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The Official Newsletter of THE INDIAN RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2010!

Wow - how exciting it is that we are starting off the New Year in our own training center!! We've only had a few months to get a little feel for everything and we certainly haven't got a lot of things figured out yet but you have all been so positive and so helpful I am awed! Thank you all!

Of course, sustaining a full access facility comes with increased cost. It is going to be more important than ever, to have successful income producing events in an attempt to keep member fees as low as possible. It takes many helpers to make events run smoothly and efficiently. More help, less work, more fun - greater attendance! So, as you open your new calendars, please remember to set aside time to volunteer for IRDTC!

It's around this time many people review the outstanding events of 2009. Most memorable for me will be our move to the Clearmont location; especially how many of you stepped up, in one way or another, to help. You are so appreciated!

Happy New Year!
Chris Matzok

NEW DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!!

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on MONDAY evening, January 18th at our new Training Facility at 1465 Clearmont St. Palm Bay at 7:30PM. Please bring a folding chair as we are limited in seating for our members. Please do not bring plastic chairs. This is an important meeting for the nominations of Officers and Board Members. Please come and support your Club by coming to these Membership Meetings. It is an exciting time for us at IRDTC as we now have our very own Training Facility! We look forward to seeing you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4th – New Classes begin. See IRDTC.org for class schedules.

January 9th – Liz Gruen Behavioral Seminar – “How To React When Your Dog Reacts” at the IRDTC Facility.

January 18th – General Membership Meeting to be held at the IRDTC Facility in Palm Bay at 7:30PM.

January 31st, 2010 – American Temperament Testing to be held at the Palm Bay Regional Park. See IRDTC.org for forms.

February 12th, 13th & 14th – Agility Trial at the Indian River County Fairgrounds Agricultural Pavilion 7955 58th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967

February 20th – Brandy Schmid Workshop – “Leadership is the Key to Behavior and Performance” at 10:00AM at the IRDTC Facility.

February 27th, - Obedience Show N Go – starting at 8:30AM at the IRDTC Facility.

March 12th – Set up at 5:30PM for Obedience Trial & C Match at 6:30PM at the Palm Bay Community Center.

March 13th & 14th – Obedience Trial – 3 Event Weekend to be held at the Palm Bay Community Center.

May 14th, 15th, & 16th – Agility Trial at the Indian River County Fairgrounds Agricultural Pavilion 7955 58th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967



YAHOO GROUPS

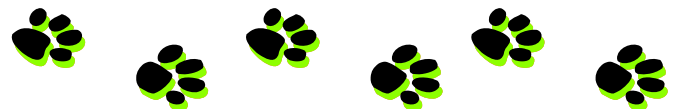
HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE YAHOO GROUPS YET? THIS IS A GREAT AVENUE FOR MEMBERS TO CONVERSE ON VARIOUS TOPICS. THIS IS ALSO A GREAT WAY TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND IRDTC.

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

CANINE LIFE RULE #4

When it's in your best interest – practice obedience.



Foods to Keep Away From Your Pets

- Turkey fat
- Poultry skin
- Bones from fish, meat, or poultry (turkey included)
- Uncooked meat, fish, and poultry
- Onions in holiday stuffing may lead to canine anemia
- Garlic
- Raisins and Grapes toxins can cause kidney failure in pets
- Macadamia nuts
- Uncooked yeast dough
- Coffee/Tea
- Alcohol
- Rich, fatty foods (gravy, grease, chips)
- Sweets (especially chocolate)

BRIDGET & MARK WELSCHER



I met up with Bridget and Mark Welscher at the Agility Trials held recently in Vero Beach on November 15th. Bridget is a native of Florida. Mark moved to Florida at the age of 5 from Topeka, KS. The two met at a combat shooting competition. The rest is history! They have been active in the dog world for 15 years. They started out training in Shutzchund with their Shepherd and Golden Retriever. Bridget and Mark had a German Shepherd named Zack that they trained with the Titusville Police Department several years back. Eighteen month old Zack then ended up with the Glennville, Georgia Police Department. He was instrumental in a series of drug busts before he was retired.

