



Scents & Nonscents

October, 2015

Fall Agility Trial A Success!



The SDOC Fall Agility Trial was held September 18, 19 and 20 at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse and the dirt was exceptional thanks to Joey, the Posse caretaker. He was usually out at 5:00 am tilling the dirt to ensure a good surface for us to run on. We received many compliments on the "fluff" of the dirt.

Our judges, Linda Kipp and Cindy Blanton, both from New Mexico, designed challenging courses with nothing taken for granted. The tunnel entrance after the weaves in the Standard ring caught most of us off guard. Not sure how many Qs there were that day in that ring, I bet not many.

The mornings started off cool, and the runs were HOT. We had three exhibitors who earned their MACHs over the weekend. Congratulations to **Theresa and Min Schnauzer, Radar** on their MACH 16. Yes, that's 16, not a typo. Also, congratulations to **Julie Paige of Durango and her Papillion, Tommy,** and **Steve Yost and his Min Schnauzer, Dexter,** on their MACHs. These three made it look easy.

The quality of our AKC shows is renowned across AKC and we usually have a rep at our trials as we did at this one, Rhonda Crane, and she was helpful with clarifying the regulations, measuring Novice dogs and encouraging our new competitors. Thanks for coming to our trial.

On Saturday, we had the Victory Lap. A special time for our retired dogs to have one last run to the cheers of the crowd. If you've never seen one, they

are emotional and rousing at the same time. Mike Provine reads the dedication for the dog and the handler runs the dog for one last time around the ring. The tears were flowing freely as we all shared in the celebration of our retired fur-kids. Congratulations to our special Victory Lap dogs!

It takes a village to set-up, run, and tear-down trials as we all know and several folks go above and beyond to help. Mike and Karen Provine, Melanie Mead, Susan Neal, Laura Echeverria, fencing extradonaire Ray and Gayle Elliott, Barbara Petersen, Amy Tanler, and new SDOC member, Judy Anderson

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Pat Hester honoring the Victory Lap dogs with the song, Forever Young



How to Contribute:

SDOC's newsletter "Scents & Nonscents" is published 11 times per year.

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.

Laurel Drew

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Deadline for 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 Lisa Frankland for Co-Editing, and Allie Wimber for copying and mailing, and to Clinton Wolf for posting to the Club's website.

SDOC Class Schedules and Notes

For full information concerning up-coming classes whether obedience or agility, please refer to the Sandia Dog Obedience Club website. It is found at <http://www.sdocnm.org>

Call Betty Pearson at 898-2706 to sign up for classes.

ALL TRAINERS MUST STILL SIGN UP FOR CLASSES, EVEN IF THEY ARE GETTING ONE FREE.

Nominating Committee Report

By Betty Pearson

It is that time of year again.. The nominating committee was formed consisting of Betty Pearson, Julie Brozek, Leslie Swisher, Stephanie Kouretsos, Toi Tschohl, with Peggy Chandler as an alternate. Julie was ill when we met so Peggy became an active member.

The selections for the Officers and Board of Directors were as follows:

President Jeff Robb

Vice President Betty Pearson

Treasurer...

Corresponding Secretary Estelle Metz

Recording Secretary Karen Provine

Michele Lommasson

Pam Sehmer

Peggy Chandler

Stephanie Kouretsos

We do have a treasurer candidate but as this person was absent it was a TBA. This being the case that nomination will have to be made from the floor at the meeting next month.

Next month, October, according to the by laws nominations for any of the positions can be made from the floor as long as acceptance of the nomination is in writing from the nominated person.



Newsnotes From the Neighborhood

Your Editor

Blue Buffalo admitted the truth in court yesterday: A ?substantial? and ?material? portion of Blue Buffalo pet food sold over the past several years contained poultry by-product meal, despite pervasive advertising claims to the contrary. Blue Buffalo asked the Court for additional time to file an Amended Complaint in the litigation, naming its ingredient suppliers as Defendants.

