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**Full Members**

**New Provisional Members**  
Janet and David English, Bob  
Irvine, Patricia Leonard

#### From the President's Desk

The trials went very well and we had many compliments from the judges about our stewards. We actually profited by \$3,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who did the drive, gave your time, and gracefully tolerated picky judges, impatient exhibitors, and long days. We could NOT have done it without you!

The June General Meeting is very important as we will be approving the slate of officers for 2023 -2024 AND be voting to accept the revised By-Laws. We will also be presenting awards for titles earned in 2022. Please make every effort to be there.

I would like to say thank you to all of you for trusting me to be president for the past few years. I need a break and would like to train my dog. You will be in good hands with Deb Hardman, along with the rest of the Board members.

Finally, I would like to remind you to support K-9 in any way that is needed. The definition of, "Club, according to the Oxford dictionary is: "an organization of people with the same purpose or interest, who meet regularly and take part in shared activities..." In return to belonging to the club, the club offers opportunities to us that supports our efforts to progress in our shared interest(classes, trials, show'n'gos, a place to train with necessary equipment, etc.) not to mention the friendships we find with those with a similar interest.

I wish you all well!

See you at the club! - Ginn

## June Training Director's Report

Classes at K-9 during the summer are ongoing for some instructors. Of note is a 'warm' welcome to Agility instructor **Ann Ouchterloney** who has stepped up to introduce foundation skills that apply to most sports, with a focus on agility! Both classes filled quickly. If you are on the wait list, watch the class schedule page this fall.

Meanwhile, members continue to use K-9 for their training for the many trials scheduled in Daytona Beach, Orland and Ocala. If you are looking for a particular show, visit the AKC events search and mark your calendar.

Now for more exciting news from training!! The K-9 June Obedience and Rally trials held June 6 & 7 in Daytona Beach were a success and went off without a hitch. 439 runs in Obedience and Rally were in the line up, with several K-9 members testing their teamwork with their dogs. In Rally (at various levels) **Angela Maddux, Carol Fitzsimmons, Ben Bond, Robin Wallen, Elaine Nabors, Lisa Wilford, Susan Poole** and **Alanna Lowry** all put their skills to the test. All that hard practice and time in classes paid off for a rewarding time for them all! In Obedience, **Debbie Gilman, Deb Hardman, Elaine Nabors, Alanna Lowry**, and I ran in various levels. This is where the rubber hits the road and where we learn our next focus on training. I hope many more members will consider setting goals for Rally and Obedience trials to be held October 7 & 8 in Daytona Beach. K-9 will again host the trials with three of the premier judges in Florida: Aimee and Ken Kincaid and Nancy Watson. So, keep training and practicing—mark your calendar for workshops and opportunities that pop up this summer to learn something new! I am scheduling some members only workshops and will keep you posted when they are held.

Happy Training, **Alison Nelson**



## K-9 Trials at Daytona Beach

A huge thank you goes out to the workers at the K-9 May 2023 Obedience and Rally Trials! Trials don't just happen. They take planning, preparation, organization, implementation, teamwork and most of all--the people to run the show on the days of. K-9 is fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers that truly care about the club and want to make K-9 events successful!

<b>STEWARDS</b> Livie Sayer Cindy Iken Keeley Browder Liz Watson Eileen Eisenhower Faith Giegerich Betsy Raiford Terry Martin Megan Richards Cheryl Loze Alexa Crane Rob Morgan Ben Bond Christopher Wallen Mike Fitzsimmons Alanna Lowry Christine Peterson  <b>RAFFLE BASKET CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION</b> Ginny Ruskuski	<b>AWARDS</b> Melissa Hess Erika Wilson Robin Wallen Sheila Garbecki  <b>AWARD DONATIONS</b> Deb & Jack Hardman Christine Peterson  <b>QUILT CREATION DONATION</b> Debbie Gilman  <b>LUNCH DONATION(AND DELICIOUS BBQ PREPARATION)</b> Dennis Nelson  <b>HOSPITALITY</b> Dennis Nelson Jean Coker Marcia Ladendorff
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WE ALSO EXTEND A WARM THANK YOU TO THE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF DAYTONA BEACH FOR RENTING THEIR TRAINING CENTER TO K-9 AND ESPECIALLY TO RALPH ORLANDO FOR ASSISTANCE SETTING UP AND DURING THE ENTIRE TRIAL.