They began training their Pembroke Corgi named Toby at IRDTC and became Club members in 2002. Toby was in Conformation competitions for the first year and a half of his life. He always placed first through fourth place. He has AKC Rally titles CD, CDX and also has his first five legs for his first RAE. He has passed both the CGC and ATT test. Toby is currently working on his Utility. He needs one more leg on Novice Agility Jumpers. His parents are hoping to finish up his Utility and graduate in Novice and Open.

Toby has been published twice in the Pembroke Corgi Club of America annual for his Titles.

Toby has made quite a few accomplishments for an eight year old. Next on the list they would like for Toby to become a Therapy Dog.

Before moving to the Panhandle, Bridget and Mark helped Elena McKnight and Dani Champagne with IRDTC demos at the local Elementary Schools and Libraries. Bridget was an assistant instructor from 2005-2008 with Dayle Narehood, Dani Champagne and Terry Harville. Mark was an Instructor for the Intermediate Class from 2004-2005. Both were on the DOCOF team for 6 years. They did Canine Fest in Merritt Square Mall several years running and have helped out with Paws in the Park for Elena McKnight. Bridget has also helped Elena administer the Canine Good Citizenship Test for several years. They have also done the Palm Bay Christmas Parade with IRDTC.

Toby is very lucky to have such great active parents! The Welschers are just one more example of the wonderful members that make up IRDTC.

Written by Michelle S. Green



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME, MONEY AND ITEMS TO THE CLUB.

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion." – Unknown.

BRAGS

Mariah earned her UDX title today at Brooksville. – Harry & Mariah Gonto Submitted Nov. 8th, 2009.

Just had to brag on my boy, Darriburgs Something Special V Ikie, who took winners dog at the Brooksville show on Saturday. He showed beautifully thanks to his handlers, Sweetie Kay and Randy McAteer. Berte is only 16 months old and well on his way.
Carol Burke – Submitted Nov. 8th, 2009

Claire Carlen and Journey took 1st place in Grad/Novice.

Alice Hartnoll's Morgan qualified for Agility Nationals.

Lola front & finish the #1 only Peke with the Delaney System.

Jane's Dex got a CD on Oct. 30th in Memphis and earned a Double Q this past weekend.

Jane and Dex went to a CPE Agility trial on 18th, 19th and 20th of December and Dex qualified 8 out of 9 runs with 8-1st's and 1-2nd. He ran all his runs very fast and with only 1 fault.

Honeybucket's Reversal of Fortune, AKA "Kyle" and I (Chris Matzok) entered our first ever CPE (Canine Performance Events) Agility trial, at Mikamar Dog training in Palm Bay, Dec. 18, 19, 20. Kyle earned 9 qualifying legs in various classes (which included Standard, Jumpers and games classes like Colors, Full House, Wild Card). He got 9 first placements and 2 second placements (9 Qs and 11 placements - that is possible because in CPE you can still get a placement with a non qualifying run. Yup.) Titles earned: Standard Level 1, Handler Games Level 1, Fun Games (Jumpers is part of this), Level 1. I think that's it but I'll know better when certificates come. Anyway, it was a lot of fun and a great way to start out a beginner dog!

Smokey and I entered our first CPE trial. Out of 11 classes he received 8 Q's, with; 5-1st places, a 2nd place, 3rd place and 4th place ribbons. He accumulated 150 points. When I woke up and

everything was flooded and pouring rain I was going to sleep in, but Jane made me promise to go. I'm glad I did because we had a lot of fun. Of course Smokey loved running in the rain. – Submitted Dec. 29th, 2009 by Tina Hawks

Welcome to the Narehood Clan, 2 Tibet Spaniels, Just Northern Lights (Rorie) and Just In Tyme (Justin) – Submitted by Dayle Narehood Jan. 3rd, 2009

THANKS to all who volunteered their time at the recent Agility Trials held in Vero Beach on Nov. 14th and 15th. IRDTC had another successful event!



