

LEAD LINES

February 2025



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President Betty Gansky

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Treasurer Fran Smith

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Scott Adams Sr., June Feigenblatt,
Tracey Guziejka

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Upcoming Events

March

Obedience Show n Go - 3/9 @OTCPBC

April

Rally Show n Go - 4/6 @OTCPBC

Obedience Show n Go - 4/13 @OTCPBC

Membership Meeting - 4/14 @OTCPBC 7PM

Tracking Test/Urban Tracking Test - 4/20
Palm Beach Gardens, FL *Judges TBD*

Rally Trial - 4/26 & 4/27 OTCPBC Lead Lines
Judges Jeanette Rogers, Nancy Watson

NACSW Nosework Trials - 4/26 & 4/27, St
Lucie County Fairgrounds, Ft Pierce
Levels/CO/Judges TBD

May

Agility Trial - 5/2-5/4 Bratty Paws Dog Plex
Punta Gorda, FL *Judge Oksana Syrkin*

Event premiums are or will be posted to
otcpbc.org and akc.org as they become
available.

As always **volunteers are needed** for all
club events and are the key to successful
trials. Please contact the event chair as
listed in the premium if you are interested in
helping at an event.

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2025

Officers & Board Members Present: President: Betty Gansky, Vice President: Lodge Weber, Secretary: Kelly McDonough, Treasurer: Fran Smith. Board Member: Scott Adams Sr., June Feigenblatt & Tracey Guziejka

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm

Lodge Weber, Vice President requested a motion to ratify the uncontested officers & board members: Lodge Weber – Vice President, Kelly McDonough – Secretary, Fran Smith – Treasurer, Board: Scott Adams Sr, June Feigenblatt & Tracey Guziejka. 1st motion: Karen Jones 2nd motion: Tracey Guziejka. Motion passed.

Betty Gansky, President requested a motion to accept the minutes from the November general membership meeting as printed in Lead Lines. 1st motion: Scott Adams Sr. 2nd motion: Patty Armfield Passed.

Reports as follows:

Betty Gansky, President Report

Recap on November trial profits Obedience, Rally & Scent
Also profit on Show N Go
Thanked everyone for supporting events

Lodge Weber, Vice President Report

Successful Rally Trial
Starting Rally Novice Class on Wednesday night 7 – 8pm.

Fran Smith, Treasurer

Last year as Treasurer, looking for someone to train for position
Financial Report for 2024 given detailing profits and balances of accounts.
PowerPoint presentation
Amount confirmed for charitable donations for 2025

June Feigenblatt, Obedience Coordinator

February 16 th : Show N Go need a co-chair to help run the event.
Linda Morgan ½ day morning. 12Noon – 4pm: Donna Kornmeyer
Need volunteers for Show N Go's or we will need to cancel.

Scott Adams, Sr. Board Member

No Report

Judy McPartland, Scent Work & Webmaster

Scent work Trial the last weekend in January Indoor & Outdoor Trial using the building and the field. Need volunteers to assist with setup on Friday. Also doing “buried” searches and need volunteers to assist with the trial. Approximately 15 volunteers per day, need
New classes recapped for Scent work
Fetch will open on the 10 th and the premium will be available online tomorrow (1/7/25).

Show N Go for February will open tomorrow (1/7/25)
Class registrations comparisons of number of classes
Volunteer Hour Coordinator – Nancy Honchar will taking this over from Judy. Email address remains the same.

Lodge Weber announced at 8:02pm that we will be taking a break to hold the vote as some folks on the zoom call were not able to hear the motion to ratify the uncontested board/officers for 2025.
Scott Adams and Tracey G overseeing ballot collection and counting and joined by 2 members to oversee. Celeste Platte chose Lauren Walsh, Betty Gansky chose Bob Vence.
Zoom name and face must be on screen to vote. Online Zoom poll was released for online voting.
The final vote count was 55 to 30 in favor of Betty Gansky. Celeste announced her intention to step back from the board (secretary position) for personal reasons.

