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THE FUN BEGINS!"**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 15: Barkin' on the Bay - Bay County Humane Society fundraiser

Oct 17: GPCDFA Board meeting 6:30/General Membership meeting 7:30

Oct 28-30: Florida Pan-Handlers ASCA all breed obedience/rally trials; Australian shepherd conformation shows, Baker, FL
[ASCA show info](#)

Nov 12: Responsible Dog Ownership Day, Lynn Haven Sports Complex

Nov 21: GPCDFA meeting 6:30 Board/7:30 General Membership

Dec 2-4: 5 Flags Agility trials, Pensacola, FL
[Click here for premium list](#)

Dec 3-4: Flyball tourney, Talladega

Dec 17/18: AKC Invitational National Championship, Orlando, FL

Feb 23/24: GPCDFA Dog Show/obedience & rally matches, Tallahassee

Feb 25/26: ORKC Dog Show, Tallahassee

Feb 24-26: ORKC Agility trials, Tallahassee

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day,

hosted by the GPCDFA, will be held at the Lynn Haven Sports Park on Nov 12th. There will be pet photos with Santa, Canine Good Citizen testing, a 3k run & much more!

Volunteers are needed. Watch the GPCDFA Yahoo Group for details.

Beach Rover Ramblings: by Donna Fowler

Titles earned at the Dog Daze Tournament:

Sukoshi - Top Flight
Sadie - Top Flight I
Lucy - Top Flight I
Gatlin- Top Flight I
Roxie - Top Flight II
Ava - Top Flight II
Rascal - Top Flight II
Buster - Top Flight II
Max - Top Flight II & III
Mindy - Top Flight III



On Sat, Aug 13th, the Spring Breaker team placed 2nd in division 5, and the Girls Gone Wild team placed 3rd in division 5. This was the first tournament where the Beach Rovers raced each other, and it was quite a feat. We decided to wear different colored shirts to keep the teams straight, and it worked well! On Sunday the Girls Gone Wild team placed 2nd in division 5 and the Spring Breakers placed 3rd in division 6. We are so proud of our newest members, Sukoshi and Snap who proved to be ready to RUN and both did very well at the 2 day tournament. We owe a special thanks to Marianne Garrigan who cheered, collected stats, ball shagged, and was willing to do anything to get the team in the lane and running! The team celebrated with a very cookout very LATE in the evening on Saturday (you knew there would be food involved!). The Beach Rover team will be taking a short hiatus from tournament competition to concentrate on flyball lessons this fall. Be watching for information from the GPCDFA training director for sign up information. The team is always looking for energetic dogs and owners:)

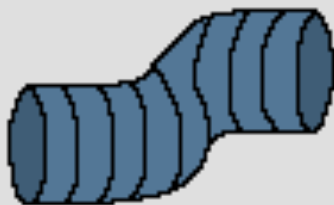


Agility lessons ...

...have been moved to Tuesdays – YEAH!!! Intermediate/Advanced is from 4:15–5:15 and beginners is from 5:30-6:30. The teacher is Christina Flynn. Lessons will be grouped in six week intervals. Cost is \$100 for 5 lessons...however, if you come to all 5 lessons, you get a bonus lesson FREE! If you miss a lesson, you can make it up on the 6th lesson. Payment is due on the first lesson...Tuesday, October 4, 2011. The class is for club members only; however, you can sign up for the class, and join at the dog club meeting in October. Each class will only have 4-5 students. If you are interested, please email Jennifer at keenerjen@knology.net to hold your spot.



Photo by Michael Loftis



2011 Show Information

December 17 & 18, 2011 - Orlando, Florida

[Click here for AKC Invitational Homepage](#)



Interested in club membership, which includes discounts on classes? Members can be voted in after attending 2 meetings & paying dues.



Contact Lori Starling at <mailto:training@gpcdfa.org> to request class registration forms



Please bring a bag of dry dog or cat food to the monthly club meetings for donation to the local Family Services Agency



Contact Karen at 850 832 3287 for more information on the PAWS pet therapy group.



Contact Melissa at BSCeltic@aol.com if you are interested in the Working Dog class.



