

Paw Prints



The Newsletter of the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

April/May 2016

Spring Session training ends on May 17 with Canine Good Citizenship Tests. Then we will be "on vacation" until September. But be sure to keep working with your dog(s) during our Summer break. It's a great way to spend quality time together.

Watch for the Fall Session Class Registration form in the Summer issue of Paw Prints.

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Important Dates:

- April 30 & May 1 – Obedience and Rally Trials
- May 15 – Awards Banquet
- May 17 – Last day of Spring Training/Canine Good Citizen Tests

President's (Farewell) Message

At the membership meeting last night (April 5) a new Board was elected. As the outgoing president, I wish the new Board the best in administering the club for the next year.

Going forward, the club must continue to strive to give the dog owning public an incentive to have well mannered pets in their communities, and to encourage owners to participate in the many dog sports available to them. For many owners, a training class is their first exposure to our world of dog shows and trials. The continuation of dog sports is dependent on introducing new dog owners to our sport and encouraging their participation.

After 40 years with Rand Park, the next year will bring some major changes to my life. My husband is retiring this Fall, and our house will go on the market. Once it sells, we will be moving out of Illinois, destination unknown as of yet.

While Chris is looking forward to retirement, I'm not so sure. Wherever we end up, I hope to find another dog club to work with as I love teaching obedience, and plan to continue in tracking as both a judge and exhibitor. Having been a dog groomer for 48 years, I would like to continue at least part time. Once we are settled somewhere, another poodle is definitely in the picture, too.

I've made a great many friends through my association with Rand Park and through the world of dog sports. As many of you know, I have also been doing folk music house concerts for many years. Between dogs and music, I have met people from all over the country, so wherever we end up I will have a good start with friends new and old. I will miss many of the local dog people I've come to know over the years, but am looking forward to exciting new possibilities.

Terri Everwine

Our website – randparkdtc.org – has a new look. We had to upgrade to a new version of the Webs program which caused the picture banner at the top of the front page to "go missing." All our information is still there, including the training calendar, issues of Paw Prints, and timely forms.

We were saddened to learn that long-time Rand Park DTC member Chuck Serchuk passed away recently. Chuck and his wife, Nancy, trained their German Shepherd and Golden Retriever with Rand Park. Our condolences go to Nancy and the Serchuk family.

All Rand Parkers are invited

Anyone interested in marching in this year's Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade, please meet us on the south side of Talcott east of Fairview Avenue at 9:30 a.m. on May 30.

Questions?

Call Bill Urquhart - 847-825-3318

Officers for 2016-2017

Chairman of the Board: Marion Meseth

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Jean Eremo – New 2016-2017

Gloria Urquhart - New 2026-2017

Kathy Baureis - New 2026-2017

Our April 30 Obedience Trial will be Rand Park's 75th. A very big deal!

Please consider Stewarding during the Trial weekend (April 30 and May 1). Contact: for Obedience, Karen Schaubel (847-370-4028 – lunaria22@yahoo.com) or Pat Beckstrom (847-934-9630); for Rally, Barb Krynski (847-577-9163 – klevr-k9@att.net) or Kathy Baureis (847-885-4645 – abaureis@yahoo.com)

All workers will receive a commemorative gift.

Don't miss the Awards Banquet on May 15.

Lois Breslow needs to receive Banquet reservations by May 6. If you haven't yet sent yours in, do it today! The invitation/reservation form is in this issue of Paw Prints.

Raffle Prizes are needed!

It's not too late to donate items for the Awards Banquet raffle. Marge Kabala is in charge, and she wants to have as much "stuff" as possible to raffle off without dipping into the Club's treasury. To do that, she needs your help!

Marge will welcome donations of dog gear, of course, but she will also be glad to get just about anything else you care to donate, including gift cards. Money donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Bring your raffle donations to the training hall or call Marge (773-750-9989) if you need to make other arrangements or want to know more about the raffle. So that she has time to put everything together, Marge needs raffle items by May 10 – sooner will be better.

Welcome New Member

Patrick Hanley

We hope you and your dog will enjoy, and benefit from, your Rand Park DTC membership.

Anniversary pins will be presented to the following members at the Banquet:

For 50 Years:

Dominick Gobbo, Vera Koch, Lyle Young

For 25 Years: JoAnn Neville

For 10 Years: Patricia Duryea

From the DOT

Well, we're almost finished with our last session of this round of training. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and assistance during my stint as Director of Training. I won't be your DOT next season, but I'm sure my replacement will be even better!

