

From the President's Desk:

The April AKC Trials are here! Contact **Diane Cohen** (730-0770) about where you can fill in with stewarding, set-up, etc. Talk to **Connie Carstens** about food needs (we always need drinks and ice). If you stay most of the day, how about walking out a bag of trash to the dumpster on your way out? (New bag liners are under the sink in the clubhouse.) If you get to the trials early how about getting the coffee pot started? This is your club, our trials and if everybody pitched in what a breeze it would be! Just a little help from a bunch of people and things really go smoother and make for a very successful trial.

Also, the UKC Trials on April 4th & 5th. UKC Obedience will be held in the morning and Rally in the afternoon. Check with **Diane Cohen**, **Phyllis Vandevelde** or **Gail Larson** and see where they need help. For information on entering, contact Phyllis, 387-6038.

Last month's covered dish was once again a great time with some really good food success. Thanks to all that helped in the kitchen getting everything setup and ready for us to enjoy.

The next General Meeting is on the 16th. Please come early and help set-up for the trials. Hope to see you there. -Laurie

Welcome New Members!
 (New member info not available)

April General Meeting
Please, please, please, come out
and help us
set up for the AKC Trials.

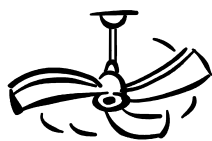
Meetings
Board Meeting – April 9 (7:00 PM)
General Meeting – April 16 (7:30 PM)

There will be no training allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting. Thank you.

**Proposed Board of Governors for K-9
 2009-2010:**

President	Laurie Billinge
1st Vice President (Trial Chairman).	Gary Jarrett
2nd Vice President (Chief Ring Steward)	Carol Stevens
Corresponding Secretary	Connie Carstens
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Starkey
Treasurer	Beth Berry
2 yr. Board member and Membership Chair	Gail Larson
Board members:	
	Anita Gard
	Colleen Whalen
	Ken Stevens

In accordance with the by-laws, nominations may be made from the floor at the May general meeting. Voting will be at the Annual Meeting in June. Nominations may not be made at the June meeting.



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events - New April Start Dates:

04/03-- Irish Setter Club Confirmation 9:00 AM

04/04 & 05 UKC Trial

04/06-- STAR Puppy Class, 7:30 PM, Whalen

04/08 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

04/09 -- Board Meets, 7:00 PM

04/11 - First Fl. Freestyle Guild meets 10:00 – 4:00

04/14 -- Novice Foundations Beginners, 7:00 PM, Ruskuski

04/14 -- Novice Found. Intermediate (7:00) & Advanced (7:30)

04/16 – General Meeting, 7:30 PM (trial set-up before)

04/18 -- Practice Runs, 6:00 p.m.

04/18 & 19 AKC Trial

04/25 & 26 Celeste Meade Seminar

04/27-- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

04/28-- CGC Test, \$10, 7:30 PM, Whalen

CGC - Prep for Test Class - Contact Anita Gard

Classes in Progress:

Mondays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

7:00 Pet Therapy, Ennis

7:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen

Tuesdays

7:00 Polish Novice/Beginner Open, Schmidt

7:00 Novice Foundations - Beginners, Ruskuski

8:00 Polish Open/Beginner Utility, Schmidt

Wednesdays

6:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

7:30 Novice Foundations- Inter. & Adv., Ruskuski

7:30 Confirmation classes - Contact Charlotte at 398-8347

7:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

Fridays

7:00 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

RING STEWARDS NEEDED!

It takes a lot of volunteers to make trials successful and our AKC trials are coming up on Sat and Sun, April 18th and 19th. Please help out your club with ring stewarding and I will be glad to work around your own classes, whether in Rally or Obedience. Thanks.

Diane Cohen (730-0770) email udxtara@comcast.net

Congratulations!

Maria Oehler and Macy

Macy got her XFP (Pals and Paws trial) and her PT (ABTC trial). – New Titles!!!

Beth Schmidt and Emmy

3rd UD Leg – New Title!!!



Gail Larson and Hank

3rd Open Leg – New Title!!!

Gail Larson (Left) and Beth Schmidt (Right) open their gifts at our class celebration for their new titles.



Our **Celeste Meade** problem solving seminar is coming on April 25th and 26th from 9 am until 5 pm. Only audit spots are available and these cost \$50 per day. Contact Diane Cohen for details.

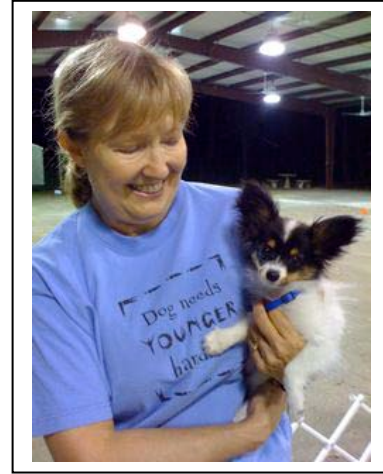
(Right) Gary Jarret and Lexi, photo by Karen VanDonsel Photography 1738 Pheasant Lane Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Ms VanDonsel specializes in dog trials (individual portraits or a collage as attached). She will be present for both days of our AKC and UKC trials.*

(Gary sent a copy of a lovely collage of hunt scenes similar in style to the agility collages that are so popular.)*





Photos from our Online Readers: From Anita Gard – “My service dog Parek (Wonder vom Haus Müller, CGC, RA, CDX, SchH 1) practicing heeling through a crowd in Austin, TX on November 7th, 2008.”



