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## From the President's Desk

The April trials are right around the corner (April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>). They will be held in Daytona at OCOD's trial-appropriate, air-conditioned facility. As I write this, we already have 100+ entries! This is going to be a BIG trial (for us, anyway) and WE NEED STEWARDS!

We are not as steward-intensive as Nose Work; we need about 3 stewards for each of our 3 rings. Please, please, PLEASE say, "Yes," to Alison Nelson when she asks if you would be willing to pitch in. Whole day, ½ day, one class – whatever time you can spare – we will be grateful. It's not that far, and it's a great opportunity to make friends and see what Obedience and Rally is all about.

Provisional members, this counts toward your Full Membership requirements, and members, it counts toward your 8-hour service for a key in 2020. We need you all.

There has been some talk lately among the clubs about abusive training. I'm reminded of what a famous judge said when asked to define pornography. He said, "I can't define it, but I know it when I see it."

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## Meetings

Board Meeting –  
April 11, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –  
April 18, 7:30 pm



No training will be allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting

## New Members



### New Provisional Members

Nancy Alberts

Kelsey Cox

Samantha Davis

Lisa Dodge

Mark and Anje Easterday

Ann Ouchterloney & Richard Skasko

Nancy Westbrook 1

## President's Message – continued

Abuse in dog training is pretty much the same. I learned a long time ago that if a dog is learning fear from a correction rather than getting information to do the exercise correctly, that constitutes abuse. A fearful dog is useless in dog sports. A dog that is afraid of making a mistake will NEVER get to the higher levels of Obedience (or any other sport) since mistakes are inevitable. Mistakes should be regarded as an opportunity to teach, explain, and give the dog the information he needs to be successful. Anyway, we've copied the AKC's guidelines regarding abuse and here it is: *"Any person ... who is seen to kick, strike, or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog..."* If this kind of behavior will not be tolerated at an AKC event it will not be tolerated at our club – during a trial, during a class or just during informal training on the grounds. Period.

Victoria Ford, our Membership Chairperson, seems to be feeling much better after a long ordeal with heart problems, doctor problems, etc. We're very, very happy to see her feeling better! Our sincere condolences go to Diane Cohen who lost her brother recently.

Last October our trials were dedicated to Violet Krebs. I wrote a piece about her for the trial catalog. Sadly, I don't think anybody read it. It's been about a year since Violet passed away, and I hope you don't mind if I ask our editor, Marla Holiday, to reprint it in this issue of the Tails. Violet was a HUGE part of K-9 for many years. Those of us who knew her miss her still.

As Steve Picciuolo pointed out, our club had its 67<sup>th</sup> birthday in February. A lot of dogs and people have considered K-9 their "home" over the years. I hope you will, too. - Ginny

Ginny

### Upcoming Events

#### April

- 04/07 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 04/11 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 04/14 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
- 04/18 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 04/20 – AKC Obedience and Rally Trials in Daytona
- 04/21– AKC Obedience and Rally Trials in Daytona
- 04/28 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm`

#### May

- 05/05 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 05/05 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
- 05/09 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 05/16 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 05/19 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 05/19 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm

#### June

- 06/02– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 06/13 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 06/16– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 06/20 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

### Volunteers Needed

From Alison Nelson: K-9 will be holding its AKC Rally and Obedience Trials on April 20 and 21, 2019 in Daytona. Volunteers are needed.

Your time will apply toward the annual 8 hour volunteer requirement.

Completing at least 8 hours of volunteer activities for K-9 each year entitles you to retain the benefit of the class discount and ability to obtain a key to the grounds for the next year. Volunteer hours completed in 2019 will enable you to keep those membership benefits in 2020.

Please use the link below to volunteer:  
<http://www.k9obedienceclub.org/volunteers-needed-obediencerally-trials.html>

## The October, 2018 trials were dedicated to the memory of Violet Krebs

She was my first friend at K-9.

Violet had a talent for making brand new members feel welcome. She was an inspiration to every person who wanted to learn the art of dog training.

Violet was one of the first members of our club to embrace positive training during the early 1990's. She was friendly and helpful to anyone open-minded enough to ask, "Why do you...?," and then she would patiently explain the principals of Operant Conditioning. She was the first member to try clicker training, the first to go to Bob Bailey's Chicken Camp, the first to take lessons at Sea World, and the first to insist that K-9 had to keep up with the new methods that were being incorporated all over the country. But Violet's tool box was extensive, and she was always ready with an alternate method if the first didn't succeed. She was always the first to remind me, "It's not brain surgery."

