



Scents & Nonscents

Nov/Dec, 2009

Annual Elections: Important



Each November SDOC holds its annual elections. While these may seem boring to some who feel that anyone can run the Club well, they are still very important. This year it is particularly important that the membership turn out as there is a partial alternate slate, folks who were nominated from the floor at the October meeting. Only rarely, in the past, have we published biographical information about our nominees. I was presented with bios for the people nominated from the floor; however, I did not have similar information from the other candidates.

Since I only learned of this on Nov. 4 (I wasn't at the meeting Oct. 30), I do not feel that it is fair to publish just a few of the bios and not the others. We are required by our constitution and bylaws to send out a notice to the membership at least 10 days prior to the election. With so little time, I am unable to obtain information on all the candidates. Therefore, I am not publishing the bios which I did receive. Castigate me, if you will, but I feel that this is the best decision in the interest of fairness

Elections will be held at our November meeting on 20 which is early due to Thanksgiving. You should have already received a notice to that effect in the form of a postcard. I regret that I am unable to get the newsletter out before the 10th this month; I have been particularly busy this week and will be

out of town for a few days as well.

For your information, here is a complete list of the candidates for the officers and board of SDOC.

President: Maggie Gee

Vice President: Richard Irland

Janice Anthes

Secretary (Rec.) Jacque Obermeyer

Secretary (Corr.) Estelle Metz

Treasurer: Christine Ferron

Annie Newsted

Board: Pam Sehmer

Vickee Jones

(automatic as past President0

Karen Paone

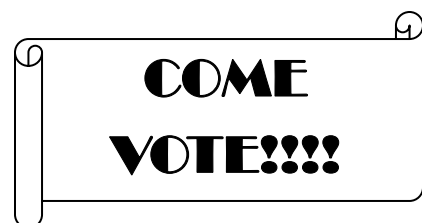
Pam Jones'

Melanie Mead

Clint Wolf

Saul Rovinsky

Be SURE to come and vote for your choices on this extended slate. It's the first one we've had for a while so exercise your right to pick your choices.



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How to Contribute:

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Contributions are welcome at any time, provided they are in an electronic format (*.txt, *.doc, *.jpg, *.tiff) and received by the deadline.

Send your items and ideas to the Editor.

Deadline for the each issue is the 5.th of each month!

Information is believed correct at the time of printing, however the Editor and staff bear no responsibility for errors or omissions.

The Editor is deeply indebted to Saul Rovinsky & Nancy Pollock for copying and mailing, and to Clinton Wolf for posting to the Club's website.

October/December Obedience Classes

Jeff Robb, Training Director

Kindergarten Puppy Training: Saturday Nov. 7— 9:15 AM.....Maggie Gee

Basic Novice :

Saturday Oct. 17— 10:30 AM.....Vi Bauhs

Tuesday Oct. 27— 7:30 PM.....Michelle Lomasson & Donna Tucker

Wednesday Dec. 2— 6:15 PM.....Marcia Sullivan

Novice Competition: Thursday Nov 14— 6:15PM.....Dee Falk

Intermediate Novice: New Class Starting in November!

Beginning Open : New Class Starting in November

Beginning Utility Saturday, May 23 to ... 11:45 AM.....Janice Anthes
To be followed later by Intermediate Utility

Wednesday Drill Wednesday 12:30 PM On-going.....Nancy Pollock

Super Drill: Tuesday 7:30 PM On-going.....Pam Sehmer

Novice Drill: Thursday 7:30 PM July 9 –On-going...Catherine Waters

Conformation Drill Sunday: All dogs.....1:00 PM.....Bonnie Kellner

Rally Drill Sunday, 2:00 PM.....J. Winkler, J. Obermeyer et. al.

Rally Advanced/Excellent Pending

Rally Beginning In January, exact date to be announced. Jane Winkler

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL

Eastern Slopes Coursing Club will hold lure trials on Nov. 14/15. Practices will probably be held on Saturday after the official trial is over. Contact Laurel Drew for information.

attended one of these meetings before, we have a big doggy gift exchange during which the DOGS get to pick their presents. It's great fun to watch and/or participate!

