



From the President's Desk

The April trials are fast approaching and it's time to think about where you can help out. The kitchen can always use bags of ice, drinks, snacks, etc. We always need stewards (see Diane Cohen), or how about helping put things away on Sunday afternoon. If you are showing that weekend, how about stopping in the clubhouse and grabbing a bag of trash and throw in the dumpster on your way out. Every little bit helps make the event run smoothly. The trial committee begins work on the trials often months in advance, work from start to finish all weekend, and often, still get left with a lot of the clean-up. Just a small amount of your time is needed to make these trials a success. Our trials have gained a great reputation for our facilities, food, and especially our hospitality to our guests.

The Humane Society will hold its annual fundraiser on Feb 28th at Friendship Fountain Park (by MOSH). K-9 will have a booth there and we can always use some help. Even if it's only for a few minutes to relieve someone so they can run for a drink or potty break will be greatly appreciated. A short dog walk is also planned for the festivities and it would be nice to see K-9 represented in the community.

This month's meeting is our Birthday and Awards meeting. Please come and congratulate your fellow members on their accomplishments this year.

Hope to see everyone on the 19th! -Laurie



Meetings

Board Meeting – February 12, 7:00
General Meeting – February 19, 7:30
There will be no training allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting. Thank you.

Welcome New Members!

Paula Castagno (Welcome Back!)

Full Membership

Patsy Whaley by with Clumber Spaniels
Mia and Timmy

February Meeting Program

At our February 19th General Meeting (starting at 7:30) we will honor those members who achieved titles during 2008. Please come and cheer on these folks who trained, showed and came home with their newly earned titles. We hope all recipients will be present to accept these awards presented by their club. Those who earned titles bring honor to all of us.



Upcoming Events - New February Start Dates:

Advanced Competition Obed. Contact Beth Schmidt
Another **CGC - Prep for Test** - Contact Anita Gard
02/02-- STAR Puppy CGC, 7:30 PM, Whalen
02/11-- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen
02/12 -- Board Meets, 7:00 PM
02/19 – General Meeting, 7:30 PM
02/24 -- CGC Test, 7:30 PM, \$10, Whalen

03/01 - UKC Rally Seminar and Match, 1:00 PM

Classes in Progress:

Mondays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
7:30 STAR Puppy CGC, 7:30 PM, Whalen

Tuesdays

7:00 Beginners/CGC
7:00 Polish Novice/Beginner Open, Schmidt
8:00 Polish Open/Beginner Utility, Schmidt

Wednesdays

6:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
7:15 Novice Foundations- Intermediate, Ruskuski
7:30 Confirmation classes - Contact Charlotte at 398-8347
8:00 Novice Foundations - Advanced, Ruskuski

Saturdays

9:30 a.m. Puppy K & 1, Whalen
10:45 a.m. STAR Puppy CGC, Whalen

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rd in Rally and 1st in Open. – New titles!

nd and 3rd legs, Rally Novice – New title!

As you may have heard, K-9 is collecting old gold jewelry as part of our building fund fundraiser.

All working positions at the upcoming Celeste Meade workshop have filled, but we do still have audit positions available. This Obedience seminar will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th and will cost \$50 per day for auditors.

UKC RALLY TITLES ARE COMING

First Coast Dog Obedience Club will hold their first Rally obedience trials at K-9 in conjunction with their upcoming obedience trials on Sat, April 4th and Sunday, April 5th. Learn about the difference in the signs/judging between AKC and UKC by attending a seminar and match on Sunday, March 1st at K-9. The United Kennel Club has just initiated Rally titles to be offered in Jan of this year. There will also be one rally UKC trial held in Ocala by MADTA on Friday, April 10th so you can earned a UKC Rally title in the month of April.

Our seminar will begin at 1pm, taught by Diane Cohen with judged run-throughs to follow. All signs will be explained and demonstrated, then all participants will be given their score sheets following their ring performances. While the signs look almost exactly the same as for AKC, there are different rules in scoring and also in the performance of some exercises.

Cost is \$10 per person for the seminar which includes one run-through. Additional run-throughs will cost \$5 each. For those interested in joining UKC to earn your first titles, you may contact their website or contact **Phyllis Vandeveld** who is our trial secretary for the April events.

OBEDIENCE RUN THROUGHS!

At 4 pm on Saturday afternoon, Feb 28th we're having 4 rings of Obedience run-throughs at K9. Our new format calls for one ring each for novice, open and utility, plus a fourth ring used only for sits and downs. The cost will be \$1 per minute with a maximum of 10 minutes per run through. (You may go to the end of the line for a 2nd or 3rd chance for additional ring time.)

Sits and downs will be done every half hour at a cost of \$1. (One dollar includes both a sit and a down). Other clubs are using this format at matches as some people only want to practice one or two exercises and they can use this time in the ring to their best advantage.

Send pre-entries to Diane Cohen at 2828 Wood Valley Ct., Jacksonville, Fl 32217, and all checks made payable to K9OC.

Personal Notes

(Important note from Gail Larson, Membership Chairman: If you have not yet renewed your membership, this will be your last newsletter! Please renew TODAY!)

Andrea Molare recently had back surgery and sent me the following; "Hi! I just wanted to say THANK YOU for the BEAUTIFUL floral arrangement I received today from K9! That was really nice of the club to do that. My recovery form back surgery is going well, but I am restricted to total rest for 4 weeks while scar tissue fills in the holes in my disks. I am hoping to get back into training in a month, as long as my surgeon gives the ok. If you could please forward my thanks to the club, I would greatly appreciate it! Thanks again! -Sincerely, Andrea, Atari, and Sega" Get well soon!

I received an email from **Vicky Ford**; "Today I received a call from Dr. Skip Heightman, **Cappy's** vet, stating Monday's blood work came back all OK. Everything was in the NORMAN Range. For those who did not know, Cappy had been diagnosed in April with protein loosing enderopathy. I will monitor his blood over the next few months to see if he stays in the normal ranges. I am very excited by this good news." So are we!

Irma Schwartz recently went to a trial and noticed the prize committee kept their ribbons in a special holder that kept them organized and secured so they wouldn't blow away. Bless her heart – she MADE one for us! It's very nice denim fabric with long pockets that will keep our ribbons organized. Thanks, Irma!!

Anita Gard is looking for a set of gently-used scent articles, GSD sized. I told her to check with **Penny Evancic** who was selling some a few months ago, but just in case they were unavailable I'm letting you know. You can contact Anita at 880-6171.

I've resigned as Trophy Chairman. No, there's no bad blood or conflict, it's just that I'm getting ready to show in Utility and can't deal with the stress of ribbons and prizes as well as getting ready for the ring. At this time, it looks like Linda Wallace will be the new Trophy Chair, and she deserves a lot of thanks for her willingness to learn this job. (By the way, we're not sure at this time if trophies will be offered or if other prizes will be substituted. Either way, your generous donations are needed.) I'm still listed as Trophy Chair in the premium but will NOT be available to run ribbons thither and fro. I have agreed show Linda the ropes and to collect trophy donations and will send the form out next month. Thank you all for understanding this difficult decision. – **Ginny Ruskuski**

If you earned a title(s) during 2008 be sure to send your preference for bag or umbrella to Diane Cohen ASAP!!!

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