

Paw Prints

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



May/June 2014

Rand Park's 2014 Awards Banquet: A Time To Socialize And Honor Members

By Ursula Hoeft

We have Marion Meseth and Michele Jaworski to thank for another wonderful Awards Banquet. It had everything needed for a good time: great ambiance, delicious food, adult beverages, and lots of good fellowship. There also were terrific raffle prizes to be won, thanks to the hard work done by Marge Kabala, Kathy Laspina and Sonja Lund, and to club members' generous donations.

On a solemn note, Ruth Shields remembered fifty-two-year Rand Park member Paul Koch who passed away in March. The Banquet was dedicated to Paul.

This year, Jean Eremo was chosen by the general membership to receive the coveted Member of the Year award. With all she does for the club, Jean richly deserves this honor.

Ruth Shields and Eleanor Goss presented awards to members who had earned titles during the year.

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

The Fendt Award was presented to Barb Pische for her loyalty and devotion to the purpose and objectives of the club.

The Henriksen Award was presented to Sheryl Phelps, chosen for this honor by the President, Chairman of the Board and Advisor to the Board

for her willingness and devotion to carrying out the directives of the Rand Park Board.

The Brinker award was earned by Evelyn Gianos and Timmy. This award is presented every year to the highest scoring Rand Park dog in the club's annual trial.

Novice Dog of the Year was Jean Eremo's Wizard. Open Dog of the Year was Colette Benson's Josie. Utility Dog of the Year was Mary Dellorto's Bliss.

Jean, Colette and Mary were surprised – and thrilled! – to receive beautiful large throws, each with a picture of her dog, in recognition of their achievements. Eleanor Goss did an amazing job having them made up.

The Team of Distinction Award was presented to Mary Dellorto for qualifying with a score of 195 or above in three consecutive trials with Bliss to earn their CDX degree.

Service to the Board plaques were presented to Karen Korab and Forrest Shields.

The Banquet is also a time when members' milestone anniversaries are celebrated. This year, Pat Beckstrom and Kathy Hahn were recognized for 25 years of membership; Rebecca Kay, Nancy Serchuk and Judith Wells were recognized for 10 years.

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The family of Paul Koch wishes to thank the Rand Park Dog Training Club's membership for their sincere support. It was wonderful to see so many members come to his wake and express their sympathy and caring thoughts to Vera, Dominick and myself.

Honoring my brother Paul at the May 4th Awards Dinner was a special touch to our family. Paul was a 52 year dedicated member and loved instructing in obedience and tracking and also working his own many beautiful German Shepherds. Rand Park was a very big part of his life.

MaryAnn Gobbo

Rest in Peace, Paul ...

President's Message

Soon all of our training classes, whether they are obedience, rally or tracking, will come to an end for this year. I hope everyone enjoyed their learning experience and saw much improvement in their dogs' behaviors. Many of our members and their dogs earned titles and placed in their classes at our Rally and Obedience trials at the end of April. Congratulations!! Job well done!

We had a wonderful time at our banquet on May 4. Those who received top Novice, Open, and Utility dog of the year were blown away with their awards! Eleanor and Ruth keep outdoing themselves each year. The raffle table was loaded with goodies. This was Marge's first year in charge of the raffle and she did a great job.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard on the banquet and to Marion, Michelle, Marge, Kathy and Sonja who were the Banquet and Raffle Committee.

Remember, we will start our free summer training on June 10 at Prairie Lake Park on Dempster Street in Des Plaines. More information is in this issue of Paw Prints. It is a great opportunity to train your dog in a different setting. They know that they are to obey you inside our training facility and inside your home, but outside??? Dogs don't generalize well (like we do) so any new location helps your dogs to learn that they are to obey you anywhere. Also, the dogs enjoy the mental exercise once a week, instead of becoming couch potatoes!

Enjoy the summer with your dogs!

