



# **SIT STAY**

The Official Newsletter of  
**THE INDIAN RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**IRDTCers,**

**First off, THANK YOU for the surprise birthday party on July 5, during one of our DOCOF try-outs! Boy, oh boy, was I surprised! There is no better way to mark the "nifty fifty" birthday than by spending it with my IRDTC family! Truly, a family I am proud to be a part of! Thank you!**

**Congratulations to our DACOF team, the IRDTC "SUPER DOGS"! This is the first time IRDTC has been able to participate at this important Agility event since 2006! We came in 38th out of 45 teams! MOST IMPORTANT: We had a wonderful time! THANK YOU to all who participated and facilitated practices, coaching, etc.!**

**I was so pleased and proud to have been able to represent IRDTC with my Doberman, "Honeybucket's Reversal of Fortune, NAJ", (also known as "Kyle") at the 2010 DACOF Tournament. Thank you all, for sending us!**

**The Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida (DOCOF) statewide competition is one of my favorite events of the year! Due to your participation in our try-outs, the DOCOF committee is energized and ready to select the BEST EVER teams to represent our club at this important obedience tournament!**

**I invite ALL OF YOU, to come out and support your DOCOF teams on September 5 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds! Cheer your fellow members on and see what this competition is about! I believe FLORIDA is the only state that has such a competition for obedience! No doubt there are dog obedience folks in 49 other states pining for what Florida has been doing for over 30 years!!!!**

**Your 2010 DOCOF committee will select our teams and we will announce them, with pride, at our July general meeting.**

**As you can all tell, I'm very focused on IRDTC team stuff right now! But there are other things going on!**

**We have our August Obedience trial - Loretta Sandy is chairman and Art Fettrow is chief ring steward.....please call Art at 321 676 0696 to volunteer to help. You will learn so much about obedience competition by volunteering - so please call Art!**

**THANK YOU to all who are working the obedience trial: major jobs, stewarding or even helping out for an hour or so! You are all important to this obedience trial and to our club!**

**President's Message continued...**

**GOOD LUCK** to all who are entered! I can't wait to hear the brags!!!

Training director, Jerry Sandy, is doing all he can to create more training opportunities for our members and for the general public!

There are now several dog training establishments, vying for the patronage of local dog owners! Most of them are businesses aimed for profit with budgets far more generous than ours, focused to entice trainers, assistants and ultimately, students!

As an essentially not-for-profit club, we may not be able to compete with these businesses on a financial level. But we CAN offer training opportunities at reasonable prices and, more importantly, camaraderie related to our love of dogs, that many are seeking. It will be our friendliness, kindness, tolerance, and understanding, combined with skills that will separate us from the dog training businesses!

I trust EVERY one of you is an ambassador for IRDTC and I thank you!

Chris Matzok  
President

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on **MONDAY** evening, July 26th, at our Training Facility at 1465 Clearmont St. Palm Bay at 7:30PM. Please come and support your Club by coming to these Membership Meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

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**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our next Obedience Trial is fast approaching. Donations are needed to help defray the cost of our trophies for the Trial. Thank you!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** - "Spit & Polish" class will be held by Ann Williams

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** - General Membership Meeting to be held at the Club at 1465 Clearmont St. Palm Bay, FL. At 7:30PM.

**August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Obedience Trial at the Palm Bay Community Center. There will be a two day trial on Saturday.

**August 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** - Puppy Classes begin from 9:00 - 10:00 AM.

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** – DOCOF Tournament at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** - General Membership Meeting to be held at the Club at 1465 Clearmont St. Palm Bay, FL. At 7:30PM.

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**ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS!**

Please remember those who are less fortunate and donate food if you can. The Club has a container in the Training Facility for donated food items for the Bright Star Program. The donations are picked up weekly and benefit many of those in our Community who are in need of food to feed their pets. Thank you!



