



## 2018 Club Officers

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## Welcome New Member

Steve was voted into membership at the general meeting of November 5, 2018.

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Mini Aussie

Obedience/Agility

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**Nominating Committee  
Slate of Officers - 2019**

Below is the report of the Nominating Committee for the 2019 officers and board members for the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County:

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Respectfully submitted:

Steve Campbell, Karen Jones, Susan Minix  
Nominating Committee for 2019

# IT'S PARTY TIME



The Obedience training Club of Palm Beach County Holiday party at Buongiorno's. Take a number, pick a gift, and hope no one "steals" that great gift from you.





OTCPBC celebrated the retirement of local judges Rose & Harold Doan at our Rally trial on Sunday 11/18. This was their last judging assignment in both venues of Rally & Obedience.

It was our privilege to have them share this special time with our club.

We celebrated their retirement with a sheet cake as well as the presentation of an etched clock thanking them for all their years of service.

They really appreciated the gesture.





## AKC Government Relations



November 7, 2018

<https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/government-relations/government-relations-blogs/florida-amendment-13-ban-greyhound-racing-connection-wagering-passes-no-impact-akc-events-expected/>

Yesterday, Florida voters approved a new state constitutional amendment that will phase out commercial dog racing in the state in connection with wagering by 2020. [The amendment passed with 69% of voters supporting the amendment.](#)

The amendment provides that after December 31, 2020, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutual operations may not race greyhounds or any other dog in connection with any wager for money (or any other thing of value) on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in Florida. The new amendment only applies to those who are approved by the state to conduct racing operations related to gambling.

Some Florida AKC dog owners, exhibitors, and competitors have expressed concerns that the provisions of this measure include or could be expanded to AKC events unrelated to wagering. Amendment 13 does not affect AKC events or lure coursing competitions or events. AKC-sanctioned events do not allow wagering and are not subject or conducted pursuant to those [laws](#). Prizes received for placements in competitive events are not the proceeds of a wager.

[Click here](#) for AKC's September 2018 post on the proposal, which includes the amendment's text.

AKC's Government Relations (AKC GR) Department is happy to provide additional information on this amendment. Please contact AKC GR at 919-816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org) with questions about this informational alert.

*The AKC PAC combines contributions from AKC club members and uses those funds to financially support the campaigns of candidates in key races who are willing to defend the rights of responsible dog owners. Because the American Kennel Club pays all the PAC's administrative costs, 100% of your contribution to the AKC PAC goes directly to electing dog-friendly candidates. Learn more at [www.akc.org/pac](http://www.akc.org/pac).*

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### Immediate Family – definition revision

by [AKC Companion Events Department](#)

As used in these regulations, “immediate family” means one’s spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

*AKC has changed the definition of Immediate Family for all performance venues. These include Agility, Tracking, Rally and Obedience. Basically, the definition has been expanded to reflect the family dynamics as they now exist. If in doubt, download the latest rules and regulations for your venue of interest.*

• *Editor*

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### **Novice A or B?**

Which am I qualified to show in? Check out this link. <https://showentries.info/smartform/view.php?id=8085>

(Hold down the CTRL key and place your cursor over the link and click.

## THANK YOUS

Hello to all,

Our trials are over; I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for making all four a great success.

First to Nancy Honchar, for being our show secretary. She is a true professional, always pleasant and "on top of it all" during the entire proceedings.

She even stayed quite late after Saturday's trials to have things ready for first thing Sunday morning. I think she needs a pay raise.

Our table stewards, Scott Adams and Celeste Platte. Thank you both and there were great compliments from the judges on your competence throughout both days.

Charlotte Czermann, Patsy Clouser and Karen Jones for handling trophies and always being right there after each class with ribbons, rosettes and trophies.

We had an abundance of stewards and thank you to all. Peggy DeMinico, Sandy Crechiolo, Mary Wright, Lodge Weber, Susan Minix, Bob Millar, Mary Macchia, Carol Ann Klein, Dianne Parker. The trials could not have progressed as smoothly as they did without your skills and fine work!!!!

David McKennan, our timer who worked both days and handled the job once again without a hitch.

To the provider of wonderful food on Sunday, Betty Gansky. The Ziti was fantastic, as were the dog cookies, and human desserts. Karen Jones also made a fine salad.

Finally, to those who helped set up on Friday: Sandy, Scott, Charlotte and Nancy, thanks.....and those who cleaned up Sunday after the show, Peggy, Jeff, Betty, Mary W., Dianne, Nancy, Celeste, more thanks.

If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me.

AND a huge congratulations to those wonderful dogs who make us proud, YEAH!!!!!!!!!!

Hope to see you all in April, at our next trials.

Again, thanks.

Steve Campbell, Trial Chair

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" Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. "

**Helen Keller**  
Quoteablenotes.com

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Hi Betty

Just a note to thank you for inviting us to judge our final trial for OTCPBC. Thanks to your thoughtfulness it was a weekend to remember. It was very kind of you to present us with the clock with the lovely inscription as well as the cake and the card. The clock is sitting in the family room where everyone can see and admire it.

It was a nice weekend. I think everything went well and a good time was had by most!! The lunch on Sunday was delicious and Harold enjoyed having it for dinner. Please thank all our stewards for the wonderful job they did keeping the ring moving quickly and smoothly. Without their competence we would never have finished as quickly as we did. And dinner at the Outback Saturday night was delicious.

It's hard to believe that after 25 years my judging career had ended. When I started with dogs in 1982 the main thing that drew me in was seeing a bunch of dogs sitting together in a line with no one holding on to them for dear life. To me groups were very important, and when the AKC decided to do away with them, I decided it was time for me to quit. And the flying had gotten to me. I had enough of sitting in airports waiting for planes that were delayed for hours or cancelled for unknown reasons. It was just not fun anymore, and I have always said that when something stopped being fun I would no longer do it.

Hopefully Harold & I will come to some local trials and see the friends we have made judging and showing with for all these years. Good luck with your new pup. She is going to be fun to train and show.

Rose (Doan)

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THANK YOU from an exhibitor

Nancy,

. . . thank you to your club for a very well run event. It was my first time at your club and the people I met were welcoming and I enjoyed hearing applause for all the course runs. It was simply a positive atmosphere and much appreciated.

*Cordelia Jennings and Nugget*

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Hi Betty,

Just want to let you know I am home from the hospital and rehab, and working on recovering and learning to walk again. Please thank all the members for the cards, emails and lovely notes. I hope to see you all soon.

