President’s Message... by Patti Burgess

I can’t believe this is my last President’s Message-

After being on the board for 13 years I felt that it is time for me to step down and let someone else steer the ship.

There have been so many great things that have happened over the years-the club has grown to approx. 220 members, Barn Hunt, Nose Work Trials have been introduced, and we continue to have AKC, UKC, and Cynosport Trials. Classes are full and continue to grow, we have participated in number community function, and I could go on and on. All of this makes me smile and think what a great club we have.

I can’t thank the Board enough for all the support and hard work they do. All the volunteers and instructors without you the club could not function! So Thank you!

I will be around, in 2018 chairing Cynosport Rally & AKC Agility Trial. I hope to teach again soon.

I wish the new board the best, and hope for the club to continue to grow and succeed in the future.

Thank you for letting me run a GREAT Club!

Happy Training,

Patti B

(Editor’s Note: Thank you, Patti, for your many years of service to NOCI!!)
The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Shari moved to accept the minutes; Debbie F. seconded.

Secretary: sympathy cards sent to: Jean Dietrich on the loss of her dog Junior; and Rich Spetka on the loss of his dog Grant.

Lifetime Membership: Amber explained the criteria to the membership per the ByLaws. Debbie Butt was then presented as eligible for Lifetime Membership. Shari moved and Marianne seconded. All approved.

Treasurer: we have approx. $218,000. We are not as busy during the summer months.

President: none.
Vice President: none.

DON: classes are full.

DOT: the Monday 6 pm Pre-Novice class has been moved to Thursday at 8:00 pm; instructed by Chris W. with Barb N. The Monday evening Beginner class will be instructed by Peggy R. with Shawn H,

DOAT: going well. There are several new dogs.

Training Hall Secretary: classes are very full in the next session.

New Members:
Dale, Nicole & Pam Ferrier – Pug, Puggle, Lab
Allison Oliver – Shepherd/Husky
Agata Brautingham – Pitbull Terriers
Matt Sebo – Lab and Australian Shepherd
Jaclyn Radeni – Greyhound
Linda Klbecka – Doxie, Goldendoodle
Julie Thacker – Spinone Italiano
Pat & Dick Sanderson - Pembroke Corgi & Australian Shepherd
Lorelei Benkendore – German Shepherd
Amy Delatorre – Wire Haired Pointing Griffon

Katie moved to accept these new members; Gary C. seconded. All approved. Welcome! J

Committee Reports:
Barn Hunt trials: 8/26 & 8/27. Trial is full.
Nose Work trials: 9/9 & 9/10 at McHenry Middle School. NW3 level is only being offered.
Membership: 237 members before tonight.

Nominating Committee: Dana Vierck, Peggy Roesner, and Mary Pleticha. Peggy read the slate:

President: Jim Doescher
Vice President: Silvia Simmons
Secretary: Amber Perri
Treasurer: Marianne Noble
Training Hall Secretary: Adrienne Ostrowski
New Director: Dana Vierck (new 2-year term.)
New Director: Peggy Roesner (new 2-year term.)
Director: Barb Novak (fulfills the remainder of her 2-year board position.)

DOT and DOAT are appointed positions, and are not voted upon.
Nominations off the floor:
- Ed B. nominated Joan Nebesky for a Director role.
- Karen H. nominated Linda Schmidt for the President role.

Katie moved to accept the slate as presented including the nominations off the floor; Shari seconded. The elections are conducted at the October General Meeting.

Voting – per the ByLaws – Heide reminded all that you must attend two general meetings to be eligible to vote. Furthermore, you must be in attendance/in person to vote; as absentee ballots are not permitted per the ByLaws.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business:
Katie inquired about NOCI holding an ORT (Nose Work) trial. To be continued.
Wally inquired about holding a TDU test in 2018. He has workers in place. Amber will work with Wally on the details.
Cynosport Rally Trial: next trial on 1/13/2018.

Braggs: were shared. J

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting; Shari seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Perri, Secretary

Are you eligible to vote?
With the election taking place at the October General Meeting, we want to make sure all members are aware of the requirements for voting.

