

**From the President's Desk -**

The October trials are here again. To donate a bit of your time stewarding, helping with set-up, etc., contact **Ken Stevens**. We won't have a General meeting before the trial, so contact **Ginny Ruskuski** if you wish to donate to the trophy fund. We'll be setting up for the trials on Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> starting around 5:30. If you want to make sure the rings are set up correctly come on out and help. Run thru before the trials start Friday evening at 6:00 – we need everyone who attends pitching in.

Don't forget to visit our Basket Raffle during the trials. There are always some interesting – and desirable – items on the table to take a chance on. If you want to donate a basket please leave it in the clubhouse clearly marked, "Saturday," or "Sunday" during the week before the Trials.

We ALWAYS need help on Sunday afternoon with clean-up. If you can't stay on Sunday, how about stopping by the clubhouse and see if a bag of garbage can be taken out? Every little bit helps those who work the entire weekend and are really pooped by Sunday afternoon

If you missed September's General Meeting, you missed a good time. We had a delicious array of food to eat, and the basket raffle was a rousing success!! We made enough to cover about 80% of the bathroom remodel!

It's been brought to the board's attention that people are using the area just inside the agility area fence as an exercise area. Numerous piles were cleaned up from that area. Have your dog use the assigned area for this - or clean up after your dog. **Please help watch for violators and direct them to the appropriate area.**

The next General meeting will be on the 20th. Hope to see a big crowd there. Good Luck at the trial!

Laurie

***October General Meeting***

*No program currently planned.*

**Meetings**

**Board Meeting - October 13 (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – October 20 (7:30 PM)**

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

**Welcome New Provisional Members!**

**Karen Angilello with Treasure & Ace,  
Cavalier King Charles**

**Sally Ray with Golden Retrievers**

**Lisa Williams with Bear, Springer Spaniel  
Zondra Farence with Yulee, Border Collie  
and Wick, a mixed breed.**

***Congratulations to our newest Full Member,  
John Alexander***





## Upcoming Events

### New Classes & Events for October

#### 10/01-02 UKC Obedience & Rally Trials

10/09 -- BOSS, 10:00 AM, Rogers

10/11 -- Clicker Foundations, 7:00 PM, Rogers

10/13 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

**Set up for AKC trials, 5:30**

#### 10/14 Run thrus, 6:00 PM

#### 10/15 - 16 AKC Obedience & Rally Trials

10/20 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

10/21 -- Rally Novice for Beginners, 7:00 PM, Whalen

10/22 -- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 & 10:45 AM, Whalen

10/24 -- STAR Puppy, 7:00 PM, Whalen

10/25 -- Basic Obedience/CGC 7:00 PM, Billenge & Carstens

10/26 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

### Weekly Classes for October

#### Mondays

7:00 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard & Mallory

7:00 Rally Adv & Exc, Whalen

7:00 STAR Puppy, Whalen 9/24

#### Tuesdays

6:30 Clicker Foundations, Rogers

7:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Billenge & 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

8:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur

9:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

10:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

10:00 Freestyle Group, 3rd week only

## Congratulations!



### First Coast UKC Trials

#### Wanda Edge & Speed (Irish Setter)

Rally 1, Trial 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Trial 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Trial 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – New Title!

#### Colleen Whalen & Kate (NSDTR)

Rally 1, Trial 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, HIT Rally

Trial 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> leg

#### Jane Vittitoe & Eli (Golden)

Trial 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open B, HIT

Trial 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open B, HIT – New Title!

#### Jennifer Satur & Moon (Std Poodle)

Trial 1 – RO1B, 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, New Title!

Trial 3 - RO2B, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, , 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Jennifer Satur & Sadie (Ambor)

Trial 3 - RO1B, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 4<sup>th</sup> Place

#### Anita Gard & Parek (GSD)

Open B, 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – New Title!

#### Anita Gard & Zeli (GSD)

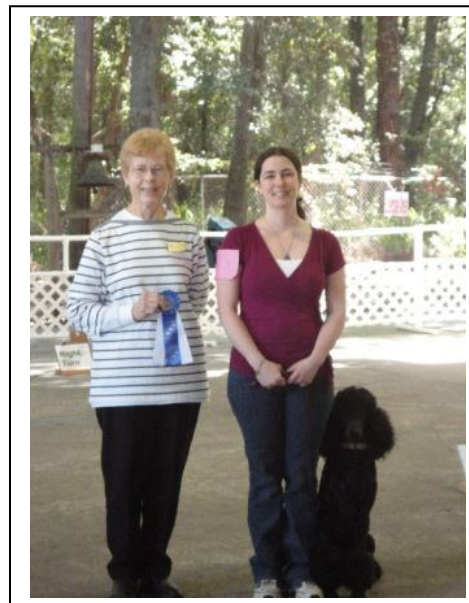
Open A, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Irma Schwartz & Splash (Turv)

Nosework Test (interesting new venue!) “Splash was entered today in a NACSW (National Association Canine Scent Work) Odor Recognition Test (ORT) and passed with flying colors on the odor of birch oil. The ORT is to NACSW what a certification test is to a tracking trial. Testing is pass/fail with the dog given 3 minutes to alert to the odor. Splash sailed through in 11 seconds. My goal is to train to a NW1 title!”

#### Janice Hoffenberg & Tenor (Newf)

On August 20<sup>th</sup> Tenor passed his CGC test. New Certificate!