Remember that our November meeting is early due to Thanksgiving. The general meeting will be held on November 20. Please be sure to come as this is also our Annual Election.

During the month of November, we collect food for the Roadrunner Food Bank. Be sure to bring your cans or boxes of unperishables, including dog food, to the training site. Leave it in the training room on the table by the entrance. It will be collected for delivery by one of our members. This is a year when donations are particularly needed so be generous!!!

PLEASE NOTE!!! The SDOC Christmas meeting and party will be held on December 18 at 7:00 P.M., the weekend BEFORE Christmas. Please bring an *Unwrapped* doggy gift for the gift exchange. If you haven't



News Notes from the Neighborhood

Your Editor

For those of you who had not yet heard, Jane Woodard, one of our former members died recently. She had been a long time member and served the Club on the telephone committee for many years. She thought that Pembroke Welsh Corgis were the perfect dogs, probably because, like her, they are short but tenacious. She was a caring and generous friend and will be missed by those such as Estelle Metz, Mary Lee Priestley, Marnie and Cathy Robb who knew her quite well.

A big thank you goes to Hannah Agee for all her hard work putting together the Elicia Calhoun Agility Seminar held in November. Reports are that the food was delicious, the weather mostly delightful, and the seminar outstanding. We were very fortunate to have a world class presenter right here in Albuquerque —Rosemary Burtch

On Sunday, October 25, a crew of 19 folks, 15 of them UNM students brought by Susan McGowan, swarmed the agility field and spent about 3 hours trimming shrubs, cleaning up trash, straightening out the shed. The Club had hired someone to cut the weeds and clean up the potty areas thoroughly during the previous week so the place looked outstanding for the Agility Seminar. Thanks to all you participated!!

Rennie Fietz and company just returned from a visit to Australia a few weeks ago [Rennie, I'm just green with envy! Ed.]. They would welcome newsnotes and messages from other members and want everyone to know that their new email address is 2FEETS@Q.COM.

Don't forget our upcoming Awards Banquet/Brunch in January! A form for requesting your title bar and/or plaque is available in the foyer at the training site. There is also information in the back of this newsletter. Be sure to plan on coming, we have LOTS of fun and an opportunity to visit with old and new friends. It's so nice to see all the folks who have worked hard and finished titles in 2009 with their big smiles and gleaming eyes. Saul will be sending out reservation forms very soon.

The Halloween Party was a success as usual. You'll find several pictures scattered throughout the newsletter. Enjoy!

AND, of course, the December Christmas Party is coming up. Don't forget the doggy gift exchange! Bring unwrapped presents as the critters get to pick their own gifts.



**SDOC
WEBSITE
ADDRESS**

IS

www.sdocnm.org

Be Sure to Check the Website for complete class information , class applications and special updates.

Training Year
(per the SDOC Training Regulations)

For these purposes, the training year will be from December 1 to November 30 of the following year. The total hours of any class which begins on or before December 1 will be credited to the following training year.

TITLE BAR/PLAQUE FORMS

Maggie Gee

To register for
any Agility
class, contact:

Debbie Potter
ulinski@unm.edu
Or 897-8621

If you want to order an engraved title bar(s) showing the title(s) that your dog earned in 2009, order forms are available in the SDOC lobby and also as a separate page at the end of this S&N. The completed forms and payment are due by December 5, 2009 in order for the engraving company to complete the bars in time for the Annual Awards Banquet (separate information/attendee reservation form for the Annual Awards banquet will be made available in the next few weeks. Questions, please contact Maggie Gee at 856-7907.

[Ed.Note: You will also find a form in the back of this newsletter.]

A charming Halloween
Pumpkin Dog at the
Party.



RALLY ROUNDUP

Jane Winkler and Jac Obermeyer

REMINDER:

Drills cost \$5
per dog per
session.

