

Paw Prints



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

February/March 2016

President's Message

At our most recent membership meeting, two things were brought up for a membership vote. The first, to allow bitches in season to attend classes, I felt could go either way. It's been a long held tradition of the club not to allow them, and having owned both stud dogs and whole bitches, I have felt the frustration of losing class time with the girls, and also with males who imagine all girls are always in season and allow their attention to wander. In my mind, these circumstances always presented an ideal training opportunity rather than an impossible obstacle to training. Alas, the membership disagreed and voted down the measure.

The second proposal was, in my mind, far more important to the survival of the club. 50 years ago, when I first began my involvement in the world of dogs, there were three dog sports: the conformation ring, obedience & tracking, and field trials. If you did not own a breed eligible for field trials, or one not up to the conformation standards, obedience and tracking were the two remaining venues where you could successfully compete with your dog, and back then, obedience clubs thrived. Back then, tracking had only recently become a separate entity from obedience with only one level of titling available. Even today, tracking is still the smallest dog sport in the AKC world. Obedience, on the other hand, was a popular sport, with entries of 300-500 dogs in a typical trial. Rand Park at one time held some of the largest obedience trials in the country.

In recent years, all that has changed. Today dog owners have many choices in competing with their dogs. Agility has become a huge sport worldwide. Titling events have been added in barn hunt, nosework, rally, lure coursing ability tests, dock diving and more. AKC has enabled listing privileges for mixed breeds to compete as well as purebreds in all but conformation and breed specific performance events. Basic obedience, while necessary for almost any other dog sport, has become something of a stepping stone into those other sports, rather than the wholly unto itself competitive venue it once was. As a result, entries in obedience trials are down, and fewer people continue in training once they feel their dogs are "good enough" to live with at home.

Our club, and most dog clubs, are dependent upon the membership to volunteer to help with training and putting on the events we offer. On paper, the club looks strong, with a large membership, but a closer look reveals that the majority of members are neither active in training nor present at our events. In addition, the active membership is aging. If the club is to survive, we must somehow begin to appeal to more and younger people. One of the ways to do this is to encourage new people to join the club and participate both with and without their dogs.

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People have many choices of activities in their lives. Young families with kids and a family dog tend to ignore the dog and instead concentrate on other sports with their children. This is often due to the fact that dog training is not the first thing people think to participate in when so much else is readily available and is promoted in schools. Dog related activities are foreign to most people, so when we get new students, it's imperative that we welcome them with open arms and encourage participation.

The second proposal by the board was intended to do exactly that: encourage membership in the club to promote a feeling of belonging in order to inspire them to continue working with their dogs. Currently a new person is not eligible for membership until they have completed two sessions of training, or Novice graduation. When these by-laws were written, it made sense. There were (remember?) only three basic dog sports, and obedience clubs thrived. We wanted members who had proven interest in the sport and were thus likely to continue with our club. We wanted members who supported our club exclusively. Our by-laws used to state that board members of other dog clubs could not hold office in our club. Many years ago that was changed. Yes, unlike what you heard at the meeting, we HAVE made changes to the by-laws over the years. The proposal to offer membership to new students was intended to help those new people feel they belong without having to wait 6-9 months before we deem them "good enough" to join.

Frankly, I was appalled at some of the comments made at the meeting. Claims that new people would come in and take over the board, changing the club into some sort of monstrosity, were totally unfounded. Since the beginning of the club, we have had literally hundreds of new members, and never once has it threatened the club to accept them. Statements were made that sounded as if new members were the worst possible thing for the club when in truth, new members are the lifeblood of the club. If it were to ever happen that some awful person were to try to destroy the club, our by-laws have provisions to bring those people up on charges of "conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club." Through established due process, these types of people can be ejected from the club.

If we want Rand Park to continue for another 68 years, we have to do all in our power to promote the responsible ownership of dogs through our training programs, and to promote the sport of obedience. Animal rights activists would like nothing better than to see all dog ownership, shows and trials cease. It is our purpose as a club to promote dog training, and what better way to do that than to openly recruit new members whose intention is owning a well trained dog?

