

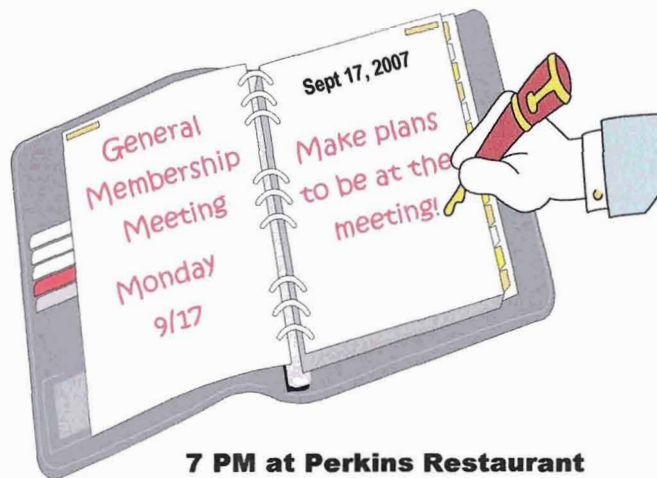
"Training Dogs to be Good Citizens"

Training Times

SEPTEMBER 2007



Nicki Taking the High Jump at DOCOF



**7 PM at Perkins Restaurant
In North Fort Myers**

DOCLC Finishes 9th at DOCOF

On Labor Day weekend the DOCLC Team #1 finished in 9th place out of 46 teams competing, making this the best placement since our 1st place win in 2003. It was a tremendous step up from last years 27th place! Team #2 turned in some nice scores and were very much a part of the DOCOF TEAM but, lacking enough Utility dogs, it was not a full team leaving them short on points.

The weekend started on Friday night with some arriving to camp and help with ring set up. There was also time for some practicing in the rings and a cookout in the campground.

Many members of our team attended the seminar on Saturday morning with the AKC reps who would be our judges the following day. The subject of the seminar was Scoring and Handler Errors. Each rep presented a portion of the exercises and then took many questions from the audience . We all knew we would be tested on this the next day!

Ruth Stubler, our team captain, attended the Annual DOCOF Meeting on Saturday afternoon. We were glad to see that Ruth made it there as she has been ill. Hopefully we can get Ruth to provide us with an update from the DOCOF meeting at our upcoming General Meeting on September 17th.



Friday Night Cookout at the Campground



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Meeting and Membership News

Please try to attend the General Membership meeting on September 17th at 7pm at Perkins Restaurant in N. Ft. Myers (7:30 will be fine if you're not having dinner) Since our July meeting was canceled we still need to vote on the following new members: **Joanne Dalbey, Doris Lewis and Bob Turner**. We also still need to discuss and vote on changes to the by-laws about membership.

Your thoughts and votes are important!!

Be a part of YOUR Club!!



DOCOF Continued from Cover

On Saturday evening the team attended the DOCOF Banquet. The surprise of the night was winning 2nd place in the table decoration competition in the Team or DOCOF category! We've never won anything in this competition in past years!

The catered barbecue dinner was followed by a canine freestyle show. Then it was time to start thinking about the following day's competition . . .

My biggest laugh of the weekend was in the pre-dawn hours on Sunday morning in the campgrounds. When I went out into the misty early morning I joined many other camping competitors also out exercising dogs. All were shuffling sleepily with their dogs. Quietly lost in their thoughts. It appeared to me that I had just joined the cast on the set of a filming of the old movie "The Night of the Living Dead".

The competition began at 8 a.m. and with much team spirit we took our turns, cheered each other on and compiled the scores - the good, the bad and a few ugly (some of the judges seemed to have VERY sharp pencils!)

Team #1 ended up with 1072 total points which was good for an 9th place finish - Just 76 points less than the first place team!!! Next year . . . lets get 76 more points for Team #1 and a full, competitive team for Team #2!!'

DOCLC Previous Finishes at DOCOF

2001 - 20th

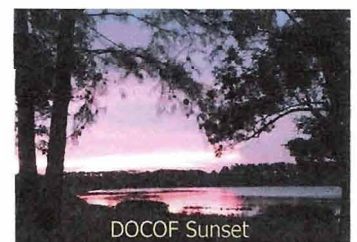
2002 - 20th

2003 - 1st

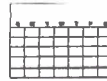
2004 - ????