The bylaws in Article I Section 6 “Voting Privileges” states:

Section 6 Voting Privileges

A. Members in the following classifications: Individual, Lifetime, or Family (household) memberships, are entitled to one vote for every person on any issue and/or for elections, and is in attendance at the general meeting provided that:

1. The member has paid their dues in full to date.
2. The member has attended a minimum of two (2) general meetings in the past twelve (12) months including the current meeting. Election night shall be considered only one (1) meeting.
3. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting who has failed to file a current health statement for each and every dog being brought to a NOCI property.
4. Please note that in number 2 each member must have attended two general meetings, for the meetings to be counted you must have signed in on the attendance sheet.
### 2017 Obedience Class Schedule

**MONDAY**
- Pre-Novice 9:00am—10:00am: Jessica Frost & Peggy Roesner
- Beginner 10:00am-11:00 am: Kristin Vesely & Jessica Frost
- Novice 11:00am-12:00 pm: Bev Mills
- Novice 12:00pm- 1:00 pm: Chris Wagner & Colette Ritter
- Pre-Utility 1:00pm- 2:00 pm: Karen Haberkorn
- Utility 2:00pm- 3:00 pm: Wally O’Brien
- Pre-Novice 6:00pm—7:00pm: Peggy Roesner & Barb Novak
- Beginner 7:00pm- 8:00pm: Shawn Hacker & Chris Wagner
- Beginner 8:00pm- 9:00pm: Shawn Hacker & Donas Bradford
- Novice 9:00pm- 10:00pm: Sylvia Simmons

**TUESDAY**
- Rally 10:00am-11:00am: Karen Haberkorn & Chris Wagner
- Novice 5:00pm—6:00pm: Heide Jakiel & Lisa Monge
- Novice 6:00pm- 7:00 pm: Heide Jakiel & Lisa Monge
- Open 7:00pm- 8:00 pm: Sandy Lewadowski

**WEDNESDAY**
- Beginner 7:00pm- 8:00 pm: EJ Jennings & Katie Monteraselli
- Novice 8:00pm- 9:00 pm: Cheryl Kistner & EJ Jennings
- Pre-Open 9:00pm-10:00 pm: Joan Nebesky

**THURSDAY**
- Beginner 9:00am- 10:00 am: Colette Ritter & Janis Kohler
- Novice 10:00am- 11:00 am: Marianne Noble & Debbie Fields
- Open 11:00am- 12:00pm: Marianne Noble & Judy Gemperline

**Friday**
- Drop-In Training 10:00am - 12:00pm: Sits & Downs at 11:00am
  - Non-Members $10.00 - Unlimited number of dogs
  - Members $5.00 - Unlimited number of dogs

Free fun match certificates earned at NOCI Agility Trials will be honored:
- Non-Members 1 Certificate = 1 Friday training session
- Members 1 Certificate = 2 Friday sessions

**2016 Training Sessions**
- **Session 5**: Starts week of 08/28/17 ends week of 10/16/17 (no classes Labor Day week)
- **Session 6**: Starts week of 10/30/17 ends week of 12/18/17 (no classes Thanksgiving week)

**Obedience/Nosework Class Fees:**
- Non-Members: $120.00
- Members: $60.00
- with 2 Service Credits: $35.00
### Nose Work Class Schedule

**Monday**
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Intro To Nosework by Jim Doescher and Adrienne Ostrowski
- 7:00—8:00 p.m. Advanced Nosework by Jim Doescher
- 8:00—9:00 p.m. Intermediate Nosework by Jim Doescher and the Burris’
- 9:00—10:00 p.m. Intro to Odor by Jim Doescher and the Burris’

**Tuesday**
- 8:00—9:00 p.m. Advanced Nosework by Jim Doescher/Sandy Lewandowski
- 9:00—10:00 p.m. Int/Adv Nosework by Sandy Fuller

**Wednesday**
- 10:30—11:30 a.m. Advanced Nosework by Cheryle Homuth
- 12:00—1:00 p.m. Advanced Nosework by Cheryle Homuth

- Please note: All nose work classes are full and there is a waiting list. Please contact Jim Doescher to be added to the wait list.