The admission came almost one year to the day when Purina filed a lawsuit against Blue Buffalo for false advertising after testing revealed the presence of poultry by-product meal in some of Blue Buffalo?s top selling pet foods.

In its original suit, Purina alleged independent tests showed that Blue Buffalo uses chicken by-products, egg shells, rice hulls and artificial preservatives in its products ? despite claims to the contrary. Blue Buffalo has continued to make claims in its advertising that none of its pet foods contains animal by-products thereby implying that Blue pet foods are healthier for pets than competitive foods that contain by-products.

A lab report by Windsor Laboratories, which Purina submitted in the civil lawsuit, alleged several of Blue Buffalo?s pet foods contained poultry by-product meal which contained ?between 22 and 24 % poultry byproduct meal, egg shell and raw feather.?

Don't forget our annual HALLOWEEN PARTY at our October meeting on October 30. Be sure to bring your dog in costume if you want to participate in our Costume Contest. There will be games and prizes for all dogs. The goodies are usually special as well!

At the Sept.10, 2015 AKC-Board meeting, the Board approved a recommendation to allow deaf dogs to participate in AKC agility, rally and tracking events. This is effective for all trials held on or after October 1, 2015. This is a big breakthrough for all those folks who have wondered why their dogs could not enter various trials and have fun if they were trained to hand signals. Hurrah for the change, AKC!

A reminder to all those who participate in classes on October 16, 17, 18. There will be no run-thrus, classes or other activities since the Agility Novice/Open trial is being held that weekend and time is needed to set up the building for crating, etc. Come and watch the trial instead...it's right there at our training site.



**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.

AKC Rally Regulations Changes

Submitted by Janice Anthes

To register for
any Agility
class, contact:

Stephanie
Koretsos at
[bixbyb@
aol.com](mailto:bixbyb@aol.com)

Or 828-9660

REMINDER:

Drills cost \$7
per dog per
session.

To register for
any Obedience
class, contact:

Betty Pearson
At 898-2706

In April, the AKC Board approved changes to the Obedience Regulations effective December 1, 2015. With the separation of the obedience and rally regulation books, it is necessary to also amend these items in the Rally Regulations. At the September 10, 2015 AKC Board of Directors meeting, the AKC Board approved the following changes to the *AKC Rally Regulations*.

This change is effective for all trials held on or after **December 1, 2015**.

1. Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1. Application to Hold a Rally Trial. (Paragraph 4) Require clubs to publish, in the premium list, if two trials in one day will be held concurrently or consecutively.
2. Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 13. Transfers. Clubs may choose to accept transfers prior to the day of the trial and this should be clearly stated in the premium list.
3. Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 20. Judging Program. For all rally classes, the listed start time for each class is the time of the walkthrough and judging of the class will follow.
4. Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 20. Judging Program. Classes scheduled to start at, or after 12:00 noon will be listed to start "after noon" and must be judged in the order and ring listed in the judging program.
5. Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 20. Judging Program. If the published judge and ring are available prior to the listed start time and all exhibitors have checked in and agree, the judge may start a class earlier than the class time listed in the judging program. (A Club may not start a second trial on the same day before the published start time.)
6. Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 20. Judging Program. No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day.
7. Rally Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 5. Familiarization Time. At the listed start time for the class, a walkthrough of up to 10 minutes will be allowed for handlers without their dogs and judging of the class will follow. After each two-hour period of judging, judges should allow up to an additional 10-minute walkthrough for the next two-hour block of dogs to be judged in the class.
8. Rally Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 1, Section 3. Exhibiting. Judges (including provisional) may not handle dogs that are not owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member at obedience and or rally trials."
9. Rally Judges' Guidelines. Chapter 1, Section 5. Judging Assignments/Assignment Restrictions. A judge may accept an assignment within 30 days and 100 straight line miles of another assignment only on an emergency basis. An emergency basis is defined as an advertised judge notifying a club within 72 hours of an approved trial that they cannot fulfill their assignment.