Lois Leidahl-Marsh

The Park Ridge Library has asked us to put-on a demonstration to help "kick-off" their children's Summer Reading Program "Paws for Reading"! They would like us to show the attendees what dogs can do. This program will be on June 18, hopefully, weather permitting, outdoors on their lawn area. Our allotted time will be approximately one hour, sometime between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. (as the date gets a little closer they will firm up the time).

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ann Mednick (spaggie@pobox.com/847-794-1123) or Gloria Urquhart (airedalestwo@wowway.com/847-825-3318).

Attention Rand Parkers!

Anyone interested in marching in Park Ridge's Memorial Day Parade, please meet us on the south side of Talcott east of Fairview Avenue at 9:30 a.m. on May 26.

Questions?

Call Bill Urquhart - 847-825-3318

Annual Brunch, Awards, Special Awards

What a great day! Everything fell into place just as planned...not by accident, but by people devoted to helping the club. Michelle Jaworski did a great job, and helped out in more than one capacity. Marge Kabala and Kathy Laspina with the raffle, assisted by the resident pro, Sonja Lund, as mentor. Anita Wolney as special awards chairman, and Eleanor Goss with Ruth Shields as annual awards co-chairs. The donors to the raffle and the people who generously bought raffle tickets. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, including the wait staff, bartender, and the young man who worked with us on little changes in the table layouts.



The food needs no expounding! It was as good as ever, and this was relayed to the Club management.

Special thanks to Karen McCoy for acting as Candid Camera. It helps to remind our members of things we do besides training and showing our dogs. Our trials are lots of work, and this social event of the year is a sort of pay back to our faithful followers who make this club so great.

This year's awards for novice, open, and utility dogs of the year were truly spectacular.

Again, congratulations to Jean

Eremo on being chosen member of the Year---a well deserved tribute to a super member.

A big thank you to the Kong company for the key-rings, sticky notes, pens, and information on how to select Kong toys for cats and dogs. It was fun to see the ladies at table two with their derby bonnets on...it gave a lift to the festive occasion. Maybe we could incorporate a theme into next year's banquet, and see how many would participate in it. Hmmmmmm?

I think (and hope) I covered everything and everybody who worked so hard...you all made my job so much easier. I hope everyone enjoyed the coolers and duffles given out at the end of the day. Special thanks to Sonja Lund and Mae Stryker for their assistance. Again, thank you all for everything!

Marion Meseth
Brunch Chairman

From Bill Urquhart

We would like to thank everyone for their get well wishes, cards, phone calls and good thoughts after my recent accident. I am healing (or is it heeling) slowly but in no time I will be back to "Tip-Top" shape! Thanks to all again!

Congratulations to
Sonja Lund
on her adorable new
Schnauzer puppy!



Welcome New Members ...

Rosario Dias
Kimberley Holich
Mary and Frank Laurie
Diane Thompson
Doloren Valerio

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

It took a "cast of thousands" to make our Rally and Obedience Trials on April 26 and 27 successful. I owe everyone who helped a debt of gratitude. Here are my "thank you" notes.
Ursula Hoeft, Trial Chair

Thank you ... Jean Eremo for being my partner on the Trial Chairman "adventure." It was my first time wearing this hat and I couldn't have done it without you. Besides making sure I was addressing all the AKC's requirements, you were always a calm voice when I was "freaking out," and you found solutions to unexpected obstacles we needed to navigate. You were always reassuring – nothing was a problem as far as you were concerned. Thank you, Jean!

Thank you ... Sheryl Phelps and Barb Pische for assuming the Chief Ring Steward responsibilities for the Trials: Sheryl for Rally on Saturday, and Barb for Obedience on Sunday. The great crew of Stewards you recruited kept the classes moving along efficiently.

Thank you ... Bill Urquhart for sharing your knowledge of, and experience with, the equipment needs of the Trials. While it seemed like a big job to me, I know it was nowhere near the amount of work it was in the past, during the many years that you and Gloria assumed responsibility for this critical part of Rand Park's Trials.