Diana Johnson Ford, Tracking Coordinator.

February 9 & 16: TD & VST
April 20th : test confirmed to be a TD/TDU in Palm Beach Gardens
Discussion on tracking area specific requirements, 5 acres per track and cover changes
180 Titles earned by the membership in 2024.

Betty Gansky.

Congratulations to Tricia Boychuk on her Tracking Championship, special ribbon has been ordered.

Tracey Guziejka Board member report

Provided report on maintenance around the building.
Pressure cleaning of property over the next few months including pavilion
Farmer Irwin - Alarm maintenance to occur this month.
4 - 5 outdoor cameras for outside of building. 1 facing the street, 3 here and 1 in back.
Personal request for more in person meetings and to socialize and support one another.
Board to decide on in-person meetings.

Betty Gansky – voting in of new members

2nd reading of Randy Keenan & Emily Martis, first readings completed and volunteer hour requirements met. (On Zoom Meeting). Memberships approved.
2 first readings: Janet Jenkins – regular membership. Wendy Wingfield & Lou Richards – household membership.

Kelly McDonough, Fundraising Coordinator

December 2024 NCCF (National Canine Cancer Foundation) delayed due to personal issues but will launch in February 2025. Paws available for memorial. AKC Take the Lead will be one of the other charities for the club to work with. Toy for Tots and other charities.
Email Kelly with other suggestions for charities to be brought before the board for approval.

Betty continued with the following reports:

Need volunteer for Dog Phone, Lane Carlee who has handled it for over 10 years. Who stepped up to take this over: Lane thanked for her service taking care of this service.
FAST CAT – to be held with Agility Trials in Fort Pierce, FAST CAT Committee: Scott Adams Sr, Jennifer Patti & MaryLou Patti.
FETCH - Emily Martis will be a judge / Judy McPartland is trial secretary. Registration is

online and opens on the 10 th of January. Marti Hohmann is in charge of the FETCH trial. Please coordinate with Marti if you can help. Betty to work with Agility trial secretary to send out premium and links.
Sound system installation completed by Jeff Gansky, Ron Seeley and Scott Adams, Sr. Jeff met with electrician regarding placement of outlet for speakers.

Parking bumpers and parking lot lines to be re-painted by summer 2025. Also a cover installed over the back fence of the agility field or a net.

Honorary Memberships approved by Membership

Barbara Baker
Rachael Beene
Bobbi Blythe
Joan Bruno
Chelsey Conklin
Jeff Gansky
Erika Guziejka
Rebecca Guziejka
Ron Guziejka
Kimmee Levee
Ann Levy
Victoria MacVicar
Lori Patterson
Carol Perrella
Joe Wolak
Mirabelle Wrist
Jen Young

SILVER

Marge Butcher
Sherry Cooper
Jane Craig
Char Czermann
Diane Davis
Marge Davis
Jean DuMonte Achieved 2025
Betty Gansky Achieved 2023
David Holzman
Liese Hookey
Kathie Kryla
Margi Lehnertz
Peggy Manker
Celeste Platte
Carolyn Schneider
Rosemarie Siebeneck
Debbie Louda
Ellen Skelton

GOLD

Mary Jane Kelly
Wayne Smith
Fran Smith Achieved 2023
Peggy DeMinico Achieved 2024

Dinner for Silver & Gold members since 2020 club will pay Restarting from the pandemic.

Jean DuMonte

Betty Gansky

Peggy DMinico

Fran Smith

Metal racks to be purchased for upstairs for storage.

Motion to adjourn Scott Adams, Sr. 2nd by Lucy Carr. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Minutes respectfully submitted

Kelly McDonough, Secretary

2025 Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County Officers & Board Members

Betty Gansky – President

Lodge Weber – Vice President

Kelly McDonough – Secretary

Fran Smith – Treasurer

Board Members

Scott Adams Sr., June Feigenblatt & Tracey Guziejka

KUDOS + THANK YOU'S

January 2025 Club Mods

On Sunday January 19th several things took place at the clubhouse.