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS – SEE THEIR INFORMATION BELOW

AS A MEMBER OF IRDTC YOU HAVE VOTING RIGHTS TO BRING IN THE BEST CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB. BELOW ARE THE BIO'S OF THE NOMINEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY 5 MEMBERS CAN BE VOTED INTO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ATTEND THE JANUARY MEETING AND BE A PART OF HISTORY!

PRESIDENT: CHRIS MATZOK

I've been a member of IRDTC since 1993. My mixed breed dogs were welcomed and I could train them for seldom more than the cost of dues! With the advice and encouragement of the instructors and other club members, I became a fan of obedience training and competition. Obedience trained dogs have the foundation to participate in many kinds of dog sports. I am thankful IRDTC has made it possible for me to enjoy my dogs in several venues and meet many wonderful people along the way.

I am excited about IRDTC's venture into a full time training facility. I promote expansion of training opportunities. I'd like to keep costs to members as low as possible, by supporting and helping out at as many income producing events as possible and by encouraging more members to do the same.

I will continue to work closely with the board of directors, to aid our training department, event chairmen and committees in 2010.

VICE-PRESIDENT: LOIS MACKIE

I am running for the position of Vice-President. I have the time to devote to work with member input and fresh new ideas to continue reaching new goals for the growth of our Club. I joined the club in 2006 because I have 2 dogs to train & enjoyed "doggie company". I ran for the Board in 2008. I always steward at Obedience Trials. I currently own 3 dogs, 2 Dobermans & a Miniature Pincher. I was active for many years breeding and showing in conformation and now obedience with IRDTC. I don't know if I'll pursue a CD but feel in some ways that this gives me more of a perspective on the other side of the coin, people that just want to just enjoy the training, be active & give a slant on general membership not just titles. I've had champion titles

but not obedience. I feel the club needs to be warmer to people that want something more than CD's etc. The interaction and ideas from other members has always been enjoyable and worth the effort participating in activities.



VICE-PRESIDENT: ROLAND P. BOURGEOIS

I am running for the position of Vice-President. I joined IRDTC on Nov. 18, 2008. To get voted into the IRDTC on my second reading, I volunteered at the Agility Trials for November 2008. I have four dogs. Two German Shepherds, Brinks & Alika, a Shetland Sheepdog named River, and a Shih Tzu named FooWee. I have had dogs my entire adult life over 40 years and trained every one of them in Obedience classes. I have been involved and volunteering in all of the Trials that IRDTC has put on ever since, from Agility to Obedience Trials and the Temperament Testing. Most recently I was Volunteer Coordinator at the November 2009 Agility Trials. Also, I will be the Chairman at the February 2010 Agility Trials. I moved to Florida in September 1994 to Satellite Beach and started a remodeling business, R&V Remodeling Inc. for 15 years now. I am currently the President of the Columbus Club (Knights of Columbus) in which I maintain and rent the Hall. My goal in this Club is to take this great Club we have and try to make it the BEST Club in Brevard County and in the State. We can do it! The IRDTC are the best and kindness people that I have ever known.

DUES REMINDER

All dues are due no later than January 31, 2010. After that a \$5 late fee will be imposed. Family membership \$30, single membership \$20. In order to vote at our January 18th elections all members voting must be members in good standing with IRDTC, which means your dues are up to date. Thank you

TREASURER: LORETTA SANDY

It has been my pleasure to watch over the financial reigns of IRDTC. Yes, I have been known to be “scrooge” in many cases but I feel control over the funds is an essential part of being a good Treasurer. I will continue to maintain a watchful eye and curb unnecessary spending. My involvement in IRDTC extends well beyond Treasurer as I have also been Obedience/Rally Trial Chairman several years now and will continue to work with the trials to make sure they are successful, Agility Hospitality Chair, ATTS events, working on class schedules, helping with planning of seminars, and more. IRDTC is a big part of who I am.



