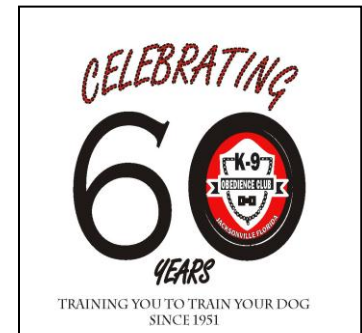


From the President's Desk - The October trials are fast upon us, so it's time to let **Ken Stevens** know when you can offer a few hours of your time help out as a steward. **Ginny Ruskuski** is attaching a trophy donation sign up to this newsletter to help offset trial expenses. Times are tough but please consider making a donation if you are able. We need all hands on deck at our trials to make them run smoothly, so even if you're willing to just take out a bag of trash, every little bit helps. We will be doing something different for concessions with this trial. As soon as we get it all together, we'll let you know what we need. Let's all pitch in so the bulk of the work isn't left on just a few folks. The trials are a major source of income for our club. The premiums have gone out. If you need another, there are extras in the clubhouse or you can download one online from our website.

Last September, we had a basket raffle (similar to the one's we have at the trials) at the general meeting and recouped the rest of the expense of the cabinets. This month we will repeat the basket raffle to earn the cost of the wonderful, long needed, bathroom remodel. Please bring a basket or item to donate.

We have two members who are seriously ill. **Margaret (Marweese) Hines** and **Marion Neilson** are both suffering health crises and could use our thoughts and prayers. Please take a minute to send these folks a card and let them know that our thoughts and prayers are with them at these difficult times. I speak from experience when I say it really does help.

This month's General meeting on the 15th is covered dish, and basket raffle. Check with **Phyllis Vandavelde** to see what is needed. Hope to see everyone at the meeting! -Laurie



September Meeting Program

Join us for a **Covered Dish Supper!**

Please contact **Phyllis Vandavelde** at **387-6038** to coordinate dishes.

We will also feature a **fund-raising basket raffle!** Please bring a basket to put in with goodies suitable for human or canine.

See you there!



Welcome New Provisional Members!

Melinda Higby with **Treasure, Pirate, Delilah** and **Tootsie, Irish Setters**

Susan McKeever with **Spumoni** and **Romeo, a German Wirehair Pointer**

Congratulations to our newest Full Member, Lyn (Roycelyn) Brownell

Meetings

Board Meeting - September 8 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting - September 15 (7:30 PM)

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



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Classes & Events for September

09/06 -- Ring Rdy/Beginners Novice, 7:00 PM, Cohen
09/06 --Intro to Agility, 8:00 PM, Cohen
09/07 -- Conformation Classes start again, 7:30 PM
09/08 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
09/09 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Satur
09/15 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
09/17 -- Freestyle Group meets at 10 AM
09/19 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00 PM, Ennis
09/26 -- Basic Obedience Plus, 6:00 & 7:15 PM, Gard
09/28 -- Shaping Obedience & Drive, 7:15 PM, Gard

Weekly Classes for September Mondays

6:00 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard
6:30 Rally Adv & Exc. 7:00 PM, Whalen
7:15 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard

Tuesdays

6:30 Practical Clicker Skills, Rogers
7:00 Ring Rdy/Beginners Novice, Cohen
7:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Billinege & Carstens
7:45 Practical Clicker Skills, Rogers
8:00 Intro to Agility, Cohen
8:00 Advanced Obedience, Carstens

Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
6:30 Clicker Foundations, Rogers
7:15 Shaping Obedience & Drive, Gard
7:45 Clicker Foundations, Rogers

Thursdays

7:00 Freestyle
no class on 3rd Thursday of each month

Fridays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur

Saturday Mornings

8:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur
9:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
9:45 Puppy K & 1, Satur
10:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
10:00 Freestyle Group, 3rd week only

Congratulations!



