

**From the President's Desk** – It's time to put together our team for K-9's 53<sup>rd</sup> DOCOF competition this fall. DOCOF has been a long tradition for us. K-9 helped to organize DOCOF in 1967 and our club has completed every year since.

This month marks the end of another year at K-9. Our new board members take their seats next month. You have served the club with admirable dedication and I've been proud to serve with you. I can't do it without you! I need all incoming & outgoing board members at this month's board meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> to insure a smooth transition.

Offer up some help to **Anita Gard** with the **match on the 20<sup>th</sup>**. Anita has graciously volunteered to be our new Match chairperson. To make it easier to remember, matches will be held on the Sunday after the General Meeting each month. During the summer months, start time will be 6pm.

If you would like to add to the match with a dinner, just let Anita know. These are great fundraisers and are always welcome. If you've never attended one of our "dinner and match", you've missed a good time. Even if you don't enter the match, it's a great opportunity to show club support and get together with friends for some fellowship. We usually have a game or race on in the clubhouse, so missing your favorite sporting event on TV isn't an excuse.

On a personal note: It is with pride (and a sigh of relief) to announce that my daughter **Taylor is graduating from Englewood High School** this month. It seems like just yesterday that I would sneak away from the April trials to run home and play "Easter Bunny" while she and Nana were at church. I remember her excitement at turning 10, so she could learn how to steward. Over the years, she has become my "right hand" (literally when I broke my arm), helping with the trial mailings, handling the registrations for my beginners classes, and any other "dog club stuff" I may need. She has come to think of many of you as family. While she's not exactly sure which direction she wishes to pursue, I'm confident that she will blossom wherever she may land. So, Congrats Taylor, my pal, my heart, my reason to get up in the morning! Time to learn "go out".

This month's meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, will be covered dish to celebrate yet another year. **Contact Phyllis Vandavelde** about what is needed. Look forward to seeing a large crowd! See ya'll then! -**Laurie**

*Welcome New Provisional Members*

**Cathy Couch with Greyhound, Bengal**

*Welcome to OFFICIAL Full Members*  
(once again we're catching up with recordkeeping)

**John & Jan Wernert  
Caroline and Amanda Lee  
Emily Foster and Tom Bradley  
Nancy Refsnider**

**Meetings**

**Board Meeting – June 10th (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – June 17th (7:30 PM)**

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

From the Nominating Committee (**Carol Stevens**, Chairman)  
Proposed Board of Governors for 2010 – 2011

**President**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
**Recording Secretary**  
**Corresponding Sec.**  
**Treasurer**

**Laurie Billinge**  
**John Wernert**  
**Diane Cohen**  
**Gary Jarrett**  
**Carol Stevens**  
**Beth Barry**



**Board:**  
**Colleen Whalen**  
**Ken Stevens**  
**Connie Carstens**  
**Gail Larson**  
**Member**

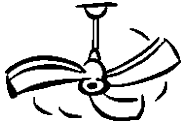
**Training Director**  
**1 yr. Board Member**  
**2 yr. Board Member**  
**2 yr. (carry-over) Board Member**

**June Meeting Program**

You are cordially invited to a

**POT LUCK DINNER!**

Please contact **Phyllis Vandavelde** at  
387-6038 to co-ordinate dishes.  
We hope to see you there!



## Upcoming Events

06/02 -- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 & 10:45 AM, Whalen

### Upcoming Classes & Events for June & July

06/07 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00 PM, Ennis  
06/08 -- Ready to Show (info page 4), 7:00, Larson  
06/09 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen  
06/09 -- Novice Foundations, Intermediate, 7:00, Ruskuski  
06/09 -- Novice Foundations, Beginner, 7:45, Ruskuski  
06/10 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM  
06/17 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM  
06/19 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM

**06/20 -- Obed. Show-n-Gos!! 6:00 PM, \$5 per dog, per run**

06/21 -- STAR Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen  
06/28 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen  
06/29 -- CGC Test, \$10 Cash, 7:30 PM  
06/29 -- Beginners, 7:00, Billinge

07/09 -- Puppy K & 1, 7:00 PM, Whalen  
07/24 -- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 & 10:45 AM, Whalen

### Classes Already in Progress:

#### Mondays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen  
7:00 Rally, Larson  
7:00 Beginners/CGC, Gard

#### Tuesdays

7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge & Carstens

#### Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen  
7:00 Novice Foundations- Intermediate, Ruskuski  
7:45 Novice Foundations - Beginner, Ruskuski  
7:30 Confirmation classes

#### Saturday Mornings

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

## Congratulations!

I have not received any brags this month to report.



If you have an accomplishment to share with our members PLEASE send them to me, Ginny Ruskuski, at [ruskuski5030@comcast.net](mailto:ruskuski5030@comcast.net)

There is simply no way I can hear of all legs, placements, trials, shows, titles, earned, etc. I need your help. Remember that your accomplishments inspire ALL of us. Thank you.

