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### November 2018 Newsletter



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#### From the President's Desk

The October AKC trials are now history and I would like to thank Steve Picciuolo for being our judge. Steve was extremely user-friendly in the ring and everybody got the score they earned – no more, no less - as it should be. I would also like to thank Coleen Whalen for helping me through the countless procedures and details involved in Trial Secretary-ing, and **Dianne Strickland** for being such a superb Trial Chairman, (her motto: "You're busy, Ginny, don't worry, I'll do it.") and finally, Melissa Hess for being our Trophy Chair.

Our own **Susan Howard** won High in Trial both days (on Saturday with a 199.!) and huge congratulations to her and her wonderful Golden boy, **Winston**.

A correction I fear I must make...at the General meeting I reported we made a profit of \$773.63. Unfortunately, later I had to subtract the expenses for ribbons and toys which meant our actual profit was \$563.29. I'm still happy that we made a profit rather than taking a loss, and a large part of that was Steve's generosity in not charging us.

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#### Meetings

Board Meeting – Nov. 8, 7:00 pm

General Meeting – Nov. 15, 7:30 pm



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



Please Welcome our new Full Member:

Rev. Elizabeth Teal

And our new Provisional Members:

Kelley and Clint Lahey

# **President's Desk (Continued)**

It's not *entirely* accurate though as Melissa Hess, our Trophy Chairman, over-ordered toys so we would have plenty in stock for next April.

Speaking of our AKC April trials, the applications have been made and judging panel has been set. Whew! Our April trials are up on the AKC Events Calendar.

Our October General meeting was hosted by **Donna Edison and Norma & Alan Pettigrew**. As in the past two years the snacks after the meeting were Halloween-themed and wonderful! They really made it a festive occasion!

On a negative note, once again we're finding the gate unlocked. What is so difficult about locking the gate as you leave? I hate to sound like a broken record but if you're the last one to leave, please, please, please, make sure lights and fans are off and LOCK THE GATE!

Our December General meeting will feature a short meeting, a great pot-luck dinner and our annual Gift Exchange (entirely optional). Be thinking about what dish you will bring.

**Our November General Meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7:30. We'd love to see you there.** Ginny

# **Upcoming Events**

#### November

11/04 - CCI - 2:30 pm
11/08- Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
11/15 - General Meeting - 7:30 pm
11/16 - Irish Setter Club Specialty - All day - Grounds and Clubhouse Reserved
11/18 - CCI - 2:30 pm

#### December

12/02 – CCI – 2:30 pm
12/08 – NACSW NW3 (North Fork Girl Scout Camp – Middleburg)
12/09 - NACSW NW3 (North Fork Girl Scout Camp – Middleburg)
12/13 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
12/16 - CCI – 2:30 pm
12/20 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

#### January

01/10– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm 01/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

# Thank You!

Our sincerest, deepest thanks to those who volunteered their time to our Fall AKC trials. From trial set up to clean-up, YOU made it possible!

Dot Mitchell Anita Gard Cindy Torre Betsy Raiford Susan Howard Dianne Strickland Betsy Raiford

Catherine Macdonald Greta Crossfield Karen Childers Pam McCaleb Julie Culhane Gail Larson Vicky Baker



# **October Meeting**

Thanks to Donna Edison and Norma and Alan Pettigrew for the fun Halloween refreshments!



# **Other Activities**

Thanks to Vicki Smith of Canine Companions for Independence for bringing Mesa, her service dog in training, and speaking to the middle school students in the Paws for a Cause Club. The kids asked great questions and thoroughly enjoyed it! And Marnie and Marla learned some new stuff too!

# **Agility Equipment Wanted**

There is a non-profit organization in Wellborn (by Lake City), Florida that is looking for agility equipment for their shelter dogs. If any one has any available for donation or for sale, please contact:

Sarah Clusman sarah@dpfl.org 720/534-6411

# **Congratulations!**



#### **Susan Howard and Winston**

Dog Obedience Club of Palm Beach County:

Novice B - 1st place w/'200' plus HIT (regular) & HIT (non OTCH handler & dog) Novice B - 1st place plus HIT (regular) & HIT (non OTCH handler & dog) Preferred Novice - 1st place Preferred Novice - 1st place



Ginny Ruskuski and Jack Deland Barn Hunt





Susan Howard and Winston K9 Obedience Club: Novice B - 1st place plus HIT Novice B - 1st place plus HIT Preferred Open - 1st place (leg #1) Preferred Open - 1st place (leg #2)

#### Janice Hoffenberg with Diva and Tenor

Diva and Tenor (Newfoundlands) have received their Therapy Dog Advanced Titles. They have both visited River Garden Hebrew home over 125 times as well as going to the library once a month for the kids to read to them.

Rockbottom's Painted On Genes CD RE DD1 CGC Call Name "Diva" New Title THDA - Therapy Dog Advanced

CH The Diva Made Me Do It! RN CGC Call Name "Tenor" New Title THDA - Therapy Dog Advanced



Karen Childers and Sailor K-9 Obedience Trial October 13 First Place Novice A NEW TITLE CD

OCOD Scent Work Trial August 18 & 19 3 qualifying legs and NEW TITLE SCN 2 qualifying legs Scent Work Interior

# **Congratulations!**





**Dot Mitchell and Spirit** Spirit earned her Rally Advanced title at K-9 on 10/13/18 with a score of 91



**Gary Childers and Chilly** K-9 Obedience Trial October 13 & 14 2 qualifying legs Beginner Novice



Donna Edison and Ayko

Ayko placed 2nd in his division (senior) at the qualifier in Deland and earned an invite to nationals. This is his first year competing! what a story he has coming from a life of abuse and neglect and now going to the nationals!

#### NACSW Nose Work 3 Trial

K-9 will be hosting 2 days of NACSW NW3 on December 8 and 9, 2018 at the North Fork Girl Scout Camp in Middleburg. Volunteers will be needed! It's a great way to get your volunteer hours for 2018 and to see a Nose Work Trial in action.

To volunteer, complete and submit the <u>NACSW Volunteer questionnaire</u> on the K-9 Website.

#### **Personal Notes**

Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts:

Dot Mitchell's husband, Bill

Irma Schwartz's husband, Frank

Laurie Billinge

Victoria Ford

Marla Holliday, Tails Editor marlamarla@comcast.net