Thank you ... to all the people who did an amazing job transporting, setting up and taking down the equipment for the Trials. They included Ike Lichter, Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Barb Pische, Ruth and Forrest Shields, Jean Eremo, Marge Kabala, Karyn McCoy, Cathy Anderson, Gloria Blanton, Frank Laurie, John and Brandon Nowak, Greg Hoeft. Many people pitched in spontaneously when things needed to be done and I have probably forgotten someone – sorry! – but know that your help was no less appreciated.

Thank you ... Marion Meseth and Anita Wolney for taking care of the awards for the Trials. Making sure that there were rosettes, ribbons, dog toys, etc. to present to all those who earned them was a big job. The judges appreciated having them waiting at the rings when it was time to present them.

Thank you ...Lois Breslow for making sure no one went hungry at the Trials. You always do a wonderful job on hospitality for Rand Park's events.

Thank you ... Jim Langford, Trial Secretary, for always being there to answer my questions and address my concerns within minutes of my contacting you. It was great working with you!

More thank yous!

From Sheryl Phelps, Rally Chief Ring Steward, thank you ...

Donna Barlow
Colette Benson
Eileen Hennessy
Laurie Ingstrup
Marge Kabala
Joan Pufundt
Ruth and Forrest

Sheryl says, "my apologies if I missed anybody."

From Chief Obedience Ring Steward, Barbara Pische: "*thank you so much for helping out.*"

Pat Beckstrom
Gloria Blanton
Nancy Foster
Jeneane Hinrichsen
Marge Kabala
Barbara Krynski
JoAnn Neville
Brandon Nowak
Donna Nowak
Diane Thompson
Gloria Urquhart
Delores Velerio

Many Rand Park members qualified and placed at our Trials on April 26 and 27. Here are some "brags" I received. There should be more! Let us know about your good news. Your accomplishments will inspire others. – Ursula

From Laurie Marubio:

Maggie (Swissy) got her first leg and came in third place in Novice A on Sunday.

From Aliss South:

Neskaya (Rescue's Leronis of Neskaya) got her first two legs in Rally Novice on Saturday, April 26.

From Mary Dellorto:

My dogs at the trial
Bliss, Lab, Utility B, 191
Rivet, Dobe Open B, 192
Fallon, Dobe, Novice B, 3rd leg, 189.5

From Karyn McCoy:

Katie and Buddy were entered in Rally Novice A in both trials on Saturday, and Beginners Novice Obedience A on Sunday. The good news is.... they had qualifying runs in everything!
Katie got a 1st place and Buddy got 3rd in the first Rally trial. Buddy got 4th place in the second Rally trial, and we were just happy to qualify in the obedience trial.

From Dorothy Dokey:

Team Trapper (that's me and yellow Labrador Trapper) took first place in Rally Novice B on Saturday with a 98! I thought Judge Sandra Gould set out a challenging course for Rally Novice and was pleased Trapper and I did so well. I

congratulate the team that scored 100 on that course in Novice A!

And may I add a separate brag outside the RPDTTC Trials? Trapper and I finally earned our AKC CD April 8th at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac's annual specialty in Frederick MD, managing to sit and stay for one whole minute for a third time! To all the Rand Park instructors who have had us in Novice class all this time, I say Thank You! for your patience and suggestions. They finally worked!

From Gail Kipp:

Saturday, April 26th at our RPDTR Fantasy's Almighty Bucky aka "Buckley" received two (2) First Places in Rally Excellent A.
Trial 1 – Judge Charles W. Kline – Score 95
Trial 2 – Judge Sandy Gould – Score 72 - the second trial Buckley didn't perform as well....

Earned at other Trials

From JoAnn Neville:

Oliver earned his CL1-F and CL-1 Title in CPE Agility on 3/23 at For Your K9.
Aliss South's Neskaya also passed the odor recognition test on anise. (Nose Work)

Congratulations!

