

From the President's Desk - The October trials were their usual success!!! Everyone seemed to have a good time. We were short some needed stewards, but found people to step up and pull double duty. Two nice days of weather! A hearty thanks to all who pitched in with their time. **Jennifer Satur's** husband provided food for our guests, and I had favorable comments. **John Wernert** did a great job as Trial Chairman, and even stepped up, along with our Trophy Chair **Ginny Ruskuski** to steward when we couldn't find needed help. While breakdown appeared to go smoothly and quickly, I can't say set-up was the same. I was unpleasantly surprised when, after the board meeting ended, we discovered that NOT ONE person had shown up to help set up the rings, and the board members were left with the chore. Since K-9 moved onto its current location over 30 years ago, set-up has always been the Thursday night before the trial, and we always need stewards. So unless you are either a provisional member or have been with the club less than a year, the "I didn't get an e-mail, phone call, engraved invitation, etc." excuses aren't valid. Our trials are a large undertaking and we need more than a handful of people to prepare for them. Let's all try to do better next time. I was unable to attend the judge's dinner held at the Cheesecake Factory, but I understand a very good time was had by all who attended.

It's dues renewal time again. If renewal forms have not already gone out, they should be on their way shortly. Remember, dues are due by January 1st.

We have begun work on the new entrance area. Concrete was poured on Thursday. The guys doing the concrete work were kind enough to move the dirt removed to the holes in the parking lot. If you are in need of concrete work, be sure and get their name and number from John Wernert. They are reasonably priced, professional, and courteous. We will also have some of the broken concrete in the training pavilion repaired.

The new front gate will be installed in a few weeks, and lighting will be installed to make our clubhouse entrance safer and more inviting. Please excuse any mess in the process and use a bit more caution around the area while work is being done. Funding for the project will come from a generous bequest from **Betty Jean Shuman** and donations to us in **Carol Stevens'** name. Betty Jean often commented about the need for a bit of a spruce-up in that area. When we are finished, I'm confident that both Betty Jean and Carol would be pleased with the results.

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 17th! See ya then!!!

November General Meeting

No program currently planned.

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!

Our new Provisional Members are...

Sheila Garbecki with Cassie and Missy, Cocker Spaniels

Karen Childers and Gary Childers with
Sailor, a Portuguese Water Dog

Kathleen and Evan Sumner with Penn Y Caerau Forever
Amazing N.A., Mysharas Flann Tickets, Please! and
Clemwoods Charimatic, Aussies

Tish Soto with Aldo and Nola, Staffordshire Bull Terriers
Polly Powell with Izzie, a Rat Terrier mix, and Butter Bean
and Cutterm Catahoulas

Rhonda Reno (no dogs listed on the membership application)
Dr Carl Shipley, Sr. and M Arlene Shipley with King David, a
Labrador Retriever and Princess Abi, a Great Dane



Upcoming Events

New Classes & Events for November

- 11/05 -- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 AM, Satur
- 11/07 -- Basic Obedience Plus, 7:00 PM, Gard
- 11/09 -- Shaping Obedience & Drive, 6:30 PM, Gard
- 11/09 -- Open FUNdamentals. 7:45 PM, GARD
- 11/10 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 11/17 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

Weekly Classes for November

Mondays

- TBA** Foundations of Competition, Shepherd
- 7:00 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard & Mallory
- 6:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen
- 7:40 STAR Puppy, Whalen

Tuesdays

- 6:30 Clicker Foundations, Rogers
- 7:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Billinge & Carstens
- 7:45 Clicker Foundations, Rogers
- 8:00 Advanced Obedience, Carstens
- 8:00 Agility, Cohen

Wednesdays

- 6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
- 6:30 Practical Clicker Skills, Rogers
- 6:30 Shaping Obedience & Drive, Gard
- 7:45 Open FUNdamentals, Gard
- 7:45 Practical Clicker Skills, Rogers

Thursdays

- 10:00 BOSS, Rogers
- 7:00 Freestyle (1 class per mth), Nabors

Fridays

- 6:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur
- 7:00 Rally Novice for Beginners, Whalen

Saturday Mornings

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

Congratulations!