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### Nose Work Brags

- Morgan and Sandy Lewandowski - NW3 Elite
- Tucker and Gloria Klopf - NW3 HIT
- Tyson and Laurel Graham - NW3
- Misty and Sandy Fuller - Element Title L2V HIT

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### CONGRATULATIONS

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Introducing the 2017 Slate of Nominees

President

Jim Doescher
Cary resident
Retired special education teacher
Member with my wife Robyn since 2008

Started with a puppy class and have taken many obedience, rally and agility classes. Have several Obedience and Rally titles.

Was part of the first Nose Work class at NOCI in 2011, started teaching Nose Work classes in 2012. Have since become a Certified Nose Work Instructor and have many titles on my dogs. Presently teach 5 Nose Work classes at NOCI and have hosted 3 Nose Work trials with the help of many from NOCI.

Board member for the last 5 years, director in charge of service credits for 1 year and the last 4 years as treasurer

If elected as your president, I have 3 main goals- safety, fun and education.

Safety

We seem to be getting more and more dogs that are not appropriate for group classes. If you and your dog feel uncomfortable working or even walking near other dogs and their handlers, regardless of who it is, this is unacceptable. We have gotten much better at dealing with these situations but we can always improve our safety response.

Fun

I would really like to put a sign on each exit door that says something like- "Did you and your dog have FUN today? If not, change something, it is NOT the dogs fault!" Whether you compete with your dog at the highest levels or just want a well-behaved family member, shouldn’t we find a way so everyone is having a great time. If you are not having fun, do you think your partner is having fun?

Education

I was at a seminar where one of the topics being presented was not the least bit interesting to me. However, I managed to pay attention when he brought up the fact that the US Military Dog training programs have now discovered that they get better results with more positive training methods. I would really like to see our club be more supportive and encouraging to more positive training methods. We can provide more educational opportunities at our club or encourage our instructors to take part in other educational programs around the area. A positive, fair approach to dog training will lead to a safe, positive and fun place to train our best friends.

One other issue that needs attention is our building lease. We are inside the last 2 years of our lease. We need to look at possibly moving even if we all know that meeting our needs would be very difficult at best. The last time we explored moving, we were able to reduce our rent significantly.

Many of the programs and activities at our club are board driven. In other words, one of your board members is in charge. I would really like to encourage members to come forward and take responsibility for specific activities. In an all-volunteer club, we need to share the work needed to make our club a safe, fun place to train our best friends.
As an active NOCI member for about 5 1/2 years, I feel my qualifications for President are exemplary. Owning 6 Boxers ranging in age from 10 ½ years to 16 months has given me opportunity to achieve many different levels of conformation. Obedience, agility, barn hunt and lure coursing.

As a member of NOCI I now have the confidence with handing my dogs. I proudly display ribbons, plaques and titles, all of which came about from the encouragement of the instructors and fellow students. Because of this I would like to help other current and future students to do the same.

I have worked at Advocate Good Shepherd for over 25 years. My skill qualifications are:
* detail oriented
* excellent in organization
* self-motivator
* project management
* accomplished computer skills
* leadership

I will be retiring this December and will have the necessary time to focus on taking the NOCI to the next level, such as:
* addressing our location issue
* facility size
* parking
* venue size
* address the lack of traction on the mats for the safety of our animals
* address bitches in season to attend class
  - Inquire how other clubs are handling this situation.
* provide educational instruction or require all instructors to be certified or accredited for uniformity in training
* Bios for each instructor
* Are our trainers certified? Who monitors the classes?
* Classes on how to trim our pets nails
* Want more then classes offered to members – other clubs offer workshops, seminars & specialty classes
* Educational seminars for instructors – paid by NOCI
* More Nose Work trials
* TDI, Trick classes
* Service Credits are appreciated – “I have so many service credits, I don’t need to volunteer for years, so it really isn’t a benefit.” Is there something else we can offer?
Vice President
Siliva Simmons

Hi, my name is Silvia Simmons, and you have probably seen me at NOCI on numerous occasions since I am there every night of the week and several times during the day. I joined the club in 2005 and began training my own 5 dogs. For those that do not know me, I am the founder of A and S Rescue and I have since then trained not only my personal dogs, but many foster dogs going through my rescue as well.

I accepted the position of Vice President in 2015 and have volunteered for most of the events at NOCI including fun matches, trials, cleaning days, whatever was happening throughout the years. I have been teaching the puppy class for several years as well as a novice class and have filled in for other instructors when needed as well as facilitating a therapy dog test held at our club through TDI International. In 2016 I took on the position of co-chair for our December AKC Trial along with Peggy Roesner and will be doing this year’s trial as well. I try to support other instructors and volunteers helping in any way I can.