I'd like to give a BIG thanks to Linda Morgan & Nan Johnson who spent hours on Sunday organizing the Obedeicne ribbons & getting rid of a lot of old junk upstairs. They did a great job!

Another BIG thanks goes to Lodge Weber for buying an extra accessory that he installed to make our wireless speakers work with the microphone.

Betty

Dog Phone Thank You's

I want to thank Rose for stepping-up & taking over the OTC dog-phone. She is in training with Lane who has held this position for 10 years.

Lane Carlee asked to step-down as of 1/31/25.

Thank you Lane! OTC is forever grateful for all of your years of service!

Betty

January 2025 Scent Work Trial

I just wanted to send a note of appreciation for allowing me to judge as a provisional AKC Scent judge at your trial.

It has been slow trying to obtain assignments as Novice & Advanced provisional and I admire that your club is willing to help new judges to fulfill their requirements.

I was very impressed with the skills of the dogs and handlers, the efficiency of the club, and the hardworking volunteers.

More than anything I appreciated the welcoming and friendly climate of your club.

Thank you again and I wish you continued success!!

Carol Happel

February 2025 Fetch Test

On Saturday, February 1, OTCPBC held our first AKC Fetch trial. Fetch is a test that requires dogs to retrieve a ball or bumper and, at the upper levels, respond correctly to retrieving signals. On Saturday, more than 25 dogs ran (per trial) at the Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced level. Thirty dogs earned new titles. To achieve a title, a dog must perform a qualifying test under two different judges.

Emily Mardis and Carolee Boyles served as our judges and set the standard for judges to come.

Diane Sedberry was an organized and especially patient Trial Chair. Judy McPartland (Trial Secretary) made sure we were prepared and made it possible for us to accept day of show entries.

Lindsey Smith served as Trial Photographer. She and her husband David were indispensable to setting up the temporary fencing the day before. Emily Mardis led the way in this important effort, too, and also provided the required boxes, obstacles, and blinds. The Club supplied the fencing and stakes.

These people were invaluable day of trial:

Brian DeCarlo
Bob Becker
Scott Adams
Storey Wenger
Diane Sedberry
Tim Peppard
Mary Macchia
Bonnie and Archie Kretchik

Club member Jane Craig deserves a special congratulations for earning titles on two dogs: Advanced (Astro) and Intermediate (Gunner).

Thanks to everyone, including and especially our Board Members, who supported this event and who made it possible.

From Marti Hohmann





I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to judge a Fetch event for the club this past Saturday. I was thrilled with the large showing for such a new sport. The participants were all great. The volunteers were phenomenal. I want to highlight the ones I recall - Marti, Storey, Diane, Bob B, Brian, Scott, Bonnie, and Mary. If I overlooked anyone, I apologize. The volunteers were organized and so helpful to both me, Coralee, and the participants. I think it was a great event.

Please let me know if there was any feedback, positive or negative.
I will use it to make improvements.

Sincerely,

February 2025 Agility Trial

I want to thank everyone who made our Agility trials in Ft. Pierce another big success January 31st thru February 2nd.

To our judges: Sue Barnett & Oksana Syrkin. You both did a WONDERFUL job as usual. You kept the rings flowing & exhibitors moving with both your courses & your friendly demeanor.

To our Trial Secretary Eric Reese & his assistant Tracy Hanna. Thank you for ALL of your hard work in keeping the rings moving. Great job!

To my helpers: Jen Young, Barb Bodnar, Kimme Levee, Rachel Bean, Slim Barker, Chelsey Conklin, Brenda Becker, Susan Minix & Rose Siebeneck. You all did an amazing job! This event could not happen without all of your help & advice. I am truly overwhelmed with gratitude! This was NOT an easy trial to get through! It produced challenges more than once.

