



Bur Oak Hundesport News

*A Dog Sport Club in Northern Illinois Specializing
in Schutzhund and German Conformation*



Mike Lichtwalt tracking Inka to a successful IPO 1 track in a misty beginning to Bur Oak's summer trial. (Photos by Mary Karlov)

Summer, 2014

This Newsletter is published for Members & Friends of Bur Oak Hundesport as its official publication. Opinions expressed in the articles are those of the writers & not necessarily that of the Club.

What We Are

Bur Oak Hundesport was formed as a non-profit organization on Jan. 12, 2003 to encourage & promote training of purebred German Shepherd dogs & other desirable breeds for the dog sport of Schutzhund.

Diverse founding members include several breeding kennels, & expert through novice proponents of all three phases of Schutzhund training & competition (tracking, obedience, & protection work). Other key interests of the Club involve conformation & ring training.

Bur Oak Hundesport is affiliated with the German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association, Inc., (GSDCA-WDA). As a member of the World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs, through its affiliation with the GSDCA, the WDA provides enthusiasts with a framework for activities in the U.S. patterned after those available to the world-wide German Shepherd dog community. All members of Bur Oak Hundesport are part of the GSDCA- WDA.

Where We Train

Bur Oak Hundesport's regular training facility is located at Gridley Field in Long Grove, IL, just east of Route 83 & Gilmer Road.

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Bur Oak Hundesport Training Schedule



Each Sunday, the following training is available on the field. Club members pay the Helper \$20 (\$10 per second dog) per combined Obedience/Protection/Tracking session. Guest training is available, after Club members have finished working their dog, at \$30 per dog, \$15 for a second dog.

TRACKING -- 8:00 a.m.

OBEDIENCE -- 9:00 a.m.

PROTECTION -- Approximately 10:00 a.m. until all dogs are worked.

Help!



Sunday training at Bur Oak recently drew Teaching Helper Steve House (second from right), along with Club President Mike Karlov (from left), Club member Bob Haddad, and Zyta Pietrowski's son, Michael.

Club news...

Show Your Stuff

Bur Oak Hundesport has scheduled a second Club Trial in 2014 on October 31-November 2, with SVF Judge Michael West and Helpers Eddie Calderon and Mike Karlov.

Classes offered are: IPO, BH, FH, FPr/TR/LUPr/OB,Spr/Defense, and AD. The Trial is open to all breeds.

Welcome New Members

Happy training and trialing for Bur Oak's newest members, including Mark, Bob, and Sheryl Haddad of Lake in the Hills, IL, and their dogs Ulysses, Priya, and Duke.

Another big welcome to new members Mary Karlov of McHenry, IL, and her dog Binka vom Karlovhaus, and Alicia Mentell of Dallas, TX, and her dogs Marley vom Mittelwest and Olexa vom Mittelwest.

Sherri's Tree

A bur oak tree planted at the Club's training field in 2010 in memory of its late Director of Training Sherri Bednarczyk has survived the draught and now seems to be thriving. If you look closely, you can see the first of its acorns.

Sherri (11/19/44 – 11/10/10) was also the Club's Treasurer, Instructor, and Show and Trial Secretary many times.

House Visit

Teaching Helper Steve House from Virginia dropped by Bur Oak recently to work some of our dogs and give some Helper tips to Club member and Helper-in-training Bob Haddad, 18.

Steve has been involved in Schutzhund for more than 30 years and worked countless trials and breed surveys across the U.S. He has also done helper work in clubs in Germany and shown dogs at Germany's Sieger Show.



Schutzhund Rooster



Ricky, Mike Karlov (left), and Jamie Elliott at the Big Rooster Transfer (Photo by Georgia Cawley)

A rooster was found walking along the Lake Shore last winter and ended up in the hands of Club member and Highland Park Animal Control Officer Mike Lichtwalt who had to go catch it.

Figuring that the bird might have some Schutzhund potential for its prey drive, Mike turned the rooster over to Club President Mike Karlov.

Mike took the rooster, now called Ricky, intending to make rooster soup.

But once he got the bird home, the rooster was such a hit with Mike's family, he decided to keep him as a pet.

"He was so cool," Mike said. "He would let me pet him and hold him; and he'd eat from my hand."

Problem was, Ricky was very loud when he crowed; and Mike couldn't really keep roosters in his town.

Then there was Mike's shepherd, Whiskey, who didn't like Ricky much and tried to eat him a couple of times.

Mike thought that Ricky might be happier with Zyta Piotrowski, who keeps a flock of chickens and pigs at her Genoa, IL home.

And so the big Rooster Transfer was made, from Mike to Zyta, at Georgia's holiday party in January.

There is no truth to the rumor that Mike had Ricky about ready for his BH before the transfer.

-- Judy Braginsky

Hot Dogs

Bob Dulay and **Panzer von Melanchthon**, BH, IPO1, Gulf Coast Schutzhund Club, Fort Myers, FL, March 7-8, SV Judge Helmut Koenig.