Comments may be sent to: rally@akc.org.





DOUBLE Q



We are in the middle of the fall trial season and along with the marvelous Master level dogs, it is truly exciting to see some novice dogs with first-time handlers coming along.

The training program has taken a bit of a turn (and hopefully for the good)! Puppy, Prep, and Beginning classes continue in the 8 week tradition on Tuesday nights. The rest of the week, classes are now \$10 punchcard skills at a variety of levels, with a variety of focuses. This allows students to move or remain at a level as needed. It has also solved some of our staffing difficulties.

With lots of help, we now have updated, safer equipment on the field. Come join us to play on it!

Finally, a gentle reminder to all who use the field -- poop problems persist!! Pick it up! And always check all doors and locks before you drive away



Part of the Gallery at Agility Trial in September.

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

Contact
Rosemary Burtch
at
rosybee@earthlink.net with
questions



Victory Lap Dogs
and their Owners



The Prez Sez

By Jeff Robb

Our Fall Agility and Obedience trials are finished. Congratulations to all who showed their dogs. Hopefully many of you earned legs toward titles. I want to thank all of those who helped with these trials. Whether you stewarded, did hospitality, helped set up or take down, please know that your contributions are appreciated. Special thanks to Dora Cressey who did another excellent job as our Fall Labor Day Obedience Trial Chair, and to Melanie Mead for Chairing our Fall Agility Trial. Also, a shout out to those hard working folks who showed up on that Friday afternoon to help set up for the Obedience Trial – Maggie Gee, John Clendenin and Sylvia Feeney along with 3 of Susan McGowan's UNM students. We also had help from a few out of town exhibitors as well (from El Paso I think). Several more club members showed up to help set gates. Many thanks also to all the folks who helped with setting up and taking down the Agility Trial. As always, it takes a small army to put on these events.

To order SDOC
t-shirts and
sweatshirts,
contact Estelle
Metz

The new gate between the potty yards has been completed and we should soon have a padlock on it that uses the same key as the main Agility field gate. This work was done to improve the safety/security for people and dogs in the Agility field.


Stay warm or
be cool, in
style!

I have received some requests for copies of the SDOC Training Regulations. I have located an electronic copy of the regs (thank you Vickee Jones) and will ask Rosemary to post them on the yahoo list. Peggy Chandler has also offered to make pdf copies available to those without access to our Yahoo list. The Board agreed that all interested members should have access to our regs. We will also eventually get our By Laws available in the same ways.

Time to start thinking about our awards banquet. Planning is underway to have it at the Tanoan Country Club again. Be sure to get your title cards filled out and to Maggie Gee (who gets the bars and plaques ordered – many thanks Maggie!)

The Nominating Committee has put together a slate of nominees for next year's officers and Board members – please see the list elsewhere in this newsletter. At this month's (October) meeting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Remember, this month's meeting is our annual Halloween Party. Dog costume contest and games, lots of fun! My wife Cathy has volunteered to be in charge of Hospitality, so if you have a Fall/Halloween favorite food/goodies you can bring, please let her know.



Congratulations to All
Our Qualifiers and Ti-
tlists at Our Fall Trial!

Minutes of the September SDOC General Meeting

By Estelle Metz

Sandia Dog Obedience Club
General Meeting
September 25, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Present: Jeff Robb, President, Karen Provine, Vice President, Betty Pearson, Treasurer, Estelle Metz, Corresponding Secretary, Board Members: Pam Sehmer and Terri Brown

Directors: Peggy Chandler and Barb Peterson, Agility, Toi Tschohl, Obedience, Annie Newsted, Tracking director

Absent: Karen Naughton, Recording Secretary, Michele Lommasson, Board member
Suzanne Ratchner, Board member

Motion to accept minutes of last month's general meeting as published in Sense and Nonsense: Barb Peterson, Second: Stephanie Kouretsos. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Thank you to all who helped with our Obedience/Rally and Agility Trials.