If I missed anyone it was not intentional.

Until next time!

Thanks again!

Betty

**From Agility Judge Sue Barnett:
I just wanted to say "Thanks" again for
asking me to judge for the OTCPCB
Trials this past weekend. The
volunteers, course builders & T/S were
exceptional!**

**Please extend my appreciation to all
the Committee & Club Members for a
job well done.**

BRAGS

Fate earned her Master's Jumper's Preferred 4 (MJP4) title at the MOC Agility trial on 12/8/24. Meaning she's qualified 40 times in the Master's Jumper's Preferred class.

-Betty

Aura won the Beg Nov B class Jan 11th with a nice score of 196 1/2. It was her 1st time in the ring.

The judge Paula Barras was very impressed with her performance considering her size & age.

-Betty





It was one of those rare days when things couldn't have gotten any better!

Fate won H/C as well as HIT with 1st placements in Open & Utility under Judge Paula Barras.

Aura earned her 2nd leg in Beg Nov today with a 197! One half a point higher than her debut on Saturday.

I am sooo proud of both of my girls!
-Betty



***GOT BRAGS, BIRTHDAYS OR OTHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS TO SHARE?***

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Ravyn trialed for her 2nd time at the Otcpcb Scent Work Trial on January 25/26.



Ravyn titled in:
Interior Novice and received a 4th place
Container Novice with a 1st Place 4.59 seconds
Buried Novice with a 3rd Place (& no practice)

Between both trials - Ravyn only missed her first buried run & then got the idea!

Thank you for a great Trial!!!
Cindy Ponga

***Jolene completed her Advanced Handler & Excellent Containers titles.
She earned 2 First, 3 Second & 1 Third placements!
-Angel Andrews***