Socialization at the Dog Club – most Sundays, 12:00 noon – 2:30 pm

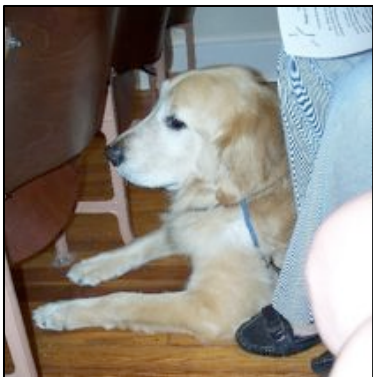
BRAGS!! CONGRATS ALL!!

Sandy & Dorothy Allen have been one of the first teams in the country, and the first in the GPCDFFA, to be awarded the AKC Therapy Dog Award! This is new award started on June 28, 2011 and they earned the title on July 12th.

Bette Holden reports that “following in the great lead of Dorothy & Sandy, Mattie has earned the new AKC Therapy Dog title!” Also, Rick & Bette have a new Toy Poodle puppy Mimi. “With the help of the Dog Club we hope she will follow in Mattie’s pawsteps”.

Chance Merrell completed his AKC CDX & RE in Pensacola with a few 1st places & a prize for highest scoring border collie in rally classes.

Barb and Kinsley McCluskey are now a R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) team as of 7/18/11. They will be reading with the students at St Andrews School. He has also just been awarded AKC’s new Therapy Dog title!!



Lori Starling’s granddaughter, Hannah & doberman Oppie tied for 2nd place both 5 Flags Rally trials, but placed third due to time. They also won “High Scoring Doberman” which awarded her a donation to Louisiana State University by Carol Miller. It was both of their first times in the ring!

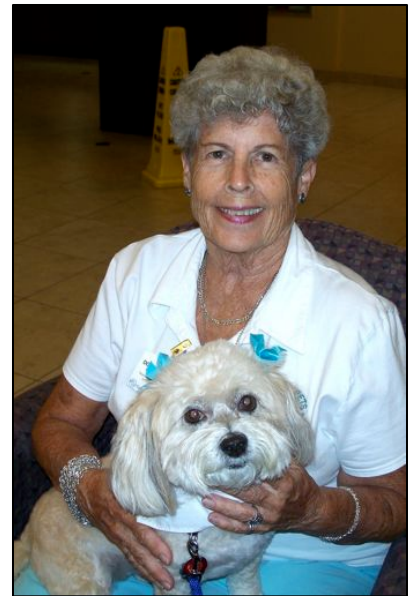
Hannah wanted to give a BIG thanks to both Gina & Karen for their help ringside, and all who were cheering her on!!

Gina Chambers’ Rena earned her RA at the 5 Flags trial, qualifying in each trial.

Sabre Eckert went Best of Winners for a 5 point Major at the Biloxi AKC Show, 9-8-11 & AGAIN at the FASA show last weekend!

Ed Lilly’s standard poodle Reni earned her Beginner Novice (BN) title in Pensacola on Aug 13th & 14th, winning 3rd place on Sunday. It was her first show and her first ribbon.

Buster P Fowler earned his FM Flyball title! He’s looking forward to semi-retirement and watching the ‘kids’ on the team run more!



Notes from Melissa:

Just a reminder that **Barkin on the Bay** is only a week away OCTOBER 15th - We want EVERYONE to participate. The event is at Bay Point Marina again this year but the time has changed it will be from 11:30 to 5:00pm

LOAD UP for the Event will be Saturday Morning at 8:00am at the clubhouse. We NEED willing Helpers. We will leave the clubhouse no later than 9:00am to head to Bay Point. My goal is to be at Bay Point by 9:30. Set up at Bay Point (we will have helpers) must be completed by 10:45 and all cars out by then as well.

There is a Meet the Breeds program along with quite a few other fun events, Rally, Flyball, Dock Diving, Contests, etc.

Please come out and join the fun.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Cathy Muldoon
Rita McCormack



Photo by Willie Moore

GPCDFA AKC Dog Show

**Show, Rally & Obedience Matches
February 23 & 24, 2012
Tallahassee Fair Grounds**

Looking for volunteers for our conformation shows, as well as the obedience & rally matches. We will need hospitality hosts for the judges, folks to sell catalogs & raffle tickets, ring crew & judges for the matches, volunteers to bring food for the workers, etc. ORKC also asks that we provide relief workers for their gate crew.

More details at the October club meeting, and watch the Yahoo group.

