



# The Scooper

June 2013



## The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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## Going To The Dogs

*Barb Ilardi, Scooper Editor*

Here it is June and AKC has once again added obedience titling classes - this time three of them! They are effective July 1, 2013 - just around the corner. Here they are:

*Pre-Novice  
Pre-Open  
Pre-Utility*

The new classes will not have any group exercises and all dogs will jump at 1/2 the height of the dog at the withers.

AKC also re-named the class formerly called Pre-Novice - now to be called SUB-NOVICE, but all exercises remain the same.

For complete descriptions of these classes and their requirements, go to:

[http://classic.akc.org/events/obedience/getting\\_started.cfm](http://classic.akc.org/events/obedience/getting_started.cfm)

The cynics among us will no doubt suggest that the reason for this is the almighty \$\$\$\$. AKC wants to get into our wallets! Remember when RAE was introduced? But there is another way to look at this. The additional titling classes provide a logical progression of exercises, and they keep you and your dog in the ring showing as you go along. No more long gaps in ring time between the levels, especially between Open and Utility. Agility has also added new classes in the past several years - Fast and T2B come to mind. They called for particular skill sets, and encouraged training for those skills. Let's explore and ultimately embrace these new opportunities! Get familiar with them now, so that we can provide them as opportunities for our students.

*Next MOC Membership Meeting*

*Wednesday, July 3, 2013*

*7:30 pm*

*Denny's*

*5825 NW 36 St.*

*Miami FL 33166*

## Sunshine Corner

*.No Sunshine to report this month!  
Debbie Willey - Sunshine Chair*

### ***Minutes of the General Meeting - June 5, 2013 Meeting***

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President David Proe at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet. Brags were shared. Carol Clark's motion to dispense with the reading of the May minutes was seconded and passed. Ginny motion to approve the February minutes as Published was seconded and passed. Carol was not at the board meeting.

#### ***Committees:***

**Correspondence** – We received event approval for October and November agility trials.

**Treasurer** – No Report

**Obedience Trial** – Jill passed around the score sheets for the trial and thanked everyone for their help and participation. There were compliments on the raffle, friendliness and spacing of the rings and crating areas. Jill presented her preliminary report and passed it around. There were more entries for the obedience trials this year.

**Agility Trials** – OTCPC is show next weekend. Mike said there are issues with the trailer and truck rental payment. Mike picks up the truck on Monday and will retrieve the items from the storage facility that are needed for the trial. Carol discussed the conflict between South Dade Kennel Club and the November agility trial proposing that the trial be moved to the trial to Davie. We are waiting for approval for the January trial from the AKC.

**Agility Trial Judge Committee** - Wien has the judges selected for the upcoming trials.

**Obedience Training**- New classes begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Agility Training** – No report.

**CGC** – No report.

**DACOF**- Shirts, changes accepted until Friday, donations for baskets.

**DOCOF** – Carol Ann passed around a form for signup. Carol researched that the cost for new shirts would be \$25.00 + \$77.00 for the logo..

**Membership** – No report.

**Sunshine** – Go Heat!!!!

**Education** – Miami Pet Expo was very successful. There were agility and obedience demonstrations held by both MOC and Paws In Motion. We will need to print more club brochures soon.

**Library** – Trina is looking for a volunteer to take over library while she moves. Sherry volunteer to help.

**Finance** - The club's income is increasing allowing for the possibility of purchasing new obedience and agility equipment as well as contributing to the community. Payments to the Varela students should be considered a donation to the school rather than an expense. Carol moved that the club donate \$250.00 to the University of Florida Veterinary School. Jane seconded. Discussion followed. The membership determined that a budget is

needed to determine what the club can annually donate. Motion passes.

**Scooper** – No report.

**Constitution** - Wien reported that she does not have an updated constitution/standing rules document to distribute to new members. The current standing rules and all changes will be prepared into one document to be published.

**Website** – Laurie included all details of the obedience trial and will posting the photos from the trial to the site.

**Equipment** – Carol Ann would like to purchase obedience jumps for the next obedience trial. Carol Clark will check on what can be repaired and what will need to be purchased. There are 5 rings and one set of jumps is needed for each ring. The parts need to be interchangeable. Peter discussed the possibility of purchasing or renting timers for our trials. Rental is usually \$100 per day. .00New timers are \$2,500 each without display. Software is also available that can connect to the scoring software.