Rally Drills will continue until the end of December! There has been quite a bit of interest so additional dates will be December 6, 13, and 20. Beginning rally class and rally drills will resume in January.

The Advanced/Excellent 6 week course has been put on hold for the moment due to the illness of the instructor. Please watch for it to start soon. A notice will be sent out when it does.

Also, a Beginning Class is planned for January/February, but no dates have been set as yet. I believe that Jane Winkler will be teaching this one, or perhaps the Advanced class if the planned instructor is unable to continue soon.

To register for
any Obedience
class, contact:

Betty Pearson
At 797-2495



Agility Field Cleanup Crew including 15 UNM students brought to SDOC by Susan McGowan. See NewsNotes for more information.

Upcoming Agility Classes

Hannah Agee

Note: Dates and Time are subject to change.

We will inform Persons registered for classes of any changes. If in doubt, please contact the Agility Training Director, Hannah Agee, at hannah.agee@comcast.net or at 867-9210

Puppy Foundation I, 8 weeks

Sept 5, Saturday at 8am indoors, Susan Neal and Vikki Welby or Hannah Agee

Agility Prep, 8 weeks

With Puppy Foundation indoors Sept 22, (Tuesday) at 7:00pm, Carey Corlew, Marsha Cook and Clinton Wolf

Without Puppy Foundation indoors Sept 2 Wednesday at 7:30pm, Ann Newstedt and Mimi Glover

Beg I, 8 weeks

Sept 14, Monday at 6:30pm, Richard Irland, Rosemary Burtch and Hannah Agee

Beg I and II, 8 weeks

Oct. 10, Saturday at 5:30pm, Toi Tschohl, Debby Potter and Susan Neal

Beg I and II, 8 weeks

Sept 16, Wednesday at 6:30, Leonora Abordo and Barbara Peterson

Beg II, 8 weeks

July 30, Thursday at 6:15, Terry Moyers, Laura Echeverria and Karen Provine
Agility Skills

Nov. 17, 24, December 1 and 8. Hannah Agee. Check with Hannah for details.

Intermediate I, 8 weeks

Oct. 10, Saturday 6:45pm, Toi Tschohl, Debby Potter and Susan Neal

Intermediate II, 8 weeks

Oct. 10, Saturday at 6:45pm, Toi Tschohl, Debby Potter and Susan Neal

Advanced, 8 weeks

Oct. 10, Saturday at 7:45pm, Toi Tschohl, Debby Potter and Susan Neal

Master's Handling, 8 weeks

Sept 1, Tuesday at 6:15 pm, Hannah Agee and Carl Agee

COMPETITION DRILL CLASS: This is an ongoing drill type class with instruction for *any competition level*. Handling skills and course interpretation will be the focus. Drop-ins welcome. The fee is \$5.00 per class.

Saturdays at 9:00 am with Toi Tschohl,

Fridays at 6:30 pm with Melanie Mead

Drill classes are not held on local trial weekends.

See event calendar at <http://www.sdocnm.org>

Join SDOC's
YAHOO! group:
SandiaDogOC
@yahoogroups
.com

Contact
Rosemary Burtch
at
rosybee@earthlink.net with
questions



Member Profile

By Marcia Sullivan

One of our newer members is Betty Pearson, one of our Obedience Registrars. She has owned dogs most of her life. She started with a Boxer but now is very active in the Irish Wolfhound breed. She has competed in conformation with Wolfhounds for 13 years.

She first got hooked on obedience when she attended a Rally Match. She says, "...it looked like it would be fun, and I was hooked." Betty moved here from California and heard of SDOC through word-of-mouth.

To order SDOC
t-shirts and
sweatshirts,
contact Estelle
Metz
Stay warm or
be cool, in
style!

As for life outside SDOC, Betty works, works, works at a Veterinary Clinic. She is divorced and recently lost a daughter at the age of 42. Her dad is 93 years old and lives in Albuquerque so Betty helps him out a lot.

