

Paw Prints

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



June, 2011

The weather outside was frightful (was it really May 15th?) but the Awards Banquet was *SO* delightful!

By Ursula Hoeft

Lois Breslow says, *"The weather outside was not spring like, but in the Elks Club it was warm. We welcomed some new faces and many old friends to toast many accomplishments of the past year. It was great to see Lucille Gustafson who has been a member since 1956. Rudy Kuper is not far behind and he excepted his fifty year award. The awards that Ruth Shields and Marion Meseth chose made the winners faces light up and left the rest of us thinking we should work harder next year. We welcomed three new members to the Board and we are looking forward to fresh ideas from them.*

A big thank you to Don Meseth for handling the MC chores and the installation of officers. Sonja Lund and Jeneane Hinrichsen again did a beautiful job with the raffle. Many went home with great baskets.

We hope to see many of you wearing your Rand Park Shirts at many events in the future."

The time and effort that Lois Breslow and Marion Meseth dedicated to planning and putting in place this year's Awards Banquet insured that this annual event was once again a huge success. They deserve our thanks.

There was plenty of time to enjoy an adult beverage or two, snack on hors d'oeuvres, check out the plethora of raffle prizes, and visit with fellow dog lovers. After a delicious meal of filet mignon and chicken breast, Don Meseth began the program with the installation of Officers for the 2011-2012 year.

President Ruth Shields presented awards to members who had earned titles, and there were plenty of them! (You've seen the list in previous issues of Paw Prints.)

Special club awards were presented by Marion Meseth and Anita Wolney.

This year's Member of the Year was Dee Morrison who was selected for this honor by the general membership.

The Fendt Award was presented to Lois Leidahl-Marsh for her loyalty and devotion to the purpose and objectives of the club.

The Henriksen Award was presented to Pat Beckstrom for her willingness and devotion to carrying out the directives of the Rand Park Board.

The Sportsmanship Award was presented to Marge Kabala. This award honors the person who best represents good sportsmanship.

With a score of 195, Everlyn Gianos and her Sheltie Timmy were the recipients of both the Brinker and Roovaart Awards. The Brinker award is awarded every year to the highest scoring Rand Park dog in the club's annual trial; the Roovaart Award is awarded to the highest scoring dog in a Utility class at our trials.

Novice Dog of the Year was Pat Hussey's Vandy
Open Dog of the Year was Dee Morrison's Paddy
Utility Dog of the Year was Evelyn Gianos' Timmy
Utility Dog Excellent of the Year was Pat Hussey's Quincy

Service to the Board awards were presented to Jean Eremo, Terri Everwine, JoAnn Neville and Barbara Pische.

The following members were recognized for their years of Rand Park membership.

For 50 years: Rudy Kuper

For 25 years: Linda Manrose and Sheryl Phelps
For 10 years: Barbara Bonner, Mary Ann Fowler, Joe and Kathy Hahn, Kevin and Eileen O'Grady.

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From the D.O.T.

Summer is here and I'd like to invite everyone to our *FREE* Summer training sessions. We begin on June 7 at Prairie Lakes Park in Des Plaines. It is a good time to meet members and instructors from other classes in a casual setting. We will do just some light heeling and sits and downs. Drop in when you can. The flyer is in this issue of Paw Prints.

This is a big **Thank You** issue and I would be remiss if I didn't thank the wonderful instructors who taught our classes this year: Marian Meseth, Gloria Urquhart, Bill Urquhart, Barb Pische, Barb Krynski, Jerry Wulff, Tom Woepse, Marge Kabala, Jeneane Hinrichsen, Sonja Lund, Pat Hussey, MaryAnn Gobbo, Kathy Hansen, Kathy Hahn, Margo Milde, Sheryl Phelps, Ruth Shields, Pat Beckstrom, Terri Everwine, and Lois Breslow.

Thanks also to our Substitutes: Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Marge Kabala, Bill Urquhart, and Barb Pische.

Well done!!!

Dee Morrison
Director of Training

And **Thank You** to all of the volunteers who helped on Saturday night setting up the rings for our Obedience Trial and those who helped with take down on Sunday. Here they are, the unseen workers who so generously gave of their time to make our trial a success: Bill and Gloria Urquhart, Joe Hahn, Ike Lichter, Pat Hussey, Ruth and Forrest Shields, Marion and Don Meseth, Lori and Marty Chagdes, Judy and Craig Richter, Barb Pische, Loren Engelhart, and Mary Ellen Spiros. What a great crew!!

