



## Board of Governors 2017/2018

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## From the President's Desk

Well, we got through another trial weekend, this one more challenging as it was held in Daytona. Our entry was not as large as we had hoped, but definitely bigger than we've had at trials held in recent years in Jacksonville. We did experience a financial loss of \$800.00. We knew that holding the trials in Daytona might result in a loss and actually, it wasn't as bad as I had feared. I have some ideas for saving money in the future for AKC Obedience trials to be held either here or in Daytona (or anywhere away from home for that matter). The Board has a lot of thinking to do as far as making trials affordable in the future and I'm looking forward to leading the discussion.

As far as volunteerism was concerned we had a great showing from some of our members who selflessly gave all they had to the cause. **Steve Picciuolo** deserves a huge thank you for judging without fees and charging only his expenses. His wife, **Maryrose**, was his table steward for the duration and we thank her for her service.

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## Meetings

Board Meeting –  
May 10, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –  
May 17, 7:30 pm



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

## New Members



Please Welcome our new Provisional Members:

**Juli Wilkison and Raisin (Border Collie)**

**Samantha Nekolny and Summer (All American)**

## President's Desk (Continued)

**Tom Wiley** couldn't make it to Daytona due to a medical problem (he's better now) but luckily did the hard work of scheduling stewards for all classes. (Tom, we couldn't have had a well-run trial without your efforts!) Stewarding for all or part of the trial weekend was **Betsy Raiford, Bob and Christy Reifsneider, Terri Reel, Alison and Dennis Nelson, Robin Wallen, Debby Cunningham, Kimberlie and Chuck Bell, Elaine Nabors, and Liz Teal** (Liz gets the "Good Sport Award" for being kidnapped by me and going for a never-ending car ride around Daytona looking for the restaurant where the judges were having dinner – but that's another story.) I must mention Alanna Lowry who was ready, willing and able to steward Saturday but the stewards in the ring were happy, nobody needed a break so I sent Alanna home. I would like to thank her for transporting an SUV full of baskets (sent by Diane Cohen) for the drawing down to Daytona. It's a miracle she got her dogs in the car.

Also running ragged with trial duties and stepping in to steward as needed was **Melissa Hess** (Trophy Chairman) and **Dianne Strickland** (Raffle Chairman). Not only did most of these people steward, but we had a group who stayed after the trial to help pack up all the stuff that had to go back to Jacksonville AND vacuum and sweep all the dog hair from every nook and cranny of OCOD.

If you were stewarding or helping out in any way and I haven't mentioned you by name, please forgive me. I know some of our helpers were newer members who I haven't gotten to know yet. Shame on me. I cannot thank each of you enough for your service to the club and the sport of Obedience. May the Obedience gods take notice and send you good karma.

May is the start of summer and hot (!) weather in Jacksonville. We have some new classes starting while other classes will be on hiatus for the summer. Hopefully we'll have no viruses like last year's canine influenza to shut us down.

We will have a new slate of officers that will take effect in July – perhaps they will even be listed on page 3 of this issue of the Tails.

And it's time to start thinking about DOCOF.

**Ginny**

## Just for Fun Agility

Jenny Fingland will be offering "**Just for Fun Agility**" on May 26 and June 2 at 10 a.m. This class will consist of two introductory sessions to get dogs and handlers familiar with agility obstacles. This class will require only a small commitment to let handlers find out of their dogs *like* agility. Why sign up for an 8-week class only to find out your dog isn't interested? If you've been thinking about agility for your dog, this would be an excellent start.

Jenny has been competing in agility for over 10 years. Currently she has two Mudi and an Australian Shepherd. While she mostly competes in AKC, she also competes in UKI and ASCA. She has worked with a variety of breeds and knows how to bring out the best in each dog she works with.

Contact Jenny at [jennyfingland@gmail.com](mailto:jennyfingland@gmail.com)

## Proposed Slate of Officers - 2018/2019 (revised)

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Board Member – Victoria Ford

## Visitor at K-9

We have a rooster who has decided to make himself at home at K-9. Until he can be relocated, be on the lookout for Little Jerry, the K-9 Clucker.



