



From the President's Desk: Here we go, starting another year at K-9! I'd like to introduce you to the new board for this year.

Relieving **Ed Buck** as 1st VP is **Gary Jarrett**. Gary brings a strong training background along with his loyal love of dogs. Those of us who see Gary on Tuesday night have come to know his gentlemanly nature and quick wit. As Ed brings him up to speed on the job requirements, he's catching right on and will fill Ed's shoes quickly! Ed served for many years now and was the brains behind our trials. His knowledge and hard work helped us put on some of our most successful trials yet. He's a great team player, and working as Trial Secretary with him has always been fun. Thanks for your service Ed.

Carol Stevens relieves **Diane Cohen** as 2nd VP this year. Carol's long background in the dog world and her genuine spirit of teamwork and camaraderie will be instrumental in another successful year at K-9. I cannot think of a position Diane has not stepped up to fill at K-9. From President to coordinating the RV parking at trials, Diane can be counted on when she's needed. Whether it's a K-9 or First Coast function, Diane can be found serving with her usual loyalty and enthusiasm.

Jennifer Starkey will once again serve as Recording Secretary. I look forward to having her to my left and helping to keep me organized.

Our new Corresponding Secretary is **Connie Carstens**. Many of us already know Connie, and her enthusiasm and willingness to help when needed will truly be appreciated this year. You can also find Connie working very hard in the kitchen during the trials, insuring that we are all well fed with delicious food that has gained a great reputation from our guests.

Beth Berry will once again serve as our Treasurer. We are blessed to have Beth take care of keeping track of our money and paying the bills. I've often heard that if you can keep your assets safe, almost everything else will work itself out. Beth has proven this over and over again with her attention to detail and excellent bookkeeping skills.

Our 2 year board member this year will be **Gail Larson**. Gail, our carry over member, graciously agreed to be the new 2-year member and will continue to serve as our membership chairperson. She's done an excellent job of keeping track of our new members as they proceed through the provisional process and collecting annual dues from the current members.

Colleen Whalen returns this year as a board member, in addition to teaching multiple Puppy classes and serving as our Training Director.

Our other two board members this year are **Anita Gard and Ken Stevens**. Anita teaches our CGC class, and Ken can always be found stewarding during our trials and events at K-9. His wit and good nature are always a welcome addition.

I'm proud to serve as you President again this year. Thank you all for your confidence and support! I'm sure you will welcome and support this year's board as well. We are all here to serve K-9, and welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have, so feel free to offer them or sit in on our meetings.

The next General meeting will be on the 16th. It's our first meeting of the new year, so please plan on coming. Hope to see ya there!

Meetings

Board Meeting – July 9 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – July 16 (7:30 PM)

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

Welcome New Members!

Paige Hanson with several mixed-breed dogs.

Judges Selection Committee Meeting

July 16th, 6:30 PM (before 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

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Upcoming Events



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06-30 - Rally match, 7:00 PM (informal) contact Gail Larson for details. 904-476-0179 (Cell) (\$5.00 per run non-classmembers)

New July Start Dates:

July - CGC Prep for Test, Contact Anita Gard
07-06-- Rally, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Larson
07-09-- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
07-16 - **Judges Selection, 6:30 PM**
07-16 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
07-18 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 9:30 AM, Whalen
07-18 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM
07-22 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 6:30 PM, Whalen
07-29 -- STAR Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen
08-10-- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

Classes in Progress:

Mondays

6:30 Puppy K, 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

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

Saturdays

09:30 -- Puppy K, Whalen
10:30 -- Puppy 1, Whalen



Congratulations!



Vicky Ford and Decaf, Tasse

Five Flags in Pensacola

Decaf earned his Rally Advanced Excellent title -RAE.

- **New Title!**

Tasse earned her Rally Novice with scores of 92, 94 & 89. The score of 89 earned her high scoring Non Sporting Rally Sunday Competitor. WOW. And she is only 7 months old. What a trouper! - **New Title!**

UKC Trials, Ocala

Al Fountain and Jazz

3rd leg and their UKC Rally Obedience 1 – **New Title!**

Pat Fountain and Parker

3rd leg and their UKC Rally Obedience 1 – **New Title!**

UKC Trials, St. Pete

Ron Cohen & Mikey (out of a 5 year retirement)

2 first placements and 3 legs for their UKC Level 1 title

New Title!

Diane Cohen and Taxi

2 first placements, 3 novice legs in Level 1 – New Title!
and 2 Level 2 legs

Diane Cohen and Louie

two 100 scores in Rally NO1 with a High in Trial.