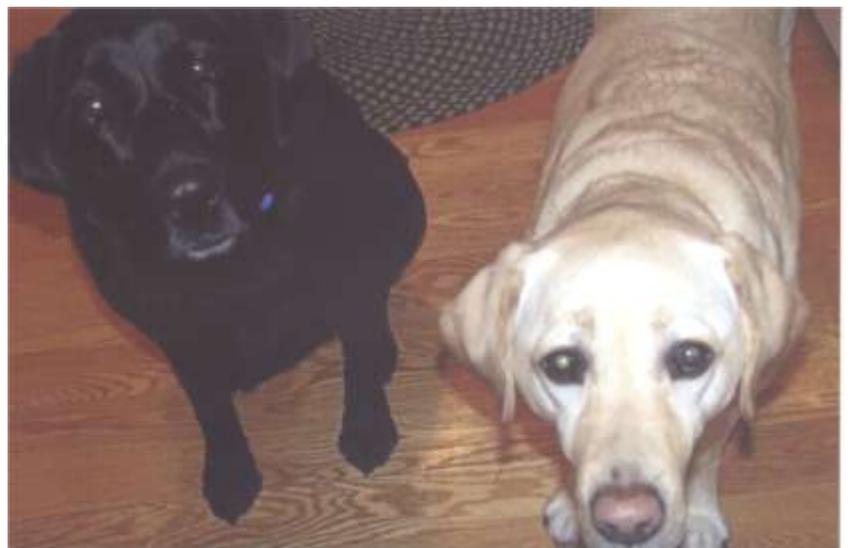
The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

Eileen Hennessy says, *Annie always reminds us to be thankful for a best friend. Here she is with Lily – her "Aunt Lily."*

That's Annie, the black lab, on the left.

Send me your "real reason" why you own a dog for a future issue. –Ursula



Open Letter to Wizard Eremo



My dear little Wizard:

You came into my life as a little conformation dog, looking for a home because of being a carrier of PRA (progressive retinal atrophy) and could not be used for breeding. At first you were to be my cousin Karen's dog and she was to train you, but she wasn't up to it and when she moved she signed you over to me. And you became my little black bugger.

I have always had white dogs so I could see them at night, but along came Wiz and I have invested in flashlights and batteries galore, just to be able to see you at night.

You were not housebroken when you arrived. You ate poop and destroyed anything and everything you could get your mouth around, and then look at me with those google eyes loaded with love and mischief. And I was helpless. It

was time to get down to brass tacks and train you to be what you were bred to be....one terrific little dog with a desire to please, and that is what you are.

I trained you for Beginner Novice and bing, bang, boom, you got three legs and a title of BN. I then trained you for Novice, and, holy smokes, you did it again. You have now been trained for Rally Novice B and you have two legs toward your title. On top of all this, you think that tracking is what you were born to do and you are planning on getting your first title there as soon as possible.

You just received Novice Dog of the Year at Rand Park DT'C's banquet, and you made me so proud of you. My heart was bursting when I accepted the most beautiful throw with your beautiful face on it. I came home to tell you all about it and found a boxful of Swiffer duster refills shredded on the floor.

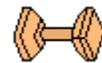
Thank you my little Wizard for coming into my life. You are a joy, a dickens and the love of my life. You have got my heart in your little paws.

*With all my love, your mom
Jean*

What Is An Obedience Title, Really?

By Sandy Mowery

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Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in And the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you loved your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend: volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

March 23, 2014 TD/TDU Test Report

By Patrick McMahon, Secretary

The test was originally scheduled to include tests for four Tracking Dogs (TD) and four Tracking Dogs Urban (TDU). Tracking Dog Urban is a newly approved AKC title to accommodate dogs/handler teams that do not have easy access to more open areas upon which to train. The TDU segment of our test was the first TDU test ever held by the Rand Park Dog Training Club.