## Get Ready for DOCOF!

We're a little late putting the word out but **Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida** will hold their annual inter-club competition in Orlando on Labor Day Weekend (**Sunday, September 5**) as usual.

Any members interested in being part of K-9's team PLEASE email **Diane Cohen** ASAP! We need 3 Novice, 3 Open, and 3 Utility dogs to fill out our team.

DOCOF weekend begins Saturday morning with a heeling seminar. This year we have a new time for the DOCOF seminar - 8 a.m. - noon, so we can make use of an extra hour for ring practice on DOCOF Saturday. (The practice in the rings is one BIG reason to attend DOCOF.) Then we check into the motel to regroup. Diane has already booked a block of rooms at LaQuinta on International Drive.

It's a fun weekend; dinner out together, shopping the vendors, eating, showing, eating, chatting, eating...well, you get the idea.

Again, please get in touch with Diane so we can form our 2010 Team. Hope to see you there!

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## Personal Notes

My daughter, **Theresa**, reports that **First Coast No More Homeless Pets** has a *surplus* of food at the moment, thanks, in part, to the generous donations from K-9 members. I'm passing the word to let members know to hold off on further donations until I hear they are needed. (They are in need of a two-drawer file cabinet, if you have one you'd like to be rid of.) Thank you for your kindness!

I received an email from old-friend **Mitch Criswell**. He and his wife, **Benetta**, are buying property and moving to (of all places) Arizona. Aside from Benetta and dogs, Mitch has an additional passion for amateur astronomy. They will be moving to the desert with the closest neighbor five miles away and no light pollution to ruin starry skies. We wish them the best.

It is with great distress I must report that **Elizabeth Adams** lost her beloved **Kava** last week. Please keep her in your thoughts during this devastating time.

### **READY FOR RALLY/ Beginner NOVICE!**

Ready for Rally class begins Monday, May 3 and has been revised to include the exercises from the **Beginner Novice (BN title) Obedience** class to be offered at Obedience Trials starting in July 1st. Beginner Novice is intended to be a bridge from Rally to Obedience and most likely will replace Pre-Novice which did not result in a title.

The 5 exercises from Beginner novice include an on leash heeling pattern using Rally signs, on leash figure 8, a sit for exam on leash, a sit-stay while the handler walks around the ring, and a recall from half the length of the ring with no finish. The skills required for Rally include many of the same skills required for Novice Obedience, so it is logical to teach them simultaneously.

The emphasis in the Ready for Rally and Beginner Novice class will continue to be predominately run-thrus but we will spend a bit more time on skill development, along with teaching rules and signs. Because of the expanded content, the class will now run for two 4 week sessions.

Is this class for you? If your dog can walk beside you on leash, can sit, down and stay, then you are Ready for Rally! This class will also be excellent for anyone wanting to get a novice dog used to working around other dogs and distractions, and those obedience handlers who want to begin young dogs in the new Beginner Novice (BN) titling class.

For more information, contact Gail Larson at 476-0179 or [gaillarson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gaillarson@bellsouth.net)

### **Celeste Meade Seminar**

PUPPY GENIUS is the subject of our November 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 K9OC) to Diane Cohen. If you want to get your young dog (or your *next* dog!) off to a GENIUS start, this is for you!

### **The Orlando Dog Training Club is bringing**

#### **“The Winning Edge” to Orlando**

#### **George Alston (Agility) Handling Seminar:**

##### **The Winning Edge**

Saturday and Sunday, June 13 & 14, 2009

8:30AM to 4:30 PM each day

Check-in time – 8 AM – 8:30 AM

Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32808

For additional information contact:

Mary-Lynn Jensen, Ph.D. [[woodwynddals@earthlink.net](mailto:woodwynddals@earthlink.net)], (407) 963-6107

(This info submitted by Andi Bower)

Ready 2 Show CD/GN/CDX – Skill building and ring preparation for Novice, Graduate Novice and Open title tests. Focus will be on attention building, improved heeling, show ring problems and teaching your dog the specific exercises for these three titles. At least one class per month will be devoted exclusively to run thrus. Suitable for anyone who has completed novice foundations or who is otherwise preparing for CD, GN or CDX titles. On-going 4 week sessions, Tuesdays 7 – 8, \$40 per session. First session will be Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Class may be split if size warrants. Contact Gail Larson at [gaillarson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gaillarson@bellsouth.net) or 476-0179 to reserve a spot as class size will be limited.

*A rather unique photo submitted this month by Anita Gard of her GSDs, Parek and Zeli. They are trying to catch a pine cone, but looking at it, I'm reminded of Elaine Bennis dancing on "Seinfeld."*



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*ALLRIGHT!  
Match this  
month...YES!  
Time to get  
busy!*





