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## From the President's Desk

Spring is here! And with spring comes the spring trials, conformation shows, agility trials and everything else we love. The K-9 February Nose Work trials last month were a success and thank you to all of you who worked so hard putting it all together as well as those of you who pitched in with other support activities.

Currently, we are lacking an Agility instructor. Yes, Jenny Finland left us to go up north and manage a kennel, day-care, grooming and training facility and although it will be hard to fill her shoes, I'm asking if any of our members would be willing to teach Introduction to Agility. There is huge demand for this class which teaches dogs the obstacles and owners the bare basics of handling. Contact Marnie White.

Our April Obedience and Rally trials are just around the corner. They will be held on April 20 and 21 in Daytona. As I write this, we have 62 entries on Saturday and a few more on Sunday. Entries close on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, so it looks as though this will be a large entry. The Daytona facility where our trials will be held is only an hour and 10 minutes from Mandarin which is not far at all.

## Meetings

Board Meeting –  
March 14, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –  
March 21, 7:30 pm

**Join us for our Meet and Eat! Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself!**



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

## New Members



None

## President's Message – continued

We will need all the help we can get for stewarding, so please say, "Yes," when Alison calls. I'm expecting all K-9 members who are showing to pitch in once they're out of the ring.

And, of course, we will be having a Spring Clean-up Day sometime in late March/early April. Please join us if you are able. The more people we have, the faster the work goes. Provisional members, it counts as a volunteer activity on your card, and Full Members, it counts toward your 8-hour volunteer requirement for next year. I hate to beg, but this is OUR club, we need everybody to contribute when asked. For new members, volunteering is the best way I can think of to make friends and connections within the club. I hope to see you soon!

Ginny

### Upcoming Events

#### 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

#### April

- 04/07 – Rally/Obedience Practice Group – 12:00 pm
- 04/11 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 04/14 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm
- 04/18 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 04/20 – AKC Obedience and Rally Trials in Daytona
- 04/21– AKC Obedience and Rally Trials in Daytona
- 04/28 - CCI Training – 2:00 pm`

#### 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
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### Nose Work Trial



From Robin Richey – Trial Host

The Nose Work trial held in Fernandina Beach was quite a success due to the wonderful response of all the volunteers that helped out at both the NW3 and Elite events held the weekend of 2/23 and 2/24.

We had a full field both days. Out of 35 NW3 competitors there were 10 titles earned. In the Elite division of 28 competitors there were 2 Elite 1, 1 Elite 2 and 3 Elite CH (they move on to Summit Level). By all reports, competitors and volunteers had a good time.

Thanks also go to our Certifying Official, Judy Harris, and Judges, Lloyd O'Quinn and Scott Brannen.

Also special thanks go to Marnie White, Anita Gard, Marla Holliday, Betsy Raiford, Colleen Whalen and Marcia Ladendorff. This event could not have happened without their support and guidance.

## Volunteers Needed

From Alison Nelson: K-9 will be holding its AKC Rally and Obedience Trials on April 20 and 21,, 2019 in Daytona. Volunteers are needed.

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.k9obediencelub.org/volunteers-needed-obediencerally-trials.html>

## Thanks for Volunteering

From Marnie White, Nose Work Trial Volunteer Coordinator: Thanks to all the volunteers from our club as well as folks from Gainesville, Orlando and south Florida who came out to support the club Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Nose Work Trial. And special thanks to Robin Ritchey for acting as the trial host. She did a great job.

Other volunteers included: Betsy Raiford, Sherry Bailey, Ann Hamlin & Art Tinker, Cindy Torre, Penny Crispell & Mike Rose, Colleen Whalen, Nancy Alberts, Nancy Refsnider, Donna Edison, Betsy Reiney, Marcia Ladendorff, Susan Howard, Norma Pettigrew, Edina Simmons, Megan Hammerling, Anthony Alessandrina, Kathy Vaughn, John & Cynthia Kantner, Dennis Nelson, Lisa Dodge, Fran Gorman, Anita Gard, and Marla Holliday.

## Please Host a Meeting in 2019!

Signing up to host or hostess a meeting just means making a commitment to come to the meeting and bring a light snack to share with members afterwards. We're still looking for a host or hostess for April. Won't you sign up?

*March – Pot Luck Dinner*

*April - ?*

*May – Marnie and Marla*

*June – Pot Luck Dinner*

*July – Ginny Ruskuski*

*August – Betsy*

*September – Pot Luck Dinner*

*October – Donna and Norma*

*November – Dianne Strickland*

*December – Pot Luck Dinner*



# Trials and Tales

Contributed by Dianne Strickland

## Lament of a Utility Dog

As told by Toby UDT

It's Christmas and I'm going crazy!!!! She hasn't done anything with me since we went on that long trip and she got so excited after we did our utility tricks and got another of those ribbons she's so attached to. Yeah, the whole gang has gone out and played but that doesn't count. She hasn't taken me out by myself. And to top it all off, she's started taking Ami to the basement! Ami! She isn't ever her dog! Ah, I remember the good old days . . .

Years ago, before the other dogs moved in, she'd take me everywhere. It wasn't all good. I do remember that first long car trip when I drooled the entire time. But that was a good day. I got one of those ribbons she's so fond of. And then it got worse – I got scared. I couldn't bear to be away from her, and I couldn't understand why she was unhappy when I came to her. I didn't fully understand why those other dogs sitting beside me in the ring didn't come too??? Must be dumb.

And we worked and we worked. It was so sweet. I had all her attention. And then we traveled again, and I got more of those ribbons she likes so well. I even got other things (ashtrays, trophies) which seemed to excite her more. Strange people, these humans.

Then we really had fun. We went out into the woods, and I got to follow her scent to a big pile of goodies. Wow, was that neat or what? But it only lasted a while, and then it was time for more indoor training and training, and training . . . I started to really enjoy those Thursday evenings. It's so good to see and smell old friends. And finally we started travelling again, and I got those ribbons she likes so well.

It must be that every time we travel and get a certain number of ribbons (sometimes we get two, but they look the same to me, but she really gets excited when we get two????) that she feels I need a reward because then I get to do something really special. This time we started running through tunnels and over teeter-totters; I really liked this! Too bad she's so slow; maybe I can train her to run a little faster? Even while we were having all this fun we started training new stuff. I liked it. I got to run and jump on my own. We did this stuff a long time, and then we started to travel again. It was pretty hard for me. Sometimes there were things going on that just demanded my attention more than she did. But she kept at it, and we traveled even more. Then I got more ribbons, and she and everyone else got really excited. (I still don't quite understand why.)

And now it's been weeks since we've done anything. I don't understand – where's my new fun activity? Aren't we going to train to do something else? If you guys could talk to her, tell her to quit fooling around with that Ami and do something with me, I really would appreciate it.

## Personal Notes

Victoria Ford sends her thanks for the notes she received while she was ill.

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