The potty yard gate is finished except for a new padlock. Padlock will be keyed to allow Agility yard gate key to be used.

The Annuals Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Tanoan Country Club.

The SDOC Training Rules and Regulations will be posted on our club Yahoo list. Peggy Chandler has created a PDF copy of the Rules and Regulations and will create a PDF of SDOC's By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was submitted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

AKC sent an approval notice for the TDX to be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016. The notice was forwarded to the Tracking Director.

We received a thank you from Evie Fox in appreciation of our 3-day Fall Obedience Trial. The note will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Obedience Director's Report:

A Nose work and Beginning Novice II class has begun. A Basic Novice and a Puppy Kindergarten class is scheduled.

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Agility Director's Report:

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!

Bragg, Bragg and More Bragg

Any venue, any breed

Barb Peterson
and Peggy
Chandler,
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SDOCNM.org](mailto:AgilityDirector@SDOCNM.org)
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- Peggy Chandler and Sheltie, Jake, earned a triple Q, their First ever at the Weimaraner Agility Trial in Sept. They finished with a first and two 2nds in Time 2 Beat, Master's Standard, and Master's Jumpers! Nice going, Peggy!!!
- Barb Mitchell got a nice surprise in the mail. Fag'n, Golden Retriever, earned his Obedience Master 1 title at our Fall Trials. Barb says, "I've been so busy working on UDX legs that I forgot all about the Masters title!" I'm sure glad that AKC didn't forget, Barb!
- Maggie Gee and Solar, Golden Retriever, qualified 5 out of 6 times at our recent Agility Trial earning their Open Agility Preferred and their OJW Preferred titles plus 2 legs in FAST Preferred.
- Tessa Scheler and her dog, Cy, took Best Junior Handler at the NM State Fair Competition. They also took a 3 point major at the Spring shows, going WD, BW. Tessa and Cy trained for Conformation with the Banales at SDOC. Congratulations to both of you!
- Sherry Rogers' Rottie, Emmy, earned her Rally Advanced title with placings each day. She is now known as Farwest's Enchanted Land CD, BN, RA, HIT.



**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO MAGGIE GEE
WHO PROVIDED THE AGILITY
PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE**

Officers, Board of Directors & Others 2015

Members of the Board:

Officers:

President: Jeff Robb

Vice President: Karen Provine

Treasurer: Betty Pearson

Corresponding Secretary: Estelle Metz

Recording Secretary: Karen Naughton

Board of Directors: Pam Sehmer,
Terri Brown, Michele Lommasson, Suzanne Ratchner

Ongoing Programs:

Obedience Director: Toi Tschohl

Agility Director: Peggy Chandler & Barb Peters

Tracking Director:

Editor: Laurel Drew

Production Staff: Lisa Frankland and Allie Wimber

Web Wizard: Clint Wolf

Maintenance Projects: John Clendenin

Thank you one and all!

Sports for Reactive Dogs and the Shy Ones Too!

From Rosemary Burtch

Do you know a talented dog who does not like being in a trial environment? An older or disabled dog who cannot jump? Video sports can let those dogs shine!

RALLY OBEDIENCE:

Cyber Rally-O offers five levels of rally in three divisions (Traditional, Performance, and Juniors). It accommodates all dogs (including those with physical disabilities), allows leashes at all levels, and is challenging and fun. There is also a Dance Division with fixed pattern dance routines done to music.

www.cyberrally-o.com

RallyFree offers a video option. Several divisions. Runs are done to music.

www.rallyfree.com

AGILITY:

VALOR agility offers a safe way for reactive dogs to participate in agility. In addition to the regular division there is a training titling division that allows leashes and food. Entry is by video. In addition to standard and jumpers, VALOR has two fun games (Snooker and Perfect 50). Courses are challenging and fun.

http://www.dogtrainingraleighnc.net/VirtualAgilityLeague/VALOR_home.html

MUSICAL FREESTYLE:

The Dogs Can Dance Challenge is a video venue offering several fun divisions. It has the best judging system (point accumulation towards titles) of any of the freestyle venues.

www.dogscandance.com

CRO (www.cyberrally-o.com) has a Dance Division with fixed pattern dance routines. Judging is Q/NQ and little to no choreography is required. A great way to get started in freestyle and rev up your teamwork if you are already experienced.