Herding

Pam Johnson & Rafferty (Aus. Cattle Dog)
Intermediate Ducks, 2nd leg, 3rd Place

Sally Ray & Lizzy (Golden)
(Golden Natl's) Novice B, 1st leg
(Tampa) Novice B, 2nd & 3rd legs, - New Title!

Suwannee Valley Kennel Club

Terri Reel & Jive (Sheltie)
Novice B, 1st leg, 2nd Place
Novice B, 2nd leg, 1st leg, HIGH IN TRIAL
Terri Reel & Harley (Sheltie) Conformation – 2nd place Puppy

Jennifer Driggers & Bean (Chinese Crested)
10th RAE leg – New Title!

K-9 AKC Trials

Diane Cohen & Isaac (Miniature Poodle)
1st & 2nd Rally Novice legs
(UKC Trials)
1st & 2nd Rally Novice legs
(Paws n' Pals)
1st, 2nd, 3rd Novice Agility legs – New Title!

Stephanie Elderkin & Mocha Latte (Lab)
2nd & 3rd RE legs – New Title!

Ernie White and Viking (Doberman)
(Sat) Beginner Novice, 2nd place, 3rd leg – New Title!
(Sun) Beginner Novice, 1st place, 4th leg

Jennifer Satur & Moon (Std. Poodle)
(Sat) Rally Adv. B, 2nd leg, 4th place
(Sun) Rally Adv. B, 3rd leg, 1st place – New Title!
(Sun) Beginner Novice B – 1st leg

Marnie White & Cooper (Boxer)
Beginner Novice, 3rd leg – New Title!

Susan Howard & Kona (Lab)
(Sat) Rally Adv. B, 3rd place, Rally Exc. B, 2nd place – 7th RAE leg
Grad Novice, 2nd leg, 2nd place
(Sun) Rally Adv. B, 3rd place, Rally Exc. B, 2nd place – 8th RAE leg

Colleen Whalen & Kate (Nova Scotia)
Beginner Novice A, 1st Place
Rally Novice B, 2nd & 3rd legs earned – New Title!

Shannon Shepherd & Zita (GSD)
(Sat) High Combined, new UDX4 title – New Title!
Shannon Shepherd & Gunner (ESS)
Novice B, 1st Place Sat. & Sun (Score 199.5!), HIT Sat & Sun

Personal Notes:

Our sympathies go out to **Ann Hamlin** whose husband, **Bill**, passed away last month. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ann.

An email from **Colleen Whalen**: “1. Some type of animal has crawled under the women's outside restroom (Kate saw it on Wednesday and tried to get it out). I'm assuming this animal is now dead. At first I thought something had died inside the restroom as the smell was horrible when I opened the door this morning. I took out the trash and looked behind everything, but saw nothing. I left the door open all morning, but the smell doesn't go away. I instructed my students to use the men's room. I don't think we can do anything about it as the space - underneath the shed is so narrow. 2. The large TV inside the clubhouse died while my students were watching a video. This TV had been donated by a student of mine years ago. Connie, Please send a message to club members. If we could get someone to donate a large TV, that would be great. Otherwise, we'll need to find a cheap one at a thrift store soon.”

This was followed by an email from **Connie Carstens** that read, “**Penny Martin** has found Colleen a new used TV.” Penny, thank your friend who's donating this TV. (Perhaps we could give her a free class of some sort if she's interested?)

One of our new Provisional Members is **Kathleen Sumner**. Or perhaps I should say, “Kathleen Wegant Bussey Sumner.” Kathy was one of K-9's most active members back in the day – and since I remember her being in the same class as I was with my first “Obedience” dog, I won't get specific about what day – or year, but I will tell you she was on K-9's Drill Team when they performed at Westminster and her name can be found often in the archives. Kathy is currently training Aussies for Agility and Conformation. Welcome back!