**WHEN ATTENDING THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PLEASE BRING DOG/CAT FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK...THANK YOU!**

# JACKIE HARDIN



Jackie Hardin has been involved with IRDTC for the past 20 years. She joined the Club in 1990 after training her first dog, a mixed Norwegian Elkhound. Jackie was once the Club's Treasurer and is a current Board Member. She has also been the Agility Chairperson since February of 2008 and has been the Stacion and Chief Pooper scooper/grounds keeper for the Obedience Trials for years. Jackie has also stored the Club's Equipment Trailers on her property for the past 20 years as well as towing them to the different Trial events. On top of all this she helps with the setup of the Obedience Trials and Stewards!

Jackie was born in Orlando, Florida and is a fourth generation Floridian. She moved to Palm Bay in 1952. She has been self employed for the past 25 years and does private dog training with Vickie Maloney. Jackie has been around dogs since she was 6 years old. She has owned approximately 6 dogs over the years. The first dog that she ever titled was a Golden Retriever named Whitley. Whitley got a CDX, JH and a WCX. She currently has 3 dogs, Skye, an 11-1/2 year old Golden Retriever, Toolie, a 7 year old Australian Shepherd and Zoom Zoom, a 2 year old Golden Retriever. She has worked very hard training her dogs. Skye has a Mach2, a CDX, and an RA. Toolie has a CD, OA, OAJ and a RN. Zoom Zoom has already got all 3 of his Novice agility titles and is currently working to achieve his Open agility Titles. On top of that he is preparing to get his CD.

Jackie keeps quite busy with her life. She has two grown sons and three grandsons. When she can, she escapes to Las Vegas and California. She has scuba dived in the Grand Cayman Islands and skied in Colorado. On occasion she has been known to enjoy blue crabs!

Jackie has been instrumental in many of the Clubs Trials and is always looking out for the good of the Club. Club Members like her is what keeps us going. Thank you Jackie for your hard work and dedication to this Club.

Written by Michelle S. Green



## RAFFLES ITEMS NEEDED

Elena McKnight accepts items for our Raffles throughout the year. If you can donate anything please contact Elena McKnight at (321) 724-8873 or [elena\\_mcknight@mindspring.com](mailto:elena_mcknight@mindspring.com)

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please volunteer to help out at our next Obedience Trial to be held August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out please contact Art Fettrow at (321)676-0696.

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The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. . . .He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. . . .When all other friends desert, he remains." - George G Vest

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### CANINE LIFE RULE #7

Run, romp and play daily

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# BRAGS

I spent my time this weekend at the Brevard Obedience Trial with my 8 3/4 years old Lab Golden cross dog Cedar. We entered in Novice B and had 2 qualifying scores! Along with the green ribbon we managed to get a Second Place with a score of 188 Saturday and a First on Sunday with a 191 1/2!!!! – Submitted by Dani Champagne – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Champagnes Cedar CGC  
Champagnes Golden Roux CGC CD

Kyle, AKA "Honeybucket's Reversal of Fortune" ...got his FIRST AKC Agility title this weekend! Agility jumpers with weaves "NAJ"! Three legs with one first placement and two second placements in the B classes. He also earned two "Fast" Novice legs, first place both times. Motivating, to say the least! – Submitted by Chris Matzok – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

My baby golden "BJ" finished his CD plus an extra leg in Nov B this weekend; he also got the youngest obedience qualifier award. His name is now "Starrise Buzzn at Pendragon, RN, CD" - Submitted by Tammy Farrington – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

"Lenny" (CH Brookwood Running Back) earned his 9th Excellent B Jumper's leg on 4/16/10 and his 3rd leg in Excellent A Standard on 4/17/10 in Perry, GA.

"Lenny" earned his MXJ agility title on 5/15/10 at our IRDTC agility trial this weekend in beautiful Vero Beach, FL! (This means he has earned 10 Excellent B Jumper legs.)