2005 - 10th

2006 - 27th



GOOD NEWS FROM THE TRIALS



Mark your Calendars

Upcoming Trials

September 29 & 30 - Upper Suncoast at St. Pete
Obedience & Rally - Closed



October 6 & 7 - Orlando DTC at Orlando
Obedience & Rally - closes 9/19



October 20 & 21 - Imperial Polk at Lakeland
Obedience & Rally - closes 10/3

October 27 & 28 - DTC of Tampa at Tampa
Obedience & Rally - closes 10/10

November 10 & 11 - Hernando Cnty KC at Brooksville
Obedience only - OUTDOORS - closes 10/24



November 15 & 16 - Suwannee Valley KC at Ocala
Obedience & Rally - OUTDOORS - closes 10/31

November 17 & 18 - Greater Ocala Dog Club at Ocala
Obedience & Rally - OUTDOORS - closes 10/31

November 24 & 25 - Greater Naples Dog Club at Ft Myers
Obedience & Rally - closes 11/7



Meetings & Events

Sept. 17 - General Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm at Perkins in North Fort Myers

Sept. 23 - Show -N-Go at Dog Training Club of St. Pete -
Obedience and Agility

Oct. 15 - Board Meeting at 7:30 pm at Perkins in N. Ft. Myers

Oct. 31 - New Classes start at Shady Oaks Rec Center -
Beginner and Puppy Classes

Nov. 3 - Fall Pet Fest at Lee County Animal Services, 9 - 3

Dec. 19 - DOCLC Christmas Party at Shady Oaks Rec Center

Jan. 19 & 20 - Janice Gunn Seminar at Stuart, FL. Contact
Luci Seeley at happytrackingk9s@bellsouth.net for info

Jeanette Larson & Hannah had 2 2nd place finishes in Rally Advanced
with scores of 98 and 97 at GFM trial on 5/18 & 5/19. Missed from last newsletter

Don Williquette and Brett earned UDX in June at Knoxville, TN
Sandy DeGraff & Lacy Q'd on 7/5 & 7/6 for Rally Excellent title
Judy Stratton & Nicki earned 1st Open leg with a 191 on 7/6 at Venice
Jeanette Larson & Hannah had a 98 in RA for 1st place and title at
SOTC trial in Venice on 7/7

Terri Bell & Molli took 1st in Utility A at SOTC trial in Venice on 7/7

Terri Bell & Jack earned 2nd RA leg at SOTC trial in Venice on 7/7

Sandy DeGraff & Lacy had a great weekend on 7/20, 7/21 & 7/22
taking 3 1st's in Rally Ex, 3 1st's in Agility Nov Std and 3 1sts in
Agility Nov JWW.

Tracy Gustafson & Berlyn got 1st & 2nd RA legs with a 98 and 97 at
SOTC trial in St. Pete on 8/18 & 8/19

Tracy Gustafson & Aegis took a 4th in RN on 8/18 with a 99 and Q'd
on 8/19 with a 95 at SOTC trial in St. Pete.

Judi Stratton & Nicki Q'd for 3rd leg and RA title at St. Pete trial 8/25.



Congratulations to everyone!!!

Don't forget to send me your trial results.

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Sandy DeGraff and Lacy had a
VERY "Blue" summer in Mass.,
competing in Rally and Agility.
We look forward to having
them back here this month.

A Word to the Wise - Check on your titles

When your dog completes a title you know you will receive a title certificate from AKC soon. But does it always arrive? No! Here is my recent experience . . . One of my dogs had earned a title back in May. I couldn't remember if the title certificate had come or not. I couldn't find it. So I began researching to make sure the title had been earned. To my surprise AKC showed another dog in place of my dog at the trial where I was SURE we earned the title. After making sure that I had correct information I made a few calls to AKC and had the matter resolved. I can't imagine what would have happened if we had entered and qualified at the next level before AKC acknowledged the previous title!

The moral of this story is . . . verify your qualifications after trials on the AKC website. Several weeks after each trial you can go to AKC.org - click on Events - then on Events and Awards Search. Find the trial you were in and you will find the results.

Condolence To

Sue Davis and Family on the loss of Rusty

and to

*Don and Mike Williquette on the loss of
UOCH UACHX OTCH Karagold's Head Over Heels (Nike)*

UDX3 OA QALTT OD



Plans underway for DOCLC Trial 2008

The first Trial Committee meeting was held on August 3rd and we are all looking forward to our next trial which will again be held at the South County Regional Rec Center in Punta Gorda. Our judges this year will be Sharon Long, Jerry Iermiero, Harold Lavene and Susan Norton.

The trial committee chairman are as follows:

Hospitality - Debbie Covyeau

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I would like to donate \$ _____

for prizes for (class) _____

in Memory or Honor of _____

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As you know by now this is a BIG JOB for a small club. We need everyone's help. Please contact at least one of these chairmen and offer to help.

Also, don't forget to make a donation for prizes. We want to make these prizes EXTRA special as this is our club's 25th Anniversary. Contact Terri Bell with your donations.

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