SECRETARY: MICHELLE S. GREEN

I am running for the position of Secretary. I first got involved with IRDTC after I adopted Seamus from Mid-Florida Sheltie Rescue. I began taking Basic Obedience classes with him in March of 2008. I later took Abby and then Parker through the classes. In January 2009 I decided to become a member of the Club. I grew up with dogs in our house from a young age. Many years later I decided that Shelties would be my dog of choice. I currently own 3 Shelties and foster Shelties whenever the need arises. Seamus & Parker both passed the CGC exam. I am currently the acting Secretary of IRDTC and also the Editor of our Club’s newsletter. Most recently I was Assistant Trainer in the Basic Obedience Class. I have stewarded for the last 2 Obedience Trials for our Club and look forward to doing it again. I try to attend all of the events that our Club is involved in. I enjoy being in the company of such avid dog lovers and good spirited people that make up our Club. I would like to see our Club be the Best in Brevard. A Dog Club that members are proud to be a part of. A Club that would be around for future generations of dog loving people.

TRAINING DIRECTOR: JERRY SANDY

I am applying for this position because I am the best qualified among the candidates. I have the support of the Nominating Committee and Bill Dillard for this position. In addition to titles earned, I have many years of supervisory experience. This experience will be required to create the outstanding training program I want to see for the club. I recognize that trainers have different methods and that is fine. Short of abuse any method can be used to satisfy the owner. I expect the trainers to make recommendations for collars based on individual needs. I am soliciting your support for the next IRDTC Training Director.

TRAINING DIRECTOR: DAYLE NAREHOOD

I am running for the position of Obedience Training Director. I am a Canadian and moved to Florida in 1993. I have been a member of IRDTC since 1995. I have been training dogs since 1971. Three of my first dogs earned their Canadian Championships and their Canadian CD Titles. Since moving to Florida, my Australian Shepherd named Boston obtained his CD Title in both ASCA and AKC. He was also on the DOCOF team in 1999 when IRDTC won first place. Boston won first place in 5 out of 6 trials that he was in. Santana, my Chocolate Lab, has her CD Title and was on the DOCOF team twice. Morgan, my Black Lab, is an American Champion and has her CD, RN and RA. She is working towards her CDX. All of the titles on my dogs were owner handled. My Obedience experience includes having assisted Behaviorist, Sandra Bingly for approximately 4 years while still in Canada. This situation gave me an opportunity to help with difficult dogs and gain insight into solving behavioral problems. Since 1997 I have volunteered as an Assistant Trainer with IRDTC and as a Trainer of the Beginner Class. I have a good rapport with my students and people in general and feel I would be an asset to IRDTC as Obedience Training Director.



BOARD MEMBER: DOTTIE BRADT

Hi my fellow members, my name is Dorothy Bradt my family and friends call me Dottie. I have been with Indian River Dog Training Club for several years now and have been on the board for three years and would like a chance to do another term. During my time on the board I have been on several committees one being chair person on the by-laws committee that I would like to work some more on when the board can get a chance to go over it and vote on it. Two years ago I was chair person on the elections committee. I was Vice President the year before last. I have been going to classes here with Ty-Dee and now my puppy Galen. Before joining our club I was with JaVick with Ty-Dee for agility training so for the past nine years I have been associated with dogs and clubs as I am also Vice President for Space Coast Therapy Dogs Inc. I would very much like to stay on the Board and work for you and do the very best job that I can.



BOARD MEMBER: ART FETTROW

I joined IRDTC in 1985 and became a member of the Board in the late 1980s. I have been a member of the Board over the years off and on. I have held the position of Vice President and was also President for 4 years. In 2001-2002 I did not actively participate in the IRDTC. When I returned I ran for the Board and have been a member ever since. I have been an Assistant Instructor for over 4 years. I was the Chief Steward at the last Obedience and Rally Trials. I have seven Dobermans and three Chihuahuas. My Doberman, Fabio has a CD and a Novice Rally title. Fabio is also an International Champion and passed the recent Temperament Test. Fabio is now training to become a Service Dog. Another one of my Doberman's named Talia, has one leg in her CD. She was on the second team in DCOF. I am currently training Talia's puppy named Ziva in Basic Obedience. My vision for the Club is for it to continue to be successful and a great place for people that want to come and train their dogs.