To that end, I have proposed holding a Children's Dog Show this summer. It will be a community event open to the general public in order to introduce them to our club and to dog sports in general. Through demonstrations by members of various dog related activities, we hope to encourage the public to look to Rand Park as a source for training classes, and by encouraging kids to participate, to generate renewed interest in competitive dog sports. Look for more information as we begin to finalize plans for this event, and if you'd like to help out with this project, please contact me!

Terri Everwine

Welcome New Members

Robert Creed Stacy Swan
Joanne Ross Suzy Anetsberger
Mary Siarkiewicz Joanne Baran
 Janice Schmidt

We hope you and your dog(s) will benefit from your association with Rand Park DTC.

**Long-time Rand Park DTC member
Marilyn Werner passed away on
February 11.**

**Our sincere condolences go to her
husband, Clyde, and their
beloved puppies,
Little Lilly and Rosebud.**

Planning Ahead for 2016 Tracking

As all members are aware, event and trial planning requires many hands. Although it's not easy to predict what future dates we can be free to help, we are under deadlines.

Rand Park puts on four tracking trials per year, and the AKC requires preliminary paperwork over 6 months in advance. Some generous folks have already volunteered to be Chairman and Secretary for our two Spring tracking trials – thank you!

However, early as it may seem, we need to fill the positions of Secretary and Chairman for our two Fall trials. Our TDX is the weekend of September 24–25, and our fall VST is the weekend of October 8–9. No experience is required, as we are happy to provide mentors for each position who will be available to guide you through the entire process.

Please check your calendars and volunteer for one of these positions; it's your opportunity to repay your club for all the events you have enjoyed in the past. Feel free to call me if you are not sure what the job entails; I'll be happy to explain. Remember, your spirit of volunteering is what keeps these events alive. Would love to hear from you – paperwork needs to be submitted to the AKC soon!

Diane Muzzey

Phone: 630-924-5728 E-mail: ctbrady97@yahoo.com

From the DOT

It's the start of our final session for this training season and everything is going great. Be on the lookout for information on our AKC Canine Good Citizen test that will be held at the end of the Spring session. We're having both levels!

Stay warm and enjoy the few extra minutes of daylight every day!

Barb Krynski

Important Dates:

February 16 - Fun Match

March 1 - Membership Meeting; – Vote for Member of the Year

April 5 – Membership Meeting

April 30 & May 1 – Rand Park Obedience and Rally Trials.

The Trial on April 30 is RPDTTC's 75th Obedience Trial – a very special event!

May 16 – Awards Banquet

May 17 – Canine Good Citizen Test

May 24 – First week of Summer Break

Bulletin Board

From now on the events Jean Eremo organizes every month to let us practice/experience our dogs' performance in a Trial will be called *Fun Matches*, not correction clinics. Seems a more positive name – we all want to have fun, don't we?

The Premium list for our April 30 and May 1 Obedience and Rally Trials is on our website: randparkdtc.org.

Please consider helping at the Trials. There are SO many things that need to be done. See *Help Wanted* in this issue of Paw Prints.

Consider making a donation to the Obedience and Rally Trials General Trophy Fund. The form is in this issue of Paw Prints.

Our Awards Banquet and Raffle will be on May 15 this year. The reservation form is in this issue of Paw Prints.

Remember to send your news – brags! – articles, anything you think will be of interest to "dog people" to the Paw Prints editor, by email to randparkpawprints@live.com or by "snail mail" to Ursula Hoeft, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Rand Parkers have a lot to brag about!

Good news ...

From the Bill and Gloria Urquhart

Bill and Tara (Imprimis Gone Like the Wind) have earned two Barn Hunt Titles:

Barn Hunt Instinct (BHI) - For Your K9, September 18, 2015

Barn Hunt Novice (BHN)

1st Leg - Flint Creek Dog Training Club, October 31, 2015

2nd Leg - Flint Creek Dog Training Club, October 31, 2015

3rd Leg - For Your K9, November 21, 2015 (1st Place)

Photo on right: Bill and Tara earning BHN title.



