

Paw Prints

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



May 2018

Rand Park's 2018 Awards Banquet

By Ursula Hoeft

We have the members of the Banquet and Raffle Committee to thank for organizing a wonderful Awards Banquet and raffle for us. They were Marion Meseth, Lois Breslow, Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Eleanor Goss, Anita Wolney, Marge Kabala, and Kathy Laspina. And we owe a debt of gratitude to the members who donated items for the raffle, which seemed to go on forever.

Awards were presented to members who had earned titles during the past year. And there were a lot of them - far too many to list here!

In addition to awards for titles and other achievements, members also were recognized with Special Awards - always a highlight of the Banquet.

Barb Krynski's Ralphie was Novice Dog of the Year
Mary Dellorto's Deja was Utility Dog of the Year
Open Dog of the Year was not awarded this year.

Barb and Mary received beautiful oil paintings of Ralphie and Deja done by Kathy Baureis.

This year Linda Forman was chosen by the general membership to receive the coveted Member of the Year Award.

The Fendt Award was presented to Bill Urquhart for his loyalty and devotion to the purpose and objectives of the club.

The Henriksen Award was presented to Clyde Werner for his willingness and devotion to carrying out the directives of the Rand Park Board.

The Sportsmanship Award was presented to Pat Millard. This award honors the person who represents good sportsmanship in the best sense of the word.

The Brinker award is awarded each year to the highest scoring dog at our annual Obedience Trials owned by a Rand Park member. It was presented to Mary Dellorto and Bliss.

The Roovaart Award was retired last year when Mary Dellorto won it for the third year.

The Banquet is also the time when members' milestone anniversaries are celebrated. This year, Barbara Martini was recognized for her 50 years of Rand Park membership; Betty Erickson, and Jean and Bob Ungar were recognized for 25 years.

Watch for pictures from the Banquet. They will be sent separately when available.

RAND PARK OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL REPORT

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU....OUR MEMBERS REALLY SHOWED THEIR TRUE COLORS AND DEVOTION TO RAND PARK.....THEY VOLUNTEERED TO GET UP BEFORE THE COWS, TO TRAVEL A LONG DISTANCE TO WORK THEIR BUNS OFF FOR RAND PARK....THEY ARE TRULY SPECIAL....BUT THAT WAS NOT SOMETHING WE DIDN'T KNOW...

FRIDAY WAS THE START OF OUR WORKERS TRAVELING TO SPRING GROVE TO SET UP THE RINGS FOR THE WEEKEND...MARY AND FRANK LAURIE, BILL URQUHART AND PAT MILLARD...YOU ARE THE BEST...

SATURDAY, ALL THE RINGS WERE READY AND WAITING, OUR EXHIBITORS WERE COMING IN, ALL OUR STEWARDS AND JUDGES WERE READY TO GO, AND AS WE ALWAYS DO, WE HONOR OUR COUNTRY WITH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, WHICH WE ARE PROUD TO SAY WAS SUNG BEAUTIFULLY BY OUR OWN DIANE THOMPSON. DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL SINGER IN OUR CLUB...KUDOS TO DIANE...

LOIS BRESLOW HAD A WONDERFUL SNACK TABLE SET UP FOR OUR EXHIBITORS, WORKERS, ETC.. WHICH WAS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED BY ALL. OF COURSE. LOIS HAD A GOOD LUNCH FOR THE WORKERS AND JUDGES....NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT WHEN LOIS IS DOING HOSPITALITY, THAT ANYONE WILL GO AWAY HUNGRY. KUDOS TO LOIS!!!

ALL THE BEAUTIFUL RIBBONS WERE TAKEN CARE OF BY ANITA WOLNEY, SONJA LUND AND KATHY LASPISA,,,,,THANK YOU!

WAGS FACILITY WAS ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL....THEY HAD PEOPLE THERE ON FRIDAY TO MOVE THE AGILITY EQUIPMENT AND SET UP THE BARRIERS FOR THE RINGS, AND CLEANED THE RINGS BETWEEN SHOWS, THEY ALWAYS HAD SOMEONE AVAILABLE, IN CASE THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS...WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO WORK WITH...EVERYTHING WAS CLEAN, AND THEIR STAFF WAS A JOY TO WORK WITH...THANK YOU WAGS AND STAFF...

