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Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

August 2020

OFFICERS

President.....Betty Gansky
Vice President.....Steve Campbell
Treasurer Fran Smith
Recording Secretary.....Celeste Platte

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guiejka, Scott Adams Sr

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Puppy Coordinator Lindsey Smith
Basic/Intermediate Coordinator..... Tracy Guiejka
Rally Coordinator.....Steve Campbell
Competition Coordinator..... Nancy Honchar
CGC Coordinator Susan Minix
Tracking Coordinator Lori Patterson
Agility Coordinator..... Barbara Bounds
Nose Work Coordinator.....Judy McPartland

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Introducing the Mary J Happersett Award

In Memory of Mary J Happersett

**This award will go to the highest scoring
Non-OTCH Dog/Non-OTCH Handler at each OTCPCB obedience trial.**



*Mary J Happersett - Past President of the
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach
County and AKC Obedience Judge*

Mary's daughter Lisa Goodson sent a donation with a heartfelt card...

Please accept this donation in honor of my mother, Mary J. Happersett.

My mother loved dogs & her life was enhanced by those in the dog world. She enjoyed being a breeder, trainer & judge.

She was very proud of the Dachshunds & Corgis she bred in the '70's thru the 1990's. She received many awards over the years. In her later years she enjoyed her Papillon & Yorkie.

She had a passion for being a fair & competent Obedience judge. I understand there were very few times a handler left the ring without a thought or suggestion of encouragement for my mom.

Receiving the Gaines Medal of Good Sportsmanship was one of her greatest honors. Getting a few Best Breeder & Highest Scoring Dog in trial also meant a lot to my mom.

Please use this donation for what best benefits the continued mission of the club.

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)
General Membership Meeting – Via Zoom Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka, Scott Adams

President Report – Betty Gansky: The club has high grade disinfectant to wipe down the jumps and table. There is now sanitizing machines by the front door as well as the table. No touch thermometer for all class participants.

Vice President Report - Steve Campbell: Anyone that had an active access card when the building closed has had one, two, or three months added to their expiration time. Steve will let card holders know 15 days before their card expires. All access cards should now be working.

Training Schedule for private time seems to be going well. Steve is using text to take and verify times to train.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Smith: We had to do several refunds and months without any income, so our reserves are down considerably, but we have enough money in the bank to carry us. Even though the building was closed, we still have ongoing expenses. Taxes are coming up in the coming months. Depending on how the club does in the fall, the club may have a loss for the year.. Betty stated that she is frequently questioned why we have so much money in the bank. This is the reason. Unexpected things happen and you need a cushion to carry the club through unforeseen events. Fran commented that there are other clubs in Florida that are in dire straights monetarily and have put out "Go Fund Me" requests.

Scent Work Coordinator – Judy McPartland: four classes on Tuesday night and two on Saturday. More classes at those times when these are classes are finished. Judy and Marti Hohmann both got accredited by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW).

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar: We are on our second round of classes. We had a healthy response. In the Fall, hopefully will have more classes as more instructors become available. We are being as vigilant with sanitizing and social distancing as we can.

Secretary Report as well as Obedience Trials – Celeste Platte. The Obedience Trial on September 26 & 27 is going to be a little different. Make sure you read the premium completely to understand the changes.

Agility Coordinator – Barbara Bounds: Two agility classes ongoing. Four students each class. Wearing masks. She is getting inquiries about the fall classes. More classes will be offered outside in the fall.

Rally Coordinator – Steve Campbell – Classes/trials. Two classes are finishing up and three classes starting shortly. Masters. Excellent and a Novice Class. Trials are scheduled for September 12 & 13. Only one trial per day instead of the usual two. Bob Millar is judging. Hopefully, we can have a Rally Show and Go before the show. The premium is posted on the website. There is a new Coronavirus guideline that the exhibitors are required to sign.

Lead Lines – Lori Patterson. DEADLINE August 17, 2020 for next issue. No tracking tests at this time.

New Business

Future Show & Go's – Nancy Honchar & Steve Campbell. Nancy: Hopefully an obedience show and go (S & G) in September prior to the trial. May use same format at the trial to keep distancing to the minimum requirement. Nancy wants to hold the S & G on one day. Weekend before the obedience trial. Steve: At this time a Rally Show and Go is being planned for September 6.