## Stewards Hard at Work at the K-9 Trials



**Alexa Crane**



**Christopher Wallen**



**Faith Frost**



**Ben Bond & Mike Fitzsimmons**



**Alanna Lowry & Faith Frost**

Being a steward provides a great opportunity to meet and work with our great K-9 members. There are so many fun people in the Club.

Some thoughts from our K-9 member's experience as stewards at the trial:

"What an opportunity to learn the difference between rally & obedience classes. This was my 2nd occasion to steward. While you are doing steward duties you will be picking up bad and good habits of the handlers, and what that particular judge is looking for. By doing the physical work with your dog stewardship gives you balance by reading the written instruction. It can help you on your approach to competing. Do you have a copy of the obedience trial guidelines? Driving home all I could think of is what else I could be doing to build a better bond with my dogs. You should give it a try!" – **Livia Sayer**

"I really enjoyed my time stewarding in both the rally and obedience rings. Rally was very fast paced and a lot of moving parts. I have experience competing in rally so it was a little more familiar to me than the obedience ring as far as rules go the obedience ring on the other hand was more relaxed than I expected and learned I learned a lot about the various classes being offered. For someone starting out in beginner novice, it was a great way to get my feet wet. I definitely recommend stewarding to anyone who is interested in learning more about the various dog sports. It takes some of the intimidation out of competing because you realize that even the best teams are "human," and you don't have to be perfect to get out and play with your dog" **Megan Richards**





Basket table looked wonderful, at all those lovely baskets! Did you win one?

**Ginny Ruskuski** did such a great job!

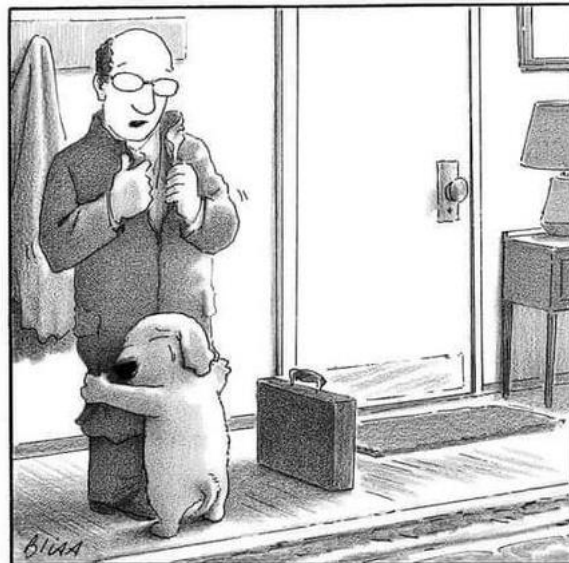
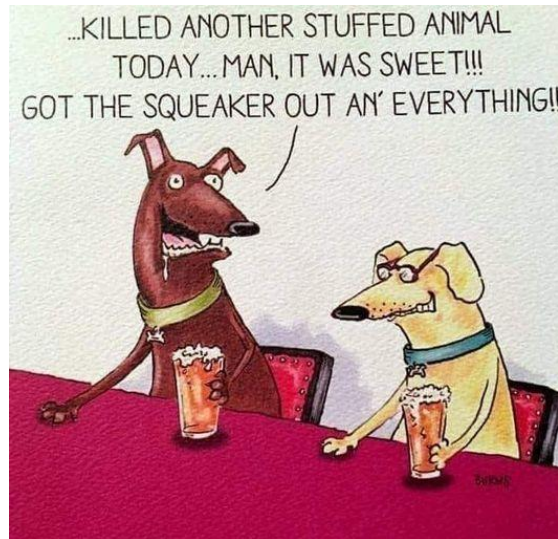
A Thank you from the Judges:

5/8/2023  
Dear Ginny and all the hard  
working club members,  
Thank you for an enjoyable  
weekend working with your  
club. Everything seemed to  
run smoothly. your hard  
work is appreciated by all!  
Til next year!  
Cathy & Bob Knight

## Speaker Series – Need Your Recommendations

We will not have a speaker at our June general meeting as Dr. Sarah Czerwinski's schedule has changed.

If you know someone our members could benefit from their knowledge/experience, contact **Colleen Whalen** directly, at [K9Whalen@comcast.net](mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net)



*"Yes, I came back. I always come back."*

## SAVE THE DATE

### SPECIAL MEETING & JUNE ANNUAL MEETING

On June 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a Special Meeting to approve the revised By-Laws, before the Annual meeting so mark your calendars.

The Special Meeting will start at 5 pm and end at 7:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

After the Annual Meeting join the fun at the Pot Luck on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Start thinking about what you will bring: appetizer, salad, side dish, main dish, dessert.

