

From the President's Desk – It's hard to believe another year has passed! We've made a lot of progress getting the building and grounds in shape this year thanks to the hard work of **Rick Koenig**, our Building & Grounds chairman. The pavilion roof has been repaired and should last us for a few more years, the drainage issue has been corrected and we can all have dry feet while we train. Thanks to the hard work of some of our members, the outside buildings have been cleaned out and things are now organized and easy to find and use. Let's all remember to put things away **WHERE YOU FOUND THEM**. The clubhouse has cabinets to help out with storage, and a new fridge. The bathroom in the clubhouse has a new potty. The grounds are looking kept and healthy. Thanks again Rick, for all your time and hard work!

The **Celeste Meade** seminar is on the 5th of this month. Please give **Diane Cohen** a call if you are interested, there may be a spot or two left for working dogs and audits are always welcome.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's Christmas Party on the 17th! We will have our "Chinese" gift exchange, which will no doubt offer much laughter and fun. Contact **Phyllis Vandavelde** and let her know what you will bring for the covered dish supper. Hope to see our usual big crowd! See ya there! -Laurie

*Your presence is requested at our
annual Holiday Party!*

December 17th at 7:30 PM



We promise the meeting will be as short as possible, followed by a pot luck dinner and gift exchange.

If you can attend only one meeting a year –
this is the one you don't want to miss!

Please call **Phyllis Vandavelde** at 387-6038 to coordinate dishes for the dinner.



Welcome New Members!

**Congratulations to our newest
Full Member, Debbie Millard**

CELESTE MEADE RETURNS!

Celeste Meade will give another seminar at K-9 on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, December 6. The focus of the weekend will be "Problem Solving in Open and Utility." The audit fees will be \$50 per day.

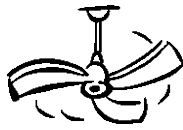
Please contact **Diane Cohen** ASAP to reserve your spot! udxtara@comcast.net OR 904-730-0770

Meetings

Board Meeting – December 10th (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – December 17th (7:30 PM)

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



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Classes & Events for December & January

12-10 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

12-02 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 6:30 PM, Whalen

12-05 & 12.-06 – Celeste Meade Seminar

12-08 -- CGC Test, 7:30 PM \$10

12-17 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

12-19 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM

01-04 -- Ready for Rally, 7:00 PM, Larson

01-08 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 6:30 PM, Whalen

01-11 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00 PM, Ennis

01-12 -- Beginners/CGC, 7:00 PM, Billinge

01-14 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

01-16 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM

01-21 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

01-23 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 9:30 & 10:45 AM, Whalen

01-25 -- **STAR** Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen

Classes Already in Progress:

Mondays

7:00 CGC - Prep for Test, Gard

7:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen

Tuesdays

7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge

7:00 Polish Novice/Beginner Open, Schmidt

8:00 Polish Open/Beginner Utility, Schmidt

Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy **K & 1**, Whalen

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

Saturdays

09:30 -- Puppy **K**, Whalen

10:00 -- Freestyle Group- 3rd week only

10:45 -- Puppy **1**, Whalen

(More Congratulations)

Central Florida Field Trials

Gail Larson and Hank

Open Gun Dog – 3rd Place

(Gail also sent this note: "Hank finished his Master Hunter title today, qualifying in five out of six attempts on three week-ends. With his CH, and RAE (and CDX and NRD) he has also qualified for the Versatility Excellent award from the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of American, only the 40th dog to earn the title since 1988." New titles!!!!

Congratulations!

K-9 AKC Trials (from Oct. – belated)

Janice Hoffenberg and Diva

(Sat.) Rally Novice B – New title!

(Sun) Rally Adv.B – 1st leg



Kathy Chapman and Blitzen

Novice B, 3rd leg, 4th Place – New title!

(Sat) 3rd RAE leg

Kathy Chapman and Dasher

3rd and 4th RAE legs

(Sun) Adv. B, 3rd Place

Nancy Refsnider and Lottie

Open, 1st leg, 3rd place

John Wernert and Chase

Novice B, Sat., 1st place, (Sun) 2nd Place

(Sun.), High Scoring Local Dog

Sandi Mercier and Cami

3rd leg Rally Novice – New title!