## Upcoming Events

### May

05/06 – CCI - 2:30 pm  
05/10 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
05/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm  
05/20 – CCI - 2:30 pm

### June

06/03 – CCI – 2:30 pm  
06 /14– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
06/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm  
06/24 – CCI – 2:30 pm

### July

07/12– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
07/14 – CCI – 2:30 pm  
07/19 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm  
07/28 – CCI – 2:30 pm

### August

08/05 – CCI – 2:30 pm  
08/09– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
08/16 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm  
08/19 – CCI – 2:30 pm

## Housekeeper Needed

After several years of making sure the clubhouse and restrooms were kept clean, Tess has resigned as housekeeper. If anyone has recommendations for someone who can clean the clubhouse and restrooms once a month, please let us know.



## **Congratulations!**

### **Julie Schuneman and Hudson**

Hudson earned his Farm Dog Certification and Intermediate Trick Dog resulting in Achiever Dog



### **Pegi Zelneronok and Vivienne**

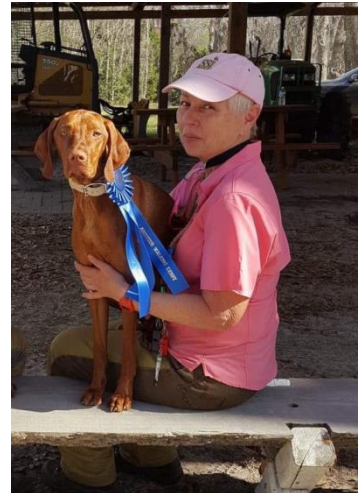
Vivienne earned her Field Championship.  
FC AFC Valley Hunter Designed for the Hunt  
BN RN MH RATO

### **Dianne Strickland and Saxon**

Saxon earned a second place in Utility  
for 3 OTCH points at the K-9 Obedience  
Club of Jacksonville AKC Trial in  
Daytona.

### **Alanna Lowry and Flynn**

Flynn earned Rally Masters legs #4-9,  
multiple placements  
BCAT lure coursing title  
Masters JWW Q, 2nd place, Masters FAST  
Q's x2



### **Pegi Zelneronok and Pink**

Pink earned her Junior Hunter title and got  
first place in Amateur Puppy for her puppy  
field points at the TBVC Field Trial.  
Valley Hunter Get The Party Started JH

### **Debbie Cunningham and CH Boaz Freedom Ringz**

April 15. CH Boaz Freedom Ringz won Best in Breed in  
Perry, Ga Bullmastiff Specialty Show

### **Alanna Lowry and Nessie**

Nessie earned Rally Excellent legs #2-3 and  
RE title, Rally Masters legs #1-4, multiple  
placements  
Masters JWW and Masters Standard Q's, one  
double Q, Masters FAST Q's x 4



# Congratulations!



## Deb Juhl and Callie

Infinity's Calico Lady (Callie) had 7 Cavalier puppies on April 14, 2018. Mom and pups are doing great! As you can see, they have entered the guinea pig phase aka the potato phase.



## Ginny Ruskuski and Annie

Greater Orange Park Dog Club  
Utility A 1st leg, 1st Place  
Utility A 2nd leg, 1st Place

Elkton

Utility A, 1st leg, 1st place  
Utility A, 2nd leg, 1st PLACE

K-9 trials, Daytona  
Versatility  
1st leg, 2nd place



## Amy Wiley and Smoke

Smoke earned his ASCA advanced title

## Amy Wiley and Stella

Stella earned her ASCA novice rally title

## Wendy Montroy and Echo

On 4/24 at the American Whippet Club National Specialty show in Hunt Valley, MD Echo (WildAbout Echo of Windwalker) got her first BN leg with a score of 193.5 and was 2nd place in the class. It was the first time either had ever been in the obedience ring.

## Personal Notes

We're sending positive thoughts to Marnie White and Tom Wiley as they recover from surgery.

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