

From the President's Desk

The October trials were their usual success!!! We had plenty of stewards, delicious food, good judges, and everyone appeared to have a good time. Two nice days in spite of the unseasonable heat wave that passed thru! A hearty thanks to all who pitched in with their time. **Connie Carstens** served as Concession chairperson arranging the great food we enjoyed. **John Wernert** did a great job his first time out as Trial Chairman. Set-up and breakdown appeared to go smoothly. A few areas could have used some help, but all in all a good trial. The judge's dinner was also a great success as we took our judges for a bit of Florida ambiance!

It's dues renewal time again. You should have the renewal form with this newsletter. Remember, dues are due by January 1st.

I'd like to welcome **Ann Lentz** to the board. She will fill the vacancy left by **Carol Stevens**. I'm confident that Ann will have no trouble fulfilling the duties as your new Corresponding Secretary.

John Wernert spent an afternoon getting the flower bed in front of the ramp cleaned out and planted with beautiful fall mums. Please respect all of John's hard work and don't allow the dogs to use the bed as a potty area.

In 2011, K-9 will celebrate 60 years as a club!!! Please be thinking of ways to help us celebrate. If anyone has some Public relations experience, we could sure use your help getting the word out. Some suggestions I've received are a party, and a scrapbook/history. Anyone willing to help out with these ideas, please let me know.

As we approach the holiday season, I'd like to wish all of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. (It's hard to believe the holidays are here again!) Please use extra care while traveling, stay safe, and I hope to see everyone at this month's General meeting on the 18th! See ya then!!!

- Laurie



November Meeting Program

At this time no program is scheduled.

Meetings

Board Meeting – November 11 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – November 18 (7:30 PM)

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

Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Money with **Sabol**, a GSD
Nicole Miller

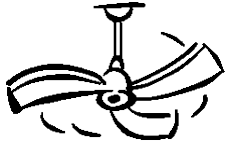
Stephanie and Richard Elderkin with
MochaLatte, a Labrador Retriever
Amy Duey-Dodge with **Icon's Quasimodo**,
a Papillion

Anita Thor with **JD Dragon Fly**, a
Greyhound

Janice Barnes with **Rascal**, a Pitbull

Approved for full membership

Jennifer Satur
Shannon Shepherd



Upcoming Classes & Events for October

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11/11 -- Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
11/13 & 14 Celeste Meade's Foundation Clinic
11/15 -- CGC Test, 7:30 PM, \$10 cash
11/15 -- Rally Novice, 6:30 PM, Whalen
11/15 -- Rally Adv. & Exec., 7:30 PM, Whalen
11/17 -- Clicker /Marker Foundations, 6:30 PM, Rogers
11/18 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
11/21 -- Obed. Show-n-Gos! 6:00 PM, \$5 per dog, per run
11/22 -- Basic Obed/CGC 7:00 PM, 4 wks, Gard

Classes Already in Progress:

Mondays

7:00 Agility, 7:00 PM, Cohen
7:00 Basic Obed/CGC, Gard
8:00 Agility, Cohen

Tuesdays

6:30 Clicker/Marker Foundations, Rogers
7:00 Basic Obed/CGC, Billinge
7:45 Clicker/Marker Advanced Foundations, Rogers
8:00 Advanced Obedience/CGC, Carstens
8:00 Open, Cohen

Wednesdays

7:00 Novice Foundations, Intermedicate, Rususki
7:30 Conformation, J.Mello, call 614-9282
7:45 Novice Foundations, Beginner, Rususki

Fridays

7:00 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

SaturdayMornings

9:30 Puppy K, Satur
10:00 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
10:00 Freestyle Group, 3rd week only
10:45 Puppy 1, Satur

Celeste Meade seminar: Last chance to enroll for an audit position. **Nov 13 and Nov 14** - \$75 for one day or \$100 for both days. All working spots are taken. 9:00 to 5:00 each day, lunch provided. Contact **Diane Cohen** for your spot.

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Congratulations!