Keep an eye out for our Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Community Canine (ACGC) tests coming up at the end of this session, on May 17. Sheryl Phelps has kindly offered to facilitate this event and will be looking for LOTS and LOTS of help! This will be open to Rand Park DTC students and members first, and if we don't fill, then we will consider opening it up to non-members. You will get more information at class, on Tuesday nights. Here's the link to more information on what is expected of you and your dog to earn this certificate:

<http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/>. You do need to have a CGC to take the ACGC test though.

I found this wonderful link that provides a wealth of information as far as showing in obedience! http://clubs.akc.org/saints/Archives/utility_articles.pdf Despite what the first page says, it's not just Utility information. The first article has some great info on heeling, and towards the end there is interesting info on excusals in the ring and jump heights.

I hope you all had a great training season, learned a lot, and most importantly – HAD FUN! Because fun is what it's all about to our dogs and if it's not fun for us, it won't be for them.

Enjoy your summer vacation, and see you all in September.

Barb Krynski
Director of Training

The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

Titles are nice, but here's the REAL REASON WHY WE OWN DOGS ...

They take us for walks and keep us fit and healthy, and they make it more fun to enjoy the out of doors!

That's Greg Hoeft being taken for a walk by, from left, standard poodle Kate, grand-dog Teddy (daughter's Min Pin), and Miniature Poodle Gus.



"The Real Reason Why" was suggested by Dee Morrison as an on-going Paw Prints feature. YOU need to participate, or you're gonna keep seeing Poodles! Send me a picture of your dog(s) and the reason why owning a dog enhances your life. Email your photo and caption to randparkpawprints@live.com.

You can also send them by U.S. mail to
Ursula Hoeft, Paw Prints editor, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Member News and "Braggs"

From Sonja Lund

Scheiss and I were asked by a group of miniature schnauzer friends to go to a Four day Specialty (called the MiniPalooza) being held at Purina Farms in the St. Louis area. She's only 2 years old but I thought it would be fun just to get her into a big arena with all its distractions and try different events. What a great fun time we had!!!

We entered Agility and she ran and ran, and had fun! We entered Barn Hunt (which the AKC recognizes) and she passed her Instinct test, and received two Novice legs with 2nd and 3rd placements. We entered Obedience and she received two Beginner Novice B legs with 2nd and 3rd placements. She was also entered in Rally Novice B and she got two legs toward her title. She also was recognized and received the AKC TOTAL DOG award for qualifying in three out of five events.

Sonja says "If you ever get the opportunity to show at Purina Farms, do it! It's something I will never forget."

From Karyn McCoy

Buddy and I went to MiniPalooza this weekend and had a wonderful time. We met up with Sonja Lund and Scheiss and spent the weekend hanging out with other schnauzer people.

It was fabulous to see so many schnauzers in one place. Each day we were up before the sun and would go out to dinner with friends afterwards. The camaraderie at a specialty was amazing. You root for folks you don't know or have just met and appreciate them and their dogs. One lady even gave Buddy a free haircut because his lines were wrong and he "looked like a marshmallow."



On Thursday they had fun runs. Since I couldn't get Buddy into Barn Hunt because it filled up so fast I let him have two fun runs. And, oh boy, did he have fun. The best part was when we were leaving the ring my leash wasn't there and all of a sudden I hear Buddy barking an alert. He had jumped up on a bale of hay and was holding the rat wrangler who was holding a rat to hide for the next dog "at bay." The lady kindly handed me my leash and I called him over. So we had a good laugh. He was entered in Obedience Novice B and Rally Advanced B on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday he qualified in both events. On Sunday his obedience score was good enough for 2nd place. When it came to Rally – you know what they say: it's not the dog's fault. I botched the last sign. Then we went over to the parade of rescues where every participant got a huge rosette.

All in all we had a really good time and would do it again in a heartbeat, well maybe – but give us some time to recover.

(That's Buddy in the photo, sandwiched between the ferns.)

From Joanne Baran

Cooper Khan of Arlington Heights, CGCA qualified for his 1st leg in Beginner Novice, placing 3rd in the Roy Jones Dog Show in the Convocation Center at NIU in DeKalb, IL on Sunday, April 10.

From Kathy Baureis

Rain and Skye had an awesome St. Patrick's Day weekend at their first Barn Hunt trial. Not only did they get their RATN and a leg in open but Rain received two High in Trials, two first places, a third and a fourth. Skye received one High in trial, one first place, a second, and a fourth and her RATI. This past weekend Rain passed all three ORTs for Nose Work. Hopefully we can get in a trial soon.