My personal dogs are titled in obedience, rally, nose work, therapy dog, and I recently started agility. I do however realize that this is not for everyone and some people just want a well-behaved dog that can walk nicely down the street and have good canine manners. I believe everyone has their own personal goals for what they want from their dogs and those goals are what I help them obtain.

I have to close by saying I have not only given to the club but have gained so much in return. I have met so many wonderful, generous people that enjoy sharing their lives with their dogs as much as I enjoy mine. They have given their time, support, and knowledge and I am proud to be part of this group of people. Thank you to all of you that have made the club what it is! I hope to continue and support NOCI for many years to come.

Secretary
Amber Perri

I have been a member of NOCI since October 1988, and became the club secretary in October 1990. (I joined at a very young age!) I have been the club secretary since that time, except for one year that I took off. This reflects my continued commitment and support of NOCI for the past 26 years.

In addition to the club secretary role, I have supported several of the events we have hosted during that time. In the beginning, we offered only obedience trials and tracking tests. I have facilitated our tracking tests in the past for many years, as Chairman/Test Secretary and tracklayer, however due to other commitments took off from that role for the past few years. Since those beginning years NOCI has expanded and thrived in other areas. I have always pitched in whenever I can to support our events. It has been an exciting time being on the forefront of Agility, Rally, APDT/Cynosport, Barn Hunt, Nose Work, and UKC Rally/Obedience to name a few! It is a pleasure to see the club grow and offer all these venues to our membership.

For those of you that do not know me, I have always had German Shepherd Dogs. It was my first GSD puppy that brought me to NOCI many years ago, and I was immediately hooked on obedience and all facets of dog sports. The rest is history as they say!

I am currently training my 13-month-old GSD in obedience, tracking, agility, and IPO.

(Fun fact: IPO was formally known as Schutzhund, but renamed IPO to better align with its origins in Europe. IPO stands for Internationale Prüfungs-Ordnung. Clearly easier to just call it IPO!)

I look forward to another year as NOCI’s secretary!
Treasurer
Marianne Noble

Joined NOCI in 2011 to train our Rottweiler, Juno. Achieved CGC-A, Rally titles through RAE and RO-3, Obedience through CDX and U-CDX, and Carting Titles through Carting Excellent (Driving) with Juno. Continuing to work with Juno and started all over with Rottweiler puppy, Gabby.

Positions at NOCI

Instructor –2014 to present: I have taught Novice Obedience, Open Obedience, and Assistant instructor (Novice) Fun Match Co Chair 2014 to present – I developed and maintain website for online pre-registration, introduced and maintain PayPal option for Fun Match pre-payment, prepare monthly flyer, prepare table sheets, registrants’ labels, volunteer name badges, and financial summaries for each Fun Match, attend all Fun Matches with the Fun Match chairman, help assure smooth operations at all times.
Chief Ring Steward – AKC Trial 2015 – I recruited volunteers, provided training materials, assured smooth ring operations for Rally and Obedience Trials.
PayPal for other events – 2016 to present – At the request of the Nose work Director of Training/ Trial Chair, I developed a process to allow use of PayPal to receive registration fees for Nose work Trials.
Bathroom Project – August 2014 – I worked on a 3 person volunteer crew to update bathrooms on obedience side. Removed all floor tile and fixtures, laid new tile, installed sinks and toilets.
Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) – September 2013 – Assistant Chair of AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day which attracted over 200 participants.
AKC Community Achievement Award – I learned about and prepared and submitted packet of materials with photos describing our RDOD to AKC to apply for the award for NOCI. NOCI was notified by the AKC that we were one of three clubs who were granted the award for their RDOD in 2013 and received a $1000 grant.
Volunteer Steward at AKC and UKC trials – 2011 to present

Training Hall Secretary
Adrienne Ostrowski

Hi, my name is Adrienne Ostrowski I have been a member of NOCI since February 2006 and elected to the as the Training Hall Secretary in October 2014.

I have volunteered in various ways at the club to include agility trial and nose work trial volunteer coordinator, assist at Rally trials and Barn Hunt trial and Bylaw revision committee chair.