A special thanks to Pat Hussey, Ike, Marion and Forrest for patiently preparing the boards for each ring's exhibitors check-in. It was a tedious process to fit the morning and afternoon trials on the boards. I am grateful for your work with this trial committee.

Kudos To Our Obedience Trial Stewards

Ruth Shields, Loren Engelhardt, Tammy Caswell, Gloria Urquhart, Eleanor Goss, Kathy Hahn, Jeneane Hinrichsen, Mary Ann Gobbo, Sue Stuckey, Scott Anderson, Clyde Werner, Pat Hussey, Sonja Lund, Karen Schaubel, Nancy Foster, Ike Lichter, Marge Kabala, Diane Muzzey, Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Karen Boullion, Mary Ellen Spiros, Adele Schaffer, Terri Everwine, Lori And Marty Chagdes, Nancy And Chuck Serchuk, Betty Erickson, Karen Taylor, Jan Ramion, Ursula Hoefl, Pat Beckstrom, And Lois Breslow.

The Stewards were absolutely wonderful, not just in our opinion – the judges were very impressed as well!!!

We are grateful to Nancy Serchuk and PAWDUKE for donating the treats they provided for all the workers' dogs.

Thanks to all of you!

Pat Beckstrom and Dee Morrison

I would like to thank the eight Rand Park members who helped transport and set up the equipment for our trial on Saturday night; thanks also to all those who helped on Sunday to break down, load and transport the equipment back to the shed.

Thanks again!
Bill Urquhart,
Equipment Manager



Rand Park members marched in the Park Ridge Memorial Day parade. Our dogs are always a hit. And, thanks to Bill Urquhart, we managed to beat the 90 degree heat.

Rand Park Members have a lot to brag about.

Congratulations!

From Barbara Bonner:

On May 8, at Car-Dun-Al's tracking test at Rock Cut State Park, Aljamar Witch Kraft became the FIRST wire hair fox terrier to earn a TDX. The judges were Pam German and Eibhlin Glennon. Thanks go to Penny Kurz who trained and handled Krafty to her title. This TDX is dedicated to Judy Shortino whose skill, patience and support gave Krafty a great foundation in tracking.

From Gina Femali:

I want to share that my 3-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Skip, earned his NA title at the Lyons Township Dog Training Club's agility trial. This title, along with his CD, NAJ, and TD, qualify him for the AKD's VCD1 title.

Also, my 18 month old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Allie, passed the combined CGC/TDI test on May 14th offered by Medallion Rottweiler Club.

I'm very proud of these two:

Encore Skip to the Loomis, CGC, TDI, CD, NA, NAJ, RN, TD, VCD1

Encore Remember When (Allie), CGC, TDI

From Barb Krynski:

Trixie earned her CDX on May 15 at the Lyons Township DTC trial! She did this with a 4th place, 3rd place, and 2nd place! I've never had a CDX with placements before with any dog in 20+ years of training!

Photo at right, Barb Krynski and ADCH U-CD, U-ROC, U-ACH PA T-N-T Lil' Street Walker **CDX**, RA, MX, MXJ, OF aka Trixie



Jean Eremo and Jazz, her Standard Poodle, finished their Rally Advanced title on May 1st.

At right, Jazz and Jean.

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Left to right: Barbara Bonner, Krafty, Penny Kurz



From Margo Milde:

Fly earned his second Utility leg with a score of 195 at the Lyons trial at the Odeum in the morning of May 14, under Judge Michael Carlucci. Then, Fly (and I) went over to the DuPage County Fairgrounds where the Northern Illinois Bouvier Club was conducting an all-breed Temperament Test. Despite the poor weather conditions of cold, wind, and drizzle (the test was held outdoors), Fly passed that with ease, and now proudly wears "TT" behind his name!



THE SWEET "SMELL" OF SUCCESS

May 8, 2011 – Rock Cut State Park

UH, SH Willowrose Shillelagh CDX, JH, WC, AWC (Paddy) can now add TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT (TDX) to her credentials.

