

From the President's Desk:

The April trials were a rousing success!! The weather was beautiful and the food delicious! **Connie Carstens** really did a great job on the food - no one went away hungry! Thanks to all who stepped up to help steward, set-up, clean-up etc. Without you things just wouldn't have gone so smoothly. The judge's dinner proved to be a really good time as well. Lots of great food and fellowship! Congrats to all of you who earned legs and titles. A special thanks to all who contributed to this trial's trophy fund. It's been a while since donations covered the cost of trophies for the trial. That's the spirit!! One of our repeat exhibitors summed it up the best with "Ya'll not only put on great trials, but turn them into a party. We never want to miss K-9's trials." I get many compliments on the warmth and friendliness our club members extend to our guests. The winners also seemed pleased with the prizes given for their success in the ring.

The basket raffles were again a success. So many wonderful baskets and items were donated and the winners seemed very pleased and everyone happy to support the raffle.

The nominating committee has completed their work and a new board has been proposed for next year. Thanks to all of you who will serve.

The next General meeting is on the 21st. Hope to see everyone there. -**Laurie**

Meetings

Board Meeting – May 14 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – May 21 (7:30 PM)

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

**Judges Selection Committee Meeting
JUNE 18th (After the General Meeting)**

Please, send the names of judges you would like to suggest to judge our future K-9 trials
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to

Ed Buck, Trial Chairman
11649 Brush Ridge Circle S.
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May Meeting Program



Canine Musical Freestyle!



**Elaine Smith, Itchie and Rhyme,
Beth Berry and Emma,
and Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky will perform
their "routines in progress" for K-9 members.**

We hope to entertain, but really, we desperately need to practice in front of a live audience.

Please support us (i.e. – don't laugh too loudly) as we prepare for July trials in Chattanooga.

Welcome New Members!

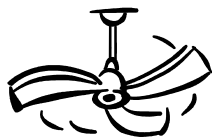
(Approved at March meeting)

Debbie Millard with Belgian Malinois

**Congratulations to our newest
Full Member, Lynda Wallace**

(Approved at April meeting)

**Elaine Smith with a Lab, Terv, Rhyme, and GSD
mix, Itchie**



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events - New May Start Dates:

CGC - Prep for Test Class - Contact Anita Gard
 05/02 - Puppy K & 1, 9:30 AM, Whalen
 05/05 - Beginners, 7:00 PM, Billinge
 05/13 - STAR Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen
 05/14 - Board Meets, 7:00 PM
 05/16 - Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM
 05/21 - General Meeting, 7:30 PM
 05/27--Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen
 06/09 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00 PM, Ennis

Classes in Progress:

Mondays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
 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
 7:00 Novice Foundations- Inter. & Adv (7:30)., Ruskuski
 7:30 Confirmation classes - Contact Charlotte at 398-8347
 7:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen

Saturdays

9:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

Coming in June!

Interested in learning about Rally? Gail Larson will teach a Rally class the four Mondays in June from 7-8:30. Each class will consist of three parts: skills needed for Rally (pivots, for example), the correct execution of the signs, and course run-thrus. Both AKC and UKC signs and rules will be taught. Remember that mixed breed dogs can compete NOW in UKC Rally and will be able to compete in AKC Rally beginning April 1, 2010.

Cost of the four classes is \$60 (no discount for club members), and will require a minimum of 8 participants. Contact Gail Larson at 904-476-0179 or gailarson@bellsouth.net for more information and to reserve your spot in class.



Sandi McAuliffe and Cami, beaming after their qualifying score (2nd Place!) in Rally Novice.

Congratulations!

K-9 AKC TRIALS

Connie Rooke, Gunner and Vox
 Rally Pairs
 1st Place



Connie Rooke and Gunner
 Rally Excellent
 3rd leg, New Title!!!

Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky
 Rally Advanced
 1st and 2nd legs (3rd place Sunday)

Barbara Buchanan, Colleen Whalen and Tribbie
 2 legs, Rally Excellent

Wanda Edge and Simon
 3rd leg Rally Excellent, New Title!!!

Carol Stevens and Ryder
 3rd leg Novice Obedience, New Title!!!

Elizabeth Adams and Kava
 2 legs, Rally Excellent (2nd and 3rd Place)

First Coast Obedience Trial Results (UKC TRIALS)

Saturday, April 4

HIT John Pacsay and Rio 196 1/2 Novice Title
Gary Jarrett and Lexie, Open A 178 1/2 1st Place, 1st Leg
Jane Collar and Belle, Open B, 193 1/2 1st Place, 2nd Leg,
 Sunday, April 5

HIT John Pacsay and Rio 196 1/2
Gail Larson and Hank, Novice B, 190 2nd Place
Jane Collar and Belle, Open B, 195, 1st Place, New Title
Gary Jarrett and Lezie, Open A 178 1st Place, 2nd Leg

First Coast Rally Trial Results

Saturday, April 4

HIT John Pacsay and Riou 99
Colleen Whalen and Tribbi 91
Kathy Chapman and Dasher 87
Al Fountain and Jazz 97
Pat Fountain and Parker 94
Connie Rooke and Vox 96
Connie Rooke and Gunner 96
Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky 94
Gail Larson and Hank 96

Sunday, April 5

HIT John Pacsay and Rio 100
Colleen Whalen and Tribbi 96
Kathy Chapman and Blitzen 95
Kathy Chapman and Dasher 92
Pat Fountain and Parker 96
Al Fountain and Jazz 95
Jane Collar and Belle 99
Connie Rooke and Vox 98
Connie Rooke and Gunner 98
Ginny Ruskuski and Rickey 100
Gail Larson and Hank 97

Thanks to all the people who made our trials successful.

