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## From the President's Desk

The April Trials have come and gone and I want to thank everybody who made them possible.

My deepest thanks to **Dianne Strickland, Melissa Hess, and Alison Nelson** for their organizational skills. More thanks to these ladies plus **Diane Cohen** for helping, "load up," their SUV's with trial supplies and transporting them to Daytona as it wouldn't all fit in my Fit. Deep, sincere, everlasting gratitude to all who stewarded during the weekend – and several people who stewarded ALL weekend. Thank you.

I want to also thank all those who hung around to clean up. OCOD was very complimentary with the way their facility was left. Finally, thank you to **Colleen Whalen** who made the trip both days just to keep me on track. Colleen, I \*think\* I'm ready to fly on my own next time.

The trials were successful in that there were no snafus, no arguments, altercations, nor any of the dreaded doggie-drama that can mar an event. We had many compliments about how well things went.

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## Meetings

Board Meeting –  
May 9, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –  
May 16, 7:30 pm



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

## New Members



### New Full Members

Angela Maddux

Charles and Kathy Vaughn

### New Provisional Member

Heather Jakubiszen with Lily,  
a toy poodle 1

## President's Message – continued

The trials were also successful in that we cleared about \$1,000.00. Not as much as I had hoped for but certainly better than showing a loss at the end of the day. Finally, I want to use this soapbox to personally congratulate **Juli Wilkison** for earning her CD title on **Raisin**, her Border Collie. While I know other members earned legs and possibly titles, I've known Juli in the dog community for many years and have been patiently waiting all this time for her to get interested in AKC Obedience and title a dog. Way to go!!

In other news, **Alison Nelson** arranged for the concrete in our training area to have cracks sealed and Uneven, "tripping hazards," evened out. Thank you, Alison.

The General Meeting is Thursday, May 16. Why not join us?

Ginny

## Thanks Volunteers!

The April AKC Rally and Obedience trial in Daytona was quite successful, and the people mainly responsible are **Ginny Ruskuski**, our very able trial secretary, and her guide, **Colleen Whalen**. Many, many hours were spent by these two members as they created the premium, received the entries, structured the trial, sent notices to exhibitors and then finally entered the data that would be sent to AKC. Oh, and wrestled with the computer program that allows them to do all this (once they get it all figured out.) Whew!

And what a great job they did. Ginny will give you the numbers that show how successful the trial was. I want to share with you how very much I and all the exhibitors appreciated all the work that was done to make this trial happen. It's all about our club members and the support they provide to the club.

Alison Nelson arranged the stewards and those of you who helped were great! Many thanks to member volunteers for stewarding: Gail Larson, Diane Cohen, Kathy Vaughn, Betsy Raiford, Vicki Baker, Mark Easterday, Robin Wallen, Juli Wilkison, Terri Reel, Denny Nelson, Angela Maddux. We cannot have a trial without dedicated members who commit to help manage the ring action, and these members were worth their weight in gold! From comments I heard, some of you really had fun doing this! It was very much a team effort.

Melissa Hess introduced a new system for managing delivery of toys to all the winners. Our ribbons looked great and were always at the ring when needed. I encourage all club members, if you haven't helped with a trial lately, sign up to help with the October trial which will be held in Jax at K-9.

Dianne Strickland

# After the Trial

## (Anonymous)

Since I wasn't showing in Daytona, I had the opportunity to be a dispassionate observer. Here are some tips for both qualifying and getting better scores (in no particular order):

### **RALLY**

1. The vast majority of non-qualifying scores were because handlers missed signs. I've done it too, but some suggestions to prevent it. Walk the course as many times as you can to develop a flow for the course so you know WHERE TO LOOK for the next sign. There used to be a non-regular Rally class where you waited outside until it was your turn to run and you ran the course without ever walking it. Try practicing it at home as it improves your ability to think on the fly.
2. Pivots require that the dog's head does not leave your side and the dog is always looking in the direction you are facing. In other words, his hindquarters move around but his front quarters not very much. And remember to keep your feet on a pie plate!
3. If your dog makes a mistake, don't pull a face or even worse, say something derogatory about the dog. Only makes you look bad and doesn't reduce the dog's stress level!