Gloria and Scarlet (Royal Reign Rhett's Raging Romance) also have earned two Barn Hunt Titles:

Barn Hunt Instinct (BHI) - For Your K9, September 18, 2015

Barn Hunt Novice (BHN) -

1st Leg - For Your K9, September 18, 2015

2nd Leg - For Your K9, September 18, 2015 (3rd Place)

3rd Leg - Flint Creek Dog Training Club, October 31, 2015

We are now working on the Open Division and we all – handlers and dogs – really enjoy this training venue!!!!

Photo on left: Scarlet earns new title.

From Mary Dellorto

Deja passed Canine Therapy Corps therapy test on Saturday, January 30, so she will join Rivet and Bliss volunteering at Swedish Covenant Hospital and Lawrence Hall Youth Services.

From Suzy Anetsberger

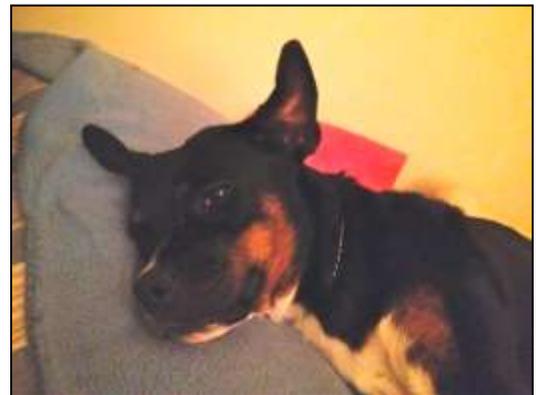
Mollie Moo of Heartland, CGCA, CD, and now RA.

On Saturday, February 6, Mollie got her Rally Advanced title at Car-Dun-Al Dog Training Club in Huntley.

Photo at right: "Miss Moo" SO tired after her big day.

From Joanne Baran

Claire Bear of Arlington Heights qualified at the Car-Dun-Al Trials, on Saturday, February 6, for her Rally Advanced title, and on Sunday, February, 7 for her Obedience Novice title.



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

More good news!

From Cindy Placko

CH Win'Veim Harline Burberry CGCA, BN, Burberry, entered and qualified all three days at the Rosemont Shows in December for his Beginner Novice BN Obedience title. He also tested and received his AKC Canine Good Citizen Advanced title on Saturday at the show.

In January, Burberry and I showed in conformation at the Cool Cluster Shows in Grayslake. We entered Wednesday where he was Best of Opposite Sex. Friday he was Grand Champion Select but was highly distracted by two bitches in season so he did not show well. Sunday he was Grand Champion Select in our Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois Specialty at the International Kennel Club of Chicago Show. We also received Best Owner-Handled in Breed where I had the honor of handling and showcasing him in the Sporting Group.



CH Win'Veim Harline Burberry CGCA, BN

I have not shown in conformation for a while, so this was a big accomplishment for me to be in the show ring again, especially showing in Best of Breed. Every Weimaraner that was entered was handled by an agent or registered/professional handler. The purpose of me entering these shows was just to get Burberry and me ready for ring distractions again. Now we are accumulating points for his AKC Grand Championship. Hopefully he will have a few more performance titles after his name in 2016.

Placko's Dannie Girl, or "Dannie" my black Lab, received leg #1 of her Beginner Novice (BN) obedience title at the Rosemont show in December. She received leg #2 in Huntley at the Car-Dun-Al obedience trial in February.

At the Car-Dun-Al trial she also received leg #1 and leg #2 of her Rally Novice (RN) title. A Special *thank you* to Sheryl Phelps for helping me with my dogs. Rally was a big challenge for me when I first started learning the signs and following the courses. Hopefully Dannie will complete her BN and RN titles at our upcoming Rand Park trials.