A new baby in the family! **Pam McCaleb** holds her new Pap puppy, **Mac**, during his first visit to K-9. 3/10/09

Personal Notes:

Gail Larson, our Membership Chairman and “Keeper of the Email List,” has asked me to remind you that if you change your email address to please let her know. Gail’s in charge of emailing any last-minute reminders or notifications and somebody always has an incorrect address that causes the message to be kicked back. By the way, Gail does the newsletter labels as well, so send your change of home address to her, not the editor. Thanks! (And thank you, Gail!)

Andrea Molare and her wonderful Whippets will be gone soon - “I got some good news last week. I was offered a position at Johns Hopkins in the NICU! I of course accepted! I start April 6. This Thursday is closing day for the MD house. Friday the movers are coming and Saturday I will be driving with the pets to MD. I can’t believe in less than a week I will be living in MD! I am excited but sad as well. I will miss all my FL friends!! I hope that I can find a dog club with people as nice as K9 people!” --Andrea, Atari, and Sega (We’ll miss you, Andrea. Please keep in touch.)

There are several members training for Utility at this time. I wanted to pass along some info from **Diane Cohen**...> This man has made custom utility articles for me for years. His charges are usually about 65% of prices from other places. I recommend him and you get exactly the sizes you want. (I know that Taxi’s dumbbell is smaller than anything that Max 200 has so I’ve been forced to get custom made articles for my paps. You can contact “Lonnie” at Bylon425@aol.com to get a quote.<

During March I invited all our on-line readers to send me photos for the Tails so they can see first hand how beautiful the photos show up on the e-newsletter. During April, I may be sending hard-copy readers a sample of the e-newsletter – whether they want one or not! (Don’t fret - I won’t switch anybody over unless they request it.)

One of our newer members, **Diana Decker**, has been nursing her husband through a serious bout of pneumonia. Hopefully he is on the mend and back to good health soon.

Our thoughts are with **Caroline and Amanda Lee**. Caroline’s mother (Amanda’s grandmother) passed away in March.

Marwees Hines is the proud owner of a new puppy – a 3 month old Old English Sheepdog named **Emma**. Ah...puppy breath!

Announcing the new addition to my household: **Cameo Coffee Club’s DemiTasse**, a 4 month old silver miniature poodle bitch. She is related to JIB therefore a JIBLETT. -**Victoria Ford**

Steve Picciuolo brought to our attention a report that the AKC is planning to charge a \$25.00 per-year “dog tax” for each dog entered in AKC events. During the K-9 meeting several members said this idea had been shelved but it was reported as still in the works in the March 22 copy of “The Dog Press.” I’ve written them for verification either way but still haven’t heard from them. I’ll continue to try to track this down next month. \$25.00 per year per dog on top of entry fees would hit many exhibitors hard, especially with our current economy. What were they thinking??? – GR.

Thanks for the opportunity to send you a picture of my Tessa [left], Buck’s mom. She passed away this December from osteosarcoma at the age of 14. She’d had a mini-stroke last summer but was in overall good health until a week before the mass was found when she went off her food and went downhill fast. At one time, she helped me with a cub scout group and had 30 little kids around her petting her and pulling her ears, etc. She also helped me teach some of the other dogs good manners when they came in as rescues and always took her job of grand dam to heart. They all miss her, but we do too.

- **Rita Roberts**



Basket Raffles

Our AKC Trials, April 18 and 19, will once again feature the popular Basket Raffles. For those of you not familiar with the raffle, each day we will have baskets filled with goodies on display. Buy your raffle tickets and put them in the baskets of your choice – then cross your fingers.

If you wish to donate a basket, please drop it off at the clubhouse clearly marked Saturday or Sunday. In the meantime Phyllis Vandavelde will be doing her arm stretching exercises – remember, \$20.00 buys a “stretch” of tickets, and Phyllis has the longest arms of anybody we know.
- Ginny Ruskuski, Basket Chair



What *your* friends are saying about the e-newsletter:

I love the on line newsletter.... I would print it to read it and print it again when I loose it and print it again when I can't find it and really need to see it. Great idea. Gooo Ginny!. ☺ - Jane Collar

Ginny, I've actually wondered why on earth I had to receive a paper copy of Tails rather than an e-copy. I would MUCH prefer the e-copy. Sign me up! - Anita Gard

Please put me on the list for the online newsletter. I'm all for saving money as well as "going green." Thanks. -Lisa Mallory

The e-Tails works wonderfully! Keep on sending them that way. The layout is really great for email, and the colored photos were especially good! ~Barbara Buchanan

These classifieds were really put in the paper - a smile for your day

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER: 8 years old. Hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES: 1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES: Mother, AKC German Shepherd. Father, Super Dog...able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

FOUND DIRTY WHITE DOG Looks like a rat. Been out a while. Better be a big reward.

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