Julie Marco & Cowboy (Mal)
(Harrisburg) BOW (Ch finished) New title!
Novice – 1st leg, 1st Place

Briard Nationals

John Wernert & Chase (Briard)

Open B – 1st Place, HIT

John Wernert & **Ellie** (Briard)

Novice B – 1st Place

Jan Wernert & Ellie

Rally Novice, 1st Place

[Note – this was Jan's first time in Rally. Diane spent an hour with her a few days before going over the signs and rules.]

Indian River

Shannon Shepherd & Gunner (ESS)

(Sat) Nov. B, 1st leg, 1st Place

(Sun) Nov B, 2nd leg, 1st Place, HIT

Congratulations to K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville

2011 DOCOF Team - #3 in Florida!

I'm very pleased to report that K-9's DOCOF team had a very successful weekend in Orlando. We met Saturday at the Fairgrounds and took advantage of the practice allowed in the matted rings. Several of us had a nice (and early) dinner at Bahama Breeze, then back to the hotel for a good night's sleep. On Sunday Anita Gard and Parek (GSD) were first dog and handler in the Utility ring and had a very respectable score of 186.5. Shannon Shepherd and Zita (GSD) were in Utility not long after and qualified with a 192. Jane Vittitoe and Eli (Golden) AND Anita and Zeli (GSD) both had nice runs in Open and both scored 189's. Susan Howard and Kona (Lab) showed in Novice and also bought us a 189. Finally Shannon took Gunner (ESS) in for his Novice run and came out with a 195.5. (Diane and Taxi (Pap) and Ricky (Aussie) and I had the "throwaway scores," and what a luxury to have that third score in Novice and Open that didn't count!).

Throughout the day I kept adding up the scores we'd earned and started thinking that at least we'd be in the top 10. After all the runs were completed I was pretty sure we'd be in the top 5 but didn't want to jinx us by saying so out loud. We were flabbergasted when it was announced we were the 3rd place team out of 39 teams present. Although nobody took home a trophy it just goes to show that team success simply requires two solid qualifying scores in each class – not an easy achievement when you factor in the noise, the crowd, the cheering and the general chaos that is DOCOF.

Thank you to Shannon Shepherd, our team Captain, who had to learn on the fly as it was her first DOCOF competition. Thanks to Elaine Smith – our unseen hero – who was willing to come at the last minute as our emergency substitute if Zeli came into season. Our other hero was Lisa Lane who came to DOCOF to tag along with BFF Jane and wound up stewarding during the morning and then running out to Subway for our lunch.

Finally, we are grateful to the club in general and the Board in particular for supporting us by paying our entry fees and treating us to lunch. We had a great time and what fun to return home as the 3rd place team! We left Orlando with a lot of respect from the other clubs – and just you wait till *next* year! – G.R.

Personal Notes:

For everybody who didn't get the memo from **Colleen Whalen**: "Last week Anita noticed a baby squirrel around the crates in the center of the pavilion. I helped to run him away from the area, but he was reluctant or physically unable to move quickly. I was able to pick him up and placed him on a tree. He slowly climbed it. Anita thinks he might have fallen from the high steel beam where she found some debris in the large ring. Last night my dog noticed the same squirrel in a crate next to her right after most people had left the facility. I chased him to the trees, but he doesn't move fast. I think he/she? is injured from the fall and likes having a water and food source at our crates! So, be sure to check your crate before putting your dog in it. If he keeps coming back, we might need to capture and relocate him. If you know of anyone else that has a crate at K9 that's not on this list, forward this message. –Colleen" (Editor's note: I've often found feral cats perusing the grounds for dropped treats when I've come to practice, not to mention several non-venomous snakes probably hunting mice or rats. Always enter with your dogs on leash. An empty parking lot does not equal a safe place to turn the dogs loose for a run. Check first, and make a lot of noise to encourage our "guests" to leave or hide quickly.)

Connie Rooke (remember Connie? Of course you do!) has a new puppy – a GSD named Odin. Connie plans to attend Puppy class and is looking forward to getting involved at K-9 again after her long absence. We're looking forward to her return. Connie has been following the newsletter and made a request that I include dogs' breed in the Congrats column, etc. I'll try to do that whenever possible but need you to help me with that – especially the spelling! (Especially Tervuren – it defeats me every time!)