Betty is most enthusiastic about the many things that dogs do for us—and things they can give us—loyalty, community work (therapy dogs) and training opportunities. She welcomes dog shows since they give us an opportunity to work with our dogs, to show and educate the general public good things about dogs, and provide social networking and common interests among 'dog people'. This goes for both obedience and conformation. What she likes most about obedience and rally is the bonding with and fun you can have with your dog.

Most of all, Betty sees and appreciates the commonality with people in all venues of dog activities and learning about different dog activities.



2010 SDOC Slate Of Officers

From Estelle Metz

The slate of officers nominated for election for the year 2010 is as follows. Nominations were made from the floor at the October general meeting. The entire slate is reprinted here. Elections will be held at the November General Meeting.

Officers:

President—Maggie Gee
Vice President—Richard Irland / Janice Anthes
Treasurer—Christine Ferron / Annie Newsted
Corresponding Secretary—Estelle Metz
Recording Secretary—Jacque Obermeyer

Board:

Pam Sehmer	Melanie Mead
Vickee Jones	Clint Wolf
Karen Paone	Saul Rovinsky
Pam Jones	



Bragg, Bragg, and More Bragg!

Any title, any venue, any sport

- Laurel Drew and Cinder Greyhound had a successful month. Cinder earned her Junior Oval Racer title (National Oval Track Racing Ass'n.) plus placings and points toward her AKC Lure Coursing title.
- Back in October, at the VVKC trials, Sherry Rogers and Kenzie Rottweiler finished their Rally Advanced title. They also earned their second CD leg despite the difficult ring conditions.
- Also at the VVKC trials, Marcia Sullivan and Shikinya finished her Rally Novice title with a third place despite Marcia's nearly forgetting to bring her from home!
- Nanci Olson and Sue Steketeer attended the English Springer Spaniel national specialty in early September at Purina Farms. Their youngest spaniel, Riley, finished his Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers titles with 2 first places. And Molly spaniel finished her long awaited Excellent Agility Jumpers title with a first place...all with their breeder watching! Riley also earned 2 legs toward his RA and in late Sept qualified in 7 of 8 runs at the USDAA agility trial.
- Nancy and Sue also brought Jody, their oldest Springer out of retirement to join Molly for brace obedience at the nationals and went first place. Last but not least, Molly competed on an obedience team with three of her relatives from Hillcrest Springers and earned a second place!

AKC Develops Mixed Breed Program

From AKC Releases

The AKC has recently announced a new program which will allow mixed breed dogs to compete in performance events starting April 1, 2010. Some of the details which have been released are that effective October 1, 2009, mixed breed dog owners can list their dogs using the 'mixed breed program' registration. Dogs listed must be spayed or neutered. They will be issued an ID number, a certificate of participation and a competition card with their ID number. This number will allow the dog to participate in AKC Agility, Rally, and Obedience events. The registration/listing fee would be \$35. Several new programs and discounts will also be offered to participants in the program.

As of April 1, 2010, competition parameters governing mixed breed participation in the above mentioned events will be:

- AKC clubs would have the option to hold a class for agility, obedience, or rally events specifically for the mixed breed dogs. The same classes will be offered for the mixed breeds (MBs) as for the purebreds.
- MB classes can only be held at standalone AKC performance events, not at any all-breed shows, group shows, or specialties. In other words, events open to MBs may not be held at events at which there are conformation classes.

Has your dog accomplished something new? E-mail all the details to the Editor. AND—if there's a "CH" or "X" anywhere in that title, please include a picture of your dog!

Unfinished Business:

- Betty Pearson was approved as chair of the internal audit committee.

New Business:

- The date for the Awards Banquet will be mailed to all once it is selected.
- Nominations for Board members from the floor are: Janice Anthes—Vice President; Annie Newsted—Treasurer; Melanie Mead, Saul Rovinsky, Clint Wolf—Board of Directors.
- Voting will be at the general meeting November 20th.