(As you might guess, that's Rain and Skye on the right, looking very Irish! – ed)



"RAT" News from the Urquharts

Gloria and Scarlet (Royal Reign Rhett's Raging Romance) earned another Barn Hunt Title: Barn Hunt Open (RATO)

1st Leg - Flint Creek Dog Training Club, February 12, 1st Place and High in Class

2nd Leg - Flint Creek Dog Training Club, February 12, 3rd Place

3rd Leg - Flint Creek Dog Training Club, February 14, 4th Place

Gloria says, "Last month I made a mistake in "bragging" and I misnamed Tara and Scarlet's initial BH Titles. They should have been identified as RATI and RATN (not BHI and BHN)! Sorry!!!!!!"

Bill Urquhart and Tara (Imprimis Gone Like The Wind) earned her RATO (Barn Hunt Open Title)

1st Leg (Northwest Obedience Club, Cary) April 2, 2nd Place

2nd Leg (Northwest Obedience Club, Cary) April 3, 1st Place, High In Open Class

3rd Leg (Northwest Obedience Club, Cary) April 3, 1st Place

Gloria says, "we will now be working on the Senior Division. If you haven't observed a trial please do so. It is so much fun for dogs and handlers. But maybe not for the Rats!!!!!!"



That's Gloria and Scarlet, and Bill and Tara in the photos.
Wow! Look at all those ribbons!

From Eileen Hennessy

Annie received her Rally Excellent title with a score of 93 at the Starved Rock Kennel Club Trial on December 4, 2015. So many RPDTC members have patiently helped us achieve this goal. I especially thank Sheryl, Sonny, Marge and Karen. Thanks!

From JoAnn Neville

Oliver Neville (Bearded Collie) earned his NNC (Novice Nose Work Container) and NNI (Novice Nose Work Interior) UKC Nose Work titles on February 14, 2016 at For Your K9. He got 2nd place in trial 2 Interiors.

On March 19 Guinness (Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier), now 14 years old, earned his C-Wags Scent Detective title – CW-SP Scent Patrol (Level 1)

On March 19 Oliver (Bearded Collie) earned his C-Wags Scent Detective title – CW-SP Scent Patrol (level 1) and CW-SD Scent Detective (Level 2)

From Diane Thompson

Robbie got a second leg in Novice A and a First Place ribbon at the Chicagoland Shetland Sheepdog Trials on March 6.

Mary Anne Fowler

My Wirehaired Dachshund, Bauz, finished her CDX title at Car-Dun-AI in February.

From Kathy and Joe Hahn

Though we can't train at Rand Park any longer due to having moved to Central Illinois, Digger and Walker are still being trained. We're very happy to let our friends at Rand Park know Digger earned his Utility Dog (UD) title on Easter Sunday in Springfield, IL. He got a title medallion and is showing it off in the picture.



Member news and "brags" are reported in the order that works best for the Paw Prints layout – or what makes it easiest for me – and in no way reflect the importance of our members' accomplishments. They are all important! – ed

Remember, Brags are mandatory!

Paw Prints readers want to know about legs and titles you get with your dogs – other good stuff you do, too.

Send your news via email to randparkdte.org, or by US mail to Ursula Hoeft, 1814 Illinois Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062

Track Layers are needed for Rand Park's VST Test on May 22.

Contact Barb Larsen, Chair and Chief Tracklayer, hundz2@sbcglobal.net, or Sheryl Phelps, Event Secretary, sheryl2533@att.net if you can help or for information. The test will be held at the Lincolnshire Corporate Center, Lincolnshire, IL

From Mary and Frank Laurie

Vinny titled in Open and moved up to Senior in the NOCI April 2 and 3 Barn Hunt trial. He took second place in Senior for his first leg. Good luck to those competing in the Trial later this month in Antioch.

Tom Woepse and Tori earned her Barn Hunt Master title on Saturday, April 2!

Barb Krynski and Ralphie earned his Barn Hunt Open title on Saturday, April 2: 6 runs, 6 Qs in Novice and Master!



That's Barb and Ralphie in the photo on the left, and Tori in the above picture.

Barn Hunt: Dogs and their owners having fun!