I have attended Obedience, Agility, Freestyle and Nose Work classes. I am currently concentrating on training my dogs, Saffron and Argo, in obedience and nose work.

As Training Hall Secretary these past few years I have seen the strong need for training dogs to be confident family pets. If people choose to just attend class for only one or two sessions it doesn’t matter as we were granted the opportunity to teach them skills to live happily with their dog.

One of NOCI’s objectives is: “To teach handlers to train their dogs in order to develop their dog’s intelligence, confidence, physical prowess, obedience and to develop dogs who can live in harmony within our society”

I have been proud to be part of this process.
Hi! I’m Dana Vierck of Elgin, Illinois, and have been a member of NOCI since 2005, when taking agility classes with my Aussie, Sydney and Gary joined soon after with Border Collie, Adelaide. We are Family members with our dogs, Jameson and Matilda, the Border Collie sisters. I have had dogs for over 52 years.

I have been on the NOCI Board of Directors serving the club for the last 2 terms. I took on the responsibility of producing Volunteer Service Credits for club members when I joined the board. During my 12 years as an NOCI member, I have served as a trial steward in Agility, Rally, Obedience, Barn Hunt, CGC testing, and have served as trial chair for several UKC Rally/Obedience Trials, and helped at Fun Matches. I have had the opportunity over these years to work with many, many dedicated NOCI members who generously volunteer their time to club activities, trials, and to spread the good work about NOCI. Gary and I both have hosted the hospitality for 2 multi-day agility seminars and 1 multi-day obedience seminar. Gary and I were honored to receive the NOCI Service Award.

I am just completing my first term as one of the Directors on the NOCI Board, and I have learned a great deal. As a member of NOCI, I have volunteered for various events, including fun matches, as an obedience instructor, and at various obedience, rally and nosework trials. Last December, I served as co-chair for the AKC trial held at NOCI which was quite a learning experience! My initial involvement with NOCI began several years ago as a dog handler. I have had Labrador Retrievers for over 40 years and trained many of them at NOCI for the past 20 years, shortly after moving to McHenry County. In that period of time, many of my dogs became registered therapy dogs, and I attribute our success as working therapy teams to their training at NOCI. Currently, I have four Labradors, two of which are working therapy dogs. In addition to obedience training, two of my dogs are enrolled in nosework classes at NOCI. As an instructor, I have taught beginner, pre-novice and novice classes, and it has been very enjoyable to work with other dog handlers and witness their progress as they work with their dogs. NOCI offers wonderful opportunities to people wishing to train and engage their dogs in various activities using a positive approach, and it has been a pleasure to be a part of that. The strong volunteer base at NOCI and the growing membership are evidence of the positive impact that NOCI has on the canine community. I plan to continue my role as an active member of NOCI and hope to promote the same in others!
Hi, my name is Joan Nebesky and I’m running for a Director position on the NOCI Board. I’ve been in the dog training/showing game for over 40 years. I started dog training in the early 1970s at a Park District in Chicago and showed a Min. Poodle in Novice obedience. Since then I trained and showed a number of Rottweilers, Boxer, Long-haired Dachshund, a number of Australian Shepherds, a number of Boston Terriers. I now have a Boston/Frenchie mix, but since I had a couple of heart attacks in 2015 I have not been able to train or show her. But I am lucky to have a good friend named Silvia who has been doing that for me. I earned titles on most of these dogs in obedience, rally and agility.

I started instructing dog obedience classes back in the 70s a couple years after training and showing some of my dogs (beginner and novice). A few years later I joined Rand Park Dog Training Club. There I instructed Open and was also on their Board. In the early 80s I moved to Crystal Lake, but there were no dog clubs nearby. Soon NOCI, moved to this area and I joined the Club in 1999. That year I was voted in as Vice President. I think I have been on the Board ever since. I was a Director a number of times and then was Director of Obedience for over 10 years. I also volunteered at fun matches, AKC trials, UKC trials (also Secretary of UKC trials for quite a few years), and all at the same time I instructed 2 or 3 classes per week (Novice & Open obedience and agility).

I would enjoy being on the Board again so please remember my name JOAN NEBESKY. Thanks.