*Thank you,  
Maryann Lannon*

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OTCPBC Holiday Party

Twenty-six people attended the Holiday Party held at Buongiorno's Restaurant in Palm Beach Gardens on Sunday December 2nd. A great time was had by all!

There was plenty of food, good conversation, excellent service & lots of laughs when we played the "gift exchange" game.

I'd like to thank Cindy Ponga for all of her work in setting-up this great out of the clubhouse event. We look forward to going again next year!

Happy Holidays!

*Betty Gansky*



Thanks to the generous and enthusiastic support of volunteers, OTCPCB hosted a very well-received AKC Scent Work trial at the clubhouse on November 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. This was the second OTCPCB trial in two weekends with a number of the same volunteers, so volunteer help was doubly appreciated.

Volunteers were warm and welcoming to our competitors. Outdoors volunteers helped competitors know when their turn was coming up and were encouraging as teams got ready to do their searches. Timers, scribes, box setters, gate stewards provided a calm atmosphere allowing competitors to focus on being a team doing a search. Judges provided interesting and fun searches. We had enough volunteers to allow volunteers to get a chance to view searches and provide a supportive group of spectators.

Our trial Chair, Liese Hookey, with the help of others did a stellar job handling ribbons, displaying and warmly pinning competitors.

A very special thanks goes to those who helped set up and to those who got everything back in order after the trial. Furniture was moved out to the shed and then back into the building. Lattice panels for use in creating clearly defined paths, plus sandbags to hold them in place, involved considerable effort that was much appreciated by competitors. Setting up clear area in shed for use as a scent preparation area required thought and effort and was highly successful. Since this was a container search, there were boxes to fold and tape, other types of containers to stuff with newspaper. Our picnic lunch required moving tables and chairs outdoors, picking up food and setting up our picnic lunch.

No trial is successful without the quiet careful work of the trial secretary. This starts well before the trial date and continues after the trial itself as results are provided to AKC. Thank you, Diana Johnson-Ford. Two of our OTCPCB member judges, Lisa Brooks and Lauren Walsh, provided interesting and fun searches. Lindsey Smith captured the event with her wonderful photographs.

I so appreciate the contribution of each volunteer. I appreciate everyone's positive attitude and willingness to see what needed to be done and to jump in and do it.

Thank you for your effort in making this event an efficient and fun event. I suspect that you contributed in ways that I am not aware of as well as in your "assigned tasks."

Thank you, Scott Adams, Angel Andrews, Jean Asaro, Nancy Auer, Sandra Brown, Jane Craig, Marge Davis, Jess Feliciano, Marie Forgach, Sandy Gates, Katie Gross, Brian Gross, Mary Ann Hamzy, Karen Jones, Carol Ann Klein, Bob Millar, Janet Moore, Judy Norton, Cindylou Ponga, Cynthia Porter, Gary Roche, Fran Smith, Diane Wolak, Joe Wolak and Mary Wright. Thanks too to non-members Deb McCray, Carolyn Schneider, Wendy Wingfield, Lou Richards and Kim Corey.

Judy (McPartland)



## Dog Obedience Trials Began Because of Poodles and a Farmer

### A brief history of how two women popularized dog obedience as a sport.

Posted Jun 13, 2017

[Stanley Coren PhD., DSc, FRSC](#)  
[Canine Corner](#)



Blanche Saunders

Source: Photo from Poodle Club of America (AKC Archives)-CC 1.0

I was sitting at a dog obedience trial watching the competition when a white-haired woman with a matching white standard poodle sat down beside me. I had spoken with her a few times before at similar events and after we exchanged greetings she turned her attention back to the ring where a golden retriever was performing splendidly. Then her voice took on a bit of a philosophical tone and she said to me, "I've been competing in dog obedience trials ever since I was a teenager. Anyway, yesterday afternoon one of my grandsons asked me how this dog sport got started. I didn't know the answer but you know a bit about doggy history so perhaps you could tell me how dog obedience competitions came to be in the first place."

To tell the truth, I love history almost as much as I love psychology, so I was happy to seize the opportunity to tell a bit of a historical story.

"Actually, here in North America, dog obedience competitions came about because of a poodle lover, like you. It was a woman who bred standard poodles and back in the late 1920s she found that many people (like today) thought that poodles were wimpy, stupid and useless dogs that were fit only to be primped and coiffed and shown in beauty pageants. This annoyed her since she knew that poodles were bred to be water dogs and working retrievers. She was sufficiently miffed so that she decided to prove that people were wrong about the abilities of poodles. But before we get to her role in establishing obedience competitions, let me give you a little bit of background."

I then went on to explain that there are many accounts showing that throughout history there had always been informal competitions between dog handlers and their dogs. These competitions mostly had to do with the jobs the dogs were trained to do — herding, sled pulling, hunting, retrieving and so forth. These competitions mostly took place in order to determine the quality of the handler's training skills, and also the quality of the dog's abilities for purposes of breeding better canines. These competitions were also social get-togethers where like-minded people could gather to share information, training methods or just general gossip about dogs.

By the 1800s in England, some of these informal competitions had moved into taverns, and some of these specialized in smaller dogs performing tricks for audiences rather than demonstrating working ability. The combination of these two forms of dog behavior competitions (working skills and tricks) continued with more or less formality up until the rise in popularity of a German military officer. This was Colonel Konrad Most, who could easily be considered to be the father of modern "traditional" dog training.

Colonel Most specialized in training military dogs and police service dogs, and in 1910 his manual on training dogs became the most widely used book among dog trainers. The tests that were used to determine whether or not dogs would be adequate service dogs included things such as heeling, retrieving, jumping, and following basic commands. These same tests would later be adapted to form the core of obedience trial exercises. The basic format of such competitions spread from Germany to several countries in Europe.



Helene Whitehouse Walker

Source: Photo from Poodle Club of America (AKC Archives)-CC 1.0

It is at this point where we can return to our poodle lady. She was Helen Whitehouse Walker, from a well-to-do family with high social standing (her maternal grandfather was Sir George Duntz who was a baronet in England). She was quite annoyed that people didn't take her Poodles seriously. For example under the existing American Kennel Club (AKC) rules her poodles couldn't compete in licensed field trials despite the fact that fieldwork was what they were bred to do. Through her English connections she learned about the growing sport of obedience "trialing" in the UK. So she traveled there and spent a month and a half studying the trials and training techniques. Most of the trainers that she encountered had studied with Konrad Most, or had used his training manual. Specifically she studied with the Associated Sheep, Police, Army Dog Society (ASPADS). This group held targeted obedience trials, each focusing on a particular canine job specification. The dog's performance allowed it to earn degrees including Utility Dog (UD), Working Dog (WD), Tracking Dog (TD) and Patrol Dog (PD). During obedience tests the handler and dog team had to demonstrate: control (heel, recall, stay, etc), agility (jumps and scaling a wall), and scent work (search an area and tracking).

