceeded income for the second year in a row. The good news is that income for 2012-2013 did increase by about \$2400 over 2011-2012. Catalog advertising, trophy donations and silent auction/raffle proceeds all saw increases. Thanks go to Janice Wavra and the Silent Auction/Raffle committee, to Mary Raggett coordinator of the "Spectacular Raffle" and to Lynn Sobin-Comstock trophy donation chair. Their efforts brought in over \$7,500.00 to the treasury. Thanks also to our club members that continue to support all of these activities.

It is a difficult to compare 2012-2013 expenses against 2011-2012 expenses because we were not able to reconcile the hotel bill for the show prior to the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Thus the 2012-2013 expenses report includes both the 2012 and 2013 shows hotel charges. As most of our expenses relate to the show, I've included both the 2012 and 2013 show report for comparison. Significant increases in the cost of AV setups, slight increases in videographer and photography charges, and the addition of two new events, Greet & Groom and Friday Social Hour, accounted for over \$2700.00 of the increased expenses in 2013 over 2012. Thanks to our outstanding show chairman, Altha Graham, other expenses were kept steady or reduced allowing for a smaller net loss in 2013 than 2012.

While we did not lose as much in 2013 as we did in 2012, we still did suffer a net loss. If we continue to lose \$3,000 - \$4,000 a year, all other things remaining equal, the club treasury will be exhausted in 12 to 16 years. I know that our show chairman is already working on ways to reduce expenses related to our show. You might notice an increase in treasurer related postage this year. That's because I bought a number of rolls of "Forever" stamps to keep postage costs down in the event of a postal increase. We are hoping to save additional printing and postage costs by delivering the newsletter electronically to those who wish to receive it this way. Thank you in advance for being willing to support your club as we work to continue our great traditions.

Regards,



Linda Albrecht, Treasurer

**Wire Fox Terrier Club of the Central States
Show Report
May 10 & 11, 2013**

<u>INCOME</u>		
Entry Fees (Paid to SDS)		\$ 2,350.00
Paid Advertising – Catalog Ads		756.00
Unused Sweeps Money		77.26
Futurity Program Fees		800.00
Trophy Fund Donations		2,140.00
Merchandise Sales		2,768.00
Catalog Table	\$ 130.00	
Non-member Catalogs	\$ 130.00	
Video	\$ 1180.00	
2013 Sales	\$ 1120.00	
Club Logo Items & Other Merchandise		\$ 1,458.00
Merchandise Sales	\$ 1,458.00	
Raffle	930.00	
Silent Auction		4,487.00
Dinner		4,060.00
Overage Paid to Arden Shaw		90.73
Obedience Match		260.00
Total Income		\$ 18,718.99

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Direct 2013 Show Expenses		\$ 10,135.09
Arden Shaw – Show Secretary Service Fee	\$ 3,221.44	
Miscellaneous Postage	\$ 41.06	
Ribbons & Rosettes	362.17	
Contracted Fee Per Dog	598.50	
1 ¼ day Show Site Service	230.00	
Additional Premium List Pages	120.00	
Additional Catalog Pages	680.00	
Mileage to Show	229.50	
Sweeps Money Paid Out	446.00	
Hotel	307.71	
AKC Service and Recording Fees	206.50	
AKC Application Fee		\$ 75.00
Premium Lists, Inc. Postage		911.58
Printing Show Catalogs		1,341.52
Judges Fees & Expenses		391.84
Regular Classes	\$ 351.14	
Obedience	40.70	
Judges Gifts		246.52
Photographer Fees & Expenses		350.00
Trophies & Special Awards		1182.03
Futurity Purse Awards		693.56
Sweeps Cash Prizes Advance		300.00
Deposit to SDS 2013 Show		300.00
AKC Titles Report		180.00
Flowers for Trophy Table		470.80
Sales Expenses		2,736.25
Videographer 2012 Show	\$ 1,200.00	
Aprons & Hats		800.00
Rain Coats		515.20
Bracelets		221.05
Hospitality Committee Expenses		281.52
Dinner		\$ 178.87
Suite	102.65	
Holiday Inn	8,263.55	
AV Setups		1170.00
Cost of Meals		3977.83
Ring Hospitality Table		485.46
Judge's Lunch		36.12
Judge's Drink Tickets		125.40
Champagne Toast		28.80
Board Meetings Hospitality		59.88
Social Hour		1,206.30
Greet & Groom		173.76
Room Rental		1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,643.07
Educational Program	\$ 1,293.07	
Prize for Spectacular Raffle		350.00
Total Expenses		\$ 22,588.68

Net Loss **\$3,869.69**

**Wire Fox Terrier Club of the Central States
Financial Report
For the period July 1, 2012 to June, 2013**

Total Assets July 1, 2012		\$ 58,765.67
Cash in Checking @ Wells Fargo Bank	\$ 18,538.81	
Less Checks Not Cashed (2452, 1033)	32.22	
From Matured CD	5,532.08	
Pensinger Trust Fun	34,727.00	