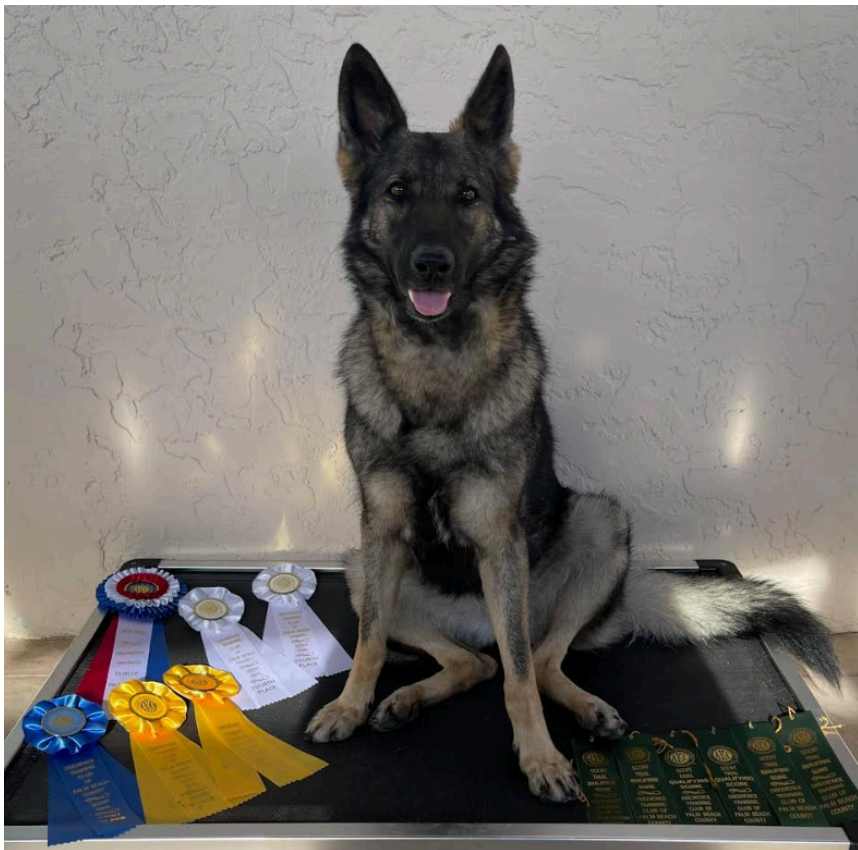
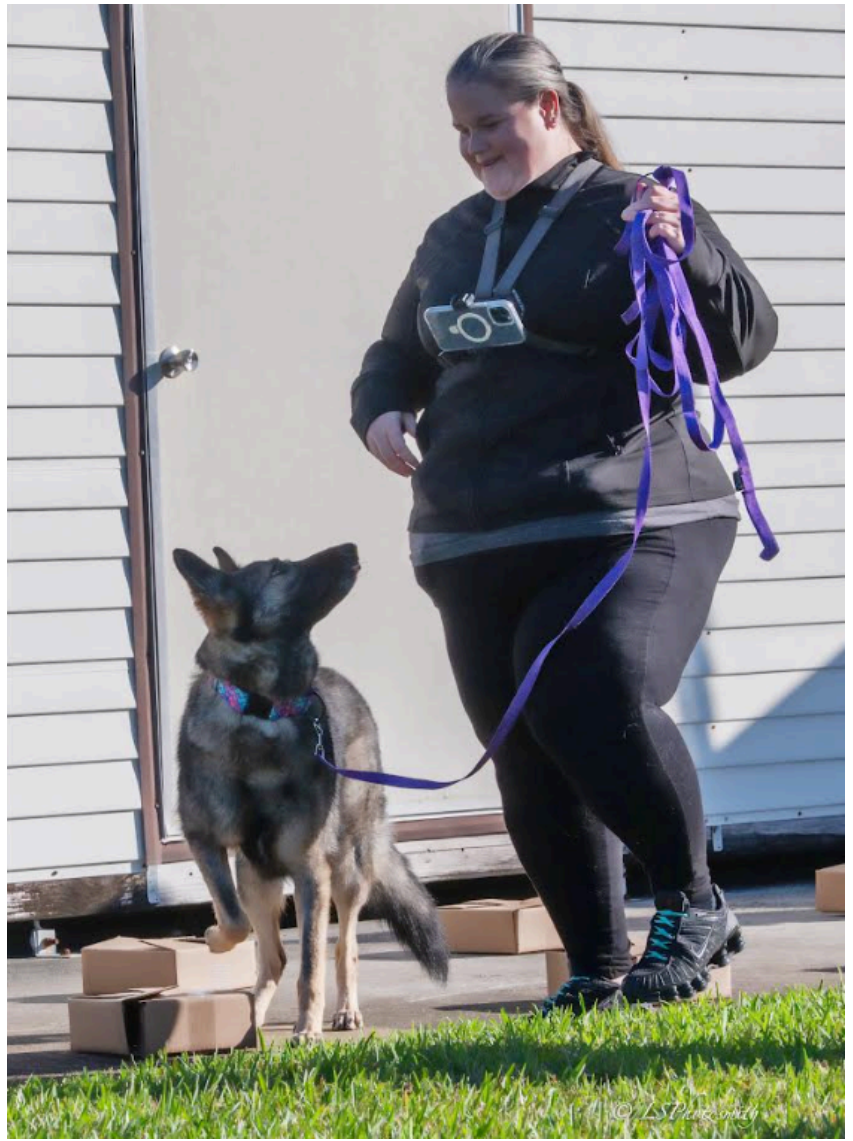
Tori earned her Scent work Buried Advanced title at OTCBPC's Scent work trial.



*She took home 3rd and 4th place ribbons. This finished her Scent work
Advanced titles to earn her SWA title.
Fran Smith*

We love this time of year! It's when Aries and I get to compete again in scent work!

We missed 2 runs in containers, but got 2 qualifying scores in interior novice going towards her Elite title. Also, 4 qualifying scores in buried novice, earning her title and a few placements.