When Helen Walker returned home she decided that her poodles had to be trained to a high level of mastery in order to demonstrate the competence of that breed to the AKC and also to serve as an example of the kind of obedience exercises that she hoped would form the basis of future competitions. For this reason she needed a trainer, so she turned to Josef Weber who was considered to be one of the best dog trainers in the country. Weber came to the U.S. after serving as an instructor in the Berlin Police Force dog training unit which used Konrad Most's training manual. Ultimately he set up a "residential" dog training school in Princeton, New Jersey, for the dogs of people who were too busy (or uninterested) in training their own pets. In addition to training dogs Weber trained dog instructors and one of these was Blanche Saunders.

Blanche Saunders had not started out with the idea of a career in dog training. She believed that she would find a job managing a farm and for that reason she attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College, majoring in animal husbandry and poultry raising while also taking courses in engineering, carpentry and car repairing. However, after working at farming for several years her interest began to turn toward dogs and for that reason she had gone to Weber for training as a dog handler. When Mrs. Walker came to Weber he recommended Saunders to her, noting, "She is very good with dogs, although she inclines toward being somewhat too gentle with them. However for a breed like a poodle that might be a virtue."

Blanche Saunders would later say that she was sitting on a tractor when Mrs. Walker approached her and said, "I'm told that you are good with dogs. How would you like a real job training them?" Saunders claimed that she did not ask for any details but simply jumped off of the tractor and asked "When do I start?"

Saunders job was to train Walker's poodles. While Saunders trained the dogs, Walker was using her persuasive skills and approaching dog clubs and breeders with the idea of holding competitive obedience tests at dog shows. It was in 1933 that her idea first bore fruit. The first Obedience Trial (still then called a "test") was held on her father's estate in Mount Kisco, New York. There were eight dogs entered in this first obedience test, two Labrador retrievers, three poodles, two English springer spaniels, and one German shepherd dog. The winner of this event was a Labrador retriever.

When the earliest trials were held there was only one obedience class. The exercises included heeling on-leash and off-leash, sitting for two minutes and lying down for five minutes while the owner went out of sight, a drop on recall (the dog is called to the handler and is commanded to lie down when it is half way to the handler and then is signaled to come and sit in front of the handler) retrieving a two-pound dumbbell (regardless of breed size) and retrieving another slightly lighter dumbbell over a 42 inch jump (regardless of breed size).

The first obedience trials attracted a lot of press coverage and there was a obviously enthusiasm from the public and from a number of dog clubs. Taking advantage of that momentum Walker submitted a recommended set of guidelines and procedures for obedience tests to the American Kennel Club for consideration on December 7th, 1935. On March 10th, 1936 the American Kennel Club approved the first set of regulations titled *Regulations and Standards for Obedience Test Field Trials*. Under those new rules obedience tests were then divided into the three classes we know today: Novice, Open and Utility. Although there has been some tweaking of the rules over time, the actual exercises have not been altered very much since Walker's original submission. The one major change had to do with the fact that under the original rules, to earn the utility title (UD) a dog not only had to perform the obedience exercises but also had to pass a tracking test.

Once the rules were in place Walker and Saunders engaged in a nationwide trek to popularize dog obedience as a sport. Together they took three poodles and all of their jumps and other gear and loaded them into a 21-foot long trailer. In the fall of 1937 they started a 10,000 mile tour around the country going from one dog show to another and stopping along the way to give many public performances under a "Train Your Dog" banner. In fact my uncle Milton encountered one of these. He had taken the opportunity provided by a visit to New York City to see a New York Yankees baseball game (with the hope that he could see a home run by his favorite slugger Lou Gehrig). He remembered that during the seventh inning stretch, all 50,000 spectators got to see a dog obedience demonstration conducted by Blanche Saunders.

By the time Walker and Saunders had finished their tour, dog obedience clubs were being formed all around the nation, and the sport of dog obedience was well on its way to becoming firmly established.

As a result of all of this activity dog obedience competitions became popular in the United States and not long after the Canadian Kennel Club began to sanction such trials as well. A secondary effect of all of this activity by Walker and Saunders was that Saunders was becoming known as one of the most respected dog trainers of the time. Thus when her book (*Training You to Train Your Dog*) first appeared in 1946, it was virtually guaranteed to be a success. I explained to the woman that I was sitting with that Saunders' book was the first dog training book that I ever read. I was around eight or nine years of age at that time and was in desperate need of guidance about how to train my smooth fox terrier, Tippy.

The woman that I was talking to smiled and said "I read that book as well when I set out to train my first dog, Angela. I certainly didn't know that Blanche Saunders had any role in starting dog obedience competitions. I thought that she was just the pretty, slim, lady on the book cover with her handsome black poodle who knew how to do everything a dog should know. I did know that I wanted to be just like her."

*SC Psychological Enterprises Ltd.*

Posted Jun 13, 2017

Stanley Coren PhD., DSc, FRSC  
Canine Corner

**Attention Membership,** If you are looking for volunteer hours, several of our Obedience Teachers need assistants. It will be a 6-week commitment for about an hour and a half each week. You will not be teaching but assisting by helping fit collars on the first class and if any student needs extra help the teacher will ask you to assist them. If you are interested, please email Diane Sedberry so your help can be directed to the appropriate teacher.

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Diane Sedberry, Training Coordinator

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**Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County  
Board of Director's Meeting  
Monday, November 5, 2018**

Call to order at 6:05 PM. Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Diane Sedberry, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Liese Hookey, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guiejka, Steve Campbell. Coordinators Present: Lori Patterson, Judy McPartland

Reports:

**Treasurer** – Fran Smith: Gave a report on the club's finances

**Obedience Coordinator** – Diane Sedberry: Working on the 2019 class schedule, including specialty classes.

**Obedience Trials January** – Linda Wood is the Trial Secretary, Sandra Gates is the Trial Chair. Judge is Rick Cox.

**Tracking** – Lori Patterson: There is a Tracking test on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be four tracks and possibly an alternate track. Six people are entered.