We drew track number 4 and went off at 11:30. It had gotten very hot by the time it was our turn and I was concerned as we hadn't had enough warm weather for Paddy to get acclimated to the heat. Although I doused her with water before we set out to our track, by the time we hiked in to the start, she was already dry. My concerns for her were unfounded as Paddy tore through the 925 yard track in 22 minutes with only one small detour. I guess she thought it would be fun to drag me through a row of bushes on her way to the final glove.

I would like to thank our judges, Pam German and Eibhlin Glennon and the tracklayer, Howard, as well as all of the folks from Car-Dun-AI who ran a wonderful test.



L to R: Judge Pam German; Dee and Paddy; Judge Eibhlin Glennon; Tracklayer Howard

Paddy and I would like to share this accomplishment with our teachers and friends in the tracking community who have helped us on our journey: Kate Krakowski, Jerry Wulff, Adele Schaffer, Barb Pische, Kevin O'Grady, Lois Leidhal-Marsh, Dave Wagner, Ike Lichter, Diane Muzzey, Barb Larsen and our group from the LRC who have generously given of their time and expertise to help us get to this level. Our grateful thanks to all of you.

WE DID IT!!!!

Dee and Paddy

Keep your dog on leash when you're out for a walk!

Gloria Urquhart found some meaningful information in her local paper that she wants to share with Rand Park members. It's an answer given by Jeff Green of Total Recall Training to a question about when it's OK to walk a dog off leash. Mr. Green gives convincing reasons for why you should always keep your dog on leash when you're walking in an urban area. He has given me permission to reprint the information. Here's my synopsis of what he says along with my own comment at the end. – ed.

Walking an unleashed dog in an urban environment is irresponsible and should never be done. Here are reasons why:

- In most communities, walking a dog off leash is *illegal*.
- Walking a dog off leash is dangerous – dangerous for you, for another person, for another dog, *and it's especially dangerous for your dog!*
- Your dog may be well trained, but another person's may not be. If your dog is on leash you can prevent a problem.
- If your dog is wandering off leash it may "make a deposit" where you don't see it which is going to make people pretty unhappy with you, your dog, and maybe *ALL* dogs.
- A dog can get enough exercise from on-leash walking.

In Rand Park's classes, dogs are taught to heel off leash. If you're going to show your dog it's something you'll have to work on and, with practice, your dog will get good at it. But off leash heeling should be reserved for shows and other appropriate indoor activities. Few dogs are trained well enough to stay at their owners' side when they're out in the big wide wonderful world. There are too many exciting things to investigate: squirrels and rabbits to chase, other dogs to check out. And they don't know that going to say hello to that cute/handsome dog across the street could get them killed.

2011 Awards Banquet

Recipients of Special Club Awards

All photos courtesy of Karen Taylor, photographer extraordinaire



Four Photos above, clockwise from top left:
Dee Morrison, Member of the Year; Evelyn Gianos, recipient of the Brinker and Roovaart Awards; Pat Hussey whose Bedlington Terriers Vandy and Quincy were Novice Dog and Utility Dog of the Year respectively; Pat Beckstrom, Henriksen Award recipient.

Left: Dee Morrison and Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Fendt Award recipient.

Dee Morrison's Labrador retriever, Paddy, also was Open Dog of the Year and Evelyn Gianos' Sheltie, Timmy, was Utility Dog of the Year.

Dee, Evelyn and Pat are holding their Dog of the Year awards.

More Banquet Pictures



Legislative Liaison Committee Report

May 20, 2011

Rand Park's Legislative Committee consists of Margo Milde, Chair mrm1206@yahoo.com and Lois Leidahl-Marsh bernersplus@comcast.net Please be sure to contact us with any pet legislation concerns or questions.

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government." -- Thomas Jefferson

Our Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) Initiative bill, SB 1637 "Animal Identification Scan" was passed by the IL House unanimously, and now moves back to the Senate for a concurrence vote to a favorable change made by the House sponsor. You can read our IFDCO initiative bill, SB 1637, at this link: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/97/SB/PDF/09700SB1637sam001.pdf>

You can read an article about SB 1637's advancement in The State Journal Register:
<http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x447602826/Bill-would-require-more-efforts-to-identify-lost-pets>
<http://tinyurl.com/6qpb2vv>

"We just want to make sure that animal shelters follow best practices and do all they can to ensure that there is over-the-top methods to make sure that pet owners are reunited with their pets," said the bill's sponsor, state Sen. Pam Althoff, R-McHenry, in this piece.