THE EXHIBITORS HAD NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR THE SHOW...THERE WERE A FEW SNAGS, WHICH WILL BE FIXED FOR THE NEXT SHOW...

A BIG THANK YOU TO PAT BECKSTROM AND KAREN SCHAUBEL, OUR MOST WONDERFUL CHIEF RING STEWARDS, WHO RAN AROUND WEEKS BEFORE THE SHOW AND ASKED OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS TO VOLUNTEER TO STEWARD THE DIFFERENT CLASSES...WITHOUT THESE TWO GALS, THE EXHIBITORS WOULD HAVE A "DO IT YOURSELF SHOW"....THANK YOU AGAIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS,,,

WITHOUT THESE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS, THERE WOULD BE NO SHOWS, AND WITH NO SHOWS, NO TITLES, JUST A LOT OF PEOPLE AND DOGS RUNNING LOOSE, CHASING THEIR TAILS...

I WAS DEAD TIRED, BUT WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR THE WORLD...I DO LOVE OBEDIENCE.....

JEAN EREMO, CHAIRPERSON

That's Jean in the photo



More about our Trials ...

In case someone wasn't aware of it (ha!) April 28 AND 29 were Rand Park's annual obedience and rally trials. This year they were held at a new facility located in Spring Grove, IL - the new Wisconsin Agility Group (WAG) facility. What a spectacular building! It is spotless, spacious, and very welcoming to everyone.

As the last weekend before the new obedience regulations went into effect we picked up a few more of the Open A exhibitors. Lots of wonderful teams out there! Some qualified, some not, but all enjoyed the experience. The funniest comment I heard was from a GSD handler who had an awesome run in Open A, until the broad jump.... His dog went to sniff the boards and he thought he was going to back jump so corrected him with a sharp "no!" Oh, dear.... There went his Q. When I commented on his great work he said "My wife always tells me I have a big mouth. I guess I just proved her right today!"

Some dogs did have difficulty with working on the turf if they'd never been on turf before so we may make some changes next year. The rally ring was on matting and never became an issue.

I frequently hear how people think obedience is boring, the exhibitors are clique-ish, how obedience people aren't supportive or even nice. I've always disputed this, and that trial was no exception. As I stood by watching people arrive, everyone helping each other set up, hugging, laughing, joking, holding doors and dogs I couldn't help but wonder where the naysayers are showing and if it's not the other exhibitors who are the problem....

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to work the trial!!!! Without you, there would be no trials. There are so many people to thank I wouldn't begin to name everyone for fear of missing someone. A super special thank you to our trial chair, Jean Eremo and our equipment team, Frank & Mary Laurie. Just know that your efforts did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Rand Park DTC has always put on a first class trial - may we always continue to do so.

Barb Krynski

From the 2018 Steward Co-Chairs

Thank you! We'd like to thank all our stewards for their hard work. They were Barb Pische, Sonja Lund, Valerie Manning, Karin Dentamarg, Marge Kabala, Pat Millard, Pattie Stitz, Gloria Blanton, Pam O'Shea, Diane Stark, Don Fester, Donna Fester, Steve Zatkoff, Teena Horne, Ruth Shields, Sandy Lewandowski, Gloria Urquhart, Bill Urquhart, and Mary Laurie. If we missed anyone, our sincere apologies. With out these people's help the show couldn't go on.

Thanks again,
Karen Schaubel and Pat Beckstrom



Look for photos taken at our trials throughout this issue of Paw Prints and on the last two pages. We have Mary and Frank Laurie to thank for taking them.

Also an important part of the Banquet every year is the swearing in of officers.