**Scent Work** – Judy McPartland: There is a Scent Work Trial the weekend after Thanksgiving. Workers are needed for the Sunday trial. The club is holding two Scent Trials in 2019r -January and November. Options for an offsite January trial are being explored. As more classes are offered at the scent trials, the clubhouse can no longer accommodate these trials. An exterior only trial will be held at the Children's Society on Forest Hill Blvd.

Judy will not be coordinating National Association of Canine Scent work trials this year.

**Nominating Committee Report** – Steve Campbell: The nominees are as follows for the 2019 Board of Directors

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Committee: Steve Campbell, Karen Jones, Susan Minix

Old Business:

**Attic Storage** – Tracey Guiejka: This is a Capital Improvement project which is in response to a Fire Code violation. OTC is repurposing the upstairs space to accommodate more storage. The price of materials has gone up as well as labor. There were three submittals. \$39,000+; \$37,000; \$26,000 approximately. There is a stair manufacturer in Lake Worth that has the best prices found so far. Also, shipping will be nominal.

Tracey research off site storage and the price is very high for the space the club needs. By doing this Capital Project, it will increase the value of the OTC building. During renovation, the older water heater will be removed. The one presently in use may or may not be reconnected. This one only serves the handicapped bathroom and because the water is not run enough, hot water does not come out. Also, but there is an unpleasant smell. The sprinkler that is in the way of the stair construction will be moved by Farmer Irwin.

The permit has been issued. Once the project starts, it will take about seven to 10 days to complete.

Fran Smith made a motion to hire Heritage Building Services to turn the rafter ceiling into a storage space.

Steve Campbell – Second. Motion passed unanimously.

Betty thanked Tracey very much for her time on this project. Tracey has spent hours upon hours working on this project.

**Adding an additional Rally Trial to the 2019 schedule:** Rally Trials make the club a nice profit. The club makes more money on Rally trials than on Obedience Trials. Betty Gansky did some research and found that clubs south of Palm Beach County and north to Melbourne no longer offer Rally Trials. Currently OTC holds eight trials per year. Four each weekend.

Motion by Celeste Platte to add another Rally Trial weekend for 2019 and on. The Rally Coordinator will choose the best time in the summer to hold these trials. Motion seconded by Nancy Honchar. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Rally Fees for Show and Go.** Rally \$5.00 per run for members. Non-members will be \$8.00 for the first run. A second run will be available at the end of cycle. The additional run will be \$5.00. These fees are for RALLY Show and Goes only. Judy McPartland will write a program to enable Pay Pal to be used for registration fees.

**Rally Fees for the triple classes.** Right now, we charge \$25 for the first entry, and \$15 for each entry after that. It was proposed to create a price for the Master, Excellent, and Advance classes combined. Research must be made to determine if this type of fee schedule can be done in the Obedience Solution program.

Motion made, seconded and passed to charge \$50 for the Triple classes if the program can do this type of calculation.

**Agility Equipment:** Betty Gansky will research purchasing a used Agility A-Frame and Teeter.

**Termite Service** will be free this year thanks to Betty's discussion with them. Saving \$225.

**Obedience Trial First Place "A" Classes:** Offer Steins again as the club has in past years. They are liked by everyone.

**Hedge:** Celeste Platte is willing to do the hedge for no cost. Just wants the club to purchase the trimmer.

**Roof Sealing:** The roof will be sealed again early 2019.

**Carol Klein:** In lieu of her judging and hotel fee in May 2019, Carol would like a club access card. This would run from May 2019 – April 2020. Motion made, second, passed unanimously.

**Membership Renewals:** Judy will work to try and setup a program to accept membership dues on line if members would like to use that avenue.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Platte  
Recording Secretary*

#### **Motions Passed Via E-Mail:**

11/25/18 MOTION: The front door of the building shall remain unlocked during all classes and club functions. However, during the last class of the night, if there is no activity on the Obedience/Agility Field, the doors may be locked for the safety of the class. This does not apply to members using their access cards during training. Motion by Celeste Platte. Second Diane Sedberry. Motion passed.

12/6/2018 MOTION to appoint a Statistician effective January 1, 2019 to record titles earned. Any club member earning any of the following titles will be award an Achievement Award at the January general election meeting of the following year. Agility - MACH, PACH, AGCH; Obedience – OTCH & POC; Rally - RACH; Scent work - SWME; Tracking - CT; GCH (Grand Champion) and Higher. Motion by Celeste Platte. Seconded by Liese Hookey. Motion passed.

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" Our attitudes control our lives. Attitudes are a secret power working twenty-four hours a day for good or bad. It is of paramount importance that we know how to harness and control this great force. "

Irving Berlin

Quotablenotes.com

OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING  
November 5, 2018

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Diane Sedberry, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Liese Hookey, Steve Campbell, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Betty Gansky.

Approval of September 17, 2018 minutes as published in Lead Lines. Motion by Jennifer Patti. Second by Laura Rubin. Minutes approved.

**President** – Betty Gansky: Thanked all members for their cooperation and participation throughout the past year. Exhibitors have praised the club's trials and stated how much they enjoy showing at our club. All our trials have been very successful.

**Recording Secretary** – Celeste Platte: November and December Lead Lines are being combined again this year. If you are not receiving Lead Lines, you need to let her know. Membership renewals are due in the Corresponding Secretary's office by December 31 of each year. Membership renewals will be sent via email in a few days. Also, on the website.

**Treasurer** – Fran Smith: Gave a report on the club's finances. The club's property taxes have been paid.

**Obedience Coordinator** – Diane Sedberry: Working on the 2019 class schedule, including specialty classes. 58 classes have already been slated. Watch the website for information.

**Rally Trial** – Steve Campbell. The rally trials have filled. Limited to 45 dogs per trial.

**Tracking** – Lori Patterson: There is a Tracking test on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be four tracks and possibly an alternate tract. Six people are entered.

**Agility** – Barbara Bounds: We have classes starting week of November 12, 2018. Agility Trial coming up in February 1 – 3, 2019. Volunteers needed. There is a job for everyone. This is the first time OTC will be partnering with Treasure Coast Kennel Club.

An ACT trial will be scheduled April 13, 2019 if the date is available. Anyone without an Agility Title can participate. A LOT of help is needed for this test.