BOARD MEMBER: DONNA CLARK

I have been a member of IRDTC since 2007. I have 2 "coated" Peruvian Hairless dogs, Andie & Kayla. Andie got her Rally novice title in March 09. I joined IRDTC because I was looking for a place to train, socialize and have one-on-one bonding time with my dogs, which are an important part of any dog's life. I have been on the board for 1 year. I ran for the board last year because I wanted to have a voice for others, who like me, may not be interested in competing, but are looking for fun, structured activities to do with their dogs. The new building is a big responsibility and change for the club, and I would like to continue to be a part of organization this change for the benefit of everyone. I want to help see that our new building is something all members of IRDTC can be proud of.

BOARD MEMBER – JACKIE HARDIN

I've loved dogs my whole life. I started training dogs in my first obedience class with Terry Harville, Bill Dillard, Jim Boyd and Vickie Maloney in 1989. I started with a mixed Norwegian Elkhound named Shera. In 1991 I purchased my first Golden Retriever named Whitley. I trained Whitley in obedience and got her CD and CDX. We also trained in Field events for Golden Retrievers and earned several titles there.

I now have an Aussie and two Golden Retrievers. I enjoy training in several fields of dog events. Including Obedience, Rally, Field and my biggest love Agility. I have achieved many titles with other dogs. My greatest accomplishment has been to get a MACH 2 times over with my Golden Retriever "Skye".

I have been a member of the club since 1989 and have worked at just about every obedience and agility trial the club has ever done. Including chairing the last several agility trials.

I also teach dog training classes starting from Puppy and Basic obedience classes all the way up to competition obedience. I have taught Agility classes for many years also.

I am self employed and have owned and operated a very successful Wholesale Auto Parts business for the past 24 years.

The last 2 years I have served on the board for IRDTC and have enjoyed having the opportunity to serve the club. I have also served on the board in other years prior to now. I was the clubs treasurer for 3 or 4 years.

Man could learn much from his dog: to be a true friend, to be faithful, and to appreciate those who love him. - Unknown



BOARD MEMBER: CLAIRE CARLEN

I have been a member of and active in IRDTC since 2001. My husband & I have two standard poodles ages 13 & 3. I have been involved in obedience for 50 years, have attended numerous clinics and have put many titles on our dogs including UD, UDX and rally RAE. During 9 years of membership (IRDTC) I have assisted in the beginner class, worked at the obedience trials from setting up and stewarding to breaking down the rings on Sun. I have also worked at agility trials. Having been a member of other clubs for many years I feel I have the interest and experience to bring to IRDTC to further expand the club's membership and future programs.



BOARD MEMBER: DENISE MICHAELS

I have been involved in IRDTC since 1990. I took my first Rotty "Keisha" to basic class under Bill Dillard. Over the past 6 years I have been Assistant Instructor, and more recently Training Instructor for one of our new classes. I am a member of Therapy

Dogs Inc. and an Apprentice Temperament Tester for the ATT. I can't help but mention my little "Shorty" who became one of the few CDX titled Pekingese in the country. She helped "me" learn about the world of dog obedience. With our "very own" new building, all our new classes and upcoming seminars, I know that we will continue making an awesome showing at next years DOCOF and DACOF. And, just as important, helping the public with a well behaved 4 legged member of their family.

BOARD MEMBER: MICHELLE ANGIULO

Michelle's bio did not get submitted for the newsletter. She has been nominated for the position of Board Member. She has been a member of IRDTC since 1999.

KEEPING YOUR DOGS SAFE

- Seatbelts save lives - Pet's lives too! Make sure your pets are restrained or crated. If crated, make sure that the crate is secured to the vehicle and that there are no loose items in the vicinity of your pet.
- As fun as it may seem, letting your pet ride with their head out the window of a moving car is dangerous. Even at low speeds (10-15mph) bugs, dust and pollen can become harmful projectiles.
- Remember that the safest place for a pet is the backseat. Airbags are designed to save human lives and they deploy at 200mph - they may injure your pet if he/she happens to be in the front seat.
- Don't transport pets in the bed of a pickup truck. Dogs are creatures of instinct - because your pet has not jumped off a pickup bed before does not mean it never will. In case of an accident your pet will likely be ejected from the vehicle and suffer serious injuries.
- Keep pets from riding on your lap while driving. Your pet may become a distraction, or may slide off your lap and get jammed between the pedals.