Thank you to Fran, Marti, Judy and Carol Happel for judging, all the volunteer's and OTCPBC for putting on a great event! Also, thank you to Lindsey and her friend who captured everything!

-Storey Wenger

Willow earned Novice Container and Novice Buried titles in the January scent work trial.



She qualified in both runs for Advanced Interior, one of which was a first placement along with 3rd and 4th placements in Buried and Containers.



*Shurdan Creek Light of the Moon – Willow
RE, SIN, SEN, SCN, SBN, SWN, RATCHX, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, ATT, FITB, FTI
-Terri Cannici*

Bodhi and Phoenix competed at the Scent Work Trial held at OTCPBC in January and each took home their share of qualifying and placement ribbons.



Bodhi had two 1st placements in Novice Buried and 4th place in Advanced Interior.



Phoenix took 1st place in Novice Interior and earned a qualifying score in Novice Buried.

-Marni Bellavia



Performance Highlights Brian & Monte RA SIA SEN CGCA TKI:

Monte achieved exceptional results in the January SW Trial. Despite his relative inexperience in SW trialing and his usual tendency to underperform on day two, Monte surpassed all competitors, earning High in Trial for the Novice class in both Trial 1 and Trial 2, successfully completing 7 of 8 trial qualifying runs (Brian screwed up!!).

This performance secured Monte a SW Buried Novice title, and he is nearing completion of the overall SW Novice title.



I commend Monte's performance and express my gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who ensured a smooth and efficient trial. The addition of SW-themed swag bags for placements was a welcome and unexpected surprise.

-Brian DeCarlo

Gunner has been very busy the past few months.



Amazingly, he earned two agility Novice Jumpers legs! He then headed to the National Beagle Club Specialty in Tennessee and finished his Beginner Novice, Rally Advanced, and Scent Work Advanced titles. Then he was off to an NACSW Nose Work trial to earn his NW1. He followed all that with some more Scent Work titles and recently finished his Fetch Intermediate at OTCPBC's

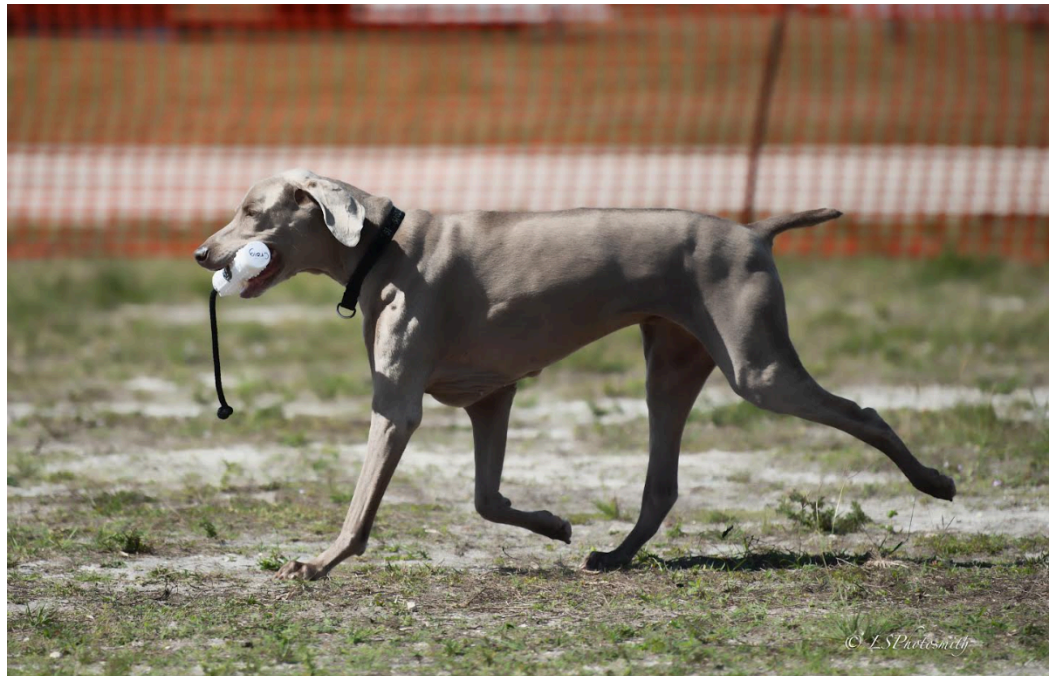
Fetch trials.