Vero Beach Agility

Diane Cohen and Taxi

Novice Fast Preferred – 3rd leg – New title!

Exc. JWW Preferred leg

Pals and Paws Agility

Diane Cohen and Taxi

3 Open JWW (preferred) legs and a title – New title!

1 Open STD (preferred) leg

1 Novice FAST (preferred) leg

Ocala AKC trials

Amanda Lee and Max

Novice A, 1st leg

Terri Reel and Jive

(Fri. and Sat.) Rally Novice, 1st place

Jane Vittitoe and Eli

Novice B, 3rd leg, 3rd Place - New title!

Nancy Refsnider and Lottie

Open, 2nd leg, 1st Place

Irma Schwartz and Splash

2nd Versatility leg

Maria Oehler and Macy

NADAC Agility

Earned OAC, EAC, O-NJC, O-TG-N, O-NCC and

TN-N. Additionally, Macy has earned the

NADAC Versatility Award and she passed the ATTS temperament test to earn a TT. (New titles!)

Beth Schmidt and Emmy

(Recent Agility trials)

Excellent Standard leg earned

Excellent Jumpers, 2 legs earned

Excellent Fast, 2 legs earned

USDA, Advanced (standard), 2 legs earned



Above (L to R) – Sandi Mercier, Cami, Beth Berry and Emma celebrate their qualifying scores in Rally during our Oct. AKC trials.

Personal Notes:

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Beth Berry** whose brother passed away two weeks ago.

I had a note from **Sandi Mercier** about her wonderful summer with **Cami**: Here are my Cami "brags": At the Obedience Club of Daytona (Volusia County Fairgrounds) on Saturday, July 18th, 09 with a score of 90 points, we earned Cami's 2nd leg in Rally Novice A. Then we went to Maine for 4 weeks and took a class in APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) Rally-O in Lincolnville, Maine, at the Wag It Training Center. On Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, 09 we entered a APDT Rally Trial for Level 1 and earned a qualifying score so Cami has the first of 3 legs for a Rally title in APDT. We took home 3 beautiful ribbons: APDT Rally-O "First Trial", APDT Rally-O "Qualifying Score" and APDT Rally-O "Third Place."

Phyllis Vandeveld has a new dog! Phyllis has taken a "re-homed" Toy Poodle named **Reisa**. I'm so glad to see Phyllis with a dog in her life and no doubt Reisa is happy to have found her.

We were delighted to see **Lisa Mallory and Kelly** at the UKC trials on Saturday. Unfortunately, her older Dobie, **Bailey**, passed away Sunday morning and she couldn't be with us that day. Lisa has a lovely memorial to Bailey on her facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2018110&id=1590041527>

Kathy Chapman sent a photo of her Cocker, **Dasher and Blitz**, with their loot from the UKC trials. (Photo this page, bottom right). Definitely worth the trip from Brunswick!

Holiday Party

To all of our newer members not familiar with our annual holiday party, the December meeting is one of the best of the year and will feature a wonderful pot-luck buffet and the "Chinese" gift exchange.

To participate, simply bring a gift suitable for dog or person (or dog person) to put in the pile. Rules will be explained at the meeting. You certainly don't have to join in the gift exchange to attend the party, but *you must bring a gift to participate in the exchange*. \$10 is the suggested price range. The gifts always include some treasures as well as a few clunkers. Chances are you *won't* be going home with the gift of your choice, so bring your sense of humor and holiday cheer, as well as a large supply of good sportsmanship.

