

From the President's Desk

I'd like to welcome the new board members joining us this term, and thank those staying to serve for another year. Once again, we have a great mix of old and new members serving. Your board works hard trying to keep things running as smooth as possible, and this year will not be an exception. We welcome any suggestions you may have. Please send them in. And please consider serving a term next year. If you're not sure what you may want to do, come and sit in with us for a meeting or two. If your not interested in board service, how about hosting an event such as a match, dinner, or fund raiser? While the classes are still a big source of income, it's those extra events that help replace the funds used to improve the grounds and facilities. This year I challenge everyone to pitch in.

The October 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 (contact **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 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.

We will be scaling back on the trial concessions this year with a new menu. **Connie Carstens** will be making a list of what we need. Cash donations are always appreciated to offset the cost of food bought.

In addition to the General meeting in September, we are holding another "basket" raffle similar to those held during the last few trials. We will gratefully accept basket or item donations. These proceeds combined with last September's raffle should finish covering the cost of the cabinets. A lot of wonderful donations were won last year. Thanks for all of you for your help and participation. The cabinets have eliminated much (if not all) of the clutter that makes our clubhouse interior unsightly.

This month's meeting is on the 19th. Hope to see a crowd! -**Laurie**

August Meeting Program

Hip Hip Hooray!!

Officer Edward Sullivan from JSO will present our August program. Yes, he is bringing his canine partner!

It has been requested that there be NO other dogs on site as the Police Service Dog is dog-aggressive.

Sgt. Smith has also assigned a backup in case Officer Sullivan is called to a case.

No new members to report for July.

Meetings

Board Meeting – Aug. 12 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – Aug. 19 (7:30 PM)

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



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Classes & Events for August

- 08/12 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 08/11 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 & 7:30 PM, Whalen
- 08/16 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00, Ennis (last group for 2010)
- 08/16 -- **Rally Show-n-Go!! 7:00 PM, \$5.00 per run**
Judge, Diane Cohen (licensed AKC Rally Judge)
- 08/19 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 08/21 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM
- 08/22 -- **Obedience Show-n-Gos!! 6:00 PM, \$5 per dog, per run**
- 08/22 -- **Rally Show-n-Go!! 6:00 PM, \$5.00 per run**
- 08/30 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 & 7:30 PM, Whalen

(Coming in September)

- 9/7 -- Beginner/Novice/Ring-Ready Novice, 7:00, Cohen
Please RSVP to Diane, 730-0770
- 9/7 -- Open Fundamentals, 8:00, Ruskuski (see page 3)
- 9/8 -- Novice Foundations, Beginners, 7:00
- 9/9 -- Novice Foundations, Intermediate, 7:45

Classes Already in Progress:

Mondays

- 6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
- 7:00 Pet Therapy, Ennis
- 7:00 Beginners/CGC, Gard
- 7:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen

Tuesdays

- 7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge & Carstens
- 7:00 Novice Foundations - Intermediate/Adv., Ruskuski

Wednesdays

- 6:30 Puppy K, Whalen
- 7:30 Puppy 1, Whalen

Saturday Mornings

- 09:30 -- Puppy K, Whalen
- 10:00 -- Freestyle Group- 3rd week only
- 10:45 -- Puppy 1, Whalen



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Congratulations!

(Daytona OTC in Deland)

Anita Gard and Zeli
2 legs, Novice, 3rd place Sunday

Sandi Mercier and Cami
1st leg, Rally Excellent

Maria Oehler and Macy
3rd leg, Open, 4th Place – New Title!!!

Jane Collar and Lillian
Rally Excellent, 1st place

Jane Collar and Belle
Rally Advanced & Rally Excellent – both, 1st Place

Virginia trials

Irma Schwartz and Splash
3rd leg RO2 – New Title!
1st and 2nd legs, RO3

If you have an accomplishment to share with our members
PLEASE send them to me, Ginny Ruskuski,
at ruskuski5030@comcast.net



DOCOF – Plan B!

Gary Jarrett will be unable to attend as planned due to recent surgery. We've re-shuffled our cards, so to speak, and K-9's 2010 DOCOF TEAM will consist of:

Utility:

Beth Schmidt and Emmy
Anita Gard and Parek
Jane Vittitoe and Rainy

Open:

John Wernert and Chase
Diane Cohen and Taxi
Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky

Novice:

Beth Schmidt and Beau
Terri Reel and Jive
Anita Gard and Zeli



Also, at last year's Annual DOCOF meeting it was voted to allow emergency substitutes to be listed on the entry forms. This would allow for a last-minute substitution in case a team member or their dog was unable to attend due to illness or injury. We've listed our substitutes as Jane Vittitoe and Eli (Open) and John Wernert and Ellie (Novice).

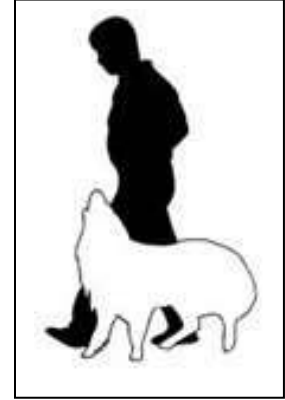
Team members will be practicing **Sunday mornings at 8:30** throughout the summer. **All are welcome to join us for practice** (after all, we need a GROUP for sits and downs). Our thanks to **Diane Cohen** for being our Team Captain and organizing us!