To everyone who got titles and legs recently:



Cindy and Dannie Girl

The Real Reason Why ...

Diane Muzzey says

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

Unconditional Love and Free Kisses!

That's Diane in the photo getting kisses from BJ

Email your photos and captions for "*The Real Reason Why*" to randparkpawprints@live.com. You can also send them via "snail mail" to Ursula Hoeft, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062)..



**YOUR club
needs YOU!**

Help Wanted

There's no shortage of jobs that need to be filled at Rand Park's Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. They include:

- Gate Steward
- Table Steward
- Ring Steward
- Equipment Set-up, etc.
- And More

No experience needed – On the job training will be provided.

If you're new to the exciting world of dog obedience, stewarding is a great way to see what a Trial is all about.

To learn more about stewarding and/or to volunteer 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)

And, yes, there is such a thing as a **free lunch** ... for everyone who works at the Trials. No pay, though – sorry! But lots of gratitude. And the satisfaction of knowing that you helped make our trials successful.

This Year, Rand Park's Annual Awards Banquet will be on May 15

Be there or be square!

By Ursula Hoeft

If you've never been to a Rand Park Awards Banquet, don't miss it this year. It's a really big deal! You'll enjoy a delicious meal, and you'll bask in the camaraderie and good fellowship that are always abundant when Rand Parkers get together.

And you'll be inspired – I always am! – when you see all the fantastic awards that will be presented to Rand Park members for their achievements during the past year. You'll be motivated, too, to dedicate more time to training so that you will be among the folks receiving awards next year.

The Banquet invitation is in this issue of Paw Prints. Be sure to fill it out and send it to Lois Breslow or give it to her at training. Lois needs to have it by May 6. Seems like a long way off, but May will be here before you know it – not any too soon for me!

Bring your family and friends to the Banquet. But if you're not coming with a group, don't worry about filling in the "seating request" section of the reservation form. The folks in charge of the Banquet will seat you with interesting and friendly people. It's easy to do 'cause all dog lovers are interesting and friendly!

Awards Banquet Raffle

In addition to great food, adult beverages, good fellowship, interesting "dog talk," and a plethora of awards, there also will again be a Raffle.

Please consider donating items. Marge Kabala and Kathy Laspina are in charge, and they want to have as much "stuff" as possible to raffle off without dipping into the Club's treasury. To do that, they need your help!

They will welcome donations of dog gear, of course, and will also be glad to get just about anything else you care to donate. Some of the items they receive will be included in baskets geared to a particular theme, so you might consider things for gardening, scrapbooking, picnicking, reading, a romantic evening at home, to mention just a few. Think of others – be creative! Small items will also

be appreciated; they'll be included in baskets and will make for more variety. Consider sponsoring a whole basket; maybe ask someone to partner on it with you. Ask businesses you frequent to donate gift certificates – it's good advertising for them. Money donations will also be gratefully accepted.

(Soon after the Holidays I start watching for things on sale in stores. When I find something that's suitable for the Raffle at a bargain price, I buy it. I've already almost filled a box marked "For Rand Park Raffle.")

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.

Our Scottsdale Vacation

By Gus – a.k.a. Loubelle's Gustav zu Hoeft CD

We LOVE car rides, so Kate and I were in heaven the four days it took to drive to Arizona. (Mom and dad not so much!) When we got to Scottsdale, we didn't want to get out of the car. And we jumped back in every time we had the chance and planted ourselves firmly on the back seat. But I have to admit, the house mom and dad rented for us was nice and so was the yard. But there was no grass; just gravel, cacti and a couple of palm trees. The house had a pool, but we're not swimmers. I know, I know! Poodles were bred to be water retrievers, but it's not in my DNA! Scottsdale was incredibly dog friendly. We were allowed – welcomed! – to eat with mom and dad in restaurant patio areas, and we even went into stores with them – not food stores, of course. People fussed over us everywhere! I was embarrassed! But Kate really "ate it up." I'd like to say that it's good to be back in the Midwest, but I don't have fingers to cross to absolve me from telling a lie, so I won't. I'm hating the cold weather! And I'll be glad to spend another four days riding in the car any time mom and dad are ready to go back to Scottsdale – in the Winter, that is. Since I "wear" a fur coat year around, it would be much too hot for me there in the Summer!



