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2024 Membership Drive!

New Member FAQ

Dear Members:

The attached By-Laws have been adopted by the Liberty Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club Laws at its meeting of June 20, 2023. The By-Laws have a process for new members to be approved to become members in Article II, Membership, Section D. The By-Laws require new members to complete a membership application and obtain the names and endorsements of two members as their sponsor. The names and contact information of the sponsors must be written on the second page of the application in the “New Member” box. A copy of the application is attached.

The sponsors must be Regular Members in good standing and the sponsors must personally know the applicant. Please note, a Board Member cannot be a sponsor. The club will confirm receipt of the application and then will reach out to the sponsors using the contact information you provide to confirm their endorsement.

The completed application will be on the meeting agenda following the receipt of the application for a “first reading.” The application will be presented for a “second reading” and put to a secret vote of the Regular Members at the next meeting that there is a Quorum of members. Meetings may be virtual or in person. A Quorum of members for membership application purposes is 20% of the regular members in good standing. Approval of the application of membership requires a 2/3rd majority secret vote during a meeting, where a quorum is met, of the Regular Members in good standing. The applicant will be notified of the outcome of the vote in writing following the meeting.

Liberty offers several types of membership. As a club that has applied for accreditation with the AKC, the bulk of our regular members should fall with the territory ultimately assigned to us by AKC. We have applied for our territory to include all of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware, however, we expect AKC will narrow our territory to only parts of those states.

Currently, there are 38 founding members of the club. It is our hope that you too will consider applying for regular membership, either single (\$35.00) or household (\$45.00), in the Liberty club. We also offer Associate Memberships (\$20.00). This is for those live within the territory that want to support the club but do not wish to be active in it. So Associate Members will receive all information but will not vote or be able to hold an office. A Newsletter membership (\$15.00) is for those that live outside the club’s territory that want to help support the club and stay informed, but again, do not want to be active voting members or eligible to hold an office.

For those that want to purchase memberships for another Toller owner, there is an Outreach membership (\$10.00). This is an excellent tool for breeders. The Outreach membership is for one year and the outreach member will receive the club's newsletter which hopefully will encourage them to apply for regular membership. There is a Junior membership (\$15.00) and, finally, for those outside of the United States, there is a Foreign membership (\$20.00) option.

We are so excited to be one of the first groups to apply for recognition as a local Toller club. Currently, there is only one other approved local club for Tollers, which is the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever club of New England serving the greater Westhampton, MA area (including communities northeast to Haverhill, MA, south to Wyoming, RI, west to Goshen, CT and north to Huntington, MA). We need your continuing support and help to be successful.

Whether, you decide to apply for membership at this time, or not, please consider donating to the general operating fund and the technology fund. It takes many hands and, well, cash, to get a club rolling and we appreciate anything you can donate, from \$1.00 donation to a larger donation. Everything helps and we appreciate anything you can contribute.

Our next event will be held March 1 through 3, 2024 in connection with the Maryland Sporting Dog Association (MSDA) show. As you know, there is a long and rich history of MSDA supporting Tollers, dating back to the inception of the Parent Club. In fact, the first Toller National was held at a MSDA Show. The last 20 years, Tollers have been a force at MSDA. We promise, as we take on the responsibility to continue this important relationship, we will not disappoint. This year there will be 3 Conformation shows, 3 Obedience shows and 3 Rally shows. Friday night Liberty will be sponsoring a Match Show for beginner puppies through veterans. We are planning our traditional banquet on-site for Saturday night and we will be setting up our grooming area as in past years.

Thank you and we look forward to your application!

Sincerely,
/s/Jennifer Hollis
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