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From the President's Desk

It was unfortunate that Marla couldn't do a Tails last month (she and Marnie were in the process of moving). I had so many thank yous to say after our October trials.

First, let me thank all of you who stewarded and helped out during trial weekend. We couldn't do it without you! Our AKC trials were a success in that we didn't lose any money and had many happy exhibitors and lovely compliments.

More thanks! Alison Nelson handled the re-concrete-wash of the parking lot, and although there were problems and delays, the parking lot is finally usable and much improved. Alison has also gotten our lights working and brighter than they were and I'm thrilled. Alison, we owe you – big time.

And of course, thank you, Marla, for getting the newsletter out every month. I did it for 15 years and know that it's not an easy job!

We had a lovely letter this month from Cynthia and John Kantner who sent their thanks for providing training classes, camaraderie and good times for their dog, Merlin. They also sent a *very* generous donation in Merlin's memory to keep up the good work. We are grateful and hope to see them again in the future.

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Meetings

Board Meeting –
Dec 12, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –
Dec 19, 7:30 pm

**Join us for our Holiday Party!
Bring a dish to share or just
bring yourself!**



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

New Members



LIFE Membership: Barbara Butler.

Full Members: Richard Stasko & Ann Ouchterloney

President's Message – continued

Looking forward to December, we are planning our **annual Holiday party**, complete with pot-luck dinner and gift-exchange game! You don't need to play the game if you don't want to but if you do be sure to bring a gift! (Suggested value - \$15.00.) It's a LOT of fun and if you can only make one meeting a year, this is the meeting you don't want to miss.

Speaking of meetings, we are hoping to have a quorum at our meeting **so we can vote on a change to the by-laws, reducing the number of General meetings per year from 12 to 6.** We would also like to change the General Meeting start time from 7:30 to 7:00. By reducing the number of General meetings per year we hope to UP the quality of the meetings we hold, with interesting programs, speakers, etc. So PLEASE, make every effort to come! I would appreciate it if those of you who plan to come would make a special effort to invite one member who rarely comes. Don't be shy – be pushy!

It won't be a party without you. - Ginny

- Ginny

Upcoming Events

December

12/12 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
12/19 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

January

01/09 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
01/16 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

February

02/13 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
02/15 - K9's NACSW NW3 Trial @ Baker County Fair Grounds
02/16 - K9's NACSW NW2 Trial @ Baker County Fair Grounds
02/20 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

Holiday Party

You are cordially invited to K-9's Annual Holiday Party!

Date: Thursday, Dec. 19th

Time: 7:30

Place: Clubhouse

Bring: A covered dish – or not.

Bring: A wrapped gift – or not.

We want to see YOU!



October AKC Obedience and Rally Trials

As Trial Chair, I'd like to thank each and everyone of you who turned out to make this trial a success! I'll leave it to others to name all of you (my memory doesn't work well on names any more!) But I would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thanks to Ginny Ruskuski. Being a trial secretary is sort of like having a baby. There are lots of things that you have to do starting more than 6 months before the trial, filing AKC papers, putting out the premium, etc. Often there are times you forget that it's even on your calendar, and then AKC or another club member sends you an email and you remember that the big date is fast approaching. Then the entries begin to come in and for a month or more, every day brings new entries to your mailbox that must be processed. Then entries close and there's so much to do: paperwork for entries, trial confirmations and judging schedules. Getting all the supplies for the trial, baskets, making sure everyone else has done their jobs It's with you 24/7. Then the trial ends then the paperwork for AKC and then

I think you get the message. Please, when you see Ginny, say thanks to her for all she did to make this trial a success!

Dianne Strickland

Thanks to the October Trial Volunteers

I want to thank the members who volunteered at the October Obedience trial. You were a fabulous group to work with!!

Pam McCaleb, Julie Culhane, Karen Childers, Terri Reel, Ron Cohen, Robin Wallen, Alicia Ziesmer, Patti Rendo, Dennis Nelson, Nancy Westbrook

Who all worked one or both days of the trial, but also several of whom pitched in on previous days to clean the pavilion, prep and set up the rings!!

Also, Fran Gorman, Annie Burke, Liz Teal, Elaine Nabors, Cindy Torre who pitched in and filled very important spots during the trial and afterward!

