



Board of Governors 2017/2018

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From the President's Desk

All,

Diane Cohen has unexpectedly resigned as president of K-9.

*Thank you, Diane, for your service as president and for your many years of service to our club. I sincerely hope that she will “step up” again in the future. Her resignation puts me in the driver’s seat. She has also resigned as Training Director and asked me to fill that post. I’m new to the duties of Training Director and **ask all instructors to please let me know the start dates of any classes you have coming up in the future.***

After much thought, I have decided to retain my position as Trial Chairman and to make Tom Wiley 1st Vice President with his normal duties as 2nd Vice President (Chief Ring Steward). This will avoid much confusion as we approach our Obedience and Rally trials in April. Tom and I will effectively be changing only our titles – our trial duties will remain the same. This way, we won’t have to put a new person in slots for Trial Chairman and Chief Ring Steward. So for now, the position of 2nd Vice President is vacant and will be filled in June when the board members take office.
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Meetings

Board Meeting –
Feb. 8, 7:00

General Meeting –
Feb. 15, 7:30



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

New Members



Please Welcome our new Members:

None Reported

President's Desk (Continued)

I realize this is not in keeping with the By-Laws but I think the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in justify a temporary lapse until all positions are filled in June. The Board of Governors has informally approved this plan unanimously and will formally vote their approval next week.

Speaking of Tom Wiley still performing his duties as Chief Ring Steward, I'd like to plead with all of you to consider making the trip to Daytona to help steward even if you are not showing. Rather than groaning about the distance involved (by the way, we used to hold trials once a year in Orlando many years ago) look at it as an opportunity to have some fun out of town. The trials should finish up by 2:00 or so, in time to check out the "World's Most Famous Beach." Dinner with friends is always a treat, and if you're worried about the cost of staying over, why not buddy-up with a friend and split the cost of a room? Carpooling makes the trip quicker, cheaper and more fun. Please consider being a part of our trials in Daytona, April 21st and 22nd.

Also (still) vacant is our Building and Grounds Chairman. Until somebody volunteers for that job, I ask all members to keep an eye out for any physical problems on our property and report them to me or any Board member asap. Since this is pretty much the duty of the Building and Grounds Committee, I'm making you ALL committee members.

As far as I know, Diane Cohen is still in charge of key replacement. Until I hear differently follow her Key procedure as it was given. If there's any change I will let you know immediately.

Tom Wiley has agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee and will start filling that committee next week. Thank you, Tom.

I'd like to thank all of you who teach a class, fill a board position, edit a newsletter, polish trophies, steward a trial, lift a rake, host a meeting, volunteer at a show'n'go, take out trash, pick up poop, help a beginner, introduce yourself to a new face, or in any way contribute to our club. You are the people I consider my extended family and why K-9 is my home-away-from-home. You get out of club exactly what you put into it.

That said, ***we need to pull together***. I sense some division within K-9 rather than the unity that makes us strong. There is nothing we cannot fix with tactful discussion and remembering that we are friends who have come together because of our shared love of dogs and dog sports.

– Ginny Ruskuski

New Classes

STAR Puppy – 2/1 and 2/5 - Colleen Whalen
cwhalen@bellsouth.net

Performance Foundations - 2/4 - Elaine Nabors - itchingtoogo@icloud.com.

Intro to K9 Nose Work – 2/11 - Cindy Torre and Christy Reifensider (contact Marnie White - MarnieJ@comcast.net)

Continuing Classes

Nose Work - Marnie White, Marcia Ladendorff, Anita Gard

STAR Puppy – Colleen Whalen, Marnie White

Pet Therapy – Colleen Whalen

Novice Competition – Alanna Lowry

Family Dog – Anita Gard

Advanced Puppy- Diane Cohen

Rally Advanced – Tom Wiley

Rally Novice – Tom Wiley

Conformation – John Mello

Upcoming Events

February

02/04 – CCI - 3:00 pm

02/08– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

02/15 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

02/18 – CCI - 3:00 pm

March

03/04 – CCI - 3:00 pm

03/08– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

03/15 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

03/18 – CCI - 3:00 pm

April

04/08 – CCI - 3:00 pm

04/12 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

04/19 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

04/20 – AKC Trials – Daytona

04/21 – AKC Trials- Daytona

04/22 – CCI - 3:00 pm

May

05/10 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

05/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

April AKC Trial

The K-9 Spring Trial will be held the weekend of April 21 and 22, and will take place at the Obedience Club of Daytona, an indoor, fully matted venue. One obedience trial and one rally trial will be held per day on Saturday and Sunday. Obedience run-throughs for Novice, Open and Utility will be held Friday afternoon beginning at 6 P.M. Please see the Premium for details.

We are in dire need of stewards for both the Saturday and Sunday shows. If you are showing, please help out for a class or two if you can. If not showing, please consider donating some time to the club and helping out. And don't be shy if you are new to stewarding-our more experienced members are happy to help you learn the easy and enjoyable jobs that make a trial work.

This is also a great opportunity for all our provisional members to see first hand how trials are run and to get your cards signed toward full membership!

Please email Tom Wiley at twiley@bellsouth.net so he can begin making a schedule. If you have a preferred volunteer assignment (rally or obedience), get an the schedule early! Thanks so much!

Support Your Club

As mentioned in the President's letter, Tom Wiley has agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee . If you are interested in using your talents as a member of the board or on a committee, please let Tom know.

Building and Grounds

We are looking for a new Building and Grounds Chairperson. Please let Ginny know if you are interested. You will not have to attend board meetings and can keep us posted by email.

Congratulations!



Anita Gard & Parek (GSD)
K-9 Nose Work Trials, Ellerbe, NC
NW3 – New title!

Wendy Montroy's Fayde
got her OTR (oval track racer)
at the SOMOS NOTRA event
in Jacksonville, FL



Anita Gard & Zeli (GSD)
K-9 Nose Work Trials, Ellerbe, NC
NW Elite 1 – New title!



Marnie White and Cooper
K-9 Nose Work Trials, Ellerbe, NC
NW3 – New Title! and NW3
Containers



Congratulations!

Once a year Wolfson Children's Hospital selects a therapy dog to be honored at their annual event. On Saturday, January 20th Puff received this award at the Wolfson 55 Challenge event downtown. He went on stage to receive his medallion. He thought the treats were better than a medal!

Colleen Whalen & Kate
K9 Nose Work Ellerbe, NC.
NW3 1st Place - Containers
and the Pronounced award.



Susan Howard and Wilson 2nd NW3 title.
He also completed his NW3-Exterior title; NW3-Interior title & NW3-Container title.
He earned 3rd place in Containers & came 4th overall out of 30 dogs.
He also earned 'Pronounced' for 3 of 4 search elements.

Southeast Canine Scent Work Events.

**FEBRUARY COVER
PHOTO WINNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO COOPER!**



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