INCOME

Membership Dues, Including Initiation Fees		\$ 7,535.00
Paid Advertising – Catalog Ads		828.00
2012 Show	\$ 72.00	
2013 Show	756.00	
Unused Sweeps Money		77.26
Futurity Program Fees		800.00
Trophy Fund Donations		2,140.00
Merchandise Sales		2,495.50
Catalog Table	\$ 130.00	
Non-member Catalogs	\$ 130.00	
Grooming Booklets	0.00	
Pins	0.00	
Video	\$ 630.00	
2012 Sales	630.00	
Club Logo Items & Other Merchandise	\$ 1,735.50	
Spectacular Raffle		930.00
Silent Auction		4,487.00
Dinner		3,930.00
Proceeds from Eukanuba Sales		90.00
Donation for Education		32.50
Total Income		\$ 23,345.26

EXPENSES

Direct 2012 Show Expenses		99.92
Balance Owed to Arden Shaw	99.92	
Direct 2013 Show Expenses		6,625.02
AKC Application Fee	75.00	
Premium Lists, Inc. Postage	911.58	
Printing Show Catalogs	1,341.52	
Judges Fees & Expenses	391.84	
Judges Gifts	246.52	
Photographer Fees & Expenses	350.00	
Trophies & Special Awards	1182.03	
Futurity Purse Awards	693.56	
Sweeps Cash Prizes Advance	300.00	
Deposit 2013 Show	300.00	
Flowers for Trophy Table	470.80	
Equipment - Public Storage		\$ 687.95
Newsnotes and Bulk Postage		1,175.34
Treasurer's Expenses:		337.66
Dues Notices - Envelopes	\$ 79.01	
Dues Notices – Labels	27.05	
Postage	231.60	
Secretary's Expenses:		538.42
Sales Expenses		3,667.95
Videographer 2011 Show	\$ 1,000.00	
Videographer 2012 Show	1,200.00	
Aprons & Hats	800.00	

Rain Coats	420.00	
Bracelets	169.00	
Postage for Raincoats	78.95	
Hospitality Committee Expenses		281.52
Dinner	178.87	
Suite	102.65	
Officers Liability Insurance		669.00
General Liability Insurance		600.00
Holiday Inn – 2013 Show		8,263.55
AV Setups	1170.00	
Cost of Meals	3977.83	
Ring Hospitality Table	485.46	
Judges' Lunch	36.12	
Judges' Drink Tickets	125.40	
Champagne Toast	28.80	
Board Meetings Hospitality	59.88	
Social Hour	1,206.30	
Greet & Groom	173.76	
Room Rental	1000.00	
Bank Charges		20.00
Educational Program		1,325.57
Donation to U of MO Vet College (Eukanuba)		90.00
Spectacular Raffle Prize		350.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,166.39
AKC Titles Report	180.00	
Take the Lead	100.00	
Return of Painting	161.96	
Printing Error (to be reimbursed)	724.43	
	Total Expenses	\$ 31,407.17

Reconciled Balances

Income Less Expenses	-8,061.91
July 1, 2012 Assets Carried Forward	58,765.67
	50,703.76

Cash in Checking @ Wells Fargo Bank, NA	\$ 50,703.76
From Matured CD	5,532.08
Pensinger Trust Fun	34,727.00
Working Capital	10,444.68
Wells Fargo Business Checking Statement Balance:	\$ 51,389.94
Less Checks Not Cashed (2452, 1065, 1123, 1124, 1125)	686.18
Total Actual Assets, June 30, 2012	\$ 50,703.76

Respectfully Submitted,

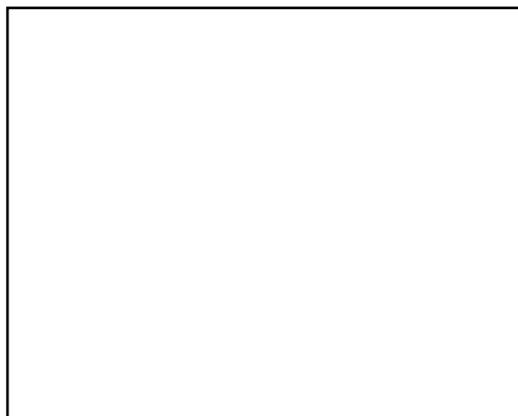


Linda S. Albrecht, Treasurer

CC: Shellie McGraw, President
Kathy Voss, Secretary

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President - Mrs. Shellie Magraw	First Vice President- Mrs. Elise Singer
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	Secretary - Mrs. Kathy Voss
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Publicity	Connie Clark
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Sunshine	MerriLee Henderson
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Website	Gail Obradovich



NewsNotes
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