Tori Marks & Rip

(Rip is Frisco's son
3 pts. at Lake City shows



Gail Larson & Nate

3 legs in Junior Hunter
4th Place in his 1st Field Trial

Elizabeth Adams & Durance

earned Herding Instinct Certificate

Janice Hoffenberg & Diva

Arcadia, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite
Lake City, Best of Opposite

Kathy Chapman and Dasher

(Sat) 10th RAE leg – New title!

Kathy Chapman and Blitzen

(Sat) 4th place Rally Adv. and Exc. and 2nd RAE2 leg
(Sun) 3rd leg RAE2

Pam McCaleb & Rudy

MACH earned – **New title!**

Sandi Mercier & Cami

2nd leg Rally Exc., 3rd Place

Susan Howard & Kona

(Sat.) 1st leg, Rally Novice, 2nd Place
(Sun.) 2nd leg Rally Novice, 3rd Place
Obedience Novice A, 1st leg, 2nd Place

Maria Oehler & Macy

(NADAC – Ocala)
TN-O earned (50th title!) – New Title!

Sunshine Belgian Tervuren Club's Herding trial (Hilliard)

Ilna Meeks & Haven

2nd Place Sat/Sun on her cattle runs

Ken Stevens and Ryder (handled by Lisa Russell)

1st leg Rally Excellent

Jennifer Satur & Moon

(Sat.) 1st leg Rally Novice, 4th Place
(Sun) 2nd leg, Rally Novice, 2nd Place

Ann Hamlin & Maggie

(Orlando)
1st leg, Rally Adv.

Kathy Chapman & Dasher

(Sat) 1st RO3 leg, 3rd Place
 (Sun) 2nd RO3 leg, 3rd Place

Kathy Chapman and Blitzen

(Sun) 2nd Place, 1st RO3 leg

Terri Reel & Lexi

3rd leg Novice – New title!

Jennifer Satur & Moon

(Sat.) 1st leg Rally Novice A, 3rd Place
 (Sun.) 2nd leg Rally Novice A, 1st Place

Ginny Ruskuski & Ricky

2 legs RO2

Anita Gard & Perek

(Sat & Sun) 1st Place Open A

Anita Gard & Zeli

(Sat) 2nd Place Novice B
 (Sun) 4th Place Novcie B – New title!

(N.C. UKC trials)

Lisa Mallory & Kelly

1st leg Novice
 1st leg RO3

Lisa Mallory & Aero

UKC Ch. earned

**Miscellaneous Venues****Claudette Barker & Diggity**

Diggity got her 3rd Masters std Q and masters jumpers Q in Charleston on the way to Louisville for nationals (USDAA) where both she and Chaps had good runs all 4 days.

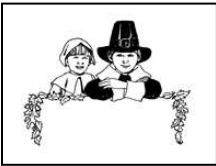
Elaine Smith Nabors earned a level 4 title with her Terv, Rhyme in Chattanooga TN April 2010. Her American Mixed Breed Itchi, also a level 4 freestyle dog, was inducted into **CFF's Hall of Fame** and can be seen on the CFF website. (See Personal Notes, below.)

Andi Bower & JJ

MACH 2 Silver ADCH HobNob JJ

and

JJ earned his Bronze Lifetime Achievement Award & his Team Rising Stars came in 7th at USDAA Nationals, Cynosports World Games in Louisville Kentucky 10/17/2010



Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Personal Notes:

Wanda Edge wanted me to ask if anybody has found a gold, Irish Setter pinkie ring on the K-9 grounds. She thinks it slipped off her finger during the AKC trials near the area where she crated (the area near the Rally ring entrance or the grass nearby). If found please contact Wanda (or me – I'll pass it along). Thanks.

As long as we're on the subject of missing items, I lost my jacket at the AKC trials. It's black polyester (more like a suit jacket than a windbreaker). It was draped over a chair near the trophy table and disappeared during clean up Sunday afternoon. If you put it away somewhere please let me know – it's perfect for work and I need it. (**Ginny Ruskuski**)

John Wernert wanted me to thank all who came to the Judges Selection Meeting in October. He appreciated your input and votes that were absolutely necessary to pick judges for future trials. If you weren't there don't complain about the judges! Speaking of John, have you noticed the landscaping along the wheelchair ramp? John came out and spent a day weeding, cultivating and planting lovely fall chrysanthemums. If you see John you might want to thank him – its one of those jobs we put off until we have "enough" time (which we never do). Also, please keep the dogs away from this area to avoid urine burns on the new plants.