Check the IFDCO website (go to the Legislation page) for current information on all Illinois legislation:
<http://www.ifdco.org/>

Six members of the U.S. Congress – Representatives Hartzler, Emerson, Luetkemeyer, Graves and Long from Missouri, and Representative Young from Alaska – are requesting a full IRS investigation into HSUS' tax-exempt status. While tax-exempt organizations are permitted to spend a certain percentage of receipts on lobbying efforts, HSUS has far exceeded these limits in recent years. You can read the Representatives' complete letter, with documentation of their allegations, at this link:
<http://saova.org/news/HSUS/IRS.CongressionalLetterApr2011.pdf>

Now, it's OUR turn. Please contact your own IL Representative to the US House, referring to the above letter in your correspondence, and ask that your own Representative send a similar letter on your behalf to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury so that a full tax-related investigation of HSUS can be made.

The "Missouri Compromise" rolling back the harsher proposals of Proposition B is now signed by their Governor. The Animal Rights-back ballot initiative Proposition B narrowly won approval by the popular vote in Missouri last November. AKC was strongly against this overly restrictive law, which would have limited any Missouri breeder to ownership of no more than of 50 dogs, among other onerous changes to their state law. Dog owners and breeders, as well as livestock owners, fought back hard, and were able to get Missouri SB 161 passed by supportive Missouri legislators, and then signed into law by Missouri Governor Nixon. SB 161 removed the 50-dog limit, but also improves the lot of Missouri's dogs by mandating new specifications for any future kennel construction, as well as amending the overly rigid dog housing requirements which had been included in Proposition B. You can read the AKC Legislative Alert about this favorable development here:
http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4404

State federations are important! The Missouri Federation of Animal Owners played a major role in this positive outcome.

RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB

SUMMER TRAINING

2011

Rand Park Dog Training Club is once again offering a free 8 week training session open to all members and guests. Classes will be held outdoors, on Tuesday nights, at Prairie Lakes Park, north end of the parking lot, 515 E. Thacker, in Des Plaines. Location is between Wolf and Mt. Prospect Road. Summer sessions start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. weather permitting. In case of rain, you will NOT be notified.

Dogs must be kept on leash and be under control at all times.

You must clean up after your dog.

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| June 7 | Ruth Shields, Gloria and Bill Urquhart |
| June 14 | Pat Beckstrom, Kathy Hahn, Dee Morrison |
| June 21 | Marion Meseth, Sheryl Phelps |
| June 28 | Jeneane Hinrichsen, Barbara Pische |
| July 5 | Pat Hussey, Marge Kabala |
| July 12 | Barb Krynski, Tom Woepse |
| July 19 | Terri Everwine, TBA |
| July 26 | Mary Ann Gobbo, Kathy Hansen |

Instructors Please Note: If you cannot attend on your assigned evening, please arrange to switch nights with someone, and let the Director of Training know who your substitute is.

Dee Morrison (847) 827-7120

"May we be as good, as noble, and as deserving as our dogs think we are."

RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB CORRECTION CLINIC

2011 CORRECTION CLINIC DATES

JUNE 4TH, JULY 16

**AT
FOR YOUR CANINE (AIR CONDITIONED) -
1975 CORNELL AVE
MELROSE PARK, IL 60160**

**Please note:
this is For Your K-9's new location.**

**Judging Starts at 11:30 A.M.
NO WALK-INS AFTER 1:00 P.M.**

**FEE: PRE-ENTRY: \$7 (\$6 2ND ENTRY SAME DOG)
GATE ENTRY: \$8 (\$7 2ND ENTRY SAME DOG)
CLASSES OFFERED - NOVICE---OPEN---UTILITY
ALL CLASSES LIMITED TO 30 ENTRIES**

**MAIL PRE-ENTRIES TO: JEAN EREMO, 2511 N 79TH AVE., ELMWOOD
PARK, IL 60707 708-453-5128 - Make checks payable to
Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc. (RPDTC)**

NAME	PHONE		
ADDRESS	CITY/ZIP		
E-MAIL	BREED	DOG'S NAME	
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I agree to indemnify and hold harmless RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB, 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 correction clinics conducted by the RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

CLINIC DATE _____ **AMT PD** _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.