I'd like to make a note about the Congratulations! column. Normally, I don't post scores in this column. This is because I don't think scores give a clear picture of achievement to members who are new to Obedience or visitors to our website perusing the old newsletters. A reader who hasn't had much personal experience training for the Obedience ring might be deeply impressed upon reading that a Golden Retriever qualified with a score of 195 in Open B and won 1st place and pooh-pooh a Beagle or Whippet that qualified in Novice A with a 185 and didn't get a placement. I think most of us who've been around for a while will agree the latter is definitely quite a respectable achievement. The reverse is also true; many of us have also earned scores that might look fine to others but we found personally disappointing.

That said, this month I did report **Shannon Shepherd's** 199.5 with **Gunner** as it is the highest score earned by a K-9 member we've had at our trials in many, many years, at least in my memory. Shannon's discipline and hard work are an inspiration to all of us. By the same token I must point out that **Anita Thor's** humble qualifying ribbon and 3rd Place in Beginner Novice A with her Greyhound, **Fly**, a “fast friend” rescued from the track, is similarly impressive – and this was the dog Anita, Laurie and I all struggled with to teach, “sit.” Another example - a post on Facebook from **Jennifer Driggers** reported that **Bean**, her Chinese Crested, attained her RAE in the driving rain. “Be impressed. Be very impressed.” Actually, I am. Cresteds are one of the softest breeds I can think of and that final RAE leg (outdoors in rain, no less) says a lot about Jennifer's talent as a trainer and her relationship with her dog. I have never seen Bean *not* eager to do her best for Jennifer.

My sincerest congratulations go to all of you who qualify in trials – our only standardized testing – no matter what your score. And to those who haven't qualified, don't give up. Like Fly's sit, it *will* happen. – G.R.



Top left t –Stephanie Elderkin and Mocha Latte pose with Judge Steve Picciuolo.
Top left (L to R) – Marnie White & Cooper, Ginny Ruskuski, Fly & Anita Thor. (Marnie and Anita wanted a picture with their first competition instructor.)
Bottom left –Judge Carol Klein presents Terry Reel and Jive HIT at SuwanneeValley.trials.



Congratulations! (Continued)

Orlando

Ernie White & Viking (Doberman)

Beginner Novice, 1st leg, 2nd Place

Beginner Novice, 2nd leg, 1st Place

Susan Howard & Kona (Lab)

(Sat) Rally Adv. B, 1st Place

Rally Exc. B, qualified, 4th RAE leg

(Sun) Rally Adv. B, 3rd Place

Rally Exc. B, qualified, 5th RAE leg

Graduate Novice, 1st leg, 2nd Place

Shannon Shepherd & Gunner (ESS)

Novice B, 1st Place both days, HIT both days, CD earned – New Title!

Shannon Shepherd & Zita (GSD)

1st Place Ut. B, High Combined

Breed, Obedience & Rally Saturday, November 5, 2011

JDFA Showsite,

6932 Morse Ave., Jacksonville, FL

All Judging to be held outdoors

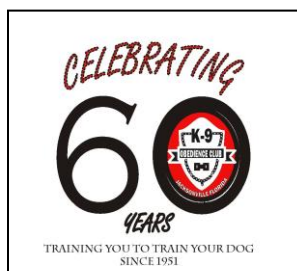
Day-of-Match entries (\$8.00)

will be taken

8:00 to 9:30 AM

Raffle tickets, Microchip, and
concessions will be available.

Some final notes: Attached you will find the membership renewal form. PLEASE print your correct email address. You wouldn't believe the problems that arise from email addresses being outdated, illegible, or simply not provided. AND please mail or give your form and dues to **Connie Carstens**. Do NOT stuff dues in Laurie's pocket, my purse, John Wernert's hand, or give to anybody else who is not Connie Carstens. If you want to, you can put the form and dues through the mail slot in the door to the clubhouse (the door to the right of the entrance at the front of the clubhouse that is not used). Thanks!



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Ah, here
comes my old
friend now!