Bob Dulay and **Panzer von Melanchthon**, TR2, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Ed Bohrer and **hOnyx of My Body Guard**, IPO1 and High IPO1, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Alicia Mentell (owner), (handler) **Mike Karlov**, and **Marley vom Mittelwest**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Mary Karlov and **Binka vom Karlov Haus**, BH and Exemplary BH, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Mike Lichtwalt and **Inka vom Lichtwalt**, IPO1, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Jamie Elliott and **Indy vom Lichtwalt**, TR1, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Jamie Elliott and **Hamlet Deville (Radar)**, TR1 and High Tracking, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.

Bob Bromberg and **Merrick Tyson vom Kavihaus**, SPr1/Protection, Bur Oak Hundesport, June 22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess.



Bur Oak's Spring Trial

Congratulations to Bur Oak for putting on an excellent Regional trial with all dogs passing!

Thank you to SV Judge Jurgen Hess for judging and guiding our two apprentice judges.

And thank you to the two apprentice judges, Mike Karlov and Jacob Pope, for their hard work and learning experience with our esteemed judge.

Thank you to all those who entered the trial. (You *all* were winners!)

Thank you to Rolando Salvador for tracking.

Thank you to Eddie Calderon as Helper.

Thank you to all those who helped set up the field. (And mowed it beforehand!)

Thank you to Aunt Mary's boyfriend for providing the food truck!

Most of all, congratulations to our winners, including **Regional Champion IPO3 Xena of My Body Guard** with handler **Dean Salamone (286)**

High IPO 2: Frye Von Walburga with handler **Kandy Waldie (262)**

High IPO1: hOnyx of My Body Guard with handler **Ed Bohrer (270)**

Exemplary BH: Binka Vom Karlovhaus with handler **Mary Karlov**

High Tracking: Hamlet Deville (Radar) with handler **Jamie Elliott (97)**

High Obedience: Frye Von Walburga with handler **Kandy Waldie (95)**

High Protection: Xena of My Body Guard with handler **Dean Salamone (98)**

BH: Marley with handler **Mike Karlov (Alicia Mentell owner)**, and **Binka** with handler **Mary Karlov**

IPO1: Zon with handler **Tom Lichtwalt**, **Inka** with handler **Mike Lichtwalt**, and **hOnyx** with handler **Ed Bohrer**

TR1: Indy with handler **Jamie Elliott**, and **Radar** with handler **Jamie Elliott**

(SPr1 / Protection): Merrick Tyson with handler **Bob Bromberg**

IPO2: Frye with handler **Kandy Waldie**, and **Fonzi** with handler **Dean Salamone**

TR2: Panzer with handler **Bob Dulay**

IPO3: Xena with handler **Dean Salamone** ---Georgia Cawley



(Photos above, clockwise): Bob Bromberg, Merrick, and Helper Eddie Calderon, Jamie Elliott with High Tracking Trophy for tracking Radar to a 97, SV Judge Juergen Hess, and Jamie tracking Radar and Indy (Gunner) to their TR1s. (Photos by Mary Karlov)



Helper Eddie Calderon working Kandy Waldie's Fonzi to an IPO2



Mike Karlov, (left), handler; Marley, BH, Alicia Mentell (owner)



Mary Karlov's Binka polishes off her BH



Mike Lichtwalt (above, from left) and Inka, Ed Bohrer and hOnyx on the A-frame, and High IPO1 trophy presented to Ed Bohrer (second from left), Mike Karlov (left), SV Judge Jurgen Hess, and Jacob Pope



Bob Dulay (above) congratulated by SV Judge Juergen Hess for tracking Panzer to a TR2. (Photos by Mary Karlov)



A Badge on His Collar

Mike Karlov's Schutzhund III dog, Captain, is hitting his stride as a working police dog.

After having just passed another yearly certification by the United States Police Canine Association in Springfield, IL, Captain (renamed Apex and specializing in cadaver search) has been credited with two cadaver finds since being retrained and now handled by his new owner/handler Bill Russell.

Russell is deputy coroner for Sangamon County and head of the rescue squad and has kept our Mike updated with Captain's progress the past couple years with a series of e-mails:

DECEMBER 18, 2013

"Training went very well. We were in an old warehouse with a closet behind which a decoy was hiding.

"It was a blind search for both of us.

"He searched the rooms, hit on the

closet with the sliding doors, and then crashed through them to get to the decoy.

"He was great. We then had to fix the doors."

DECEMBER 20, 2013

"We put some hides out in the garage here on the rescue trucks and he did very well.

"We spilled a little blood on the exhaust pipe under one of the trucks; and he crawled back and forth under the truck until he pinpointed the spot.

"It was neat to watch."

JANUARY 25, 2014 (Find No. 1)

"These photos I am sending you used to be a 1 1/2-story house before the fire. It started at 10:30 Friday night.