### **OBEDIENCE**

1. As a handler, it is your job to know the order of the exercises, the number of the glove, etc. You should know where the sits and transitions occur too. Decide in advance what you are going to do if the judge forgets to call a command in heeling. Most judges won't mark you off if they are clearly at fault. If you have a clear plan in your mind, then extraneous, incomplete, late or misleading information from the judge will be less likely to cause you to fail.
2. We are all new to the GET YOUR LEASH action in Novice and Open. Remember NOT to return to your dog until instructed to do so (yes this was a mistake in Open, too).
3. If your dog makes a mistake, don't pull a face or even worse, say something derogatory about the dog. Only makes you look bad and doesn't reduce the dog's stress level!
4. Five minute rule – give your friend five minutes after she has left the ring to put her dog up and regroup before you discuss the run. We all are better prepared for feedback both positive and negative AFTER we have a minute to take a few breaths and calm down.

Hats off to all the handlers who had a good time with their dog, learned from their mistakes and left the trial motivated to train harder!

## Upcoming Events

### May

- 05/05 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 05/05 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
- 05/09 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 05/16 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 05/19 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 05/19 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm

### June

- 06/02– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 06/13 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 06/16– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 06/20 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 06/30 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm

### July

- 07/11 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 07/14– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 07/18 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 07/28– Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm

## Congratulations!



### Susan Howard and Winston

HRC/UKC Hunt Tests - March:  
NE FL Hunting Retriever Club  
Seasoned Test - Pass #2  
Seasoned Test - Pass #3  
New Title - Hunting Retriever (HR)

Congratulations to **Anita Gard** on becoming a grandmother again!

Arwen had precious little black fuzzy puppies on May 4!

# Congratulations!



## **Marnie White and Uno**

Earned their NACSW NW 2 title in Tequesta, FL on April 19. They placed 4th overall out of 28 teams with Pronounced in 3 out of 4 searches.

## **Alison Nelson and Coco**

Earned their 1st leg in rally novice at K-9 trial April 20.

## **Dianne Strickland and Saxon**

Earned a second place in both Utility and Open (Victory was there!) for an additional 3 points.

## **Dianne Strickland and Carson**

Won Novice B on Saturday.



## **Cindy Torre and Chewie**

Earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Containers at the NACSW NW 2 trial in Tequesta, FL on April 19.



## **Susan Howard and Winston**

Orange Park Dog Club - Elkton, FL  
Open B - 3x 1st place  
- 3x High In Trial

# Congratulations!

## Susan Howard and Winston

AKC Hunt Tests - March/April:

1. Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club,  
Meigs, GA  
Senior Test - Pass #1
2. Atlanta Retriever Club, Buckhead, GA  
Senior Test - Pass #2  
Senior Test - Pass #3



## Susan Howard and Winston

Peach Cluster, Perry, GA:  
Versatility - 2 legs (2x 1st place)  
Preferred Utility - 3 legs (3x 1st place)  
New title - PUTD

## Nancy Refsnider and Dixie

Earned their NACSW NW 1 title in  
Tequesta, FL on April 20  
2 Place overall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Containers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Exteriors

## Julie Schuneman and Hudson

Earned their NACSW NW 1 title in  
Tequesta, FL on April 20

## Nancy Alberts and Bo

Earned 1st place in Interiors at the  
NACSW NW 1 trial in Tequesta, FL on  
April 20

## Allie Rachal and Zoey

Earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Interiors at the  
NACSW NW 2 trial in Tequesta, FL on  
April 19.



## Ann Hamlin and Theo

Earned their NACSW NW 1 title  
in Tequesta, FL on April 19

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