- Phyllis

Personal Notes:

HUGE THANKS to Diane Cohen who organized the 2nd **Celeste Meade** seminar. I, for one, came away much clearer on techniques she uses to train laser-like attention from a distance. It was very nice that her significant other, **David Mauer** (one of our judges at the last trials), was there to assist us individually as she explained and demo-ed the exercises. Since David judged and Celeste stewarded at our recent AKC trials they were both somewhat familiar with our dogs and training problems and were able to personalize their advice. Diane also organized a nice pot luck lunch and scheduled private lessons with Celeste which everybody who partook of was raving about.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Sandi Mercier MacAuliffe**, whose father passed away recently. Incidentally, the Times Union had a nice article about Sandi and Cami's Pet Therapy work at Hospice and doing home visits for hospice patients.

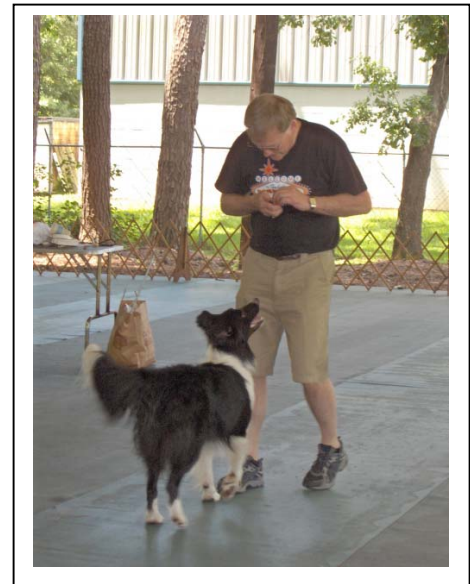
Beth Berry was recently recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of the MS society. Beth's father has suffered from this disease for years and Beth has dedicated many hours to fund-raising efforts. There was a nice write up about her in the Florida Times Union last month when she won an award for her volunteer work.

Also written about – A long article about the health benefits of keeping active and a focus on Agility featuring **Pam McCaleb and Rudy** in "Health Source," a free publication available at hospitals and health facilities. Nice photos of Pam and Rudy. Also featured were Lucinda and Jax from Pals and Paws.

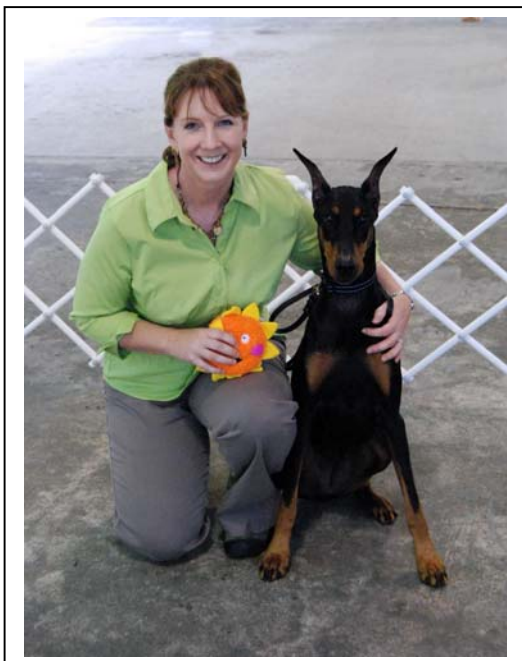
Barbara Buchanan was recently hospitalized with kidney problems. Colleen writes, "Barbara has been home now for a week. A rehab nurse visits each day. She is doing well and enjoys sitting on her front porch visiting with neighbors." We hope she'll be back at the club soon.

When he sent his trophy donation, **Bill Milburn** asked to be remembered to everybody. I'm late but passing his greeting along now. We miss you, Bill, and hope all is well with you in Texas.

The storm of April 12th did a number on our big shed where we keep trial equipment (mats, ring gates, jumps, etc.). A tree from our neighbor's yard actually went through the side wall of our shed like a can opener and crumpled a section of fence. The good news is none of the equipment inside the shed was damaged and the trials held a few days later went on without any equipment glitches. Now to get the damage repaired....



Above – David Mauer and Sparky get in some training during the Celeste Meade Seminar.



Left, - Lisa Mallory and Kelly at the UKC Rally trials.

Center - Colleen Whalen and Tribbie at the UKC trials.

Right – Colleen looks at the wind damage on April 14.



Left – Rally Judge Diane Cohen presents John Pacsay with his 1st Place ribbon in UKC Rally 01 B (Novice B)

Right, Deb Neufeld (judge), Devin and Barbara Butler celebrate their new Rally title at the AKC trials.

Lower Right – UKC qualifiers including (from right) John Pacsay and Riou, Jane Vitittoe and Rainey, Terry Reel and Lexi



Just a note to say, “Thank you!” to everybody who donated to the AKC trophy fund. Every prize we don’t have to buy out of K-9 money adds profit to our trials – and trials are the big moneymaker that keep the lights on, fans turning, insurance paid, the tax man happy – in short, you supported all of us with your donation. Thank you. – Ginny Ruskuski

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Wonder who my judges will be...