Oh yes, the picture. It may be a few years old!!!

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**Food Pantry Donations**

Let’s remember all those pets out there that want to stay with their owners rather than being sent to a shelter because their owners can’t afford to feed them! Please consider all the pets that depend on food that their owners get from the food pantries in McHenry County. NOCI has donated in the past and it was much appreciated by all the participants at the food pantries. I’d rather bring food to their owners than have to rescue them, or worse!

You can bring any food — bags, cans, treats, biscuits, whatever — dog or cat, and put it under the table by the door on the obedience side. Much appreciation from many!

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**Join the email list!**

NOCI members, please send a message to:
Member-list-noci-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Leave the subject line blank. If there are problems, please contact
Arlene King at mzking.tdx@sbcglobal.net
Titles and Awards
Reported 7/25/17 – 9/18/17

Sally Banka and Mac (Golden Retriever)
7/30  Flying Paws  UKC  URO3

Pat Behles and Fritzi (German Shepherd Dog)
6/25  AKC  TKP

Susie Cohn and Austen (Chihuahua)
6/24  Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club  AKC  RE

Shelley Colbert and Noah (Rottweiler)
7/30  Flying Paws  UKC  RO2

Sandy Fuller and Misty (Shetland Sheepdog)
9/17  N.E.W. K9 Scent Work  NACSW  L2V
9/17  N.E.W. K9 Scent Work  NACSW  HIT (nosework)

Karen Haberkorn and Summer (Borzoi)
9/16  Lyons Township DTC  AKC  BN

Karen Haberkorn and Solly (Borzoi)
9/17  Land o’ Lincoln Golden Retriever Club  AKC  CDX

Shari Hoffman and Infinity (Great Pyrenees)
9/2  Fun Dogs  CPE  CSL1-S

Shari Hoffman and Spiritt (Saint Bernard)
6/10  For Your K9  AKC  TKN

Sandra Lewandowski and Morgan (GSP)
9/9  NOCI  NACSW  NW3-ELITE

Birgit Mantilla and Noah (German Shepherd Dog)
2/26  For Your Canine  BHA  RATO
4/21  Happy Feet  BHA  RATS

Birgit Mantilla and Rex (Boston Terrier)
8/13  For Your Canine  BHA  RATM

Beverly Mills and Bock (German Shepherd Dog)
8/27  GSDTC  AKC  RN
9/2  For Your K9  UKC  URO1
9/17  Lincolnwood Training Club  AKC  CD

Cheryl Moore and Brigid (Australian Shepherd)
7/8  RACE  CPE  ChWC
7/30  WAG  CPE  ChCL
7/30  WAG  CPE  ChJU

Judy Nicholl and Jesse (Golden Retriever)
11/13/16  For Your K9  UKC  AV
4/15  For Your K9  UKC  AE
4/15  For Your K9  UKC  AC
4/16  For Your K9  UKC  AI
4/16  For Your K9  UKC  AN
6/17  Flint Creek  DMWYD  ETD
7/8  For Your K9  UKC  SC
7/8  For Your K9  UKC  SE
7/9  For Your K9  UKC  SI
8/26  NOCI  BHA  RATM

Colette Ritter and Tucker (Ambor)
9/2  For your K9  UKC  URO1

Lorel Sack and Kessie (Miniature American Shepherd)
7/28  WAG  CPE  CL3-H
7/29  WAG  CPE  CL3-R

Silvia Simmons and Delilah (American Staffordshire Terrier)
7/29  Flying paws  UKC  UCDX

Silvia Simmons and Georgie (American Staffordshire Terrier)
7/30  Flying paws  UKC  HIT (rally)

Ken & Yvonne and Tess (All American)
8/20  RACE  CPE  ChJU

Yvonne & Ken Smith and Rusty (Cairn Terrier)
8/27  NOCI  BHA  RATI
8/27  NOCI  BHA  HIT (Novice Barnhunt)

Margaret Thiessen and Bella (Toy Poodle)
6/24  CPE  C-ATCH

Margaret Thiessen and Mia (Toy Poodle)
4/9  Paws in Motion  CPE  ChST
7/30  WAG  CPE  C-ATCH
December Trial Raffles

Hello from Mallory. I have volunteered to assume raffle duties for our December trials and those trials are rapidly approaching. There will be two raffles again this year – one at the Rally Trial and one at the Obedience Trial. Donation bins will be put out on both the agility and obedience sides with hopes you’ll donate. Donations do not need to be dog related, so feel free to think outside the box. If you’d like me to pick up your donation, I will happily accommodate your schedule.

