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From the President's Desk

From the President's Desk...another month, another year, another message from me...

I'd like to thank all of you who attended the Holiday Party in December – it was a lot of fun and there was some wonderful food for dinner. It was a smaller group than we've generally had but we had dinner, did the gift exchange, everybody pitched in with clean-up and we got home at a decent hour. If you missed it, save the date for this year – December 19, 2019! Only a few months left to plan what you'll bring! (Okay, so I'm jumping the gun a little. You'll get reminders.)

Lot's of new classes starting. Check the calendar. Also, we are planning a **structured Obedience practice 2** Sundays per month starting in January. (Thank you, **Gail Larson** for a great idea!) All are welcome but *be prepared to help* with setting the rings and stewarding. For more information contact **Dianne Strickland** at diannestrickland@missouristate.edu

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Meetings

Board Meeting –
Jan. 10, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –
Jan. 17, 7:30 pm



No training will be allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting

New Members



Please Welcome our new Provisional Members:

Chad Endres and Jessie Kristof

President's Desk (Continued)

Big congratulations are due to **Colleen Whalen, Gary Wells and Cynthia Hotujec-Kantner** who had exceptionally good days at K-9's NW3 trials in December. Check out the brags page and also look for a report from **Marnie**. Incidentally, there will be another Nose Work trial in February and volunteers are needed. Please consider helping out and getting an early start on your 2019 volunteer hours!

More congratulations go to Susan Howard and her Golden, Winston, who earned 2nd Place in Novice at the AKC Obedience Classic in Orlando. Absolutely fabulous, Susan!

Huge thanks go to **Alison and Dennis Nelson** who made our lives a little brighter by arranging to get 5 (!) lightbulbs replaced in the Training pavilion.

Pardon the southernism, but I'm fixin' to get ready to change the lock - and keys - to the gate. Full member dues **MUST BE PAID** in order to request a key as well as 8 hours of service during the past year. The Key Application **MUST** be read and signed. Finally, **PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE!** Lock change will probably occur in early to mid-February.

I'm wishing you all a wonderful 2019! May your goals be achieved! (And if not, may you make good progress.) - Ginny

Upcoming Events

January

01/06 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
01/10 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
01/13 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
01/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
01/20 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
01/27 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm

February

02/03 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
02/10 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
02/14 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
02/17 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
02/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
02/23 – NW3 Trial – at Nassau County School Board
02/24 – NW Elite Trial – at Nassau County School Board
02/24 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm

March

03/03 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
03/10 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
03/14 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
03/17 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
03/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
03/24 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm

Volunteers Needed

K-9 will be hosting a NW3 and Elite Nose Work Trail on February 23 and 24, 2019 in Fernandina Beach. Volunteers are needed for set up Friday evening, February 22 and for the trial on February 23 and 24.

Your time will apply toward the annual 8 hour volunteer requirement. Completing at least 8 hours of volunteer activities for K-9 each year entitles you to retain the benefit of the class discount and ability to obtain a key to the grounds for the next year. Volunteer hours completed in 2019 will enable you to keep those membership benefits in 2020.

Please use the link below to volunteer.

<http://www.k9obedienceclub.org/nacsw-trial-volunteer-fernandina-2019.html>

Nose Work News

A huge thank you to the volunteers that came out to support K9 hosting two days of NACSW NW 3 trials on December 8 and 9 at the North Fork Girl Scout Camp in Middleburg, FL.

Approximately 70 teams from all over the east coast competed over the weekend with K9's very own Gary Wells (Gunnar), Cynthia Kantner (Merlin) and Colleen Whalen (Kate) earning their first NW3 titles. Colleen and Kate brought home some extra bling with first place over all in Saturday's trial.



Sunday's trial was fun in the mud and we had an opportunity to break out our rain gear and confirm our AAA membership worked (cars stuck in the mud.) If you see Lana, ask her about her encounter with a deer! And if you see any familiar faces in the many K9 members who stepped up and volunteered give them a big hug and thank you! We can not host these trials with out the support of our members and students stepping up to volunteer. If you missed the opportunity to volunteer don't worry, we have two days of trials February 23 and 24 in Fernandina Beach. Here is the link to volunteer: <http://www.k9obedienceclub.org/nacsw-trial-volunteer-fernandina-2019.html>

Thanks to all the volunteers – We couldn't do it without you!

Mike and Penny Rose, Allene Rachal, Bob and Christy Reifsneider, Francine Gorman, Lana Wells, Cindy Torre, Betsy Raiford, Karen Childers, Kathryn Vaughn, Natasha Houser, Andrea Jackson, Wendy Montroy, Alan and Norma Pettigrew, Donna Edison, Robin Richey, Colleen Whalen, Ilona Meeks, Julie Schuneman, Nancy Reifsnider, Susan Howard, Anita Gard, Marnie White, Marcia Ladendorff and Marla Holliday.