As you can see by the "brags" included in this issue of Paw Prints, a lot of Rand Park members are now doing Barn Hunt, and they seem to be lovin' it. According to all reports, and as you can see by the "brags" in this issue of Paw Prints, their dogs enjoy searching for rats – safely confined to plastic tubes – something that's a natural for many breeds. But even breeds like Mary and Frank Laurie's Boxers, not usually thought to have a great sense of smell, are obviously good at finding rats. Since Boxers are Working Dogs (do Oscar and Vinny know that?) and one of the first breeds used for police work in Germany, probably dispatching rodents was one of their easier jobs.

If you're not yet familiar with Barn Hunt, here's what I found on the internet.

According to the Barn Hunt Association, LLC, and the AKC Performance Events Department:
"The sport of Barn Hunt is based on the hunting and teamwork skills historically used by 'ratcatchers' who traveled the countryside ridding farms of vermin. Dogs and handlers work as a team to locate and mark rats (safe in aerated tubes) hidden in a maze of straw or hay bales. The event is open to all dogs. 'Barn Hunt tests the nose, speed, agility and surefootedness of dogs that have a history of above-ground vermin hunting,' said Robin Nuttall, founder of the Barn Hunt Association. 'We quickly found out that many breeds and mixed breeds enjoy the search and can excel at this sport.'"

To learn more about Barn Hunt, visit www.barnhunt.com – I'm out of room here!

– Ed

Spaniel Finds Lucky Rabbit Foot, Earns TDU Title

Report by Terri Everwine

Rand Park DTC held their combined TD/TDU test on Easter Sunday. Judges Danae Steele and Sandy McMillan plotted three lovely TD tracks and six lovely TDU tracks. While there were quite a few "almosts," with dogs only missing a final turn or article, we did have one TDU pass.

Mike Roehrs of Bowling Green, Ohio, and "Coal," CH Windwards' Santa's Bad Boy, TDX, RN, earned his TDU title after spending quite a bit of time sorting through the presumably hawk killed Easter bunny carcass parts on his first leg. Mike said Coal was looking for the lucky rabbit's foot, and must have found it! Congrats to Mike and Coal, and to Frank Kraszewski, a first time tracklayer who earned a Stinky Foot award. The weather was beautiful for both days of the weekend, the promised rains holding off. While we had hoped for more passes, and several came very close, we were thrilled to see Mike's talented Field Spaniel take home an engraved plaque honoring their new title!

Thanks also to all who helped and contributed to the test! TD tracklayers Benita Theleen, Darlene Charmelo and Donna Kircher and TDU tracklayers Diane Muzzey, Carlos Santos, Teresa Higgins, Frank Kraszewski, Jean Richardson and Terri Everwine all were great and kept things moving with accurately timed and placed tracks. Lois Breslow, as usual, did a superb job with hospitality, aided by all those who contributed side dishes and desserts for all participants. Lois's chocolate chip cookies were a big hit with everyone!

From judge Sandy McMillan: "It was a wonderful day for tracking. The club members did a wonderful job accommodating Danae and me plus all the exhibitors. Tracklayers were on their toes, efficient and reliable which makes the judges' jobs much easier. Watched some really nice tracking dogs just one mistake away from a title. Good Luck next test. Thank you for asking me to judge. I thoroughly enjoyed this assignment, Terri's food, Chris's wine and all the great stories we shared. Danae was a joy to work with, hope to repeat the experience soon."

From judge Danae Steele: "It was a great weekend. We judges held our breath several times hoping that talented dogs and handlers could recover from small errors. "Coal" did spaniels proud!"



In photo at left,
L-R Judge Danae
Steele, Mike Roehrs
& "Coal" CH Wind-
wards Santa's Bad
Boy, TDX, RN, new
TDU, judge Sandy
McMillan, tracklayer
Frank Kraszewski

In case you've wondered

Why Do Dogs Heel On The Left?

(Reprinted with permission of the author: Wayne Booth)

It's a fair question: why do we ask our dogs to heel on our left side? For that matter, why do we do so many things to the left? Why do we mount a horse from the left side? The reason is basically the same. We have our dog's heel to our left because this is a right handed world.

In the old days, when men still wore swords, it was necessary to mount horses from the left side for safety purposes. With the swords hanging on the left side (for right handed riders), it was easier and safer to mount from the left. Consequently, all of the tack for horses has always been made to be buckled and put on and taken off from the left, too.

When it comes to dogs a similar logic applied. When handling a dog a person would want their right hand (usually the stronger hand) free. The left hand could hold the leash. They would want their right side unimpeded. The dog could be on the left. And so, the dog should walk and heel on the left side. Or so it used to be. Today owners often teach their dogs to heel on either side.