Membership:

- **First Readings:** Frances Lavender-Fish and Evelyn Vinogradov.
- **Second Reading:** Jill and Mikela Lyons were unanimously voted into membership. Welcome!

Hospitality:

- Thanks to Jeff & Cathy Robb and all who contributed.
- The Halloween games will be done by Jeff & Cathy Robb and Lynn Finley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Hannah can
be reached at

887-9210

Or

Hannah.agee@
comcast.net

Officers, Board of Directors & Others

2009

Members of the Board:

McGowan

Officers:

Ongoing Programs:

President: Vickee Jones

Obedience Director: Jeff Robb

Vice President: Richard Ireland

Agility Director: Hannah Agee

Treasurer: Maggie Gee

Editor: Laurel Drew

Corresponding Secretary:
Estelle Metz

Production Staff: Nancy Pollock and Saul Rovinsky

Recording Secretary: Jacqu Obermeyer

Web Wizard: Clint Wolf

Board of Directors:

Thank you one and all!

Pam Sehmer, Toi Tschohl,
Karen Paone, and Susan

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- Mixed breed dogs would compete in separate classes from AKC purebred dogs. The club is not required to hold these classes in separate rings under separate Judges. The purebred classes can be held in the same ring, using the same judge as the MBs but not at the exact same time. Placements and titles would be scored and awarded separately. For example, in Agility in the Regular class, all purebred dogs entered in the Regular 16 inch class would run, followed in the same ring by the mixed breed dogs entered in the Regular 16 inch class. AKC is presenting a 'separate but equal' class distinction.
- The event-giving club will decide if group exercises in Obedience, specifically long sits and downs, should be combined to save time or should be completed separately. The club is not required to hold the classes in separate rings under separate judges. Placements and titles for MBs would be scored and awarded separately.
- Mixed breed dogs would earn different titles from purebred dogs. Mixed breed dogs would earn titles with a "Mixed Breed suffix" (i.e. NAC-Novice Agility Mixed Breed).
- Dogs competing in the class would be eligible to earn similar (but separate) titles as purebreds, including MACH-M (Master Agility Champion Mixed Breed), OTCH-M, and RAE-M.
- Dogs competing in mixed breed classes would NOT be eligible for National Championships or Invitational events.

[From your Editor: I know that this program has had its adherents and detractors, but at a time when obedience entries are falling off sharply, and when so many agencies are urging the adoption of mixed breed dogs, this may be an opportunity that obedience and agility clubs shouldn't miss. It could make the difference between many of our novice students dropping out after that first beginner's class and their continuing training with an option to compete. It also allows the 'designer dogs' a place to show off their skills.

There may be, of course, problems involved with adding such classes, but if our regular entries are down, it may not make that much of a difference in the number of rings and/or judges that would be needed. Remember that the same judges and rings could be used. It would mainly be a matter of scheduling and additional catalog entries. Oh, and of more trophies and ribbons. However, the addition of entries and even of MB club members who could donate trophies) might well make up the difference.

Looking on the upside of this, we could be gaining a whole new group of obedience, agility and rally supporters who might vitalize our sinking numbers of entries. Of course, we may be opening up a flood of trainees that will outnumber our limited classes for training, but that remains to be seen.

I would be happen to see some discussion of this topic both at meetings and here in the newsletter as we are going to have some big decisions to make in the near future concerning the addition of these classes to our trials. My personal opinion is that we need to add these classes and to encourage people with MBs to become more active, but you all may have some very good reasons for not doing so. If so, please share them!]

SDOC Board Meetings are held on the Tuesday *prior* to General Membership meetings at the SDOC Training Building. Minutes are available for review by contacting the Recording Secretary at the @ earthling . net or at any General Membership meeting.

Want to become a member? Get an application in the lobby at the Club building, or download from the SDOC web site!



SDOC MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING October, 2009

By Jacque Obermeyer, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: President Vickee Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the training room of the SDOC training site at 7050 San Pedro NE in Albuquerque.