For more info, Contact Lori at membership@GPCDFA.org

Training Opportunities

By Training Director Lori Starling

Fall Class Schedule

9/18/11 (Sept 18th, 25th, & Oct 16th, 23rd & Nov 6th, & 13th)

12:00 AKC STAR Puppy

1:00 AKC CGC

2:00 AKC Obedience Novice

3:15 AKC Rally Advance/Excellent

5:00 Introduction to Flyball

9/22/11 (Sept 22nd, 29th, & Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th)

6:00 AKC Conformation Handling

NEW CLUB COMMITTEES:

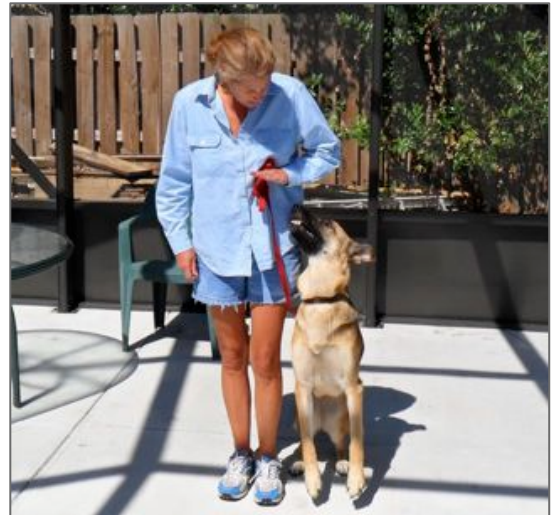
GPCDFA is looking to form a Training Committee. Committee members would help establish a training theology for the club, help with scheduling classes & research trainers to bring to the club for seminars. To volunteer or learn more, please send email to <mailto:training@gpcdfa.org>

Also, Lori is asking for volunteers to work with the GPCDFA Website Committee. She would like help with design and content, so folks with technical skill as well as non-techie types are needed (writers, proofreaders, etc). Please send an email to: <mailto:membership@gpcdfa.org>

Raffle Basket Donations

In preparation for the February 2012 GPCDFA Dog Show, we are looking for donations for prize baskets to be raffled off at the show. Completed baskets are greatly appreciated, but we will also be glad to take individual prizes to be put into a basket and decorated. A suggestion was also made to have a very large, grand prize raffle (like a dog crate filled with goodies). Please contact businesses that you frequent and ask for their donations as well (maybe a bag of dog treats from a vet clinic or pound of gourmet coffee from your favorite shop). It's best to get started now before the holiday rush begins.

Please contact Lynn at LLLTNM@aol.com with your donations or any questions.



You may have a dog that won't sit up, roll over or even cook breakfast, not because she's too stupid to learn how but because she's too smart to bother." - **Rick Horowitz**, Chicago Tribune



Crowd Pleaser

By Gina Chambers

Jack and his giant never became friends. David and Goliath never became friends. Maybe they needed a few lessons from Hannah and Oppie. What a cute picture these two made at the Pensacola Rally and Obedience trials.

As Hannah commands Oppie to sit, his head coming far above Hannah's shoulders, making this scene mesmerizing to watch. She turns toward Oppie, coming nose to nose and quietly gives the command to heel. The crowd seems to gravitate

closer towards the ring if only to get a better view.

As Oppie rises slowly like a mountain over the horizon, he walks gracefully, towering over this 9-year-old little girl. Everyone is at the ringside, watching, smiling, holding their breath, wondering how she could possibly control such a large dog. But control him she does with a confidence & calmness not often seen in the ring. As Beauty & the Beast execute each sign, Hannah is at times seen walking on her tip toes, giving to the imagination of a fairy that has turned a Chihuahua into a Doberman.

The sight of Hannah and Oppie finishing and qualifying ignites an applause that echoes loudly throughout the building, drawing more attention at each trial that they enter during that long weekend. These two were for sure the crowd pleasers that everyone hopes to see.

It's always wonderful to watch a young person competing with their dog and although Oppie was well trained, we all know no matter how well a dog is trained, it will perform only as well as the handler instructs. Hannah did a remarkable job; she put in the effort and work and it paid off.

What's more exciting? Hannah is one of ours. She is the granddaughter of Lori Starling.

Hmmmm, a little Mini Me in the making?



OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE DOGS (& people!) OF GPCDFA!!



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