CELESTE MEADE SEMINAR

“Puppy Genius and Foundations” is the subject of our November 13th and 14th seminar at K9. Celeste Meade will present this 2 day program outlining everything your dog should learn in the first year of his life. Included will be the training skills needed to get your puppy the basis for all future showing and pet behaviors. Celeste has sold this course to obedience clubs and will compile in two days course that would represent six months in classroom situations.

Cost for a working spot is \$200; two days of auditing will be \$100; a one day audit will be \$75. Send all checks (payable to K-9OC) to Diane Cohen. If you want to get your young dog (or your *next* dog!) off to a GENIUS start, this is for you!



**THIS IS A FOUNDATION CAMP, BENEFICIAL TO ALL DOGS,
PUPPIES,
LATE STARTERS AND RETRAINS**

Training Tip: Failure to Come, by Laura Romanik (trainer of 2009 National Obed. Dog of the Year)

Diane Cohen recently attended the Laura Romanic Seminar and brought back this suggestion from the trainer of the #1 dog in the country:

When the dog refuses to come, "stalk him" by a moderate, determined pace, arm outstretched with index finger pointed. When you do reach the dog, shake him with either hand on the side of the collar, look into his face and fuss like, "what are you doing, cut it out". Then release dog, turn and leave and say, "Come on, lets go!"

She said you may have to do this twice but no more as all species recognize stalking and hate it. **Of course you must do this in a place that is enclosed or be sure that eventually you can catch up. She says that you do not hurry and do not say anything while the stalking is going on.**

OPEN FUNdamentals

Prerequisite: Dog must be able to perform all AKC Novice Obedience Exercises

Equipment needed: First class will include discussion on dumbbell, collar, leash and flexi choices available and recommendations. Also needed: clicker, treats.

If you and your dog are getting a little bored with Novice training, why not start some Open training? This class will be geared toward the Novice trainer just learning CDX training techniques. We will be working on jumping, drops, holding the dumbbell (and retrieves for dogs already proficient in holding the dumbbell), broad jumps, out-of-sight stays, and as always, polishing our heeling. Why not join us? 8 week class starts September 7th at 8:00.

Cost: **K-9 Members \$40.00/non-members \$80.00**

Make checks payable to K-9 Obedience Club

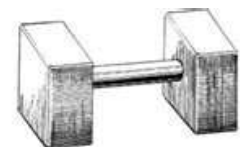
Questions/RSVP (904) 260-0071 or email: ruskuski5030@comcast.net

Instructor: **Ginny Ruskuski**

U-CDX Emma Rose of Mandarin, CDX ("Emma")

U-CDX My Galatea, CD ("Zack")

U-CDX Ibeski's Montana Dog, CDX, RE, NA, NAJ ("Ricky")



Paint it a light color.



Personal Notes

If you're finding it difficult to reach **Phyllis Vandavelde** it's because she's moving back into her former house and her phone service has been interrupted. If you need to speak to her you can relay a message by email or via Facebook, or I can do that for you. – Ginny Ruskuski (904) 260-0071

Gary Jarrett had surgery on his back and we hope it will help him with his back problems. As a matter of fact, Gary emailed us, "I am feeling much better and the previous pain is gone!!" I currently only have the pain from the surgical incision." Keep him in your thoughts as he recovers.

Amanda and Caroline Lee's Maxi (Australian Shepherd) is the proud mother of seven beautiful puppies. Breeder Pat Stout is keeping the brood under her scrutiny and helping out with her years of experience and expert advice.

K-9 is blessed with a new trainer in town! **Shannon Shepherd** moved here in July from Tennessee and has applied for membership. It was nice to meet Shannon after chatting with her on Facebook. Diane Cohen and I watched some of her runs in Deland and Shannon not only qualified but also placed 2nd in Open and Utility both days. (Particularly impressive was a 198.5 in Utility B on Sunday.) Shannon is a gifted trainer and her hard work is reflected in her ring performance. Please make Shannon feel welcome.

Two of our members went to New Hampshire for Celeste's Dog Camp in July; **Susan Howard and Kona and Beth Schmidt and Beau** attended Foundations Camp. Beth and **Emmy** are staying an additional week for Advanced Camp. We hope both of these ladies and their dogs come back safely and will share some of what they learned with us!

Did you know that all K-9 instructors are required to give discounts in class fees to members in lower-level titling classes? (Incidentally, the Training Committee researched clubs in Fl., Ga., and others throughout the US and found all canvassed simply pay instructors mileage or a flat fee for gas, and/or a small token gratuity.) Sadly, **Gail Larson** has chosen to suspend her classes indefinitely.

Novice Foundation students will be taking a break in August due to the heat ...**summer travels: Lisa Mallory** is in the North Carolina mountains for the summer...**Diane Cohen** spent a week in Seattle and **Irma Schwartz** is back in New Jersey. On her way to N.J., Irma stopped in Virginia. She writes, "Splash and I had a really good time at the Virginia trials ... there were back-to-back obedience and rally trials starting a half-hour apart both days. Splash qualified all four times in Open and those of you knowing our out-of-sight nemesis can appreciate how thrilled I was to have her hold steady all the way through both days. We picked up an additional 22 OTCH points out of Open/Utility and even got our first double Q out of a utility class with a heart stopping miss on a second one at the last jump." Way to go, Irma! Where have *you* gone for a summer vacation?

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...Police dog,
show 'n goes...
Open class?!!!