Lenny also earned his Novice FAST title on 5/15/10 with a third place. - Submitted by Lee Ann Fain Schultz – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Artistic's in Enemy Territory (Standard Poodle) – Treasure Coast Kennel Club Winners Dog owned and bred by Judy Billings

Artistic's Designer Genes (Standard Poodle)  
Treasure Coast Kennel Club Best Puppy and Puppy Group 3 - Bred by Judy Billings and owned By Kristine Rafferty - Submitted May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dex and I were at the CPE Nationals this past weekend and he did awesome. 9 runs--4 blues, 3 reds, and 1 yellow. He Q'd 7 out of the 9 runs. He also got a plaque (nice one) for High Reserve in Level 2, 8 inches. The one Q he didn't get was a Jackpot course and out of 313 dogs 11 Q'd. It was a mission impossible course. It was a layered send wicked...Now we have something to practice. Dex also got his NA and NAJ at our Vero trial. – Submitted by Jane and Dex – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Ty also did very well at Nationals. She Q'd in 8 out of 9 runs, with NO Bars down. She came home with 4 seconds, and 1 third. She also brought home the award (plaque) for the Highest Scoring 8 inch dog in Level 3. Her son, Cody, brought home Highest scoring Level 3 dog in 12 inch. He also Q'd AND Placed in 8 out of 9 runs. Submitted by Brenda Rondinone – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Abby competed at her first Palmetto trial last weekend over 2 days. It was her first time in Exc A FAST on Saturday where she almost qualified but MY time faults left us with less than enough points. She proceeded to receive a Q in EX A Jumpers and her AXJ title with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon.

On Sunday, she received her first EXC A FAST leg with a first place ribbon and a score of 79 out of 80 in 27 seconds. Only one EX B dog received 80 points and Abby's time was the fastest of the other B dogs with 79 points. – Submitted by Barbara & Lee Klinger – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. - Shamrock Acres Lady Abby Gail RN JH WC OF AX AXJ

I am so proud of Jake. He got his first leg in Rally Novice and he got a second place as well. – Submitted by Elizabeth Knebel - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

FooWee got his RN this week end. – Submitted by Valerie Bourgeois – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Shorty(Lola) now has 2 legs towards her RA – Submitted by Denise Michaels – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

We are so proud of Abbie. She got her RN at the Ft Pierce trial on Sunday. She also took a third place. – Submitted by Toni-Lyn Sims - June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Fallchase Jazzies D'Fining Moment (a.k.a. Palin), owned by John & Rosa Blair and Barbara Tucker, won winners bitch and BOS for a 5 pt. major on Sunday at the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay Dog Show in Orlando. – Submitted by John & Rosa Blair - June 28<sup>th</sup>.

IRDTC "Super Dogs" came in 38 out of 45 teams represented at the DACOF Tournament.

**MAY 2010 AGILITY TRIALS**  
**Vero Beach, Florida**



**OK...I'm waiting!**



**Watch me fly!!!**



**I'm paying attention!**



**I can do this!**



**Over the top!**



**On the way down!**

**A special thanks to Roland Bourgeois and Jackie Hardin for heading up the Agility Trials...another successful event!**



# DOTTIE'S CORNER

The next time you hear a politician use the word "billion" in a casual manner, think about whether you want the "politicians" spending your money.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were Living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and twenty minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.

There is a lot more to this article, but I think you get the idea now of a "billion".

## SUNSHINE CLUB

In April a card was sent to Donna Clark for the loss of a family member.

June 16th we sent a Sympathy card and dish garden to Terry Harville, her Mother passed away.

June 16th we sent Gina Reed a Sympathy Card, Her Husband Randy, a long time friend of many in our club passed away of a blood clot

June 19th, a pet sympathy card was sent to Jane and Jack Derr, they had to put their Beautiful, talented 15 year old Yorkie Daisy to sleep.

On June 19th, we sent a get well quick card to Tina Hawks whose dog, Smokey broke his elbow.

June 21, a card was sent to LeeAnn for Jet with hopes and prayers that his eye surgery is a huge success.