The volunteers commented that they learned so much by stewarding! It's true. Working a trial is more than helping out the club. When you are focused on the performances in the ring and engaged in each exercise and team's efforts, you really start to understand what is involved. If you are new to obedience, be sure to steward for the next K-9 trial in June 2020 at Daytona Beach. You will take away a good understanding of the class that you just can't get any other way! Also, it can be a motivating experience if you are working with your dog toward obedience competition. You can reserve what class you want to steward for with me next spring. Until then, have a wonderful time training and preparing to show your dog!

Alison Nelson

November NACSW NW1 and NW3 Trials

Our **November K9 Nose Work trials** were very successful. Perfect weather for the dogs and our first time renting the St. Johns County Fairgrounds. We will host trials there again in the future.

Six teams earned the NW3 title and K9's Betsy Raiford with Barclay, her Manchester Terrier, took 3rd Place Overall. Awesome achievement. Two Elite titles were given out. Many of our beginner students trialed and/or volunteered. Wendy Montroy with Echo, her Whippet, earned their first title of NW1. A total of 17 titles were earned at that level.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers and special thanks to Anita Gard, Betsy Raiford, Marnie White, Vicky Ford, and the entire Reifsneider family, Bob, Christy, Erin & Jon. Christy Reifsneider was our Volunteer Coordinator for the first time. It's a demanding job and she did awesome! Peter Ensche and his wife Leigh Ann Palone, came up once again from Orlando to help both days. A large group of volunteers under the leadership of Melanie Philpot came from Gainesville. Melanie started many of us in the new sport driving up every Saturday from Gainesville. Thanks Melanie!

One comment we received from many of our new nose work students was they learned so much by volunteering and getting to watch the teams perform. We hope many more "newbies" in any dog sport help with our future trials in Obedience, Rally and K9 Nose Work. Many of the Certifying Officials from NACSW are impressed with the number of volunteers we have at our trials. Thanks to all that came that weekend and helped out.

Colleen Whalen

Volunteers Needed

**FOR NW2 & NW3 TRIALS:
BAKER COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
5567 Lauramore Rd., Macclenny, FL
NW3 ON SATURDAY, 02/15/19
NW2 ON SUNDAY, 02/16/19**

Volunteers are needed for the February NACSW trial hosted by K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Saturday, Feb. 15 and Sunday, Feb. 16. We also need vehicles for the searches so please consider allowing us to use your vehicle if you can be at the trial all day. We also can use canopies and tarps. Please use this link to let us know if you can volunteer your time or any items [NACSW TRIAL VOLUNTEER BAKER COUNTY 2020](#).

Anita Gard Volunteer Coordinator
K9 Obedience Club Macclenny NACSW Trial

Training Opportunity

AKC recognizes the importance of sports psychology for dog sports in recognizing Brenda Riemer. [Read the article here.](#)

K-9 is happy to bring Dr. Brenda Riemer, sports psychologist, to Florida. If you have performance nerves (I've yet to meet anyone who doesn't!) whether it's agility, barn hunt, conformation, flyball, nosework, obedience, tracking, etc, you can benefit from attending this seminar next May in the air conditioned comfort of Daytona's building. 4 of 12 working spots already filled! For those of you new to dog sports, sign up for an audit spot. There's no doubt you'll learn skills that will benefit you and your dog throughout your career no matter the sport in which you choose to participate!

It's a great time to hint to anyone you exchange Christmas Gifts with that you would love a Christmas present that would help you attend this seminar! I know I'm going!

See the seminar flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Dianne Strickland

Dues are Due

Reminder – It's time again for the annual dues!

Upcoming Classes

Classes are on the calendar.

STAR Puppy:

December 30th 6:00pm - FULL
January 6th 7:30pm
January 24th 6:00pm

Advanced Puppy:

February 17th 6:00pm
February 24th 7:30pm

Trick Dog Novice:

March 6th 6:00pm

Rally – All Levels:

Jan 7th 6:00pm

K9 Nosework:

Jan 18th 8:00am Intro to K9
Nosework (Full)
Jan 18th 10:00am Intro to K9
Nosework (Full)
Jan 19th 10:00am Intro to K9
Nosework (Full)

K9 Nosework In Progress:

Saturday: 7:30am: Advanced (Full)
Saturday: 8:00am: Advanced
Saturday: 9:00am: Beginning (Full)
Saturday: 10:00am Intro to K9
Nosework
Monday: 6:30pm Advanced (Full)
Wednesday 6:30pm Intermediate

Congratulations!