Connie Carstens recently returned from the APDT conference very enthusiastic about all she learned. **Colleen** was scheduled to go but had to cancel due to some health problems her NSDTR, **Kate**, is experiencing.

I'm very sorry to report the passing of **Dennis Murphy**. Dennis and his wife, **Midge**, were K-9 members some years ago. Dennis was a phenomenal agility trainer and handler whose worsening health problems led him to become a master of distance control. The agility world has lost an inspirational trainer – and a very nice man.

New Puppy Department – I have news from **Sally Ray** - "Hi Everyone!! I'm so excited that Lizzy is pregnant with Mister DJ's puppies! We did a sonogram today and saw those little heartbeats! OMG, I feel like a new Grandma. I can't wait to meet my new puppies due Dec.3. Please tell anyone who might be interested in a working or show home to contact me. And please cross your fingers and say your prayers that everything goes well for Ms. Lizzy with her pregnancy and motherhood because you know how much I love her. Warm regards, Sally Ray

Also, from **Nancy Refsnider**, "Does it count to mention my new baby curly-coated retriever, Summerwind Mayday Racer X, aka "**Racer**", who, by the way, weighs a mere 60 lbs at 5 mos.!!?" Of course it counts! We'll be seeing more of Racer in the future, I'm sure.

Elaine Smith and Itchi have been inducted into the **CFF Hall of Fame**. The video she chose for the website was recorded at CFF's trials here at K-9 some years ago. It's no secret that Elaine is one of my training heroes and the combination of teamwork and artistry in the video shows why. (And let me assure you that freestyle, like other dog sports, is MUCH harder than it looks.) What is truly impressive is that Itchi was the little *feral* Shepherd-mix Elaine found living under her portable classroom when she was teaching in Starke. To see what can be achieved with patience, love, and expert training, get your Kleenex ready and go to <http://www.canine-freestyle.org/Zfameitchi.asp> Hard to believe this is the same dog who took so long to be persuaded to take food from human hands.

Finally, I've been snowed under by the number of brags I've gotten – it's wonderful to see so many of our members and their dogs are doing so well! My abject apologies for misspellings, omissions, wrong placements, incorrect leg #'s, etc. If I missed your brag please send (or re-send) it to me and I'll list it next month. Congratulations to all of you who are achieving your goals! (And to those who are not so successful – especially me – let's get busy!) - Ginny Ruskuski, Editor



AKC Congrats (continued)

Jane Collar & Belle

RAE earned – New Title!

Jane Collar & Lily

3rd leg, Rally Excellent – New Title!

Jane Collar and Joy

Preferred Agility Standard – New Title!

Diane Cohen and Taxi

2 legs, Beginner Novice

WC Open, 2nd Place

Anita Gard & Perek

(Sat) 3rd leg, 1st place, Utility A – New title!

Anita Gard & Zeli

(Sat.) 3rd leg, 1st place Nov. B. – New title!

(Sat. & Sun.) 1st place WC Open

Beth Schmidt & Emmy

(K-9) UDX leg earned

(Orlando - IPOC) High Combined, 1st Pl. Open B,
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Shannon Shepherd & Zeta

(K-9)

(Sat) Utility, 2nd Place

(Sun) Open, 1st Place, UDX leg

(Orlando)

(Sat & Sun) 1st Place Utility B, UDX leg

earned both days

(Sat) High Combined

John Wernert and Chase

(Sat) 192 Open

John Wernert and Ellie

(Sat & Sun.) 2 legs Grad Novice

Pam Johnson & Tarry Night

At the herding trial at Ewe N Me Farm in
Hilliard, FL:

Sat - Qualified with a 5th place in Started
Sheep (her very first trial)

Sun - Qualified with a 1st place in Started
Sheep

AND she managed to NOT bite anyone the
whole weekend!

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