July 7<sup>th</sup>, a Sympathy Card was sent to Jerry Sandy and a dish garden in memory of his Daughter passing away.

July 8<sup>th</sup>, a pet sympathy card was sent to Denise Michaels; She had to put her last Bordeaux, Porshe to sleep.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> a card was sent to Jill and Eric Roberts for their loss of their beautiful Bassett Hound Bailey.

Loving submitted.....Dottie Sunshine Chair Person

## PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Dottie Bradt needs to pass the Sunshine Club duties onto another Club Member due to medical reasons. Dottie has had this responsibility for several years now. She enjoyed doing this for the Club but hopes that we can find someone that will take a serious interest in it as it is an important job for IRDTC. Please let Dottie know if you are interested. She can be contacted at: (321) 724-4059 or by e-mail at: dbradt2@cfl.rr.com

**THANK YOU!**

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## CLASSES...



Puppy Classes begin August 10th and August 14th at 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Registration can be found at the [IRDTC.org](http://IRDTC.org) website.

"Spit & Polish" class will be held by Ann Williams on July 22, 29, Aug 5th for those members who are entered in the August 7/8 IRDTC Obedience trial. Fine tune all those areas that need help getting higher scores. This is Obedience only. Call the office at 722-1222 if you plan to participate.

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## **SPECIAL THANKS!!!**

THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK MARINA HEDDEN AND CLARA KOTY FOR VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO ORGANIZE IRDTC'S FIRST RUMMAGE SALE. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT AND TO ALL OF THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE CLUB.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – May 24th, 2010 7:30PM

Guest Speaker

Attorney Jerry Trachtman gave a presentation on the dog bite laws and other legal issues facing dog owners. He also handed out copies of the 2009 Florida Statutes outlining the laws.

Announce

Applicants for membership please see Kathy Nilan

Roll Call:

Marina Hedden made a motion to accept the sign-in sheet in lieu of roll call, Claire Carlen seconded.

Motion carried. Meeting started at 7:40 PM.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Posted on the Yahoo Group and in the Newsletter.

Finding no corrections, Bill Dillard made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Dottie Bradt seconded.

Report of the President (Chris Matzok)

Chris wanted to let everyone know that for the first time since 2006, IRDTC has been able to get a DACOF team together. We had enough people who were able to dedicate themselves.

Report of the Vice President (Roland Bourgeois)

None

Report of the Secretary (Michelle Green)

None

Report of the Treasurer (Loretta Sandy)

Loretta absent. No Treasury report given.

Report of the Training Director (Jerry Sandy)

The class income has exceeded our rent. Jerry gave recognition to the Trainers. He stated that they are a very important part of the Club. He said that if anyone is interested in Training to see him. Jerry wants to put together a fun night in June. Jane asked about a Crate Games class. Jerry asked how the special 3-week class went and the response was that it was "awesome". Dani Champagne stated that she would like to have someone to help her with the Puppy class.

Committee Reports:

Agility Trial Committee (Roland Bourgeois/Jackie Hardin)

Jackie said that we had a wonderful Agility Trial. We are allowed to have 8 AKC events a year. This last one was very successful. A slight impact was felt due to the conflict of the Brevard Dog Training Club's Obedience Trials held in Cocoa the same week-end. We had a good turn out of people to help us get through it. Jackie thanked Roland for his

help. She also thanked the Captains and everyone else who helped. We made about \$6000.00 profit on the 2 day Trials. It was a very profitable event. Jackie is looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Agility Trials to be held in November.

Obedience Trial Report (Loretta Sandy)

Loretta Absent – Loretta to find out if Tommy Caisango could help out as Trial Chairman - In an e-mail sent to the Board prior to the Meeting, the following information was given: Jennifer Hyde will be assisting Loretta as co-chairman for the August Obedience Trials. Loretta is hoping that Tommy Caisango will set up and take over the August Obedience Trials.

Public Relations Committee (Elena McKnight)

Elena Absent.