*Right – Jennifer Satur & Moon proudly pose with their New Title ribbon.*

**Personal Notes:**

A nice note from **Colleen Whalen**: “**Kate** [Nova Scotia Duck Toller] had an awesome first run in her competition debut at our UKC Rally Trial Saturday. In Novice B she had a perfect score of 100, took 1st Place and then earned the High in Trial for Rally! I've been out of competition for many years, so this was also a great day for me. Kate went on to earn her 2nd leg that afternoon. Now we're looking forward to AKC in two weeks. Colleen

Speaking of the First Coast UKC trials I'd like to give special thanks to **Emily Foster**, our Trial Secretary. Even our tiny UKC trials have reams of paperwork that must be completed, t's crossed and i's dotted, as well as a thousand details that must be checked and double-checked and Emily did a WONDERFUL job for us. This was her first time as Trial Secretary and she really came through. Thank you, Emily!

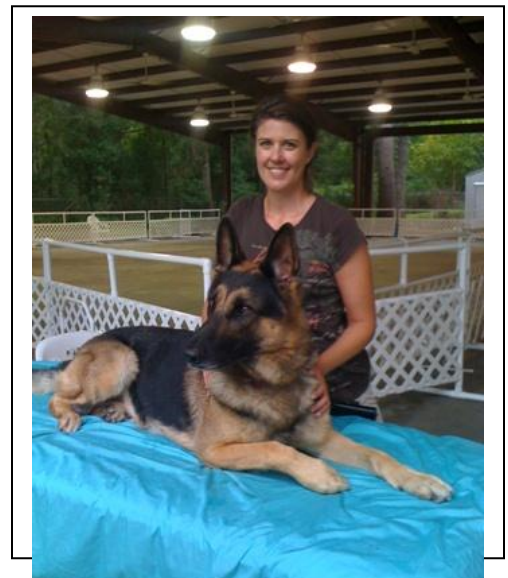
Although you've probably heard, we lost **Ricky** 2 weeks ago to cancer and John and I want to thank all of you who sent cards, emails, and hugs. It was a big comfort to hear, “We know how you feel.” - Ginny

I've been meaning to mention one of our newer members, **Doryan Reese**. Doryan is completing an externship to become a Certified Canine Massage Therapist. She's been sharing her talents gratis at our summer show'n'goes and many dogs have reaped the benefit of her healing hands. Pictured right is Doryan with **Anita Gard's Parek**, looking calm and regal after his massage.

An email from **Diane Cohen**: “We visited Nashville last weekend and saw **Sharman Bastl and her husband, Bill**, who gave us a tour of their town, Franklin, Tenn. We had a tour of their new home which was full of antiques and decorated in Sharman's customary great taste. Sharman has one Cavalier and is training her in her local obedience club, hoping to go for a CD this fall. She said, "Hi" to all and asked about K9, our addition and individual members. For those of us who have been in the club for more than 7 years, we remember Sharman as a former president who would ring steward all day at every trial. She & Bill have not changed a bit! –Diane”

**Shannon Shepherd** writes, “I have had a few requests to start a new "Foundations of Competition" class, but not yet enough to schedule a start date. If you are interested in this class, please let me know. The class would be on Monday nights. This class is intended for older puppies and younger dogs that have not yet started formal obedience work. We will be using marker training to establish a foundation for competition obedience. Topics covered: explaining marker training and how to apply it to your dog, creating focus and engagement with your dog, creating muscle memory for heeling with attention, rear end awareness, fronts and finishes, stationary exercises (sit, down, stand and stay), send-aways, etc. Because this class is a “foundation” course, food will be used to help mark all of the behaviors we are trying to capture.” Shannon also added that the start date would be scheduled as soon as the class is filled.

An email from Marge Rogers: “Hi, guys. I still have a few spots left in the upcoming Tuesday (7:45) and Wednesday (7:45) Clicker Foundations courses. Both courses start next week. These will be the last Clicker Foundations courses this year. Please share this information with your students and have them contact me to register if they are interested. Thank you!!”



Top, Colleen Whalen and Kate accept HIT in Rally, 10/1.  
Below, Doryan Reese and Parek.

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### New Class!

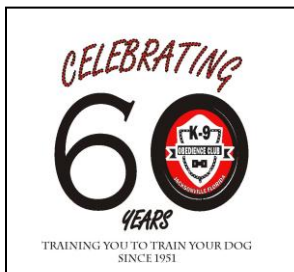
I am going to offer another B.O.S.S. (Building On Small Successes) class. For those not familiar, BOSS is based on the Leslie McDevitt book "Control Unleashed" (description follows). The focus of this class is relaxation and teaching off-leash control. The first course was a big success. We were all amazed at the changes in our dogs from the first week to the last. Most participants were unable to get their dogs to leave them off-leash by the end of the course. It is helpful to have the book, but it is not required for the course. Completion of Clicker Foundations (with at least a 50% attendance) is required. If you've already taken BOSS, come on back for round 2. As you know, the course is structured so each owner can participate at their own level. If you're ready, we'll give you more distractions and help you take your off-leash skills to the next level.

This course will be offered on a weekday morning (starts 10/9). Let me know if you're interested and available to attend a daytime class.

**Marge Rogers – (904) 287-0030**

I want to remind everybody to send me their brags from the AKC trials. I need your email to fill me in on what leg you've earned, titled or not, etc. We want to know about your success! (And if you're not successful, don't worry – we've all been there, too.)

Finally, I would like to suggest an idea that would give us all an opportunity to train in more ring-like conditions and perhaps earn a little extra income for the club. I (for one) need to train on a matted surface, if only for a few minutes. Maybe this winter we could get the mats out and set up a ring that people could rent for \$1.00 per minute with a 10 minute limit. Only dry treats would be allowed and the mats would be thoroughly inspected before being put away. Although we pay a certain amount to have the mats taken out and put away, if enough of us are interested it would pay for itself with perhaps a little left over for the club. Show'n'goes are not as popular as they once were; maybe this idea would get more support. *If you would use a rent-a-ring like this please contact me.* I'm looking for people willing to **commit**. -GR



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