Go versatile Beagle! - Jane Craig

Astro the Weimaraner came out of retirement this season to enjoy one of his favorite dog activities-retrieving.

He earned his Fetch Intermediate in December and his Fetch Advanced title at OTCPBC's trials Feb 1st.

- Jane Craig



Swagger

TD

Decemeber 22nd was a beautiful day for tracking in Davie at the Miami Obedience Clubs test.

Swagger ran a beautiful track. He showed excellent problem solving to get to the glove at the end. Earned his and my first tracking title!

Lauren Walsh

Swagger & Cash

**NASDA
2024
Best of Breed
Awards**

**Swagger
#2 Shed Dog I
&
Cash
#3 Shed Dog II**

Lauren Walsh

Swagger ELT1



On January 12th we took a day trip to Lithia, FL for an NACSW Elite trial.

Swagger had a great day of searching, finding 14/17 hides, taking 2nd place in an exterior speed search, came in 6th overall and earned his Elite 1 title!

I am really enjoying the Elite Division with Swagger

Lauren Walsh

REMINDER:
NEXT MEETING
APRIL 14, 2025 7PM
@OTCPBC

VOLUNTEER HOURS

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours Report as of 2/7/25

Includes Hours Earned between 2/1/2024 and 2/7/25

Last Name	First Name	MemberType	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	Regular	4/28/2024	2/2/2025	52
Armfield	Patricia	Associate	5/19/2024	11/17/2024	41.75
Avick	Dale	Regular	2/4/2024	2/4/2024	6
Baker	Karen	Regular	11/4/2024	11/24/2024	27.75
Bath	Karen	Regular	2/4/2024	5/19/2024	20.45
Becker	Robert	Regular	2/4/2024	2/1/2025	53
Bellavia	Marni	Regular	4/21/2024	12/1/2024	29
Bowes	Lynda	Regular	4/20/2024	1/26/2025	73.25
Boychuk	Tricia	Regular	4/21/2024	2/2/2025	38.25
Brav	Janet	Regular	2/4/2024	2/2/2025	9.25
Butcher	Marjorie	Silver	4/2/2024	10/13/2024	12
Campbell	Stephen	Regular	2/29/2024	11/24/2024	79.5
Cannici	Terri	Regular	4/21/2024	11/3/2024	23
Carlée	Lane	Household	2/29/2024	1/27/2025	32.5
Carr	Lucy	Household	4/8/2024	1/12/2025	46.5
Clouser	Patsy	Regular	2/4/2024	2/4/2024	5
Craig	Jane	Silver	4/21/2024	1/26/2025	39.5
Czermann	Charlotte	Silver	2/13/2024	10/13/2024	58.5
DeCarlo	Brian	Household	4/30/2024	2/1/2025	176.5
DeMinico	Peggy	Gold	4/28/2024	11/17/2024	90
Doucet	Lyne	Regular	2/4/2024	8/18/2024	21
DuMont	Jean	Regular	1/26/2025	1/26/2025	2
Forgach	Marie	Regular	2/4/2024	11/24/2024	23.25
Gomez	Janet	Regular	4/28/2024	4/28/2024	11
Granville-Smith	Leslie	Regular	3/31/2024	12/31/2024	323
Hamzy	Joe	Household	10/6/2024	12/8/2024	29
Hamzy	Mary Ann	Household	11/24/2024	1/26/2025	15.75
Hohmann-Probs	Marti	Regular	2/4/2024	2/1/2025	36
Honchar	Nancy	Regular	4/28/2024	1/26/2025	75.25
Johnson	Nan	Regular	4/14/2024	1/19/2025	41.75
Johnson-Ford	Diana	Regular	3/31/2024	12/31/2024	67
Jones	Karen	Regular	11/10/2024	1/26/2025	35.5
Katzman	Andi	Regular	12/1/2024	1/26/2025	8.5
Keenan	Rande	Regular	1/6/2025	2/2/2025	26.75
Kelly	Michelle	Regular	5/16/2024	11/21/2024	23.5
Klein	Carol Ann	Regular	4/14/2024	11/30/2024	48
Kornmeyer	Donna	Household	4/8/2024	1/26/2025	12.25
Landen	Robin	Regular	4/28/2024	1/12/2025	41.5
Lehnertz	Margi	Silver	6/16/2024	1/26/2025	105.75
Lobree	H. Baird	Household	5/19/2024	11/10/2024	21.75
Lobree	Melissa	Household	5/19/2024	5/19/2024	3
Macchia	Mary	Regular	4/28/2024	2/1/2025	42
Maio	Lenore	Regular	5/15/2024	1/12/2025	34.75