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**Show and Go** – Nancy Honchar: The show and go evens are done for the year. A Rally Show and Go was held November 4<sup>th</sup>. In January 2019 they will start again. There will be a slight modification to the Rally Show and Goes. More bang for your buck. Check the calendar for events. Not under classes, but in the calendar.

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Steve opened the floor to nominations for the Board. Nominations had to be made at this meeting. None were made. Voting will take place at the January meeting.

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**Attic Storage** – Betty Gansky. Three bids were received for repurposing the upstairs oft area. The club was fined by the Fire Department for unauthorized storage use of the area. If this space is not redesigned to meet code, the club will be required to rent an air-conditioned storage facility. Someone would have to travel to the facility to retrieve the items needed for a class or event. Then return those items. Betty thanked Tracey and her husband Ron for the many many hours they have spent on this project. Betty read off the three bids received. The Board choose the low bid for the work. Once started, approximately the first week in December, the work should only take about 10 days. However, day events may have to be suspended for the safety of the workers as well as the dogs and trainer. A notice will be sent out as to any restricted training DURING THE DAY. Night classes should not be affected. This construction will also increase the value of the property.

**Obedience Trial – September:** A small profit was made.

**Holiday Party:** Cindy Ponga is coordinating the holiday party. Deadline was the night of the meeting.

**Retirement Award** – Rose & Harold Doan are retiring from judging after 20 plus years. OTCPCB will be giving them a very nice clock memento engraved “In appreciation for your service and dedication to the sports of obedience and rally. Happy Retirement Rose and Harold Doan, we will miss you. OTCPCB.

**Miscellaneous:**

The Miami Obedience Club Contract has been signed and a security deposit received for May 2019 Obedience Trials. The A/C Coils have been thoroughly cleaned & one rusted Receiver Dryer replaced outside

Raffle tonight for Canine Cancer Foundation – last raffle collected \$217.00

Club Shirts – There are a few shirts still available in different sizes. Contact Susan Minix if interested.

Toys for Tots – Kelly McDonough is coordinating the drive. Boxes set up in the lobby for any donations.

The Premium for the January 2019 obedience trial is now on the website.

The Sprinkler Maintenance is complete.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Liese Hookey read the membership application of Steve Strumwasser. Steve was voted into membership at the general meeting of November 5, 2018.

Steve Strumwasser  
2 Bermuda Lake Drive  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418  
Steve\_Strum@yahoo.com  
561-330-2570  
Mini Aussie  
Obedience/Agility

**Agility/Obedience Field:** Concerns about the field were brought up. There are runner weeds called Florida Snow that can get tangled around the handler’s ankle or dog’s foot. There are also holes/indentions in the field that could be a tripping hazard.

Kathleen Grosso made a motion that as agility people, the classes be put on hold until the problems are fixed. Lauren Walsh seconded the motion. Motion passed to shut now the field until the weed problem is fixed and the holes identified.

Resurfacing of the field (if required) would have to wait until agility classes are discontinued for the summer. However, at the very least, the holes/indentions will be identified.

**Raffle:** \$130.00 was collected on this meeting night. June Feigenblatt won the raffle. She donated her \$65.00 back to the Canine Cancer fund. \$217.00 was collected at the September meeting bringing the total amount collected to \$347.00!

**Next Meeting:** January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Celeste Platte*  
*Recording Secretary*

## Brags



My Mom, Jean Asaro, entered me in the Rally trials at OTCPCB this past weekend. On Saturday Morning I completed my Rally Advanced Title , 4th place with a 96, as I only needed that final leg. Then I got bumped up to Excellent that afternoon. Had never done some of the stations but Mom had some good help from some of my fellow participants who explained the rules so I managed to qualify in that trial too with a 93. Being an Irish Setter, I am naturally such a smart dog, so I picked up on the new exercises pretty quickly and thrilled my Mom by qualifying in both trials Sunday completing my RE. Score of 80 in am (mom's fault), and 98 and third place in pm.

Two titles in one weekend, phew!!  
And best of all my Mom is so very proud of me!!!!!!

PS: Loved my new toy. Little red fox with a squeaker.....just made for me!! Thanks OTC.

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I'm proud to announce that Fate (now 14 months old) earned her Rally Novice title in 3 trials this weekend with all 1st places & scores of 99 - 100 - 99. For those of you that don't know 100 is a perfect score. We accomplished this feat without any classes & by only doing a Rally run -thru 3 weeks ago & attending a Rally Show & Go 2 weeks ago. She's one AMAZING little dog!

*Betty Gansky*







Simcos Midnight Dream UD, RAE, CGCA, TKA

Completed qualifying at ten shows for his **Rally Master Title** at our November 10th and 11th Rally Show.

*Diane Sedberry and Patrick*



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Kevin earned his Rally Advanced title. He moved up to Rally Excellent and earned two legs.

Kevin also earned his 2nd leg of Open A Obedience with a blue.

Bobby earned his Rally Novice title with a blue. He moved up to Intermediate Rally and earned his first leg with a blue. He also earned his first Q in Agility, Novice Jumpers with a win in that class as well.

Thank you to everyone who helped put on the November Rally Trial. We appreciate all of you!

*Sandy Crechiolo (Joe too!)  
Kevin and Bobby*



**CANINE CANCER FUND RAFFLE:**

\$130.00 was collected at the November 5th General Meeting. June Feigenblatt won the raffle. She donated her \$65.00 back to the fund. \$217.00 was collected at the September meeting bringing the total amount collected to \$347.00!

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Lucy finished her intermediate rally title at the recent OTCPCB rally trial with two first places. The next day she qualified twice in advanced.

*Laura Rubin*

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Busy November for the RebeLL Spaniels: Two AKC Scent Work trials and a Farm Dog Test!

Cash earned his Scent Work Advance title in Brooksville FL by earning his last leg in Exterior Advanced and also picked up a leg in Exterior Excellent and two legs toward Novice HD Elite. Raleigh also earned two legs toward Novice HD Elite.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving Raleigh and I went to Draxen Farm in Ft. Pierce for a Farm Dog Test. We passed both runs under two judges to earn the Farm Dog Certification.

Thanksgiving weekend I had the pleasure judging both Novice and Advanced levels at OTC Scent Work trial. Great work by all the volunteers to make this trial run so smoothly. Raleigh and Cash also got to play this weekend. Raleigh was wonderful passing all four Excellent searches, placing in all and even grabbing a 1st Place. Cash was amazing all weekend too and earned his second leg in Master level with a 1st Place search on Sunday afternoon.

