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From the President's Desk

Wow! Summer is here with heat turned on full blast! We got rain this week in Mandarin. I hope K-9's grounds got some, too.

Speaking of the grounds, I'd like to thank **John Ruskuski and Mark Easterday** for trekking out to the club and trimming the (very) low hanging branches from our oak tree that were forming a curtain between the gate and training area. (As well as a couple of branches hanging down on the A-frame in the Agility area.) Thanks!

Speaking of the Agility area, **Pals and Paws** very generously decided to donate one of their gently used tires to K-9 when **Annie Burke** reported ours was broken. Thank you, Pals and Paws, for your kindness!

Time to think about **DOCOF**! DOCOF is the Acronym for Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida – it's a club for clubs, so to speak, and every year hosts a competition for member clubs that send a team to Orlando. A team consists of 3 Novice, 3 Open and 3 Utility competitors. PLEASE let me know if you are interested.

More thanks go to **Alison Nelson** who has organized a Rally practice on Sunday mornings. This is a great opportunity to "get your feet wet," at Rally – just fun; no scores, no pressure, no nerves.

General meeting is Thursday, June 20th at 7:30 PM. I hope you'll join us.

- Ginny

Meetings

Board Meeting –
June 13, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –
June 20, 7:30 pm

Join us for our Meet and Eat! Bring a dish to share or just bring



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

New Members



None

Upcoming Events

June

06/02– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 8:00 am
06/13 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
06/16– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 8:00 am
06/20 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
06/30 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 8:00 am

July

07/11 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
07/14– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 8:00 am
07/18 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
07/28– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 8:00 am

August

08/08 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
08/15 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

September

09/12 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
09/19 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

Proposed Slate of Officers - 2019/2020

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Member Rally Practice Update

All members are invited to join the free of charge Rally practices that are held at K-9 on Sundays when enough people commit. In case you are wondering why we need 6 or more people to make the practices worthwhile, there are two main reasons.

First, setting up and putting away the Rally course need many hands and feet in this heat!

Second, we want the random noise and activity that help the dogs deal with distractions in the ring.

If you are working on a title, want ring exposure, have questions about Rally signs, or are just interested in what the Rally sport is about, you are encouraged to attend the practices which are announced by K-9 group email by Saturday--when 6 people have responded to Alison that they will be there. You do not need to know anything about Rally. But remember, this is a members only activity and not a show and go open to the public.

We set up the course at 8:00 am and put it away no later than 10:30 am.

So, watch your emails from K-9 and plan to join the fun at the next Rally practice!

Congratulations!



Ann Hamlin and Penny

Penny received her Ratn
(Barn hunt novice title).



Cindy Torre and Chewie

Earned 1st place AKC Scent Work
Advance Containers- 14 sec!!



Cindy Torre and Chewie

Earned 1st place in Containers at the
NACSW NW 2 trial in Tequesta, FL on
April 19.



Cindy Torre and Skylar

Earned 3rd place AKC Scent Work
Novice B Containers - 10 sec!!



Congratulations!

Andie Bower with Ali and Ty
PBAC in Ft. Pierce

ALI

4/5/19 1st Place Master Standard
4/5/19 1st Place Master Fast
4/6/19 1st Place Master JWW
4/6/19 1st Place Master Fast
4/7/19 1st Place Master JWW
4/7/19 1st Place T2B

TY

4/5/19 1st Place Master Standard P
4/5/19 1st Place T2BP
4/6/19 1st Place Master Standard P
4/7/19 1st Place Master Standard P
4/7/19 1st Place Master JWW P
4/7/19 1st Place T2BP



Robin Ritchey & Roxie

Barnhunt trial in Morriston, FL 5/31/19
Roxie got High in class in Open
1st place in Open



Congratulations!

Lisa Dodge and Quincy (Steadfast's Quintessential Stars And Stripes, FDC)
on the right with Quincy's Mom Zoey and his breeder Darcy on the left.

Schnauzapalooza at Purina Farms April 3rd - 7th

Passed Farm Dog Test #1

Passed Farm Dog Test #2

Earned AKC Farm Dog Certification: FDC Title

Also, placed in 5 of the 6 conformation shows during the Schnauzapalooza event that week but no 1st places. Earned a 4th place, three 3rd places and a 2nd place ribbon.



Alison Nelson and Coco

2nd leg Rally novice

Tallahassee June 1

Personal Notes

A message from Irma Schwartz:

In sharing this, I hope that someone will be moved to consider giving the priceless gift of a kidney to a complete stranger.

That stranger my sister Lydia who is on dialysis. Some individuals do well on dialysis. My sister is someone who does not. I don't want her to die — she would take no small part of me with her.

Lydia is the divorced mother of an adult disabled son. She has struggled to hold a full time job as well as educate her son even as her body began to fail. Now on dialysis, the daily struggle is becoming overwhelming for her.

I've seen her in pain with dialysis to the point that the treatment was aborted as the dialysis staff worked to stabilize her as she cramped and her vision and hearing faded.

Will you contact me to ask about how to become a kidney donor? All expenses not paid by insurance would be provided by Lydia's family.

You would be giving Lydia that priceless gift of life.

Thank you,
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