UPCOMING SEMINARS

1. **"How To React When Your Dog Reacts"** given by Liz Gruen on January 9th
2. **"Leadership is the Key to Behavior and Performance"** given by Brandy Schmid on February 20th.

Please go to www.IRDTC.org for all the information on the seminar and registration forms or contact Jane Derr, e-mail: derryorkies@cfl.rr.com or call 321-724-6376 or Loretta Sandy, e-mail: lsandy_1@yahoo.com or call 321-725-5629



AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT TEST

The American Temperament Test is on Jan 31st at the Palm Bay Regional Park. Please go to our website www.IRDTC.org for information and application or email Jane Derr derryorkies@cfl.rr.com or 724-6376

IRDTC OPEN HOUSE



On November 7th, IRDTC was proud to hold an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with members of the Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce. Roland Bourgeois served up hot dogs and hamburgers while Dani Champagne and Jane Derr held Obedience and Rally Demos. Dr. Norine Noonan did a wonderful job narrating the demos.



Photos from the Open House...

DOTTIE'S CORNER

Can You Say?

Can you say in parting with the day
that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single person of the
many you have passed?

Is a single life rejoicing over what you
did or said?

Does someone whose hopes were fading,
now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it, was
it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trend of kindness, or a
scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you
think that God would say-----

You have made the world much better
for the life you've lived today?

God bless!

Love to all.....Dottie

Written by Cecilia Felsenthal
many years ago.



June Novak's Father passed away. A card and
plant was sent from the Club.

A Get Well card was sent to Elena Zambito who
was very ill.

THANK YOU!!!

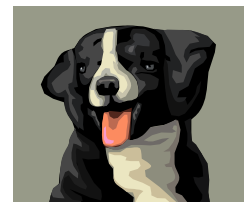


The Board would like to **THANK** Elena
McKnight for her many years of service
to the Club as Training Director.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE
NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
BEING HELD ON **MONDAY, JAN. 18TH**
AT OUR NEW TRAINING FACILITY AT 1465
CLEARMONT ST. PALM BAY AT 7:30PM .

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING FOR
THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD
MEMBERS.**



DONATIONS NEEDED

Our next Obedience Trial is coming up
fast.

Donations are needed to help defray the
cost of our trophies for the Obedience
Trials.

See Donation form in this newsletter.

November 16, 2009 IRDTC General Meeting Agenda

Guest Speaker: none

ANNOUNCE: Applicants for membership please see Kathy Nilan

Roll Call: Lois Mackie made a motion to accept the Sign-In book in lieu of Roll Call. Dottie Bradt seconded it. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Last Meeting - Posted on the Yahoo Group and in the November newsletter. Dayle Narehood made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Elaine Murray seconded it. Motion carried.

Report of the President (Chris Matzok) – Chris welcomed everyone to our 1st Meeting at our new facility. Great job at the recent Agility Trials. We need help at our February Trials. November 7th was our Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Michelle S. Green has accepted the position of Acting Secretary and Jane Derr is now our Temporary Training Director.

Report of the Vice President Jane Derr) – The refreshments and food provided tonight are left overs from our Open House. Thanks to Toni Sims for the desserts.

Report of the Secretary (Michelle S. Green) - None

Report of the Treasurer (Loretta Sandy)

Loretta gave the October and November financial report. Please attend the meetings if you are interested in the financial aspect of the club. Having our own facility is a trial for 3 years to see if we can support our own place. We did well on our 1st Show & Go.

Committee Reports:

Election Committee (Art Fettrow) The following members have been nominated:

Recommended Nominees by the Nominating Committee for club officers:

President - Chris Matzok
Vice President - Lois Mackie
Secretary - Michelle Green
Treasurer - Loretta Sandy

Also nominated for Vice President is Roland Bourgeois

Recommended Nominees by the Nominating Committee for Board Members: (In alphabetical order)

Dottie Bradt
Frank Catalano (withdrew his nomination)
Donna Clark
Art Fettrow
Jackie Hardin

Also nominated for Board Members are:

Michelle Angiulo
Claire Carlen
Denise Michaels

Recommended Nominee for the position of Training Director by the Nominating Committee:

Jerry Sandy

Also nominated are:

Dayle Narehood
Elena Zambito

We will need all nominees bio's for the next newsletter. Michelle will be contacting those nominees.