Board of Directors Motion: Motion made by Fran Smith, seconded by Nancy Honchar Approved by at the Board of Director's meeting of June 22, 2020: Silver/Gold members of OTCPBC no longer need to accumulate the required number of volunteer hours needed to purchase an access card. They will however still be required to purchase the card. The Board felt that after 25+ years of membership the volunteer hour requirement will no longer be required of them.

Membership Applications - Celeste Platte:

First Reading:

Kathy May
256 Sussex Circle Jupiter, FL 33458
561-632-9145
katmay@bellsouth.net

Australian Shepherd
Rally, Obedience, Agility

Sponsors: Sandy Crechiolo, Charlotte Czermann

Second Reading and voted into membership:

Sandra Hoffman
3890 Cabbage Palm Way Loxahatchee, FL 33470
561-301-5623
sahoffchoc@aol.com
German Shephard, Retrievers, Maltese
Classes, volunteering
Sponsors: Patty Armfield, Scott T Adams Sr
Congratulations Sandra!

Old Business

Pavilion progress in the Agility field – Tracey Guziejka: The work has been done with permits, etc. The permit is good thru the spring of 2020. Week of August 10 excavate the area and prepare the ground to install the slab. Then inspection. After inspection, the slab will be poured. At that time, we will order the actual structure. 6 – 8 weeks to be delivered. One day to install. Anticipated October installation weather permitting. 12 x 20 surface. The pavilion sits on the slab. There will be a fan and light installed. This is just for crating dogs. Any damage to the ground will be addressed after the slab is installed. Caution must be exercised because there will be rods, etc. sticking up for the slab pour. It will be very dangerous. No one will be able to use the field during this time. The whole process took a lot longer than anticipated due to the pandemic.

Thank You: Linda Wood took a moment to thank everyone for their support during her illness. The kindness she has been shown has been incredible.

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2020

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC) Board of Directors' Meeting – Zoom Meetings Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Board Members Present:

Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith, Nancy Honchar, Scot Adams, Tracey Guziejka

AGENDA ITEM: The club has been notified that a student has tested positive for the coronavirus.

The student is a fireman who has been living at the fire station since July 23. He did not attend any classes after that date. However, his girlfriend did bring the dog to class on Thursday, July 30th. A doctor has advised her to self-isolate.

The teacher of the class is getting the Coronavirus test on Wednesday, August 5. It was recommended that she not teach or come to the club for 14 days OR until she receives verification that she has tested negative. During this time, she will also not attend any classes where she is a student. The instructor for two Saturday classes was also given the same directive as she was a participant in the subject Thursday class. Do not come to class and do not teach for 14 days OR receives verification she tested negative.

The subject Thursday class has been cancelled. It was the last class of the session.

The instructor was schedule to also teach two classes on Saturday, August 8. Substitute teachers will be found this week for those two scheduled Saturday.

The reputation of the club is important. All possible precautions have been taken to protect the students and the teachers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary.*

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)
Board of Directors' Meeting – Zoom Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2020

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith, Nancy Honchar, Scot Adams, Tracey Guziejka
Absent: Steve Campbell

AGENDA: Should classes be cancelled due to new virus concerns?

The instructors currently teaching classes have said they would be willing to continue teaching.

A revised policy procedure will require instructors to wear a mask at all times.

It is recommended that the secondary ring gate be removed for classes to utilize the full extent of the ring. This will be left up to the instructor if she/he needs more room to maintain social distancing.

Agility Classes: Barbara Bounds has agreed to continue teaching agility classes.

Rally classes: There are teachers that are available to teach these classes. Therefore, the Rally classes will be allowed to proceed.

It was agreed that if we are going to have a Rally trial, we should continue to have Rally classes.

Scent Classes: Will continue as there are teachers available.

Tracey Guziejka suggested putting a little more time between the start of classes to allow the instructors to clean the area.

MOTION: Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club (JTDC) has requested to use our parking lot on Friday or Sunday nights for confirmation. Fran Smith made a motion to accept JTDC's request. Scott Adams seconded. Motion pass unanimously. Betty Gansky notified Jupiter Tequesta of the approval and they requested Friday nights for their class. They will supply OTCPBC with the necessary Covid virus releases.