Possibly due to the extended winter conditions and lingering snow cover that plagued the Chicago land area, many inexperienced tracking teams may not have been able to put in the necessary practice time to prepare for the TD test. As a result we received no TD entries for the test.

However, we received a total of six TDU entries and, using the AKC exchange policy, we were able to expand the number of TDU tracks to include all six of the TDU entries.

The weather for our test at the Lincolnshire Corporate Center was cold (in the mid teens), slightly overcast, and breezy. However that did not diminish the enthusiasm of our competing teams.

Although six teams entered our test, regrettably none successfully completed their tracks, in spite of some exceptional efforts.

Our sincere thanks go out to our judges of this test: Anne Evarts, Eibhlin Glennon, and Lois Leidahl-Marsh. All of whom plotted some very challenging tracks for our six teams of entrants. As always, it was a pleasure working with them.

Many thanks go to our enthusiastic crew of volunteers whose contributions made the test possible. Our TDU tracklayers, who braved the early chill to put in some excellent tracks, were Dee Morrison, Ike Lichter, Judy Bellumini, Barb Larsen, Barb Pische, and Diane Muzzey. Carlos Santos and Teresa Higgins volunteered as drivers making sure that the judges and entrants were shuttled to the start of the tracks in a timely fashion. Hospitality was graciously provided by Lois Breslow, Mary Anne Fowler, and Pat Dwyer. Finally, special thanks go to Gina Femali, who served as our Test Chairperson and Chief Tracklayer, for assuring that the test ran smoothly. You guys are the greatest!



Summertime, and the living is easy!



There's still training – see information in this issue of Paw Prints – but it's done out of doors and it's less serious, more like just getting together for a pleasant evening outside with our dogs and other dog lovers.

The next issue of Paw Prints will come out in late July or early August, in time to get you psyched up for training to begin again in Fall. It will include a class registration form and the training calendar for next year.

Have a safe and happy Summer. See you in September!

– Ursula

**Send your news, "brags," interesting things you've done/learned, etc. to:
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e-mail to randparkpawprints@live.com**

**News/articles received by the 20th of the month
will be included in the next issue of Paw Prints if suitable and space permits.**

2013 Rand Park Free Summer Training Session

Rand Park Dog Training Club, in conjunction with the Des Plaines Park District, will again come together for the Summer training session (6 weeks). Classes will be held at Prairie Lake Park on Dempster between Wolf Road and the railroad tracks. We will use the northeast corner of the parking lot. Classes are open to all.

The outdoor classes will run from June 10 thru July 15. The time will be approximately 7:15 to 8:30 on Tuesday evenings, weather permitting. Classes will be cancelled in the event of rain or extreme heat. There will be no make-up classes.

All classes will be on leash and all skill levels are welcome. Handlers must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a parent at each class. Bring a chair if someone is coming with you to watch. Bring your own water.

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

You must clean up after your dog. You must bring your own clean-up equipment.

You must have proof of rabies shot, except for those already on file with the Training Committee and underage puppies.

Instructors

June 10	Marge Kabala – Eleanor Goss
June 17	Bill & Gloria Urquhart – Ruth Shields
June 24	TBA
July 1	Terri Everwine – Pat Beckstrom
July 8	Tom Woepse
July 15	TBA

Instructors Please Note: If you cannot attend on your assigned evening, please arrange to switch nights with someone and let the Training Committee know who will be substituting for you.

Save for future reference!

Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2014 Correction Clinic Dates:

June 7, July 5

at

For Your Canine

1975 Cornell Ave.

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 correction clinics conducted by the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Some of the many happy faces seen at the Awards Banquet



Member of the Year Jean Eremo



**Rand Park Members flashing their Blue, Red, Yellow,
White - and lots of Green - at the
April 26 Rally and April 27 Obedience Trials**