Dinner will feature of many of our members' best recipes, plus the usual last-minute deli items – always welcome at a hungry gathering. So come and enjoy – it won't be a party without *you!*

First Coast Trial Results

Sat., Nov 7, Obedience

HIT: John Pacsay and Rio 197

Amanda Lee and Maxie, Novice A, 1st Place, 1st Leg

Kathy Chaoman and Dasher, Novice B, 1st Place new UCD

John Pacsay and Rio, Novice C, 1st place

Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky, Open B, 1st Place

Sun, Nov.8, Obedience

HIT: John Pacsay and Rio 194

Amanda Lee and Maxie, Novice A, 1st Place, 2nd Leg

Kathy Chapman and Dasher, Novice B, 4th Place, new UCD

Anita Gard and Paek, Novice B, 2nd Place, 1st Leg

John Pacsay and Rio, Novice C, 1st Place

Ernie White and Thor Open A, 1st Place

Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky, Open B, 1st Place

Sat., Nov. 7, Rally

RO 1 B

Kathy Chapman and Dasher, 1st Place New Title

Kathy Chapamn and Blitz, New Title

Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky 3rd Place, New Title

Connie Rooke and Vox, 4th Place, New Title

Sun., Nov 8, Rally

HIT: Amanda Lee and Maxie, RO1-B, 99

Amanda Lee, RO 1 B, 1st Place, 1st Leg

John Pacsay and Rion, RO 2 B, 1st Place

Kathy Chapman and Dasher, RO 2 B, 2nd Place, 1st Leg

Kathy Chapman and Blitz, RO 2 B, 1st Leg

A huge "Thank you " to everyone who worked to make our trials successful.

A special "Congratulations" to Junior Handler Amanda Lee for her outstanding performance.

As outgoing Trial Secretary, I wish to extend a personal thank you to all club members and non-members who have contributed to our continued undertakings in trials, matches and basket raffles. Without your support we could not have kept going all these years.

After nearly 15 years, I feel it is time to take a break. I have enjoyed working for our club, and along the way I have gotten to know many dog lovers from Jacksonville and the Southeast.

Thanks for all you have done to help me. It has been my pleasure to be associated with First Coast. - Phyllis



Elizabeth Adams
Diane Alexander
Ruth Anderson
Peg Armbruster
Ed & Cheryl Buck
Connie Carstens
Paula Castagno (Provisional)
Cathy Coeey (LIFE)
Wanda Edge
Anita Gard
Frank Green (Provisional)
Ann Hamlin
Carol Kerr (Provisional)
Violet Krebs (LIFE)

Gail Larson & Rick Koenig
Lisa Mallory & Bill Finger
Faith Martin
Bill Milburn
Dot Mitchell (Provisional)
Connie Monroe (LIFE)
Anthony & Lucy Napoli
Marion Nielsen
Steve Picciuolo (LIFE)
Gina O'Gara
Betsy Reiney
Constance Rooke & Caten Arce
Diana Roslie (Provisional)

Genevieve Rouse (Provisional)
Barry Sales
Irma Schwartz
Betty Jean Shuman (LIFE)
Mary Jeanne Smith (LIFE)
Dorie Sparkman (LIFE)
Patricia Stanton (LIFE)
Jennifer Starkey
Ken & Carol Stevens
Lynda & Ed Wallace

The names above are members who have already renewed their K-9 membership for next year.

Membership Chairman Gail Larson has asked me to remind you all about membership renewal. Rather than inserting yet another renewal form in the newsletter, let me simply say that IT'S TIME! Send \$30.00 to Gail (or \$40.00 for family membership), let her know about any changes in your email or phone numbers, etc. and get it over with. If you need to contact her you can at gaillarson@bellsouth.net

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Editor's note: **Zack** - an update: As you may remember, in the last newsletter I mentioned Zack was going to have a tooth extracted at First Coast No More Homeless Pets clinic on Norwood Ave. I waited all day to hear news of his condition and was - to be honest - a basket case. It turned out that when the tech saw his age (15 years old this month) she alerted the vets who waited until all their surgeries for the day were over so Zack could have their combined attention. I was deeply moved by this unlooked-for kindness. Zack came home minus 2 teeth, a little groggy, but with fresh breath and sparkling choppers. He's doing well for an old man and is going camping with us this weekend.

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