Please email **Juli Wilkison** ([dakoiah@gmail.com](mailto:dakoiah@gmail.com)) to let her know what dish you plan to bring and share. You don't need to make enough food for an army but it would be good to bring the recipe.





## RALLY FUN DAY



We had a good turn out for the Rally Fun Day



Members who competed in Rally helped members who are interested in learning the sport.

**Alison Nelson** (on the right) describes the serpentine sign while Coco Nelson waits patiently to be the demo dog.



**Ben Bond** and Magic walk the course while **Robin Wallen** looks on



**Julie Schuneman** explaining one of the signs in the Rally Course

If you have an idea for an event at the club let **Alison Nelson** know.



## UPCOMING ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL JUNE MEETING



We will be voting on the new board members for the year. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following individuals for the Board of Governors:

President	Deborah Hardman
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres	Alison Nelson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres	Debbie Gilman
Treasurer	Robin Wallen
Membership	Colleen Whalen
Secretary	Janice Butler
BOARD Members: Juli Wilkison, Sheila Garbecki & Christine Peterson	



## K-9 Club By-Laws Revision in The Works

The K-9 Board of Governors, led by Christine Peterson, have spent the past year revising the K-9 Club By-Laws. The current Constitution and By-Laws are posted on the K-9 website. However, this version dates back to 2006 with spelling and grammar corrections made in 2020. Now, some necessary corrections and clarifications are due. Many of the revisions are in the wording and some inconsistencies were also found and corrected in references to related parts of the document. The corresponding and recording secretary are combined into one office. The revised document matches the practices of K-9 and doesn't change how the club will operate.

The benefits to K-9 in revising the By-Laws are several. First, the exercise provides an opportunity for all members to learn how K-9 is governed. If you haven't read the By-Laws before, doing so now will make you aware of how the club is structured and explain many details you June not have considered.

Second, revisions allow the streamlining and updating of procedures to match modern convenience.

Third, the revision being proposed by the Board of Governors adheres to a format that will position K-9 to apply for a 501c3 (nonprofit) tax designation. This has financial benefits such as tax relief and tax deductions to benefactors.

The vote to adopt the By-Laws revision will take place on June 15 at a special meeting to be held right before the Annual General Meeting from 5 to 7:30 pm. Please attend this very important Special By-Laws Meeting June 15 for the vote on the revision.

An email will be sent in the next few days to members with the revised By-Laws as well as a document to describe what changes have been made. The current By-laws are on the K-9 website. Please review these documents before the Special June Meeting. Remember only members up to date on dues will be able to vote.

If you have any questions about the By-Laws revisions, please contact Christine Peterson.



CONGRATULATIONS

### K9 Trials at Daytona Beach May 2023

**Jean Coker's** 4-year-old Alexei received qualifying scores and his Beginner Novice title and his Advanced Rally title at K-9's Daytona Beach shows on May 6, 2023, with fourth place finishes in Beginner Novice on Saturday and on Sunday. Alexei is taking the summer off but looking forward to trying for his Rally Excellent title with cooler weather in the fall. Mairi just received her CGC title and is working on her Beginner Novice obedience and rally skills and starting to learn agility, but isn't ready to compete in anything yet.

Jean Coker, Alexi and Judge R. Knight



### K-9 Obedience Trials Sunday May 7, 2023 at Daytona Beach—

**Alison Nelson's** Coco and Rex both earned their Utility Dog titles on the same day with Alison Nelson! For the weekend, Rex qualified 4 trials and Coco qualified 3 trials. This was our first Utility attempt for both dogs. Rex placed 1st twice and Coco placed 1st twice. Rex placed 2nd to Coco's firsts and Coco placed 2nd to Rex's first. To say this was fun is an understatement!



Rex and Coco Nelson posing with their stash of ribbons



## “Barks and Brags” Cont’d

### Greater Orange Park Dog Club Obedience Trials, Elkton April

**Janice Butler** and her Portuguese Water Dog Bella enjoyed Easter weekend. Showing for the first time in Novice Obedience, Team Bella went 3 for 3 over the weekend to earn their Companion Dog Title with a Second place and two First place finishes. With 4 titles in 4 months, Bella is now Kimlyn’s New Kid in Town CD, BN, CGC, TKN



Janice, Bella and Judge L. Pinnell

### K9 Obedience Club Trials at Daytona Beach

**Carol Fitzsimmons** and Grace entered Rally novice where Grace got her title and first place (right panel) and then Grace placed in Beginner novice (below)