Introduction to Open

Dianne Strickland is considering a new pre-open class which will meet on Tuesday at 11 AM. The class will focus on heeling, learning how to jump correctly and fundamentals of retrieving. Dog does not have to have a novice title, but should have on lead heeling with some attention. If you are interested, please contact Dianne Strickland at diannestrickland@missouristate.edu or call at (417) 773-7644.

Reported on Facebook

We are disappointed to report that LaQuinta, a uniformly dog-friendly hotel chain and favorite for many of us has been bought by Wyndham, and each hotel is now independently setting their policy on pets. Some will not allow them. Some will have fees and limitations. This went into effect January 1, 2019.

Annual dues statements have been mailed. If you haven't paid, please do! If you did not receive please contact Victoria Ford at viford@bellsouth.net



Congratulations!



Susan Howard and Winston

Orlando Dog Training Club Trial - Friday 14 Dec
 Preferred Open 3rd leg - 1st place
 NEW TITLE - PCDX

AKC Obedience Classic 2018 - Orlando
 Novice - 2nd place

Susan and Winston were in a three way tie for 1st place after only losing 4 points from 3 Novice runs over 2 days.

One of the other top three finalists was one of Winston's breeders with his older half brother. After a long & tightly competed run off they came away with 2nd place. There were 71 dogs in the Novice division were also in a second run off for the top Golden Retriever Award (out of 53) - but lost out to one of the Masters dogs.

Just thrilled to have made it to the run off with my young dog!

Gary Wells and Gunnar

Gunnar earned his NW3 title at K-9's December NW3 Trial in Middleburg



Cynthia Kantner and Merlin

Merlin earned his NW3 title at K-9's December NW3 Trial in Middleburg





Marnie White and Uno

Uno earned her NACSW NW1 title on December 30 in Tucker, GA. Uno competed against 45 other teams bringing home first place in Interiors, Containers and Exteriors and a first place overall with a total search time of 41.41 seconds. Picture is of Uno looking at her bling!

Congratulations!



Christy Reifsneider and Jester

Jester earned his NACSW NW1 title on December 30 in Tucker, GA.

Christy Reifsneider and Jester

Jester competed in the OCOD Scentwork trial in January.

He got 2 qualifying runs in each of the three elements he was entered into: buried, container and interior. He got a first in interiors, a fourth in buried, two fifth places-one in buried and one in containers and took Novice High in Trial!



Christine Crews and Quest

Christine added a new family member! Hyflyte Adventure Awaits "Quest" Whippet puppy! Future agility, dock diving, barn hunt etc pup!

Congratulations!



Sheila Garbecki and Dannica

Dannica was invited to the NADD (North American Diving Dogs) Nationals in Orlando FL as the number one Cocker spaniel. This was her very first big event. She jumped in a couple of practice jumps, but refused to jump in the championship. I think she was just overwhelmed with over 900 dogs in dock diving alone. This was inside, colder water and never mind everything else going on. We did have a lot of fun and got a lot of good experience. Hopefully we'll get to go again next year and try again!



Colleen Whalen and Kate

At K-9's December NW3 Trial in Middleburg Kate earned NW3 & NW3-Interiors titles
Took 1st Place Overall
1st Place in the Exterior & Interior searches
2nd Place for Vehicles

Congratulations!



Angela Maddux and North

Ocala show Nov 17-18, first place in Rally Advance on both days, and a fourth place in Rally Excellent on the 18th.

Daytona show Dec 8-9, fourth place in Rally Advance on the 8th and second place in Rally Advance on the 9th.

Orlando National Championship in Orlando Dec 15, received Dock Junior Excellent 2 title



Ginny Ruskuski & Jack

DeLand, Oct. 27, 2018

Barn Hunt Senior - 3rd leg, 1st Place, High in Class

New Title!

Sunday Obedience/Rally Practice

Some obedience enthusiasts have decided to meet on the 2 & 4th Sunday afternoons (12-2PM) starting in January. Everyone is encouraged to come and join in. No official instruction, but time to work with a caller, stewards, distractors. Gail Larson has proposed that we structure it in the following manner. We'll be using the 2 obedience rings for this. First, one ring will be open exercises (no heeling), the other will be novice exercises (no heeling). When everyone has had an opportunity to complete those exercises, both rings will be heeling and everyone will have a chance to work on heeling in each ring. When that is done, we'll turn to utility with one ring for green dogs and the other for more seasoned dogs. Then we're done!

Folks interested in rally will use the big ring and decide how they want to structure the time.

Only a couple of requirements: 1) Whatever equipment you take out, you must return to its proper storage place; 2) If you want to participate, you must come at 12 and remain until 2 so that everyone has access to callers, stewards, distractors

Hopefully we'll all get better at training (and showing!) and we'll have fun doing so! Looking forward to seeing you at K-9 on January 13th!

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