Other video venues are WCFO and MDSA. www.worldcaninefreestyle.org and www.musicaldogsport.org

TREIBBALL:

The American Treibball Association offers both live and video options. Here is the link to the video services:

<http://www.americantreibballassociation.org/virtual-competitions/>

DOG PARKOUR:

The International Dog Parkour Association offers titles in this new sport (urban agility).

www.dogparkour.org

There are YahooGroups and/or FaceBook pages for all the above venues and plenty of helpful participants for those of you who are new to the sport or venue. Enjoy!


Jude Azaren, NJ

www.cyberrally-o.com



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 kknaughton@gmail.com 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!



The auction of equipment at the Fall Agility Trial was very successful.

Update on Vikki Welby's accident with our very best wishes for a quick recovery.

A gift to presented to Joey for his work at the Posse Grounds

Judy Anderson to be promoted to Assistant for Skills.

Classes schedules will be updated and posted on the club website during Balloon Fiesta.

Everyone is asked to be sure outside gate is properly locked.

Classes are going well. Jumps have been painted thanks to Barb Peterson. New jumps are on the field. Extra panels will be stored in the shed with an eye toward safety.

Peggy Chandler recapped the Fall Trials. Three MACH's were earned.

Everything is set for the upcoming Novice-Open Agility Trial.

Old Business:

Barb Mitchell and Christy Stern still have emergency kits available for sale.

New Business:

Nominating Committee report by Betty Pearson.

Committee members: Peggy Chandler, Julie Brozak, Stephanie Kouretsos, Leslie Swisher, Toi Tschol, Betty Pearson

Proposed slate:

President, Jeff Robb

Board Members: Pam Sehmer,

Vice President, Betty Pearson

Michele Lommasson, Peggy

Treasurer, TBA

Chandler, Stephanie Kouretsos

Corresponding secretary, Estelle Metz

Recording secretary, Karen Provine

Membership reading:

Karen Provine introduced two for a second reading: Cindi Bair, Chris Sanks

Motion to accept both by Barb Peterson, second by Peggy Chandler. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Laurel Drew requests contributions for newsletter be submitted by October 6, 2015

Terri Brown discussed the symptoms of gall bladder disease in dogs. Her wonderful Sheltie Jed need- ed extremely expensive surgery. He's recovering well.

Peggy Chandler suggests all members be made aware via the newsletter how to post to our Yahoo list and Facebook.

Pam Sehmer announced Renate Van Allen's latest accomplishments.

Brag: There were lovely brags by the membership. Congratulations to all.

Thank you to Marcia Sullivan for her appreciated hospitality contribution.

The next General Meeting will be Friday October 30, 2015. Our Halloween Party hospitality will be handled by Cathy Robb.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

PHOTOS FROM SDOC AGILITY TRIAL

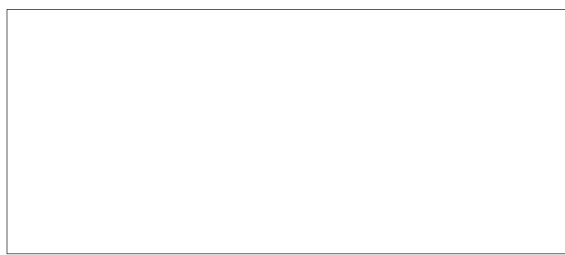


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Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

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

- August 25
- September 22
- October 27
- November 17
- December 15
- January 26
- February 23
- March 22

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

- August 28
- September 25
- October 30 (Halloween Party)
- November 20
- December 18
- January 29 (Banquet held earlier)
- February 26
- March 25

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