Attendance: Board members attending were Maggie Gee, Richard Irland, Jacque Obermeyer, Vickee Jones, Estelle Metz, Toi Tschohl, and Pam Sehmer.

Recording Secretary's Report: The September minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- For the month ended September 30, 2009, SDOC has a net operating profit of approximately \$3,317. Revenues for the month of September 2009 totaled \$24,174 (includes training class revenue \$4,502; Fall '09 Obedience Trial entry fees of \$5,285, Fall '09 Agility Trial entry fees of \$13,595; and raffle proceeds of \$791). Expenses for the month of September 2009 totaled \$20,857. Cumulative year to date through September 30, 2009, SDOC has a net operating profit of approximately \$20,716 compared to a year to date profit at September 30, 2008 of \$20,522.
- Maggie Gee is asking to reconvene the SDOC Finance Committee.

President's Report:

- Thanks to Joe and Dee Wright for hanging the bulletin boards and moving the mail boxes.
- If the weather is inclement the agility seminar will be in the building and anyone training will have to relinquish the building.
- Thanks to all who helped with the agility field clean-up.
- There are new bulletin boards for members to post what they wish.
- December 18 is the last day to bring items for the Roadrunner Food Drive.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- Received an invitation to Ryan's Pet Supplies open house in Mesa, Arizona.
- Mark Glennerstes, a K9/Equine therapy specialist, has sent us information.
- Marcie Jensen sent a thank you for the flowers.
- Road Runner Food Bank is requesting a donation.
- An invitation to the National Obedience Invitational dinner was received.
- AKC wants an election update post the November meeting.
- Tally events have been received and processed by AKC for the September 6 & 7, 2009 trials.
- Agility events have been received and processed by AKC for the September 19 & 20, 2009 trials.
- AKC has declined to fine us \$90 for agility events that were due 9/17/09 but not received until 10/13/09.
- Nominating committee appointments for the delegate appointed for the class of 2014 has been sent to us fulfilling AKC's obligations in this matter.
- AKC has approved our agility trial applications for March 20 & 21, 2010.

By-Laws Committee:

- Karen Paone continues to work on the by-laws and has contacted AKC.

Obedience Director's Report:

- There will be a new puppy kindergarten class starting November 7 taught by Maggie Gee.

Announcements:

- The newsletter will be combined for November and December.
- Anything you wish in the newsletter needs to be to Laurel Drew by November 5th.
- The newsletter will contain membership renewal forms and title cards (for the banquet).
- Valencia County 4-H Dog Program is having an agility fun match December 12th in Belin.
- UKC is having all breed obedience and rally trials in Santa Fe November 21st and 22nd.

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SDOC Degree/Title Cards

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Dog's Registered Name _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed _____

Title Earned: _____

Date Earned _____

Any Comments: _____

Plaque/Bar Information

I **(have) (have not)** received a plaque for the dog earning this title. If you have not received a plaque, please be sure to enter the dog's registered name above, as you would like it printed on the plaque. Only the dog's registered name will be placed on the plaque. The club will play for one plaque per dog for current members in good standing. Owners must pay for bars ordered to indicate titles earned.

Bars are available in either large size or a small size for adding and hanging from the plaque to show the titles earned by the dog. A large bar will cost \$5.00 and a small bar is \$3.50 and this price includes lettering.

If you want to order a bar showing the degrees earned during 2007 (or before), please show in the block below, exactly how you want the inscription to be engraved on the bar. Do not show the dog's name again as it is already on the plaque. Please write neatly.

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Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

Future Board Meetings (in the Office at the SDOC training building) - always at 6:30 p.m.

October 27

November 17

December 15

January 26?, 2010

February 23

March 23

April 27

Future General Membership Meetings (in the SDOC training building) - always at 7:00 p.m.

October 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY

November 20

December 18 CHRISTMAS PARTY

January 3? Annual Brunch & Awards

February 26

March 26

April 30

Remember: see http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc_events for local events.