All classes will be continued, and all trials scheduled at this time will continue.

Meeting Adjourned.7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte Recording Secretary

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

Do you have a knowledge of Microsoft Word? Do you have a decent understanding of computer programs? Do you want to earn lots of volunteer hours, meet many new people and become proficient at interpreting the rules of competition? We need you!

Presently there are only three trial secretaries (and one in the wings getting healthy) that handle the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County obedience, rally, and scent trials. We need more members to spread the cheer around. The obedience and rally trials are run on a data-based program called Obedience Solutions. The scent trials are run on a similar program called mySWT.

In depth training will be supplied and one of the trial secretaries will sit with you during your first solo trial. The club supplies you with a computer, paper, supplies, or reimbursements as needed. If you can help the club in any or all of these trials, please contact Celeste Platte at 561-628-1144 or cplatteps1@gmail.com. I will put you in contact with the secretary that does the type of trial you are interested in.

Thank you for helping make our club a great one.





BEST RIBBON EVER!

Huge thank you to the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County for this elegant, personalized award ribbon to commemorate Keegan's Obedience Trial Championship. It is phenomenal!

OTCPBC president, Betty Gansky, designed the ribbon and presented it to us. I am a member of this club and Keegan earned her final OTCH points at the OTC trial in January.

THANK YOU OTCPBC!

Nancy Auer

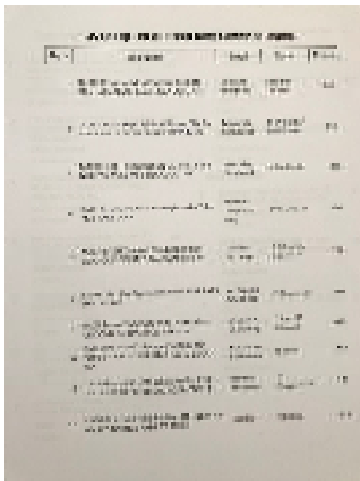
Thanks for the symphony card. Please let the club know I got theirs too and thank them. It's the hardest thing about having pets.

Judy Streisand

I would like to thank the membership for designating me as an honorary member. I miss coming to the matches and classes. I hope that the months to come will bring us to a better place in this health crisis and that Rocko and I can come to the club and train again. Please extend my greetings, best wishes for everyone's health and safety and thank the board and membership for me.

Bobbie Blythe

BRAGS



Brag for 2020:

I am so happy to list the following:

The following pages are from the Front and Finish magazine as of March 2020:

Teams, we are number 10

In addition,

In Top Ten Non-Sporting Group he is ranked number 1.

In the Poodle category, he again is ranked number 1.

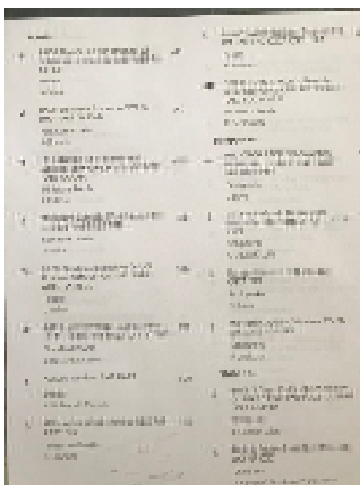
Again at the Eustis Rally Trial, he earned High Triple and High Combined Ribbons with scores of:

100-Masters Class

100-Excellent Class and

100-Advanced Class

Under Judge Norine Noonan He also received his RACH2 in February 2020. Out of a possible 60 Triple Q scores required, Raffy received 36 perfect scores of 100.



I am so proud of my little man, I could not be happier with this Novice A competitor.



Sandy and Raffy





CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRE NW3 ELITE

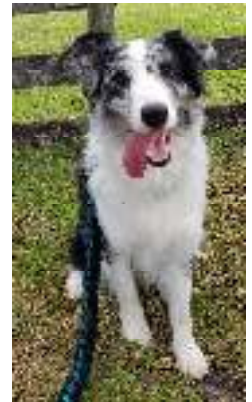
ON MARCH 14TH WE HAD OUR THIRD
PERFECT DAY IN STOKESDALE, NC
EARNING THE NACSW NW3 ELITE TITLE

CASH HAD A GREAT DAY OF SEARCHING!
3RD PLACE VEHICLE SEARCH
5 PRONOUNCED SEARCHES
&
3RD PLACE OVERALL!