2nd and 3rd legs, Rally Advanced – **New Title!**

Perry Trials

Diane Cohen and Taxi

3rd leg Rally Novice title with a score of 100 – **New Title!**
and his first Advanced leg..

K-9 April AKC Trials

2 Advanced legs and completed his RA title.

DOCOF

Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida is a statewide competition between the dog clubs in the state and is held in Orlando on Labor Day Sunday – this year it will be Sept. 6. K-9's team will (so far) consist of:

Novice

Deb Hardman and Sky

John Pacsay and Riou

Open

Anita Gard and Parek

Gary Jarrett and Lexi

Erin Poirier and Bullet

Utility

Beth Schmidt and Emmy

Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky

Practices will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. Please wish us luck as we prepare to represent K-9 at this prestigious competition!

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Sent on behalf of the K9 Board of Directors and the Building and Grounds Committee:

Pavilion Rings and Equipment

In the past six months, many of the ring gates have been broken and jumps damaged. We believe this is happening when the gates are moved and left stacked together and then blown over by the wind. We have also never had an area designated for jumps and equipment. This has resulted in lost and broken jump components.

We are an obedience club, and we want ALL of our members to be able to train in properly configured rings with functioning and complete jumps. There was consensus at the June General Meeting that the A, B and C ring configuration met the needs of our members. Also, please remember that the club is supported by the fees earned as a result of the generous work of its trainers who should not be expected to reset the ring gates, chairs and equipment in order to teach class.

The board is therefore requesting that any member training at K9 leave the pavilion set up for classes. There are now signs showing the appropriate location of the rings, chairs and equipment. Please help us to make K9 a pleasant, safe and inviting place to train your dog.

- **Please do not move the plastic ring gates unnecessarily. If you do need to move them, please move them and replace them carefully since the feet are somewhat fragile, and return them to their original location before you leave.**
- There are two wooden gates and three wooden stanchions used to teach go-outs in the "A" Ring. Since these are easily blown over by the wind, which then bends or breaks the connector hooks, the board asks you to disconnect the wooden gates from the stanchions and place the gates and the stanchions FLAT on the GROUND in place before leaving.
- **Jump components are to be stacked in the Equipment area outside of A&B rings (there is a sign marking this area). You may leave jumps set up in either the A or B rings ONLY. Please do not leave jumps in any other area of the pavilion.**
- Cones (Rally size) should be returned to the Equipment area after use.
- There are two sets of pylons (the big roadside size cones) that are used to practice figure 8's - one pair for A and one pair for B. These may be left in the ring or placed on the perimeter of the A or B rings. Please do NOT drag them into the C ring - use them in A or B as they are too heavy for many of the members to move very far.
- There are two areas for chairs - in the corridor between the A/B and the C rings, and along the C ring. If you move chairs for a class, return them when finished.
- **Please remember to clean up after your dogs. The agility area is NOT a dog walk area.**

Rick Koenig, Chair of the Building and Grounds committee, is in the process of bidding out much necessary repair work which will greatly improve the training conditions. In particular he will be addressing the drainage issue which consistently floods the pavilion leaving debris scattered across the floor. In the meantime, if you have a few minutes, sweep up what you can, and when you see trash left in the pavilion (water bottles, etc), please put it in the trash cans.

Thanks for helping make K9 a great place to train your dog.

- The Board of Governors and the Building and Grounds Committee

Rally Class – *Encore!*

Did you miss the June class and are still interested in learning about Rally? **Gail Larson** will teach a Rally class the four Mondays in July 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.

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Report from the Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee would like to thank all of the members for their interest and support for continuing to improve the quality and visual appeal of the K-9 Club Grounds. We welcome all constructive ideas and any observations to improve conditions of the club facilities. Please send your emails to Rick Koenig at rkoenig@bellsouth.net.

The current focus of the committee is preparing an action plan & budget for the Board to implement projects listed:

I. Drainage

Drainage issues around the pavilion and at the front entrance
Keeping rainwater from flooding the pavilion area

II. Fencing

Fence repair and new entry gate
Fencing the agility area

III. Access to property

Concrete walkway from new entry gate to front porch of clubhouse
Concrete walkway around back of house to the back slab
Concrete walkway from pavilion to the handicap ramp

IV. Safety

Removing tree limbs from oak tree above the pavilion roof on east end
Cleaning the entire pavilion roof and all gutters
Gutters/downspouts for southeast corner of pavilion (where we have none)

V. Landscaping and Trash removal

Killing all the weeds and vines that are growing on the fence around the property
Removing all the debris and trash from property

VI. Clubhouse

Storage benches in the meeting room
Kitchen cabinets on 12' wall
Strip and wax floor

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