Officers for the 2018-2019 year are:

ADVISOR to the Board: Ruth Shields
CHAIRMAN of the Board: Gloria Urquhart
PRESIDENT: Lois Breslow
VICE PRESIDENT: Lois Leidahl-Marsh
SECRETARY: Linda Forman
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Diane Stark
TREASURER & INSURANCE: Gloria Blanton
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Forrest Shields
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Lin Hartnett (New 2018-2019)
Jean Eremo (New 2018-2019)
Kathy Baureis (New 2018-2019)
Mary Laurie
Patty Stitz
Clyde Werner

The Real Reason Why We have dogs ...

Barb Krynski says ...

"so that we learn to slow down, smell the flowers, enjoy the sunshine and be glad for another day!"



We were saddened to learn that long-time Rand Park member Tom Gianos passed away recently. Our condolences go to Evelyn and the Gianos family.



All Rand Park members are invited

We will be marching in the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade on May 28. Anyone interested in marching, meet us at 10 a.m. at Talcott Avenue and Prospect.

Questions? Call Bill Urquhart

The photo was taken at the 2012 Memorial Day parade. Bill Urquhart is on the left, Greg Hoeft is on the right.

Rand Park Members Have a Lot to Brag About!

Good news ...



From Lathy Baureis

Skye received her NACSW NW 3 title. She received third place overall out of 38 dogs only beat out by 2 dogs receiving their elite titles(which means they passed 3 nw3 trials). And she also received second place on vehicles. And received 3 out of 4 pronounced by the judges. NACSW is the most difficult venue in nosework and NW3 is the most difficult level to pass in nosework We searched 3 big rooms, 1 exterior, 25 containers, and five vehicles in 9.17 minutes. With unknown number of hides. Two more passes and we are Elite!!!

(That's Skye in the photo on the left.)

From JoAnn Neville

Oliver bearded collie received 3 AKC nose work titles.

On February 25 he earned SCN scent work container notice, SiN Scent work interior novice, SBN scent work buried novice.

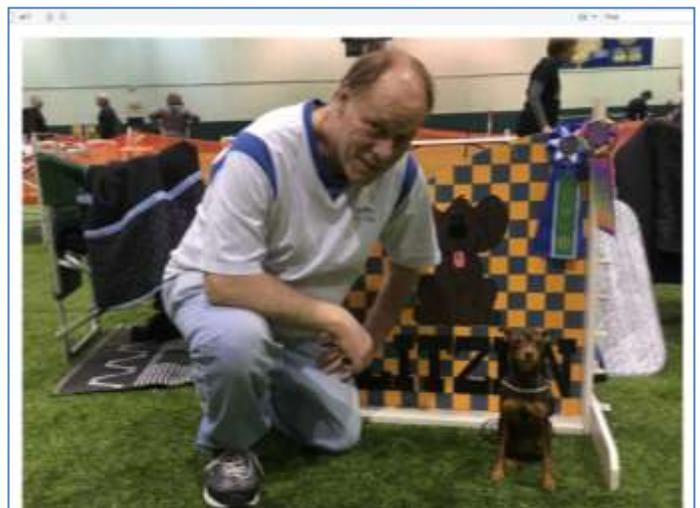
(Oliver is in the photo on the right)



And Barb Krynski reports

Tom Woepse and his little princess, Tori, re-entered the agility competition world on April 8 and 9 after a 7 month hiatus, with Tom sporting a brand new hip. Day 1 - a little rusty.... Day 2 - for the first time EVER in AKC agility Tori qualified 4 out of 5 runs and for the first time in THREE YEARS got a qualifying leg in Excellent Standard, finally earning her the title of AX! She also qualified in Premier JWW, being the ONLY 8" division dog! The moral of the story: never lose faith in your dog and never give up!

(Tom and Tori are in the photo on the right.)



Sheryl Phelps' dog Lacey received her Grand Championship recently.

She now is:

GCH Lodgepole's Silver Lace BN RE
CGCA CGCU

(Lacy is in the photo on the right.
Sheryl is second from the right.)



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 and other things you and your dogs accomplish.

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



Summertime - almost! - when the living is easy!

The next issue of Paw Prints will come out in late July or early August. By then, you'll be ready for training to begin again in Fall. The newsletter will include a class registration form and the training calendar for next year. The registration form will also be sent via email. Sign up for training early! Classes fill up fast. One year, I waited and the class Gus and I wanted to be in was filled by the time I sent our application in. Bummer!

