

From the President's Desk –

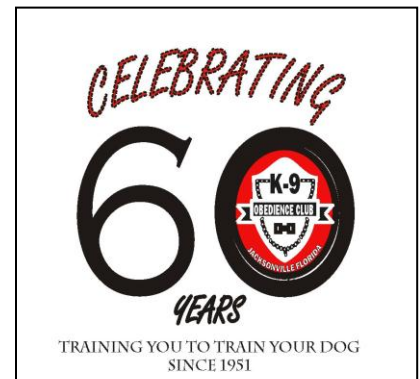
The April AKC Trials are here. **Contact Diane Cohen** about where you can fill in with stewarding, set-up, etc. Talk to **Connie Carstens** about food needs (we always need drinks & paper goods, deserts, ICE, etc.). Do you want to donate to the trophy fund? Contact our trophy chairperson, **Ginny Ruskuski**. Just a little help from a bunch of people and things really go smoother and make for a very successful trial. Please be sure to stop by the kitchen on your way out on Sunday afternoon to see if they need a few minutes of help. These are the folks that are usually forgotten. Remember the concessions work ALL weekend (and the week before) so please offer them a bit of help.

Set-up will be on Thursday night (the 21st) before the trials, please stop by around 6:00 to help. We also need some help on Friday night at the match (check with **Anita Gard**). **Entries close on the 6th**, so if you haven't sent your entry in, better do it now.

Also, the UKC Trials are April 9th & 10th. Check with **Diane Cohen, Ginny Ruskuski, or Gail Larson** to see where they need help.

Last month's covered dish was once again a great time with some really good food. Thanks to **Phyllis Vandevelde** for her usual great job getting everything setup and ready for us to enjoy.

The next General Meeting is on the 21st. This would be a good time to bring in non-perishable donations, so that we may make our shopping list. Hope to see you there. – Laurie
(Editor's note – see Wish List, page 3)



Meetings

Board Meeting - April 14 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – April 21 (7:30 PM)

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

Welcome New Members!

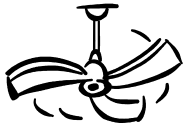
Dana Begley with Noble, a Golden Retriever

Kara Williams with Chula, a Shepherd/Husky mix, and Honey, a GSD

Melissa Meyer

Tasha Lance with Talon, an Australian Kelpie

Congratulations to our newest Full Member (and dog owner!), Barbara Elrod



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Classes & Events for April

04/04 -- Basic Obed/CGC, 7:00 PM, Gard

04/08 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Satur

04/08 -- Obedience Run Thrus, 5:00 PM

04/09 & 10 --UKC Obedience & Rally Trials

04/11 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00 p.m., Ennis

04/16 -- Freestyle Group meets at 10 AM

04/14 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

04/18 -- Puppy K & 1, Whalen, 6:30 PM

04/21 -- Clean up & set up Rings for Trial, 6:00 PM-
Come Help!!

04/21 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

04/22 -- Obedience Run Thrus, 6:00PM \$5
per run

04/23 & 24, AKC Obedience & Rally Trials

04/26 -- CGC Test 7:30 PM, \$10

04/30 -- Puppy K & 1, Satur , 9:30 AM

04/TBD -- B.O.S.S. Advanced Clicker Skills, Gard

Weekly Classes for March

Mondays

6:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Gard

6:30 Proofing & Troubleshooting for Open & Utility, Shepherd

7:00 Rally Adv. & Excel., Whalen (6 week Class, Not Run Thrus)

7:15 Basic Obedience/CGC, Gard

7:30 Agility, Cohen

7:50 Rally Novice/Beginners, Whalen (6 week Class, Not Run Thrus)

Tuesdays

6:30 Clicker Foundations, Rogers

7:00 Open Ring Rdy, Cohen

7:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Billinege & Carstens

7:45 Clicker Foundations, Rogers

8:00 Advanced Obedience, Carstens

Wednesdays

6:30 Buidling on Success, Clicker Skills, Gard

6:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen

7:00 Novice Foundations, Ruskuski

7:30 Conformation, J.Mello, call 614-9282

Fridays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur

Saturday Mornings

9:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

9:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur

10:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

10:45 Puppy K & 1, Satur

10:00 Freestyle Group, 3rd week only

Congratulations!

Pam McCaleb & Mac
(USDAA)

2 legs in P1 Gamblers, both 1st Places



Pam McCaleb & Rudy
(AKC)

Excellent Jumpers Preferred A – New Title,
1st leg Exc Jumpers Preferred B,
Nov Fast P – New Title

Elizabeth Adams and Durance

Breed Championship – New Title!