"The fire was still burning in some spots when we started our search.

"I had to pull Captain off the spot



Deputy Coroner Bill Russell and Captain (Apex), K-9 Badge No. 901

where the victim's bones were found because he was trying to alert on red-hot embers.

"The basement had standing water in it from fighting the fire; and in some spots,

The Battle Hymn of Schutzhund

Sung to the tune of The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Mine eyes have seen the terror of the coming Schutzhund trial,
I have handed in my scorebook, but my brain is in denial,
I'll be looking for the port-a-potty in a little while,
I wish I'd stayed in bed.

Glory, glory, with a lightning fast retrieve,
Glory, glory, with a full grip on the sleeve,
A qualifying score is what I'm hoping to receive,
Because we train so hard!

I thought I was prepared to handle any circumstance,
My dog went down the first leg and I thought we had a chance,
Then he circled on the corner and I almost **** my pants,
The points are coming off!

Glory, glory etc.

The judge gave me the signal and I gave my dog a call,
He hit me like a freight train and he nearly broke my *****,
I'd have me a Chihuahua, if I had some sense at all
The points are coming off!

Glory, glory, etc.

We went to do protection, it's his favorite part, you see,
I sent him out to search six blinds, he thought that he'd run three,
He ignored me for the call-out, he can be so ornery!
The points are coming off!

Glory, glory, etc.

It's amazing, it's a wonder that we got a passing score!
My dog has done so many things he's never done before,
But this Schutzhund is addictive, and we'll all be back for more,
I'm glad this trial is done!

Glory, glory, with a lightning fast retrieve,
Glory, glory, with a full grip on the sleeve,
A qualifying score is what I'm hoping to receive,
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Captain was chest deep, searching.

"Just got word the bones Captain found together were from a man and his dog.

"The man must have had his dog with him when he died."

APRIL 4, 2014

"We did a track for a person the other night whose family said was trying to hang himself and who had run out of the mobile home only wearing shorts.

"The police told me the man went out the backdoor.

"So I started Captain at the steps the man would have gone down. Apex started tracking, only to keep circling right back to the steps, twice.

"I wasn't sure what was up.

"Then the police yelled out that the man was back in the house.

"Turns out the guy had run out the back door, run around in a circle because it was cold and all he was wearing was

shorts, so he came right back in through the same door he went out.

"So, again, I learned to trust your dog."

APRIL 17, 2014

"Captain had to recertify for his cadaver work yesterday.

"His final score was 195.67 out of a possible 200 points.

"In one search area, one hide was buried in a rubble pile about 8 feet up.

"Captain worked his way up and around the pile and dug at it as well.

JULY 15, 2014 (Find No. 2)

"A guy killed himself in the woods. He'd been dead about two days.

"Was a one-hour search. Captain found him."



Mike Karlov and Captain, SchH3, FHI

Search & Rescue not for the Faint-hearted



My legs wobbled on the constantly shifting pile of large concrete slabs, metal rebar, wood, and other building materials.

I started to slide down spots of muddy earth after cautious leaps between piles of rubble toward my distant objective: a smallish concrete pipe near an overturned school bus (into which I was supposed to shimmy and hide for an hour in 96-degree heat and be "found" by a dog).

The safety helmet I was required to wear had me blinded by sweat in seconds.

My first outing as a volunteer for a State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance (SUSAR) certification test for disaster search dogs was not going well.

A 15-minute foray up into the pile that simulated a bombed-out building at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy in Glenview had gained me ...less than 20 feet.

To back down in my trusty rubber tracking boots to good old terra firma, in defeat, took nearly twice as long.

Kudos to the other stout-hearted volunteers who answered and made good on Club member Teri Tognetti's invitation to help out and hide in the rubble to test and qualify canine search teams that deploy to disaster situations.

And God bless the search dogs that are often required to navigate such unstable ground and enter dark, narrow spaces to search over thousands of square feet of similar rubble for victims.

Teri was a member of People and Paws Search and Rescue, Inc., based in Milwaukee, WI.

She's passed several levels of (human) certification by the National Association of Search and Rescue.

She and her German shepherd, Malachi von Kraftwerk, TC, CGC, HIC, T1, (now retired) had trained towards being mission-ready as a SAR team.

The certification testing on a Friday and a Saturday in June drew seven canine/handler teams from Illinois, Wisconsin,

Michigan, and New Jersey.

Among the two teams that passed was Scott Peirson and his German shepherd, Xamb, who was recertified as a Type 1 Disaster Dog for Xamb's four live "finds" in the rubble on Friday. (Without me, happily observing in my air-conditioned truck.)

Teri

Peirson is a full-time captain and paramedic with the Des Plaines Fire Department.

He is also vice president of SUSAR for the nation, head of the Illinois task

force canine unit, and an instructor and evaluator for SUSAR. ---Judy Braginsky



My fifth deployment and they STILL don't realize I'm a dog... .



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