Dianne Strickland and Saxon

**OTCH MACH Drumlin Fireworks In The Skye
UDX2 OM6 MXB MJB NF T2B**

Saxon and I earned the OTCH at the Brevard County Dog Obedience Trial on October 26 under Judge John Cox!

I have so many to thank for helping me on this journey

Most of all, the dogs from whom I have learned so much: Toby UDX, Amy UD, Abby CDX, Sunny CDX, Ruffy UD, Skye UD, and Sevi UDX.

My breeder: Mary Escalante

The people who have sustained me: Sandy Ganz (who gave me his wonderful grandfather, Skye, and introduced me to the wonders of competitive obedience), Nancy Schanda (with whom he earned his MACH), Susan Gilbert, Wendy Ethier, Joan VandenBerg, many other SMDTC members and all my new obedience friends at K-9 Obedience in Jax, FL.



Dianne Strickland and Carson

Carson went HIT in Open A on October 27 at the Brevard County Obedience Dog Training Club



Congratulations!



Ilona Meeks and Haven

Blessed that Haven is willing and able to continue Scent Work. Thrilled that she received TWO coveted Iron Nose Awards in the Performance Scent Dog Trials offered by Sunshine K9s at Seymour, TN. She also placed and titled in Buildings, Containers, Distance, Speed and Exteriors. Judged by Lisa Bailey.

Dianne Strickland and Saxon

HIT and High Combined at the K-9 show in Jacksonville



Judy Fortner and Sophie Loren

Sophia Loren (aka Sophie.)
K-9 trials, Oct 12 & 13
Qualified both days, advanced rally A

Brevard Dog Training Club Oct 26
Qualified advanced rally A.
All bonus legs



Congratulations!



Andi Bower & TY & Ali AKC SBTC 11/29-12/1/2019 Elkton, FL

TY: 1st Place MPFast 11/29
1st Place MPSTD 11/29
1st Place MPJWW 11/29
PDQ#9
1st Place MPFast 11/30
1st Place MPSTD 11/30
1st Place MPJWW 11/30
PDQ#10
1st Place MPSTD 12/1
1st Place MPJWW 12/1
PDQ#11

Ali: 1st Place MFast 11/29
1st Place MSTD 11/29
2nd Place MFast 11/30
1st Place MSTD 11/30
1st Place MJWW 11/30
DQ#2
1st Place MJWW 12/1

Andi Bower & TY & Ali AKC IRDTC 11/15-16/2019 Vero Beach, FL

TY: 1st Place MPJWW 11/15
1st Place MPJWW 11/16
1st Place PRM STD 11/16
TY--Qualified for AKC Nationals!
Ali: 1st Place MSTD 11/15
1st Place MJWW 11/16

USDAA DogOnIt 11/22-24/2019 Apopka, FL

TY: 1st Place PIII STD 11/22
1st Place PIII Gamblers 11/23
2nd Place PIII Pairs 11/23
2nd Place PIII STD 11/24
2nd Place PGrandPrix 11/24

Ali: 1st Place PIII Gamblers 11/22
1st Place PIII Jumpers 11/22
1st Place PSpeedJump 11/22
1st Place PIIISnookerSQ 11/23
1st Place PIII Pairs 11/23
1st Place PGrandPrix 11/24



Victoria Ford and Merlin

Merlin, my 4.5 year old min pin, earned his Nosework Elite 1 on Sept 1st & Elite 2 on Oct 12th.

Mike Rose and Cooper

Earned their NW1 at the Elkton trial on 11/10.

Congratulations!



Betsy Raiford and Barclay

Earned their NW3 at K-9's NACSW Trial in Elkton and took 3rd Place Overall.



Wendy Montroy and Echo

At the Scent Work Club of Brevard County in Cocoa, FL on Oct 27, trial 3 novice, Echo got 1st place interiors, 1st place exteriors, High in Trial. Trial 4 novice, 1st place interior, 2nd place exterior. We also completed our AKC SWN title.

On November 10th in Elkton, FL Echo got her NW1 and was 1st place in exteriors

Personal Notes

Christmas tree (artificial with lights) and ornaments seeking new home.

My new house doesn't have a place for this and I'd like to pass it on to someone who would like one. If you know anyone, feel free to pass on my email address and have them contact me. Dianne diannestrickland@missouristate.edu

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