LAUREN WALSH



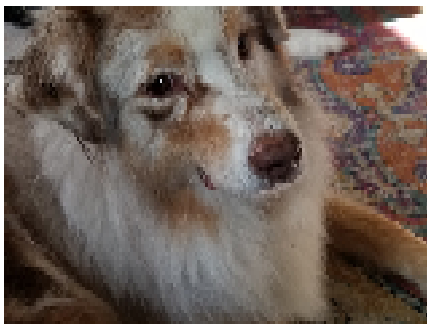
Under Quarantine restrictions, we participated in many at-home trials. Before competing, I had to create a flat and clear back yard space, starting with 30x30. I have now cleared 40x60 and purchased a couple of new jumps. To complete at home trials, you must video a clear round, despite distractions such as neighbor's dogs fence running, yard workers mowing and trimming, birds bathing in gutters, gekkos running across the teeter, the sun, rain, heat, building my own courses, and learning the new rules for qualifying runs. Despite all of that, I was able to study the course maps, plan my runs, manage to catch them on video, and get the technology to comply with submitting the videos on time. We feel very accomplished.



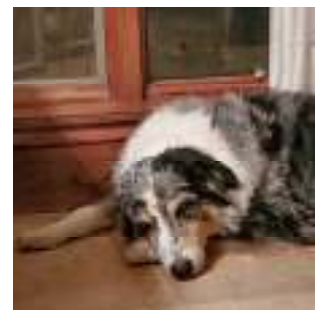
Ginger finished UKI (UK Agility International) Beginner International (BID), Novice Speedstakes (SSN), and Novice International (NID) titles. Tortelini completed UKI Beginner International (BID). (UKI titles are Beginner, Novice, Senior, Championship)

Ginger finished USDAA (US Dog Agility Association) Starter Jumpers and Tortelini earned his first Q in USDAA in Starter Jumpers. (USDAA titles are Starters, Advanced, Masters)

Leo participated in NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) online video challenge, successfully completing 4 weeks (8 challenges) at the Master Level. This is a certificate event and not part of title progression. It was a fabulous practice with clearly described requirements.



With all good things, a little rain must fall. Mystic crossed the rainbow bridge on June 29. He suffers no more because I understand there are plenty of frisbees there. He leaves behind a sizable hole and many happy memories. Given the quarantine, we had a lot of time together.