During the years she was a member there were many periods when Violet carried much of the weight of club activities on her shoulders. She took her turn as President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Recording Secretary and so on down the line. She occasionally taught classes, was DOCOF Team Captain for many years and wore so many hats in the club I've lost track of them all.

But what I remember best about Violet was that she had the rare ability to laugh at herself. She was serious about training, but never took herself too seriously. Whenever anything funny happens at K-9, I automatically think, "I wish Violet was here."

During periods of dissention within the club, she was the glue that held us together.

I learned a lot about dog training from Violet, but she taught me much more about humility, learning from failure, and how to give back to the sport we both loved.

Exercise finished, Violet.

- *Ginny Ruskuski*

# Congratulations!



## April Peters and Rosco (Boxer)

NADD Dock Diving Event in St. Mary's  
3rd in the "Junior" division

## Donna Edison and Aksel (GSD)

NADD Dock Diving Event in St. Mary's  
2nd in the "Junior" division

**March 24, 2019 Clearwater, FL**

NACSW Nose Work

Passed ORT tests for Birch, Anise and  
Clove

## Donna Edison and Maverick (GSD)

NADD Dock Diving Event in St. Mary's  
1st place in master distance and 1st place in master  
air retrieve with an 18' snag!(his best!) He is  
currently the number one GSD in air retrieve for  
NADD.

He jumped all masters jumps with his biggest being  
23'1"!



# Congratulations!



## Dianne Strickland and Saxon

Saxon won utility class in Eustis for 6 more points now needing 19 more points for the OTCH.

Jupiter-Tequesta trial, Sax earned 3 points after losing a run off for 1st in utility.

Carson finished his CD with 2 firsts and a second.

## Marla Holliday and Jack

March 24, 2019 Clearwater, FL  
NACSW Nose Work

Passed ORT tests for Anise and Clove



## Ann Hamlin and Penny

RATI 1st place, Novice trial 1, 2nd place, trial 2 1st place, 8 seconds, high in class

## Christy Reifsneider and Jester

Sarasota AKC Scentwork trial

3 new titles: Novice Interior, Novice Buried, Novice Container. 1 leg each of Novice Exterior and Advanced Containers. First place Novice B Buried, Second place Advanced Containers.



## Melissa Hess and Adam

Adam earned his third Senior Hunter leg at the Central Florida GSP Club recent hunt test in Umatilla and a first place in Huntin' Dawg Stakes at the Tampa Bay Vizsla Club field trial also held in Umatilla at the beautiful Hidden Valley Ranch.





**Karen Childers and Sailor**

**March 9, 2019 Citra, FL**

AKC Farm Dog Certified Test - New Title

**March 22, 2019 Eustis, FL**

AKC Scent Work

Qualified all 8 runs entered, 3 first places Scent

Container Novice Elite (SCNE) - New Title

High In Trial - Both Novice and Advanced

**March 24, 2019 Clearwater, FL**

NACSW Nose Work

Passed ORT tests for Birch, Anise and Clove in a combined 17.8 seconds



**Betsy Raiford and Barclay**

Stokesdale, NC

NW 3 – New Title

**Congratulations!**



**Colleen Whalen and Charlie**

Hueytown, AL

NW2 – New Title



**Wendy Montroy and Echo**

(WildAbout Echo of Windwalker)

**March 24, 2019 Clearwater, FL**

NACSW Nose Work

Passed ORT tests for Birch, Anise and Clove

## AKC Canine Good Citizen Prep Classes Resuming in April

Starting Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00, Melissa Hess, an AKC CGC Evaluator and CPDT-KA will begin a six week Canine Good Citizen Program preparatory class. The CGC Program is designed to teach good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test at the conclusion of the class may receive a certificate from the AKC. Topics to be covered will include: accepting a friendly stranger; sitting politely for petting; appearance and grooming; walking on a loose lead; walking through a crowd; sit and down on command; staying in place; coming when called; reaction to another dog; reaction to distractions; and supervised separation. More information on the CGC Program can be found on these and other AKC sites:

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

<https://images.akc.org/pdf/cgc/GK9GC1.pdf>

The class is open to dogs at least six months old who already have a preliminary foundation in obedience skills. Contact Melissa Hess at [hess124@bellsouth.net](mailto:hess124@bellsouth.net) for registration information or with any questions.



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