Agility Trial Committee(Jackie Hardin) – Roland Bourgeois did a great job as Volunteer Coordinator. He will be Chairman for the next Agility Trials. We need volunteers for the February Agility Trials. We need a Volunteer Coordinator – please let Roland know if you are interested. Thanks to Dayle, Art and Liz and everyone else for helping out at the trials. We will have an Agility Trial Meeting on Nov. 23rd at 6:45PM for anyone who has been involved to talk about new ways & ideas.

Obedience Trial Committee(Art Fettrow) - Art will be the Chief Steward at our next Obedience Trials on March 13th & 14th. It will be a 3 event week-end. There will be 2 trials on Saturday and one on Sunday. The Brevard Dog Training Club will hold their own Trials.

Training Director's Report (Jane Derr) - The Meeting with the Trainers went smoothly. We are working on 2 seminars – we are hoping to have 5 seminars. Liz Gruen will do the first one – a Dog Aerobics Seminar on Dec. 14th. Instructors and Board members are invited to attend. The second seminar will be "How to React when you Dog Reacts" on Jan. 9th, 2010. The cost is \$25.00 per Working spot and \$10.00 per Audit spot. We have 3 Working positions already filled. Brandy Schmid will be doing a seminar on Behavior, Foundation & Healing on Feb. 20th. The cost is \$50.00 per Working spot and \$35.00 per Audit spot. Jane will take recommendations on future Seminars.

Sunshine Committee (Dottie Bradt) – June Novak's Father passed away last Saturday night. A card and plant was sent from the Club.

Public Relations (Art Fettrow) - None

Election of New Members (1st Reading) – Cheryl & Robert Boutin, Elizabeth Knebel, and Liz Gruen. There were no 2nd Readings.

Old Business: - The Agility Trial trailer had two blowouts on the way to and from the Agility Trials. Jerry Sandy will get estimates on new tires, bearings and brakes.

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Brenda Rondinone gave an announcement about the upcoming Holiday party. A list was circulated for those who would like to attend and list what dish they would be bringing. For those unable to attend the meeting please contact Brenda either by phone or e-mail if you wish to attend.

Awards will be given at the Holiday Party on Dec. 8th to all of those who have earned titles as well as those who have passed the CGC test. The Annual Awards form must be handed in tonight in order to obtain one.

New Business: Need someone to take over the project for the Holiday Parade. We will need Volunteers. Liz Gruen volunteered to take over the project for next year.

Need to start thinking about next year's Holiday Party. We will need to find a place to hold it next year as we will be unable to have it at Rode's Park. Dayle Narehood and Liz Gruen volunteered to look for a place for next year's party.

Chris will check into whether passing the ATT will qualify for an award. The next ATT test will be on Jan. 31st – see Jane for more information.

Roland Bourgeois suggested that the Club put a Donation container in the facility for those wishing to donate food etc to the Bright Star Hospice Charity. He suggested that it could be picked up at 10:00AM on the second Saturday of each month.

Future General Membership Meetings: Chris asked the members about when they would like to have future meetings. We had always had them on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. The members agreed to have the next meeting on Monday, Jan. 18th at 7:30PM.

New Class Schedule: Loretta stated that the new class schedule is out. Everyone must fill out a registration form and a Rabies form – no exceptions. Class sizes are limited so please get your forms and payment in as soon as possible.

Membership Cards: Marge Knopf asked about Membership Cards. The Board will look into this.

Brags: Claire Carlen and Journey took 1st place in Grad/Novice. Morgan qualified for Agility Nationals. Lola front & finish the #1 only Peke with the Delaney System. Jane's Dex got a CD on Oct. 30th in Memphis and earned a Double Q this past weekend.

Meeting Adjourned: Alice Hartnoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dottie Bradt seconded it – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

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