Judge R Knight, Carol & Grace



Carol, Grace & Michael Fitzsimmons



Carol



## UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

June 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
02-04	O,RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	June 17	CA Boyles, K Kincaid, AP Kincaid, J Rogers, M Becker
03-04	O,RLY	Tallahassee Dog Obed Club	Tallahassee	June 17	C Tisdale, DP Neufeld, N Grimm
10-11	O	Obed Training Club Palm Bch	Lake Park	June 24	L Seeley
16-18	RLY,O	St Petersburg Dog Fanciers	Tampa	June 31	DP Neufeld
17-18	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Training	Ocala	June 31	NE Noonan, E McCarthy
24-25	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Jun 07	L Seeley, RE Seeley

July 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
01-02	O	Miami-Obedience Club	Miami	Jun 14	L Seeley
08-09	RLY	Imperial Polk Obedience Club	Lakeland	Jun 21	ENA
14-16	RLY,O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Bch	Jun 28	J. Rogers, PM Young
22-23	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	Jul 05	CA Klein, M Becker
22-23	RLY,O	Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club	Clearwater	Jul 05	AP Kincaid
29-30	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Jul 14	RE Seeley, L Seeley
29-30	O	Indian river Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	Jul 12	CA Knight, RH Knight

August 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
05-06	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Jul 28	L Mills, PM Young
05-06	O	Aust Shep Club Central FLA	Orlando	Jul 26	K Kincaid, AP Kincaid
11-13	RLY, O	Mid Fla Gold Retriever Club	Daytona	Jul 26	SP Emerson, NE Noonan, C Mett, CA Klein
19-20	O	Sarasota Obed Training Club	Myakka City	Aug 09	L. Seeley
26-27	RLY	Dog Train Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Aug 18	J Kern, PP Barras

RLY (Rally), O (Obedience), PO (preferred Obedience), NA (Not yet Approved), TBA (To Be Announced) ENA (event not approved), P (pending), PJA (pending judge approval), PPP (Pending Panel Processing)



## K9 Club Events Calendar for June

<b>Monday</b> 6 pm	Rally Advanced (5,12,19) STAR Puppy (5,12,19,26)	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM  6 PM 7:15 PM	First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida STAR Puppy (6,13,20) Advanced Puppy (6,13,20)	<b>Saturday:</b> 9:00 AM  10:15AM  10:30 AM	Family Dog (3,10,17,24) Agility Foundation for Puppies (3,10,17,24) Agility Foundation for Dogs (3,10,17,24) Family Dog (3,10,17,24)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 -10 AM 7:00 PM	Obedience folks train together Conformation Drop In's	<b>Sunday</b> 8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	) K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

Please check the K-9 web calendar for any last-minute updates



### Dates to Remember at the K9 Club

June 8 Board of Directors  
June 14 Flag Day

June 15 Special Meeting 5 to 7:30 pm  
June 15 Annual Meeting & Potluck 7:30 to ?



## K9 Webpage

For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact **Alison Nelson** at [anelsonphs@yahoo.com](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com). Thanks to Alison for updating the website.

## Membership Committee

Any membership questions can be sent to **Coleen Whalen** ([K9Whalen@comcast.net](mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net))

## Sunshine Committee

**Sheila Garbecki** oversees the "Sunshine Committee". If you know of a member in need of "cheering up" or "well wishes" from the club, please contact Sheila at [sbgarb1@yahoo.com](mailto:sbgarb1@yahoo.com).

## Building and Grounds

If you see something that needs cleaning or repairing, please let **Debbie Gilman** know about it by text [610-597-5454](tel:610-597-5454) or email [debgilman10@gmail.com](mailto:debgilman10@gmail.com)

## Facebook Page

**Ginny Ruskuski** administrates the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the Facebook please email Ginny [Ruskuski5030@att.net](mailto:Ruskuski5030@att.net).

## K9 Website Calendar

**Colleen Whalen** updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at [K9Whalen@comcast.net](mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net).



## Nature's Miracle

## Program Committee

**Colleen Whalen** and **Deb Hardman** are out program committee. If you have suggestions for speakers contact with Colleen contact **Colleen Whalen** ([K9Whalen@comcast.net](mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net)) or **Deb Hardman** ([debhardman1@comcast.net](mailto:debhardman1@comcast.net)) with suggestions.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to [peteronchris7@hotmail.com](mailto:peteronchris7@hotmail.com). If not received by the 25th of this month it will be included in the next issue.

## SNEAK PEEK AT THE NEW QUILT



Courtesy of Deb Gilman