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Last Name	First Name	MemberType	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Mardis	Emily	Regular	1/6/2025	2/1/2025	5.75
May	Kathy	Regular	2/29/2024	12/31/2024	20
McDonough	Kelly	Household	7/21/2024	11/17/2024	52.5
McKenna	David	Regular	2/18/2024	1/5/2025	41
McPartland	Judith	Regular	2/29/2024	1/6/2025	285
Minix	Susan	Regular	5/5/2024	2/2/2025	63.5
Morgan	Linda	Regular	2/4/2024	1/12/2025	48.05
Nettles	Bobbi	Regular	3/31/2024	11/24/2024	12
O'Sullivan	Frances	Regular	2/4/2024	6/16/2024	9.5
Patti	Jennifer	Household	5/5/2024	2/2/2025	42
Patti	Mary Lou	Household	2/2/2025	2/2/2025	20
Pirko	Jim	Regular	2/18/2024	1/5/2025	56.5
Pirko	Lynn		5/19/2024	5/19/2024	3
Ponga	Cindylou	Regular	4/8/2024	1/26/2025	95.5
Porter	Cynthia	Regular	4/21/2024	1/26/2025	44.25
Rubin	Laura	Regular	2/13/2024	5/15/2024	17
Sedberry	Diane	Regular	2/18/2024	2/1/2025	148
Seeley	Luci	Household	5/19/2024	11/17/2024	18.5
Seeley	Ron	Household	4/21/2024	12/31/2024	29.5
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	Silver	2/4/2024	2/2/2025	173.25
Smith	Lindsey	Regular	2/4/2024	2/1/2025	81.95
Taylor	Lorene	Household	2/7/2024	1/26/2025	16
Taylor	Matthew	Household	11/17/2024	1/26/2025	28
Trummer	Michelle	Regular	2/4/2024	2/2/2025	44
Vasiliou	Libby	Regular	4/8/2024	11/17/2024	37
Vence	Robert	Regular	2/4/2024	2/2/2025	136.75
Walsh	Lauren	Regular	5/21/2024	12/31/2024	16
Wenger	Storey	Regular	4/8/2024	2/1/2025	157.5
Wetzel	Judy	Regular	5/19/2024	1/26/2025	33.5
Wilbur	Nila	Regular	6/30/2024	11/10/2024	13
Wilpon	Judy	Regular	1/12/2025	1/26/2025	20.75
Wright	Mary	Regular	2/4/2024	2/2/2025	169.5
Zyzdryn	Alicja	Regular	10/13/2024	11/24/2024	27.7
Totals	77				3,928.40
					51.7
	Number of members with Greater Than 20 hrs.				55
	Number of members with Greater Than 30 hrs.				41
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