*Lauren Walsh*

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As you navigate through the rest of your life be open to collaboration. Other people and other people's ideas are often better than your own. Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life. "

Amy Poehler

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Paris, A Parisian's Golden Christmas, TKI earned her Novice Container Title at the OTCPCB AKC Scent Work Trial held November 24 and 25. She also placed 4th out of 19 dogs at a time of 11.93 seconds. She now needs 6 more legs in Novice Containers to reach Elite status.

*Diane Wolak*

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We are very proud of Jim White and Trevor who earned all three legs and their Rally Novice Title in their first Trial in November. They send a special thanks to the wonderful judges and all the volunteers who made this event possible. Thank you too, to Peggy for her excellent classes and our Rally angel Sandy.

*Diane Parker*

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Breeze earned her CDX title and 9 legs of her RAE title this year. And Willy scored a 96 and 2nd Place at his first Rally trial. Lots of fun and hard work with these two! I love this club and all the support we get from the members! Happy holidays to all!

*Susan Minix*



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Reve finished his OTCH title recently at the Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood trial against much stiff competition. We just set out on this journey to experience the diverse talents of the Golden Retriever. Finishing his Master Hunter(MH) at 21 months and his MACH this past February, this third Championship put him into a special fraternity. Checking the K9 data database revealed 351,000 Golden Retrievers and only 13 have managed this triple title. The AKC database of over 850,000 dogs(all breeds,over all time) has 26 dogs(inclusive of the 13 Golden Retrievers) that were able to earn this Trifecta. Reve was also awarded the Versatility Excellent award from the Golden Retriever Club of America this year.

Thanks to all my training buddies at OTCPCB and to everyone else who supported us and were pleased with his performance.

OTCH MACH Wakemup Plays for High Stakes UDX2 OM4 MH MXB MJB MXF T2B2 TKA DM CCA WCX VCX OBHF ADHF

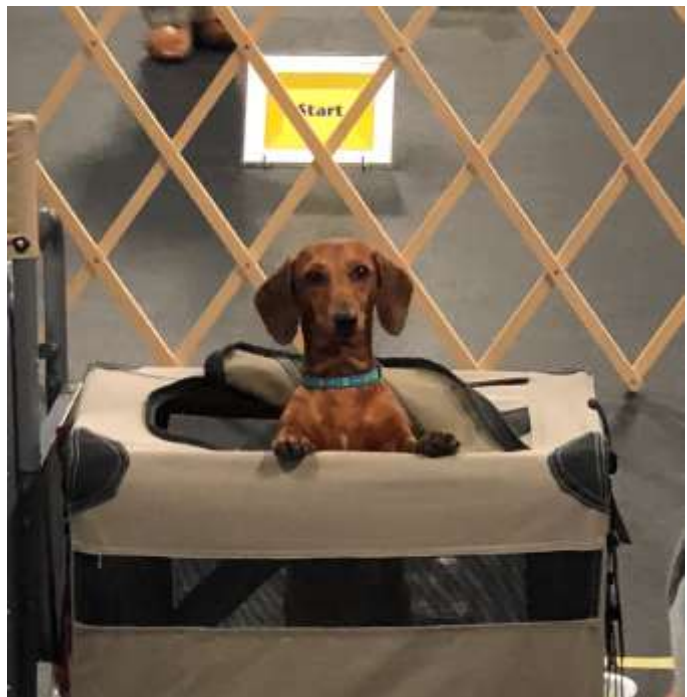
*Bob Becker*

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CH. Rimar's Stripe got her RN at our April trials and this past weekend at the November rally trial, received a first, second and third place in getting her RI. She also got her first leg in advance..... She is now CH Rimar's Stripe RN, RI

*Steve Campbell*



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Sophie – O 2 B A Rare White Dachsie, earned her RA on 11/18/18. (With not much help from her owner!!)

*Carol (Klein) & Sophie*

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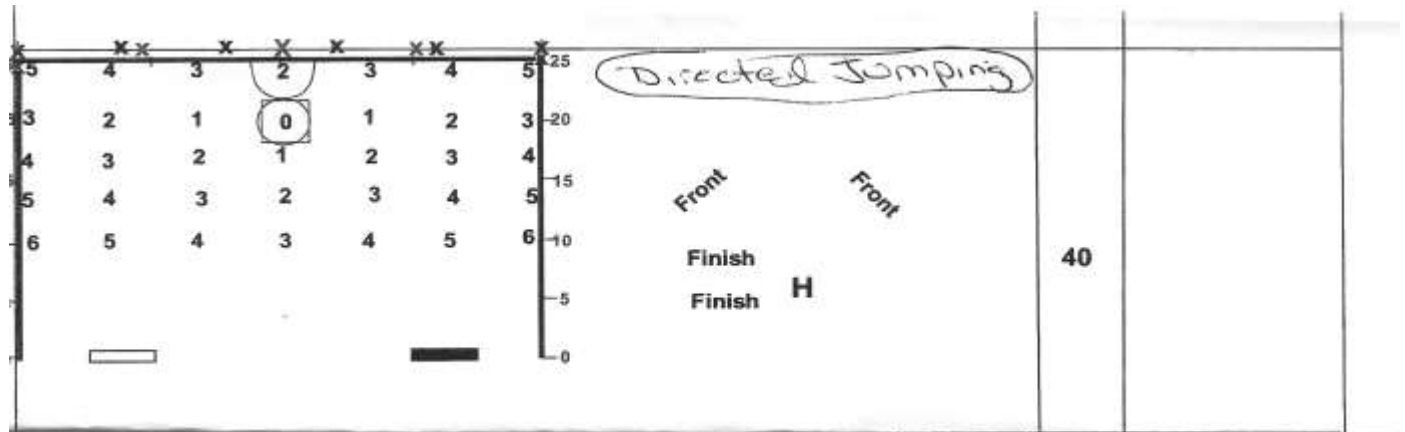


So proud of my baby girl, Kitt, who earned her Rally Novice Title!

Lori Patterson

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For those of you that are doing **Utility**. Ever wonder how your go-outs are judged? Here is a grid that I got from a judge. The numbers shown are the deductions you receive depending on where your dog sits.



## FOLLOWING SKYE



Tracking behind Skye is like being led on a wild ride! We started training right when he was about 10 weeks old and, since I've never trained a dog that young, I relied heavily on Ron Seeley's puppy training articles and the advice of so many around me. It turns out that Skye LOVES the sport and took to it with ease. We went from straight lines to turns while he was still wearing his baby harness!

