



St. Paul DOG TRAINING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

January 2009

President's Message

Greetings to all and I hope you have all had a great start to your new year. As you know, our annual banquet is coming up and I want to encourage all of you to attend. It's a great opportunity to spend some time with the people we usually only get to see at club or dog shows. There will be lots of good talk, good food and good laughs (if the MC gets his act together in time).

The banquet also serves as our annual meeting and election of the board of the directors. This is an important chance for you to affect the direction the club is going. As we have all seen recently, every vote counts. In fact, I'll even relate a personal experience.

The first time I was up for election to the board years ago, I was running for one of the alternate spots. We vote for two people of the three or four who are nominated to fill the two seats. Like most people, I voted for myself and one other person. The other person was elected and I was not – by one vote. I had elected the other person and lost! So please show up and vote – every vote really does count.

This year we are also voting on a change to our constitutional bylaws. This change affects our alternate board members as follows:

Currently, alternate board members serve one year terms. This is intended to allow someone to be on the board on sort of a trial basis – that is they have probably been asked to run for a regular three year term, but aren't yet sure they want to make that long of a commitment. They attend meetings, participate in discussion of issues facing the club, volunteer for and do much of the work the club has. But when we vote on an issue, they sit on the sidelines. Because under our current bylaws they are not allowed to vote.

The change in the bylaws would allow alternate board members to vote. I support this change as they are

already doing the same work as regular members. We would change their title from Alternate Board Members to One Year Term Board Members.

So, again, please fill out the attached registration form and come to the banquet. You'll enjoy yourself will help guide the future of the [St. Paul Dog Training Club](#).

[Phil Rustad](#)
President

Bylaws Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 6, paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of the Bylaws of The St. Paul Dog Training Club, Inc., be amended to read as follows:

6.0 Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven members of two classifications: nine regular members and two alternate members.

6.1 Regular Members. Regular Board members are elected by the general membership and shall hold office for a term of 3 years or until the election of their successors. They shall have full voting rights on actions taken by the Board.

6.2 Alternate Members. Alternate Board members are elected by the general membership and shall hold a term of office for one year. Alternates shall have full voting rights on actions taken by the Board.

Such resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage of the membership, voting at the Annual Meeting of the Club on February 28, 2009.

2009 SPDTC Annual Meeting & Banquet



**St. Paul Dog Training Club's
Annual Meeting and Banquet**
will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 2009**
(See below for details, including costs and times)

Annual Membership Dues

Membership dues are payable between October 1, 2008, and the annual meeting date (which is February 28, 2009) for the current membership year. If you joined the Club on or after October 1, you do NOT need to pay dues until 2010. Everyone else owes dues in the amount of \$10 for a single membership, or \$15 for a family membership. Note: Club policy states that junior handlers and their parents must purchase a family membership. Please, fill out the membership application and send it in with your payment to the Club.

Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Reservations

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009
Where: DeGidio's Restaurant
425 West Seventh Street
St. Paul MN 55105
Menu: Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Mosticcoli, Meatballs, Chicken Wings, Garden Salad, Garlic Toast, Cake, Coffee. (Cash Bar)

Cocktail Hour: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Meeting: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Price: \$18 per person

Reservations are due by Wednesday, Noon, February 25th.

Please Contact Marge at (651) 699-4696 if you have any questions.

Name(s) _____ Number of People Coming _____

Total \$ Enclosed @ \$18 per Person _____
Address: _____ Phone # _____

E-mail: _____

Mail Form and Check Payable to SPDTC to:

Marge Peters
262 South Saratoga Street
St. Paul MN 55105-2436

Membership Application

St. Paul Dog Training Club
219 13th Avenue South
South St. Paul, MN 55077

St. Paul Dog Training Club, established in 1953, is licensed by the American Kennel Club.

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 2443
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Single Membership \$10

Family Membership \$15

Family Members: _____

In which events would you be willing to work?

Obedience

Rally

Agility

Do you have a special talent (plumbing, carpentry, painting or other) that you are willing to volunteer at the Club?

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2008 SPDTC Awards Order Form



USE ONE FORM PER DOG (Turn in by Feb. 1, 2009)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Specify which: Owner Trainer Handler

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Membership Date: _____

There are two methods for submitting awards/orders forms:

- 1. Mail to SPDTC Annual Awards, P. O. Box 2443, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076**
- 2. Deposit in Marcia Koukkari's mailbox of at the Club (near front desk)**

LIST ALL TITLES EARNED IN 2008 Circle the THREE title pins you want SPDTC to award for this dog. You may purchase additional pins for titles earned. In the box at the bottom of this form, list any pins you wish to buy in addition to the three that SPDTC will award. Additional pins are \$8 each.

Dog's Name			Eligible for Dual Performance or Championship Award
Venue	Agility Titles	Obedience/Rally Titles	Special: HIT, VCT, Win at National Event
AKC			
UKC			
USDAA			
NADAC			
CPE			
CKC			

Volunteer participation is required for at least two SPDTC events, programs or projects in 2008 to receive awards. My 2008 volunteer service includes:

1. _____
2. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Your membership allows for up to three pins per dog for titles earned. You may purchase any additional title pins you want at the cost of \$8 per pin. I wish to purchase these additional title pins for my dog.

List of Pins: _____

Title pins & Quantities Purchased: _____ x \$8 = _____ Total Enclosed



Board of Directors Candidates

(3) Years

- Ron Halling
- Ginny Hayes
- Greg Kirmeier
- Carol Mehlhaff

(1) Year

- Heidi Fisk
- Bev Olson
- Jon Pidde
- Dick Wood

Canine Photo Quest

Please, send high-resolution photos of your dog or dogs for use in the SPDTC Newsletter.

Photos can be e-mailed to [Ginny Hayes](mailto:Ginny.Hayes@spdtc.com) at:

bleuzzie@hotmail.com

Thank you!



Brag & Wags

Got a Brag & Wag?

Your Name: _____

Your Dog's Name: _____

Your Accomplishment: _____

Or just e-mail your B&W to:

bragswags@spdtc.com



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