## K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc.

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### From the President's Desk

We have just sent out the premium for the April trials. The trials will be held in Daytona and I'm hoping for a larger entry and smaller expenses.

By the way, have I mentioned what a blessing Colleen Whalen was to me in October? She patiently showed me, step by step, how to enter scores and complete the paperwork.

Dianne Strickland is another source of comfort. As Trial Secretary she's proved willing to tackle any responsibility associated with the trials.

Speaking of Dianne, she suggested a feature for our newsletter that would share our personal experiences with dogs, training and clubs. She has started in this very issue of the Tails. Please consider sharing some of YOUR experiences, too.

The keys will (if all goes according to plan)be changed Friday, February 15. DO NOT GET RID OF YOUR 2018 KEY UNTIL YOU KNOW THE NEW ONE WORKS!

Hope to see you at February's General Meeting.

Ginny

### **Meetings**

Board Meeting – Feb. 14, 7:00 pm

General Meeting – Feb. 21, 7:30 pm



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

#### **New Members**



Please Welcome our new Full Members

Vicki Baker

**Penny and Michael Rose** 

And new Provisional Members:

Megan Hammerling and Anthony Alessandrini

**Allene Rachal** 

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### Please Host a Meeting in 2019!

Signing up to host or hostess a meeting just means making a commitment to come to the meeting and bring a light snack to share with members afterwards. We have 2 months (February and April) without a host or hostess. Won't you sign up?

January – Lana Wells

February -?

March – Pot Luck Dinner

April - ?

May – Marnie and Marla

June - Pot Luck Dinner

July – Ginny Ruskuski

August – Betsy

September – Pot Luck Dinner

October - Donna and Norma

November – Dianne Strickland

December – Pot Luck Dinner



## **Upcoming Events**

#### **February**

02/03 - CCI Training - 2:00 pm

02/10 - Rally/Obedience Practice Group - 12:00 pm

02/14 - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

02/17 - CCI Training - 2:00 pm

02/21 - General Meeting - 7:30 pm

02/23 - NW3 Trial - at Nassau County School Board

02/24 - NW Elite Trial - at Nassau County School Board

02/24 - Rally/Obedience Practice Group - 12:00 pm

#### March

03/03 - CCI Training - 2:00 pm

03/10 - Rally/Obedience Practice Group - 12:00 pm

03/14 - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

03/17 - CCI Training - 2:00 pm

03/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

03/24 - Rally/Obedience Practice Group - 12:00 pm

#### **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

04/21 - Rally/Obedience Practice Group - 12:00 pm

04/28 - CCI Training - 2:00 pm`

### **Sniff N Go**



Thanks to Anita Gard for hosting a Sniff N Go at the VFW Club! And to Marnie White and Marcia Ladendorff and Cynthia Kantner for volunteering.

We had 24 teams participate in a mock Nose Work Trial including teams from Jacksonville, Gainesville, and central Florida.

Despite the weather, a wonderful time was had by all and we got great feedback from all the participants.

#### **Trials and Tales**

We're adding a new column to the newsletter entitled Trials and Tales. In a nutshell, it's a space where we can share with each other the trials and tales from training and showing dogs. It's not a brag column, but rather a place to tell stories – stories that make the reader laugh, smile, maybe even cry ..... It's a place where we can share those things that make us love K-9 sports, but aren't just about winning.

Please submit your entries to Marla as you would for any item to go into the newsletter. She will put them in as they come to her, space permitting. Please proof them yourselves, as she won't be doing that (she has enough to do!)

Dianne Strickland will start by telling a couple of short tales about a friend in Missouri.

She bred field dogs, had a fairly large kennel and LOVED tracking. At times she was tracking 3-4 dogs at a time, and if you've tracked, that takes a LOT of time. There are many stories about Ann, but these are 2 of my favorites. We lived in a very agrarian part of Missouri, so there was lots of land to track on especially after a freeze in the winter. A group of us had met to lay tracks for one another and then run them. Ann got her dog out of the van and proceeded to the start flag. She pointed to the glove on the ground and instructed the dog to "Find it!" The dog smelled the glove, smelled the ground around it and sort of wandered off. Fran could see the second flag and knew the dog wasn't on the track, so she pulled the glove out again and told the dog to find it again. Still no commitment to the track. Ann is beginning to get irritated. By the time she made it to the second flag, she'd had it, giving the dog what for and heading back to the van. She'd trained this dog, he knew what to do, etc. Later after we all had returned home we got a sheepish email from Ann, she'd brought the wrong dog!

On another day we met up to track again. This day was very cold so she had on the one piece insulated suit that hunters wear. After laying the tracks, she excused herself to go potty behind some trees. After she finished, she pulled up her suit including the hood that was attached to it. Unfortunately that was where she had peed! I'll leave the rest to your imagination!

## **Sunday Obedience/Rally Practice**

Some obedience enthusiasts have decided to meet on the 2 & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoons (12-2PM) starting in January.

Despite having Mother Nature rain on our parade on the 26th, we will be back on schedule for the second Sunday in February! Hope to see you there at noon.

## **Congratulations!**





#### Jean Coker and Alexei

Jean has a new Bernese Mountain Dog puppy, Alexei (October's Revolution). He's now 15 weeks old and you will be seeing them in upcoming puppy and conformation classes.

#### **Diane Cohen and Isaac**

Isaac got his Utility Dog leg number two at MADTA trials in Ocala 2 weeks ago.

## Andi Bower & Rival's Ali ADCH

12/30/2018 USDAA Sirius Perry, GA

#### Terri Reel and Bindi

CPE trial - Bindi had 5 runs she Qualified in all 5 classes with 1st places.

Daytona Obedience Club - Bindi (Blue Notes Shake It Up Baby) finished her Master Fast Title with placements. She also took 3rd place in a large 20" master jumpers class.

#### Terri Reel and Jetta

CPE Trial - Jetta qualified in one run (1s place) of her 3 runs. Had an off course jump in the other 2 runs.

Daytona Obedience Club - Jetta's (Blue Notes Zetta Jet) first time trialing 3 days in a row. She got her 2nd Novice Jumpers leg with a 1st place.

#### **Dianne Strickland and Carson**

Palm Beach obedience trial - Carson got his first leg in Novice with a first place

#### Dianne Strickland and Saxon

Palm Beach obedience trial - Saxon was third in Utility B (lost runoff for 2nd) on Saturday for a single point. Won the class on Sunday for more points.

#### **Melissa Hess and Adam**

Adam Hess completed his Versatility title at K9's October 2018 obedience trials and earned two Senior Hunter legs and a second place in Hunt Dog Stakes at the Timucuan Weimaraner Club of Florida's recent Hunt Test held in Umatilla, FL





## **Personal Notes**

Our condolences go out to Lakshmi Goel on the loss of her beloved Brooj.

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