Be sure you enter the right class!

If you're just getting back to Obedience, or you just haven't done Novice for a while, here is important information you need to be aware of.

Chapter 3, Novice, Section 1, of the of the AKC Obedience Regulations states:

The Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the CD title. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned an AKC regular or Preferred Novice, Open, or Utility title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first four exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises; however, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first four exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. The additional handler for the group exercises need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both novice A and novice B at any one trial.

The Novice A class is only for people who have never earned an AKC Obedience title. To be sure you're entering the right class read the AKC Obedience Regulations carefully before you send in your entry form and check. They're online at www.akc.org/events/obedience – click on *Events*, then on *Rules and Regulations* located on the far right side.

Obedience Trial Donations

Support Rand Park DTC by making a donation to our annual Obedience and Rally Trials on April 30 and May 1, 2016.

Monetary donations to the General Fund of any amount are needed and appreciated as these pay for all the Ribbons, High In Trial and High Combined prizes and any placement awards offered. Please complete the form below and mail it, along with your check, to Eleanor Goss. She must receive your donation no later than April 13 for your name to be included in the catalog

Please fill out the form below and mail it, with your donation, to Eleanor Goss.

Donation To The 2015 Obedience Trial General Fund

Name(s): _____

Amount _____

Mail to:
Eleanor Goss
1863 Sycamore
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Note: To have your name included in the catalog your donation must be received no later than April 13.

*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!



Established
in 1948

REMINDER TO...

PLEASE PAY YOU RPDTC DUES

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues ~~are~~ ^{were} due

January 1, 2016

If you haven't yet paid your 2016 dues, please don't delay!

Send dues to: Linda Forman
505 Courtesy Lane
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Make checks payable to **Rand Park Dog Training Club (RPDTC)** –
Please fill in the lower portion and return it with your dues.

If you are a new member and your dues were paid October 1, 2015 or later you do not need to pay 2016 dues. However, please return the form and write **NEW MEMBER** at the bottom.

Single membership \$20.00 Family membership \$30.00

Senior Citizen discount 25% (65 years or older) Single \$15 Family \$22.50

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____
Breed(s) _____
e-mail address _____
Occupation _____ Hobbies _____

(Please print clearly)

**Year 2015-2016 Training Calendar
Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.**

Winter Session	
November 24	Orientation
December 1	Training Week 1
December 8	Week 2
December 15	Week 3
December 22	Week 4
December 29	Week 5
January 5	Week 6
January 12	Week 7 – Membership Meeting
January 19	Week 8
January 26	Week 9
February 2	Week 10
February 9	Evaluation
February 16	Program
Spring Session	
February 23	Orientation
March 1	Training Week 1 – Membership Meeting
March 8	Week 2
March 15	Week 3
March 22	Week 4
March 29	Week 5
April 5	Week 6 – Membership Meeting
April 12	Week 7
April 19	Week 8
April 26	Week 9
May 3	Week 10
May 10	Evaluation
May 17	Canine Good Citizenship Test

Training hours: 6:15-7:05, 7:10-7:55, 8:00-8:45, 8:50-9:35 EXCEPT on OCT. 6th, JAN.12th, MAR. 2nd and APR. 2nd. Classes will be shortened on those nights to allow time for the membership meetings. Training hours for those nights are: 6:15 to 6:55 – 6:55 to 7:35 -7:35 to 8:15 - 8:15 to 8:55

MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LAST CLASS.

Rand Park Dog Training Club Fun Matches

2016 Fun Match Dates

**March 12, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2,
Sept 3 ,October 1, November 5, December 3.**

**At For Your Canine
1975 Cornell
Melrose Park, Illinois
(For Your Canine 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.