Many of you will be going into trials and participating in other dog activities during the Summer. Don't forget to send me your "brags" and other news for Paw Prints.

And be sure to continue your training regimen over the Summer. Make it fun for your dog. Training should always be fun, for both of you! Think of it as quality time you're spending with your best friend.



Have a happy and safe Summer.

Ursula



Here are notes being shared with us by Ike Lichter, a long-time Rand Park member who is active in both Rand Park and Moraine tracking programs.

Dear Ike,

I just wanted to drop you a note to thank you for laying track @ the Moraine VST. I truly believe she would have passed if it had not been so hot that day. I don't know if you knew, but she passed two weeks later @ the Northern Illinois Weimaraner Club test. Laying track is a huge two-day commitment and the sport wouldn't survive without volunteers like you.

Thank you again,
Lisa & "CT" Ziva

Dear Ziva's Mama,
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

I was truly surprised, touched, and grateful that you took the time to write your heartwarming thank you card. It really was very kind of you because your beloved "CT" Ziva didn't pass on the track the judges plotted for me! I must apologize for not being "stinky" enough. Everyone in my tracking group was overwhelmed by your kind words. On behalf of the dog clubs, the trial chairs, secretaries/judges, tracklayers, the people who make and bring food and beverages, drivers, people who come out to cheer the pooches and their handlers on, the pooches with their amazing noses, and their handlers, thank you! Actually, I did hear you and Ziva passed. Two friends of Dee Morrison, were at the Weimaraner test and informed Dee (one of my mentors) to pass on the great news of Ziva attaining the coveted CT title.

I consider myself a newbie with pooches. The reason I volunteer is to show my appreciation to all of the individuals who have been kind enough to share their knowledge, secrets, and patience with me. I also get to observe amazing pooches and even some nice and kind people! Ziva's mama, you are in the group. I would bet the ride home was quite different from the Moraine test. I also hope you didn't need additional car repairs on the trip.

Congrats and thank you.

Ike



More photos that were taken at our 2018 trials are on the next two pages.





Important Rally information forwarded by Rally Judge Dr. Sandy Gould.

Revisions to the AKC Rally Regulations

Changes effective August 1, 2018

The AKC Board of Directors passed a recommendation to change the eligibility requirements for the Rally Intermediate class to allow dogs that have earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class to enter the Intermediate class. Once a dog has earned the Advanced level title, it is no longer eligible to participate in the Intermediate class unless entries have closed. The purpose is to remove eligibility barriers to exhibitors competing in the optional Rally Intermediate class.

This recommendation is a change to Regulations (see below) and becomes effective for trials held on or after August 1, 2018.

Revisions to the AKC Rally Regulations Effective August 1, 2018

Issued as a supplement to the AKC Rally Regulations amended to November 1, 2017

Chapter 1. General Regulations

Section 16. Entry Eligibility, Change of Entry.

- After a dog earns a title from an "A" class, it may continue showing in that "A" class for 60 days. After 60 days, it may compete in that level "B" class.
- A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class.
- A dog may compete in the Novice B and Intermediate class at the same trial.
- A dog may compete in the Intermediate and Advanced class at the same trial.
- After a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, they are no longer eligible for the Novice class.
- Once a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, the dog may be shown in the Novice class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.
- After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title it is no longer eligible for the Rally Intermediate class.
- Once a dog earns the Rally Advanced title, the dog may be shown in the Rally Intermediate class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

Chapter 3. Classes and Titles.

Section 5. Rally Intermediate Class.

To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title prior to the close of entries.

All dogs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

A "Green Insert" will be added to the regulation books

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ROR001 (12/17) (Lime Green Book)

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton

Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

2019 AKC Rally® National Championship

Tulsa, Oklahoma

March 15, 2019

Class Criteria

The RNC is open to all dogs, which meet the criteria below, that are 6 months of age or older that have an AKC number, PAL/ILP number, AKC Canine Partners listing number, or an identification number issued by AKC.

Dogs may only be entered in one class and must be entered at the highest level for which they are eligible.