No time to shop? We will accept cash and do the shopping for you. If you are donating cash, please do not put it in the donation bin; just email or call, and we can meet at your convenience.

Please include your name (first and last) with your donation, so we can acknowledge your contribution.
The raffles have been very successful in the past due to the generosity of our members. Thank you in advance and I’m looking forward to another successful raffle.

Please have your donations in by Dec. 1st.

Mallory Golladay (and KiKi “The Gray Tornado”)
bluemoonelk@gmail.com
cell: 952-457-4552
PLAQUE FAQs

1. I hear people talking about their “plaques”- what are they?
   Each plaque is a wooden board, about 12 inches wide and 17 inches tall. On top is a large plate with the dog’s name and breed. Below are 18 brass plates, each listing a title or award earned by you and your dog. Each year, the plaque gets updated with new titles. A smaller plaque, about half the size, with only six plates is also available.

2. What do I have to do to get one?
   You have to meet three criteria to be eligible
   1. Submit a score report for each title you and your dog earn by the end of the year.
   2. Provide at least one service for the club during the year. (Fill out the service form)
   3. Attend at least one general membership meeting during the year (sign the roster)
   If you are eligible, you receive a letter in January listing the titles and awards for the plaque. Check it for accuracy and return it so that the plaque can be made or updated. You will receive the plaque in March at the awards banquet. Detailed instructions come with the award letter.

3. How do I submit a score report?
   Go to tinyurl.com/nociscore and enter the information about your title. Don’t forget to hit “submit.” Or download the form from the club website, fill it in, and place it in the “WOOF Box” in the club office, or mail to the awards chairperson (Judy Gemperline)

4. Do I have to wait for my official title certificate before submitting a score report?
   No. You may submit a title as soon as you earn it. Waiting for the official certificate may cause you to miss the deadline. You may wait until December to submit score reports for the entire year, but it is recommended that you submit titles as they are earned.

5. I got a qualifying leg, but not a title. Do I need to submit this?
   You may, but it is not required. Members who submitted Qs but did not earn titles are listed in each issue of the Fireplug.

6. I received a national ranking for 2016, but it wasn’t announced until 2017. Have I missed the deadline for reporting this award?
   No. Since these rankings are not issued until the following year, the deadlines for these are the following December. For example, 2016 rankings have a deadline of December 31, 2017.

7. I made a mistake entering my information online. What do I do?
   Email the awards chairperson (Judy Gemperline djj1988@yahoo.com) and explain the error. She will get it corrected in the club’s record.

8. I forgot whether I submitted a particular title. What should I do?
   The entire spreadsheet is available at tinyurl.com/nociscorereports. You can search within the spreadsheet, but you will not be able to edit it. Or you could just enter the title again.

9. I missed the year-end deadline. Now what?
   If you submit a title late, the club does not pay for the engraving. If you have a plaque on which the title will fit, you will have to reimburse the club for the engraving. However, if you do not already have a plaque, or your plaque is full, you would have to pay for a new plaque as well.
Do You Teach Outside NOCI? That’s OK, but...

The question has been raised as to whether or not an instructor/member should be soliciting their other classes while attending a NOCI class. Out of respect to NOCI, the instructors and other students in class we would like to point out that it is not ok to solicit other classes while at NOCI. It can be disruptive and disrespectful to instructors and students. If you would like to "promote" a class elsewhere, feel free to do that outside of the club premises. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

New Members

Dale and Nicole Ferrier  (Family)
Pug, Puggles, Lab

Linda Klbecka
Doxie, Golden Doodle

Amy de la Torre
Wire Haired Pointing Griffon

Allison Oliver
Shepherd/Husky

Jaclyn Radeni
Greyhound

Meredith Roberts
Mutts

Pat and Dick Sanderson  (Family)
Pem Corgis, Aussie

Matt Sebo
Lab, Aussie

Julie Thacker
Spinone Italiano

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Next General Meeting
October 20, 2017
7:30 p.m.