--Diana Johnson-Ford, Ginger, Tortelini, and Leo

Volunteer Hours

Includes Hours Earned between 1/1/2019 and 8/16/2020

Any questions about Volunteer hours please contact Judy at otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	1/27/2019	3/7/2020	57
Armfield	Patricia	7/27/2019	3/7/2020	42
Asaro	Jean	1/6/2019	3/8/2020	42.75
Auer	Nancy	2/21/2019	3/9/2020	38
Becker	Robert	2/3/2019	2/2/2020	97
Bounds	Hailey	4/20/2019	9/8/2019	11.95
Boychuck	Tricia	11/17/2019	12/1/2019	16.75
Brady	Lynne	9/8/2019	1/18/2020	38
Brav	Janet	2/2/2020	2/2/2020	5.5
Brown	Sandra	1/25/2019	1/18/2020	18.75
Bundschuh	Debra	1/18/2020	1/18/2020	5.75
Butcher	Marjorie	3/31/2019	1/18/2020	66.75
Carey	Kim	2/3/2019	2/19/2020	46.5
Carlee	Lane	1/6/2019	7/31/2020	50.25
Carr	Lucy	1/13/2019	1/12/2020	42.25
Carson	Mary	9/8/2019	9/8/2019	2
Caruso	Patricia & Anthony	1/6/2020	1/6/2020	3
Cash	Beverly	9/29/2019	9/29/2019	6
Clouser	Patsy	2/3/2019	1/18/2020	26.5
Corey	Kim	12/1/2019	1/12/2020	20.5
Craig	Jane	1/27/2019	1/5/2020	54.5
Crechiolo	Joe	2/3/2019	6/9/2019	10
Crechiolo	Sandy	1/13/2019	3/11/2020	49.75
Czermann	Charlotte	1/27/2019	3/7/2020	65.5
Davis	Diane	5/26/2019	7/14/2019	23
Davis	Marge	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	6
DeMinico	Peggy	1/6/2019	3/8/2020	134
Diamante	Arlene	12/1/2019	1/23/2020	12.25
Didjurgis	Barbara	9/8/2019	1/18/2020	2.75
Feigenblatt	June	1/6/2019	3/9/2020	58.75
Forgach	Marie	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	57.75
Gates	Sandra	1/13/2019	2/2/2020	143.5
Gomez	Janet	3/3/2019	7/14/2019	47.25
Gorbas	John	1/13/2019	6/16/2019	44.75
Gosnell	Mike	6/3/2019	6/3/2019	4
Grosso	Brian	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	36.5
Grosso	Kathleen	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	38.5
Halpern	Lynn	1/18/2020	2/19/2020	8.5
Hamzy	Joe	1/13/2019	1/12/2020	31.25
Hamzy	MaryAnn	9/8/2019	1/5/2020	15
Harper	Allyn	12/1/2019	3/1/2020	12.25
Hohmann	Marti	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	37
Johnson-Ford	Diana	2/4/2019	3/31/2020	154.5

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Jones	Karen	1/13/2019	1/12/2020	77
Kennedy	Bridget	2/3/2019	12/16/2019	22
Klein	Carol Ann	5/26/2019	1/18/2020	29.75
Kornmeyer	Donna	1/13/2019	1/31/2020	52.75
Kryla	Kathie	6/9/2019	1/12/2020	17.5
Lehnertz	Margi	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	20
Macchia	Mary	2/13/2019	3/1/2020	6.5
McDonough	Kelly	1/13/2019	10/31/2019	33.75
McKenna	David	1/6/2019	3/8/2020	38.5
McPartland	Judith	1/27/2019	6/30/2020	137.5
Millar	Robert	1/13/2019	1/5/2020	30.75
Minix	Susan	2/13/2019	3/1/2020	42.5
Moore	Janet	1/27/2019	3/8/2020	39.25
Moran	Laura	2/2/2020	2/2/2020	6
Nettles	Bobbie	4/20/2019	4/28/2020	49.25
Norton	Judy	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	42.75
Parker	Dianne	1/31/2019	6/30/2020	70
Patterson	Lori	1/6/2019	3/31/2020	121
Pichette	Helen	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	15
Ponga	Cindylou	1/7/2019	3/12/2020	46.75
Porter	Cynthia	10/31/2019	12/1/2019	10
Richards	Lou	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	28.75
Rubin	Laura	6/3/2019	3/1/2020	5
Sedberry	Diane	1/6/2019	1/18/2020	43.75
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	1/26/2019	3/1/2020	148
Smith	Lindsey	1/25/2019	2/19/2020	25.75
Strumwasser	Steve	1/19/2019	3/8/2020	17
Taylor	Matthew	1/6/2019	11/17/2019	24
Thors	Edda	4/20/2019	8/18/2019	10
Trummer	Michelle	2/3/2019	2/2/2020	28
Vasiliou	Libby	6/9/2019	6/9/2019	5
Vence	Robert	1/6/2019	3/8/2020	137.5
Walsh	Lauren	1/6/2019	12/1/2019	8.5
Walter	Noel	6/9/2019	6/9/2019	5
Weber	Lodge	1/13/2019	9/29/2019	78
Wetzel	Judy	8/5/2019	3/11/2020	52.75
Wheeler	Kay	1/27/2019	2/2/2020	32
White	James	4/20/2019	11/10/2019	11
Wingfield	Wendy	1/27/2019	7/31/2020	56.25
Wolak	Diane	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	44.5
Wolak	Joe	1/27/2019	1/18/2020	43.5
Wood	Linda	1/6/2019	2/2/2020	208.25
Wright	Mary	1/13/2019	2/2/2020	133.3