Speaking of puppies, **Barbara Butler** has a new Border Collie youngster, "Gilly." It will be such fun to see new puppies on the training lot!

We received news from **Irma Schwartz** in New Jersey after Irene made its way up the eastern seaboard: "We just got power back this morning ...We didn't evacuate and were doing just fine with the hurricane winds until Irene brought her cousin TORNADO into our little ocean side cul-de-sac. The tornado sheared off my neighbor's roof which then came across the street and impaled itself on the front of my house. The whole roof. It imploded the upstairs bedroom window and our living room window, glass, frame and all INTO the house, and we have enough structural damage to the front of the house that the wall has to be rebuilt. The tornado took out an additional 9 roofs before leaving the immediate area. Frank was in the king bed when it happened and I don't know how he came away without cuts or injuries. Had Splash and I been on our side of the bed with him neither one of us would be here for me to write this.

A fireman beat on our back door and gave us 5 minutes to get out of the house. We took nothing but ID & Splash and her orange service jacket & leash. When we went out the door, Splash flattened her ears against the wind, stretched out and leaned into her harness and led me over 2 blocks to the police emergency vehicle provided to take us to a shelter. She was unbelievably steady passing all the many fire engines, police & ambulance sirens & strobe lights & electrical lines flapping in the beating rain & wind - all things that could blow any dog out of the water, even a service dog. My heart was in my mouth for her because I knew that the streets were a bed of glass shards, wood roof fragments & nails, and it was no small miracle that she didn't cut or injure her feet.

I knew from the moment Diane Schultz put 10 week-old Splash into my arms that she would be something special in my life. Eight years later Splash continues to give all of herself to me. While we have accumulated more than our share of competitive performance titles over this time they all pale by comparison to her service dog help and heart. Diane stressed to me that I should keep in mind that it was my journey with Splash that should be important - not the destination of competitive trialing. I've tried not lose sight of that.

We are able to live in the house even though the front of it is now boarded up. We have the balance of the lower floor and one bedroom intact. And we just got our electricity back this morning. Living on easy street now! Hard part is to begin to get insurance estimates and to find available crews to make the repairs. Oh yeah, the tornado did \$7,000 in damage to my van as well.

Please let me know how each of you fared but forgive me if I don't get right back to you. It doesn't mean I am not concerned. Just overwhelmed. - Irma & Splash [Turv]"

Earlier last month (Pre-Irene), Irma sent a request: "I'd like to find out if any K9 member is involved in lure coursing. Can you tell me how to send a membership e-mail out? I guess that would be the best way to find out? I'd like to find out if anything is going on closer than the Ocala activities." You can contact Irma about this (and her earlier interest in nose work) at irmaschwartz@msn.com

Don't forget that the UKC trials are coming up Oct. 1st and 2nd. **Emily Foster** writes, "The UKC has instituted non-regular classes, which we will be offering at the UKC trial October 1 & 2nd. UKC CD and UKC CDX tests are very similar to AKC tests, and the new non-regular classes include Sub-Novice, Graduate Novice and Graduate Open. Why not use the UKC trial to warm up for the ACK trial two weeks later? For complete rules go to the UKC Website where you can download the rule book.

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/res/pdf/2011ObedienceRulebook.pdf> .

It's easy to register your dog with the UKC, and the UKC has always permitted mix breed dogs in obedience competition. For more information, you can also call the Trial Secretary, Emily Foster at 504-400-4978."

The BIG news about these trials is that First Coast will offer 3 trials; 2 on Saturday and one on Sunday. Lots of chances to make headway toward a title in October!

Starting in September Introduction to Agility with Diane Cohen

We're happy to announce Diane will again be teaching an Agility class to beginner dogs who are at least 6 months old. If you've ever wondered if Agility is something you and your dog would like to do this is the perfect opportunity to find out. Your dog will be introduced to all the obstacles (jumps, A-frame, Teeter, Dog Walk, Chute, Table, Tunnel, etc.) and you will be instructed in basic agility handling (the hard part!).

**Class starts Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00.
Call Diane for more information at 730-0770.**



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