Advertising Committee (Art Fettrow)

Art called the Florida Today newspaper for our Rummage sale – It is about \$75.00 for 7 days? Decided that it was too expensive. Marina has it in the Hometown News.

Guest Speaker Committee (Marcia Ferris)

Marcia Absent.

Sunshine Committee (Dottie Bradt)

A card was sent to Dottie from the Club – she thoroughly appreciated it. She thanked everyone for the flowers and cards.

Membership Committee (Kathy Nilan)

1st readings:

Patricia J. Geyer

Michael Dana

2nd readings - New members voted in tonight

Jennifer Hyde

Chris & Karen Skopek

Theresa Strong

Claire Carlen made a motion to accept them as new members and Art Fettrow seconded it.

Old Business

Holiday/Awards night – Chris stated that we still need to get a committee together to decide where to have the event. Chris asked if anyone is interested in doing it. Marina made a motion that Brenda Rondinone do the Holiday Party. We will ask Brenda if she will do the Party this year. Kathy D'iorio suggested that we hold the Holiday Party on a different night than the Awards Party. She suggested having it catered and have dancing, karaoke etc. Kathy stated that we ran out of food at the last Holiday Party. Chris said that we could do an RSVP to avoid running out of food.

By-Laws – Not discussed

Shirts & Jackets – Not discussed

**Old Business:**

**Climate Control -** Art gave an overview of the new AC. New unit is installed and working very favorably. It is not completely installed. It should be completed in the next 10 days. We will have a programmable Thermostat that we could program 1/2 hour before and after during the 8 weeks of each class session. We need to control it now day by day. The first person into the building should turn it to 75 degrees and the last person out should turn it to 80 degrees. Art would rather us use the new AC and not the old AC.

**Garage/Rummage Sale:** June 12<sup>th</sup> – See Marina Hedden

Starts at 8:00AM – until ??? – Set up is on June 11<sup>th</sup> - Members may drop items off from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Marina needs people to volunteer. Her e-mail is down right now so please call her at 772-643-4461. Marina offered to pick up items for the sale. She would like people to price their items out. Any remaining items that are not sold will be donated to Molly Mutt Thrift Store. If you want to keep the items let Marina know, if not, they will get donated. All proceeds will go to IRDTC to offset the AC costs. Saturday class will have to be postponed.

**Bumper Stickers:** Denise Michaels suggested that the Club have Bumper Stickers made up. She said that this is a cheap way of advertising the Club. Michelle Green and Denise will look into designing a bumper sticker and get pricing.

**Braggs!**

Many brags given – did not get them all down! Please e-mail your Brags to: msgreen63@yahoo.com. Next General Membership Meeting - July 26th at 7:30PM at the Palm Bay Training Facility.

**Volunteer for refreshments next meeting –** Marina Hedden – Thank You!

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:37PM -** Marina Hedden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37PM and Art Fettrow seconded it.

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**REMINDER**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JULY 26TH AT 7:30PM AT OUR  
TRAINING FACILITY IN PALM BAY**

**PLEASE BRING DOG OR CAT FOOD  
FOR THE BRIGHT STAR PROGRAM.**

# YAHOO GROUPS

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE YAHOO GROUPS YET? THIS IS A GREAT AVENUE FOR MEMBERS TO CONVERSE ON VARIOUS TOPICS. THIS IS ALSO A GREAT WAY TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND IRDTC.**

**HOW TO GET THERE? GO TO YAHOO GROUPS – TYPE IN IRDTC. THERE IS A PROMPT FOR “NEW MEMBERS” TO JOIN INDIAN RIVER GROUPS. SIGN IN AND JOIN THE FUN.**

**ANY MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER, PLEASE MAIL YOUR BRAGS OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO IRDTC AT 1465 CLEARMONT ST. NE PALM BAY, FL 32905**

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**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MAY 2010  
AGILITY TRIALS – VERO BEACH, FL.**



**THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED TO  
HELP WITH OUR AGILITY TRIALS!**