At 10 months old he certified! Exciting, but it put me in a bit of a dilemma. Skye's talent had exceeded my tracking abilities. In the past I have had dogs that allow me to follow slowly enough where I can think about the rules, terrain and obstacles, but Skye moves very fast and without looking to me for input. I quickly knew that one of us needed to change and it clearly was me.

We spent the summer training TDX ... single flag starts, unmarked tracks, obstacles, articles, pavement and distractions. During those sweltering months, we grew as a team and, for the first time ever, I trusted my dog. I followed without calculating, looking around or guessing. I followed without asking for guidance or trying to lead my dog. As I followed, Skye gained confidence and we became a team.



On November 4, 2018 we passed our TD test! An amazing accomplishment, but an accomplishment made even more special by the fact that Judge Robin Scott, Judge Jane Craig and Tracklayer Ron Seeley are people who are all very close to my heart and have been with me on a journey that began long before Skye. The day was not without my analytical gymnastics. I pulled track 5 and had hours to contemplate the effect of the delay and whether the heat would become problematic. The difference on that day was that when it was our turn and I hooked the lead to Skye's harness, we transformed into that magical team we'd grown into. We traveled effortlessly along the bumpy terrain and I followed Skye, without question, right to the glove!

I present to you .... Debonair  
JJ Celebrates Freedom **TD**

Thank you, my tracking family, for everything!!

*Tricia Boychuk*

“Skye”

Debonair JJ Celebrates Freedom TD

My “Coco” - 05/12/2004 - 11/06/2016 -

PACH Kaylen's Coco Blu VCD2 UD RE MXP3 MSPB MJP6  
MJPS PAX TD

#5 AKC TopDogs PACH Agility Poodles

#11 AKC TopDogs PACH Agility Poodles





Kona received her Farm Dog title!  
CGCFD We had fun!

Kona & Cindy having fun at the scentwork trial -  
waiting for her reward!



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Our Urban CGC class had a real test of appropriate reactions to urban life  
when we trained at City Place during the Hanukkah Festival of Lights.

*Susan Minix*





Fizz finished AKC Containers Excellent (first and fourth place) and two legs of Master's (first and fourth place). We missed the coveted third NW3 in Richmond (Containers did us in), but did manage to earn NW3 titles in Exteriors and Vehicles. We also earned three "P's" in Richmond for teamwork and handling.

Linda Zane Fiebert's Marlee earned her AKC Novice Containers title at OTCPCB with an insurance leg (second, third, and two fourth place finishes).

*Marti Hohmann*

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My Papillon, Hollywood, in her first agility trial in a year, got a QQ the first day, finished her MXP, and won STD the second day at Tailwagger's at Brandon.

I had no idea how she would do, so I was very pleasantly surprised!!! Love that little dog!! (No pix taken at Brandon, so this is from last year).

*Judy Streisand*

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Maya Dog earned her Farm Dog at Draxon Farms and Sergei earned his Beginner Novice title at the Jupiter Tequesta trials.

*Scott Adams*







OTCPBC Membership Application: Renewal 2019

**Renewal memberships are due on or before December 31, 2018.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships:**

Regular \$40      Household \$60      Associate \$30      Junior \$25      Honorary &amp; Silver Medalist \$0

Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle all that apply:** Agility, Breed, Barn Hunt, Herding, Hunting/Retrieving, Scent Work, Obedience, Pet Therapy, Rally, Schutzhund, Tracking

Please volunteer for all that apply: Instructors: Puppy, Basic, CGC/CGC-A, Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, Utility, Agility, Rally, Tracking, Scent Work, Therapy

**Committees:** Obedience Trials, Agility Trials, Tracking, Building Maintenance, Barn Hunt, Equipment, Training/Teaching Seminars.**Please enclose your check (NO CASH) along with this form and mail to: Lieselotte Hookey, Corresponding Secretary, 8645 Square Lake Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418** OR put your check and the form in an envelope and drop it into the designated basket on the desk in the lobby.

Last Name	First Name	Total Hours	Hours 2017	Hours	Earliest Date	Most Recent
				2018		Date
Adams	Beth	34.5	1.5	33	31-Dec-17	08-Apr-18
Adams	Scott	252.2	38.5	213.7	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Andrews	Angel	63	16.25	46.75	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Armfield	Patricia	4	0	4	22-Jul-18	22-Jul-18
Asaro	Jean	25	0	25	31-Mar-18	25-Nov-18
Auer	Nancy	42.75	5	37.75	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Becker	Robert	48	0	48	20-May-18	19-Aug-18
Bounds	Barbara	47	16	31	31-Dec-17	07-Apr-18
Bounds	Hailey	24.5	10.5	14	31-Dec-17	07-Apr-18
Boychuck	Tricia	50.5	22.5	28	31-Dec-17	18-Nov-18
Brooks	Lisa	102.25	76	26.25	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18
Brousell	Joanna	105	52.5	52.5	31-Dec-17	04-Feb-18
Brown	Sandra	39.25	22.25	17	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Butcher	Marjorie	91	73	18	31-Dec-17	29-Apr-18
Carey	Kim	49	29	20	31-Dec-17	17-Jun-18
Carlee	Lane	47.58	35	12.58	31-Dec-17	23-Sep-18
Carlson	Suzi	6.25	6.25	0	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-17
Carr	Lucy	93	26.25	66.75	31-Dec-17	10-Jun-18
Clouser	Patsy	28.25	0	28.25	04-Feb-18	18-Nov-18
Contreras	Kelly	8.25	4.25	4	31-Dec-17	18-Feb-18
Cooper	Sherry	6	3	3	31-Dec-17	11-Feb-18
Craig	Jane	183.25	93.25	90	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Crechiolo	Joe	6	0	6	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18
Crechiolo	Sandy	97.57	2	97.57	07-Jan-18	18-Nov-18
Czermann	Charlotte	107.75	55.75	52	31-Dec-17	18-Nov-18
Davis	Marge	33	0	33	24-Jun-18	25-Nov-18
DeMinico	Peggy	220.75	81	139.75	31-Dec-17	18-Nov-18
Feigenblatt	June	46	0	46	14-Jan-18	28-Oct-18
Forgach	Marie	43	13.5	29.5	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Gansky	Jeff	22.5	0	22.5	08-Mar-18	23-Sep-18
Gates	Sandra	39.5	0	39.5	12-Jul-18	25-Nov-18
Gorbas	John	154.1	64.25	89.85	31-Dec-17	19-Aug-18
Grosso	Brian	67.5	29	38.5	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Grosso	Kathleen	80.5	35	45.5	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Guziejka	Erica	17.5	0	17.5	11-Feb-18	04-Mar-18
Halpern	Jonathan	77	34	43	31-Dec-17	20-May-18
Halpern	Lyn	65.5	30	35.5	31-Dec-17	20-May-18
Hamzy	Joe	54.75	22	32.75	31-Dec-17	28-Sep-18
Hamzy	Mary Ann	30	21.5	8.5	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Hohmann	Marti	36.25	20	16.25	31-Dec-17	14-Oct-18