The Qualifying Period for the event is December 1, 2017 – November 30, 2018.

The 2019 RNC will consist of five classes. Each Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellent entry will show twice, in two different rings, in the class entered. Each Rally Championship (formerly known as the RAE) entry will show a total of four times in four different rings. The Rally Championship competition will consist of two Master courses, one Advanced course, and one Excellent course.

Novice Class Criteria

Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Novice (RN) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.

At least three (3) Novice scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Intermediate Class Criteria

Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Intermediate (RI) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.

At least three (3) Intermediate scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Advanced Class Criteria

Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Advanced (RA) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.

At least three (3) Advanced scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Excellent Class Criteria

Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Excellent (RE) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.

At least three (3) Excellent scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Championship Class Criteria

Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.

Dogs must have earned five (5) scores of 95 or more during the qualifying period in Advanced B.

Dogs must have earned five (5) scores of 95 or more during the qualifying period in Excellent B.

Dogs must have earned five (5) qualifying scores during the qualifying period in Master.

Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, per Chapter 1, Section 2, of the *AKC Rally® Regulations*.

Reprinted from the May 2010 issue of Paw Prints. A good read to revisit! And I needed another page to have an even number of pages for the print copies of the newsletter. - ed.

As the Tail Wags

By Ursula Hoefl

On a recent rainy, cold, totally miserable Sunday, Greg, my husband, and I took part in what was billed to be a Spring (?) drive held by the Vintage MG Car Club of Chicago to which we belong. We took Gus along. He loves going for car rides!

As we stood around - freezing our tails off - waiting for everyone to arrive, we let Gus out of the car so that he could stretch his legs before the drive began. He was his usual well-behaved self. Honestly, folks, while his performance in class leaves a lot to be

desired, he is always a "poster child" (or maybe I should say "poster dog") for obedience training when we're out in public. I

take him with me to as many places as I can: the post office, the car wash, the bank, Office Max when I have Paw Prints printed, just about every place that we haven't been kicked out of. And I always get the nicest comments. I hear things like "I wish my dog were that well behaved," and "He's a lot better behaved than most of the kids who come here." Sure makes me proud of the little guy!

But back to the morning of the drive. As tends to happen when Gus, or any dog, is around, conversation transitioned to dogs - a far more interesting subject as far as I'm concerned! I'd always rather talk about dogs than cars. (I hope Greg doesn't read this!) And everyone had a comment to make or a story to tell about dogs they've owned or just encountered. One that was especially meaningful to me, and should be to all dog owners, went something like this, "my neighbor has a poodle - a big one - a good looking dog - but he's like a wild animal. The guy has absolutely no control over him!" From the look on the man's face it was obvious that he didn't find anything redeeming about this dog. What a shame! With some basic obedience training, the dog would probably be an enjoyable part of the neighborhood. Without it, he seems to be a bothersome nuisance.

While earning an obedience title is a goal we should work for - the icing on the cake, you might say - having a well-mannered dog is as important a reward for the time and effort we put into training. The American Kennel Club seems to think so, too.

I found the following in a recent AKC presentation dealing with obedience events: "*The basic objective of obedience trials ... is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions.*"

Sure, getting a title is important, but, let's face it, most people haven't a clue how hard you and your dog worked to earn those letters attached to his or her name. Having a well-behaved dog that sits when you tell it to sit, stays when you tell it to stay, walks calmly at your left side instead of dragging you down the street, will impress them a lot more. It will also make you and your dog a positive part of your community.

When Rand Park Dog Training Club was founded back in 1949, the following club motto was chosen: "May we be as good, as noble, and as deserving as our dogs think we are." It expresses a very worthwhile goal. I'd like to add a second goal. "May our training efforts bring out the best in our dogs and make them the wonderful companions they are capable of being." That's what I see as the main purpose of training programs like Rand Park's - to help owners instill in their dogs the behavior that will make them good companions, good citizens and a pleasure to have around.

Of course, going on to earn all those impressive titles adds another very enjoyable dimension to dog training that deserves a lot of tail wagging - ours as well as our dogs'.