Regina Brennan & Maggie

Cgc earned – New certificate!

Remember – after the trials please send me your brags. I'm not psychic and there's no way I can keep track of what every member's dog did in which particular class. It's your job to let me know! Inspire our newer members and send me your brags! – G.R.

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From the Nominating Committee

The Proposed slate of Officers for 2011-2012:

President

Laurie Billinge

1st Vice President

John Wernert

2nd Vice President

Gary Jarrett

Recording Secretary

Barbara Elrod

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Lentz

Treasurer

Beth Berry

1-Year Board Member

Ken Stevens

1-Year Board Member

Emily Foster

2-Year Board Member

Colleen Whalen

2-Year Carry-over

Connie Carstens



Personal Notes:

I had a note from **Maria Oehler** (whom we see far too little of): "Thanks for the "shout out" to **Macy** and I in the newsletter. She is, indeed, my "once in a lifetime" dog. I must agree with you that everyone's titles are special though! We just have managed through perseverance to accumulate a bunch. Although Macy is still young; we are now on a retirement "tour". We are hoping to get our TD this year, then work on our UD. Hopefully we will get to see everyone a little more often at that point. If she had her way, she'd go for another 50 titles but I don't think I have it in me. Actually, I need to add a few more letters to the end of my name so she has become my couch companion as I hit the books. I miss being active in the club and seeing everyone. Eventually, we'll be back in some capacity." (We miss you, Maria, and hope to see you and Macy soon!)

Please note on the schedule of events that there will be ring run-throughs *twice* this month; Friday evening prior to the UKC trials as well as the Friday evening prior to the AKC trials. At the UKC trials you may choose either AKC or UKC format, so take advantage of this double opportunity to practice in April!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the trophy fund! It's not too late to send your donation to me. Extra thanks to **Vicky Ford** who contributed very cute poop bag holders as Rally prizes. Looking at the mishmash collection of plastic bags on my washing machine, I really need to win one.

Basket Raffle!

Don't forget, the AKC Trials will feature our popular Basket Raffle.
(Join us for a little innocent gambling.)

YOUR gift basket is welcome. Please drop off your basket or items for a gift basket at the clubhouse the week **BEFORE** the Trials.

Please let **Diane Cohen or Ginny Ruskuski** know that it's there.
(Mark your basket or items plainly with your name and **day of use; either Saturday or Sunday raffle.**)



Kitchen / Clubhouse Wish List

During the trials, we have always tried to serve good food to our guests at a extremely reasonable price. We usually break even or make a minimal profit. In an effort to offset the expenses, and continue to offer food at our trials, a wish list is below. Many items are used throughout the year in the clubhouse. Please check the list below and either bring to the General meeting or drop off at the clubhouse. Every little bit helps.

For the trial -

- Fruit
- Eggs (folks love the egg salad sandwiches!)
- Deserts
- Ice – Ice – (did I mention ice?)
- Sugar packets (we have plenty of artificial sweeteners)
- Canned drinks (we really need Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi)

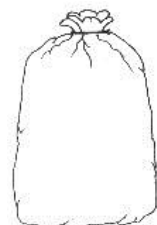


- Non-dairy creamer
- Bottled water



For the trial – and all year long (we ALL use these items)

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper, Kleenex
- Liquid hand soap
- 55 gal drum liners, Tall kitchen bags



Urgent, late-breaking news!

(If you are entered in our April AKC trials, you should have been advised already).

JUDGE CHANGE AT OUR APRIL TRIAL. Due to an unfortunate injury, Mr. Washabaugh will not be able to judge our trials, He has been replaced with Ms Jean Porter Lynch (1367). Please advise ONLY if this is a problem. Also, please disregard the attached confirmation letter. This only a notification of judge change. Confirmation letters will be sent out after entries close. Thanks, Laurie Billinge, Trial Secretary

Also,

John Wernert is planning a work day this Saturday morning, 4/2/11. John is out at the club most Sunday mornings blowing off the training area so we have a decent place to train. Join him for a couple of hours Saturday and help with a little grounds clean-up – it's the perfect way to say, "Thanks, John." This is YOUR club. Help us make it one to be proud of.

>K9 Obedience club needs some help Saturday morning 8:30 or 9:00 am for several hours. We need help in raking up leaves and trimming some bushes. We will provide yard trash bags, coffee and donuts. Workers need energy. If any one has rakes or leaf blowers bring them. Don't forget gloves. We'll also provide water for the crew. I'm proud of our club and this is our year. Let's show the club grounds off and make our guests want to return.< –John Wernert

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SINCE 1951

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