Many dog activities rely on training a dog from the left because the trainer or owner needs to keep the right hand free to signal. Many herding and hunting dog trainers train their dogs from the left because they need to have their right hands free for using equipment or giving signals.

So many people in the world are right handed (approximately 80 percent) that training dogs from the left has become the standard way of training. It's not necessarily good or bad, it's just the usual way of doing things. Dogs probably don't care which side is used.

On the other hand, dogs do seem to be right-pawed or left-pawed themselves. You can tell if your dog is right-pawed or left-pawed by filling a Kong with peanut butter or some other food your dog loves. Place the Kong in the floor for your dog. Record which paw your dog uses to touch the toy first — until he has made 100 touches on the Kong with either his right and his left paw. (Don't record touches with both paws at the same time.) Dogs that use their left paw 64 times are left-pawed; dogs that use their right paw 64 times are right-pawed. If your dog has fewer than 64 uses of either paw then he is ambidextrous.

You may already have some idea of whether your dog is left or right-pawed. Does he always paw at you with one particular paw? Does he try to pick things up with one of his paws? These can be tip-offs that he favors one of his paws over the other.

So, there is really no particular reason why dogs are taught to heel on the left. It's mostly due to the fact that the majority of people are right handed. We teach dogs to heel on the left as a tradition now. People have learned to teach their dogs to heel on the left and it would probably confuse people to start teaching them otherwise.

About Wayne: Wayne Booth is owner of [Canine Behavior Specialists](#) which is headquartered in Nashville, TN but serves clients all over the U.S. Wayne has also been teaching people how to become Professional Dog Trainers since 1990 and he is the Training Director of [Canine Behavior Specialists Network](#).

*Come celebrate with us at the
Rand Park Dog Training Club's
Annual Awards Banquet
And Raffle*

Des Plaines Elk Club – 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL

*Join us on Sunday, May 15, at 12 noon,
for complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres
Lunch to follow at 1 p.m. – Filet Mignon and Chicken Breast
\$38 per person*

Please RSVP by May 6

*Donations for the Banquet Raffle will be appreciated.
Bring your donations – gifts, gift certificates, money – to training,
or contact Marge Kabala at 773-750-9989 to make other arrangements.*

*For more information, contact Lois Breslow (847-966-
7908;lois8430@comcast.net) or
Marion Meseth (847-827-6530; demeseth@yahoo.com)*

Send your reservation(s), with your check payable to Rand Park DTC, to:
Lois Breslow, 8430 Major Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053

Name(s): _____

Number in party: _____ Check enclosed: \$ _____

Please seat me/us with: _____

Tables seat eight. Seating requests will be accommodated where possible.

No worries if you're not including a seating request – you'll be seated with interesting, fun people!

Rand Park Dog Training Club Fun Matches

2016 Fun Match Dates

June 4, July 2, Sept 3 ,October 1, November 5, December 3.

**At For Your K9
1975 Cornell
Melrose Park, Illinois
(For Your K9 is air conditioned)**

Judging starts at 10:00 a.m.

No entries will be accepted after 12:00 p.m.

Fees: Pre-entry: \$8 (\$7 for second entry of same dog)

Gate entry: \$9 (\$8 for second entry of same dog)

**Classes Offered: Beginner Novice – Novice – Open – Utility
Enter Early – All classes are limited to 30 entries**

Mail entries to: Jean Eremo, 2511 N. 79th Ave., Elmwood Park, IL 60707

For more information: 708-453-5128 – JEANEREMO@AOL.COM

Make checks payable to: Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc. (RPDTC)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Breed: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Class: _____ Additional Class: _____ Jump Heights: _____

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc., its officers, directors and members against any and all claims or actions that may at any time be made or instituted against them or any of them by any person for the purpose of enforcing any cause or action growing out of or connected with my attendance or my dog's attendance at the Fun Matches conducted by the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Sage Advice our dogs would give us, if they could talk!



- * *When loved ones come home, always run to greet them;*
- * *Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride;*
- * *Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy;*
- * *Take naps;*
- * *Stretch before rising;*
- * *Run, romp, and play daily;*
- * *Thrive on attention and let people touch you;*
- * *Avoid biting when a simple growl will do;*
- * *On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass;*
- * *On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree;*
- * *When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body;*
- * *Delight in the simple joy of a long walk;*
- * *Be loyal;*
- * *Never pretend to be something you're not;*
- * *If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it;*
- * *When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.*