Johnson-Ford	Diana	275.25	76.75	198.5	31-Dec-17	18-Nov-18
Jones	Karen	78	5	73	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Katzman	Andi	2	0	2	19-Oct-18	19-Oct-18
Kennedy	Bridget	37	20	17	31-Dec-17	04-Feb-18
Klein	Carol Ann	28	0	28	25-Mar-18	04-Nov-18
Kornmeyer	Donna	133.75	67.5	66.25	31-Dec-17	30-Sep-18
Kryla	Kathie	10.5	5	5.5	31-Dec-17	29-Sep-18
Landen	Robin	2	1	1	31-Dec-17	21-Feb-18
Lannon	Maryann	10.5	10.5	0	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-17
Lehnertz	Margi	25	25	0	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-17
Machia	Mary	67	39	28	31-Dec-17	18-Nov-18
McDonough	Kelly	170.5	90.5	80	31-Dec-17	10-Jun-18
McKenna	David	51.5	0	49	05-Nov-17	18-Nov-18
McPartland	Judith	341.5	41.25	300.25	31-Dec-17	30-Nov-18
Millar	Robert	71.25	30.5	40.75	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Minix	Susan	78	28.25	49.75	31-Dec-17	18-Nov-18
Moore	Janet	82.5	54.25	28.25	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Munn	Carol	77.25	50	27.25	31-Dec-17	09-Sep-18
Norton	Judy	87	31	56	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Parker	Dianne	21.75	0	21.75	17-Jun-18	18-Nov-18
Patterson	Lori	56	20.5	35.5	31-Dec-17	07-Apr-18
Patti	Jennifer	9.25	0	9.25	10-Jun-18	10-Jun-18
Pichette	Helen	11.75	0	11.75	18-Feb-18	31-Mar-18
Ponga	CindyLou	82	27	55	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Porter	Cynthia	91.5	46.25	45.25	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Roche	Gary	75	34.5	40.5	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Rubin	Laura	10.5	0	10.5	31-Mar-18	03-Nov-18
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	27	0	27	22-Jul-18	05-Nov-18
Smith	Joann	10.5	10.5	0	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-17
Smith	Lindsey	41	17.25	23.75	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Smith	Lorraine	3.5	3.5	0	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-17
Taylor	Lorene	38	22	16	31-Dec-17	19-Oct-18
Taylor	Matthew	43	0	23	08-Jan-17	18-Nov-18
Trummer	Michelle	22	0	22	04-Feb-18	04-Feb-18
Vasiliou	Libby	17.75	2	15.75	31-Dec-17	05-Aug-18
Vence	Robert	178.25	42	136.25	31-Dec-17	28-Oct-18
Walsh	Lauren	90	51.75	38.25	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Weber	Lodge	15	0	15	12-Jul-18	18-Nov-18
Wheeler	Kay	30.5	9.5	21	31-Dec-17	19-Aug-18
Wolak	Diane	72.5	40	32.5	31-Dec-17	25-Nov-18
Wolak	Joe	48	0	48	18-Feb-18	25-Nov-18
Woods	Linda	14	0	14	19-Aug-18	19-Aug-18
Wright	Mary	47	0	47	17-Sep-18	25-Nov-18

## HOW VOLUNTEER HOURS WORK

In November 2017 the Board of Directors changed how the volunteer hours would be recorded. The change was made from calendar year (January – December) to a running calculation of a 12-month period. This would allow members who had accumulated at least 20 hours of time to immediately reap the benefits (class reduction fees, access card purchase). Also, all hours earned would be reported monthly in Lead Lines, not just the 20 hours required for discounts.

The importance of continuing to report your volunteer hours is shown below. Remember, your hours are now calculated on a 12-month basis.

### EXAMPLE

DATE	HOURS VOLUNTEERS	TOTAL HOURS FOR 12 MONTHS
02/01/18	10	10
02/15/18	10	20
04/15/18	05	25
06/01/18	10	35
07/15/18	05	40
08/20/18	10	50
11/01/18	10	60
01/15/19	10	70

On February 28, 2019 your first 20 hours from 2018 expire.	(20)
You now have 50 hours in your volunteer account.	50

You again volunteer:

03/15/19	05 hours	55 (total hours)
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On March 31, 2019 there is no change in your volunteer hours as you did not volunteer in March of the prior year.

On April 30, 2019 the hours you earned in April 2018 now expired	(05)
<i>You now have 50 hours in your volunteer account</i>	50

On June 30, 2019 the hours you earned in June 2018 expired	(10)
<i>You now have 40 hours in your volunteer account</i>	40

You volunteer again:

07/15/19	15 hours	55 (total hours)
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On July 31, 2019 the hours you earned in July 2018 expired	(05)
	50 (total hours)

The calculations continue as shown above.

*Please note: Prior to January 1, 2018 total hours were only recorded to a total of 20 hours. Nothing beyond that was calculated. The Board of Directors determined that whatever hours were on the books as of December 31, 2017 would be carried through the 2018 calendar year. Some of you may see a reduction of volunteer hours in the January 2019 report. This is because whatever hours you earned in the calendar year of 2017 expires on December 31, 2018.*

Volunteer hours for club events i.e., stewarding, set-up, etc. will be reported on the Volunteer Sign-in sheet and turned in by Volunteer coordinator for the event. Any other volunteer hours should be reported, with the task and hours, directly to [otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com](mailto:otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com) once the work has been completed or monthly, if the task is ongoing.

**Keep reporting your hours. Check your balance monthly in Lead Lines. If you have any questions, contact Celeste at 561-628-1144 or [cplattePSL@gmail.com](mailto:cplattePSL@gmail.com).**