**Old Business** – No old business.

**New Business** – No new business.

**Meeting Adjourned** 9:10PM motioned by Jill and seconded by Wien.

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary*

**\*MINUTES NOT APPROVED UNTIL NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING\*\***

### ***Minutes of the Board Meeting - June 5, 2013 Meeting***

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 PM by President David Proe at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida. In attendance were Lynn, Trina, Debbie R, Carol, Vicki, Jill and Wien.

Jill reported to the board regarding various entry fee refunds to exhibitors for the obedience trial. Debbie R. moved that the exhibitor be refunded 50 in consideration for the loss of the dog. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.3

Another exhibitor requested a refund of entry fee due to a family emergency after closing. No refund is possible because the trial secretary was notified after closing.

There was discussion regarding the memorial page in catalog and what if anything to charge club members. Vickie motioned The board decided there will be no charge for items on the memorial page. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dave discussed how DACOF and DOCOF be funded. Dave proposed a budget of \$4,000 for DACOF and \$2,000 on DOCOF. Carol motioned that reimbursement for DACOF should be \$200 per person. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52PM motioned by Wien and seconded Trina.

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary*

## **OTCPBC/MOC Agility Trials in Arcadia**

### **June 13-16, 2013**

**We made history!!!** I would say this trial was a HUGE success in the State of Florida! The joint efforts of the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC) and the Miami Obedience Club (MOC), together with the assistance of the Calusa Dog Agility Club (CDAC) made this trial alive. I believe 90% of the exhibitors would agree with my statements above, especially when you heard everyone applaud very loudly on Friday after the Trial Chair Betty Gansky made her announcement about the equipment.

You cannot imagine how quickly this trial was born... MOC started to think of a third set of trials immediately after AKC allows an additional 4 days of agility trials for each club starting January 2013. Due to the distance from Miami to Arcadia, MOC cannot hold a trial in Arcadia. OTCPBC stepped in and kept it moving nicely and smoothly into a success.

Here are the comments from our two judges:

**Cynthia Kean** - I think we can agree: it was a wonderful show.

**Cindy Elliott** - I agree completely with what Cynthia said. Everyone went out of their way to ensure a smooth trial. I heard nothing but positives all the way around.

Despite all the negative comments about MOC's dog walk, including the following comments made by some of our own MOC members (?!), Diane Fletcher from Bahamas came up and asked about buying our dog walk. ;-)) I think this is really funnier than the funny part mentioned below.

- They know no one likes MOC's DW
- It was a MOC production, not going!!
- Here's the funny part: They turned down renting rubber equipment because it "wasn't good enough." This is MOC's non-professional covered equipment.
- I hope when you ask about the equipment they are honest with you.

Below are more comments from other exhibitors:

- Your club did a great job this past weekend. I am very appreciative of the volunteer work it took to put this trial on. It was fun!
- Thank you so much! The teamwork and the judges were awesome! It was a huge success and a great/fun endeavor, and I hope we can further the sport with future teamwork like this past weekend!
- There were so many great volunteers and good sportsmanship.
- The show ran like a well-oiled machine! It was amazing! The camaraderie of all clubs and exhibitors was a total compliment to the sport.
- Due the economic times, I hope to see more future teamwork in the dog show venues. It makes sense to work together.
- It was an awesome event!
- MOC was wonderful! I loved the camaraderie!
- That was wonderful! I wish for more club joint ventures especially with expenses these days. Volunteers are usually far and few between, but with a joint venture, the load would be lessened for both sides.

If you are part of this team, you should be proud of it. As the Membership Chair of Miami Obedience Club, I am PROUD of every single one of our MOC members who contributed to this trial, especially those who helped to load and unload the truck. Every single job that you did for this trial made it a **HUGE SUCCESS!** Even though some of you can't be there to support us, your help is very much appreciated.

***Distance is not an issue; it is your LOYAL heart that counts!***

***Wien Yu***



## Membership Report

June 2013

No Guests

In order to have correct information of our members, please forward your new address, new phone number, and/or new email address to Carol Clark ([Teach2Ride@aol.com](mailto:Teach2Ride@aol.com)) as soon as you know about it.

**THANKS!**

## Happy Birthday!!!

The following MOC members celebrate birthdays in July:



- § Carola DiPerna
- § Tracy Hanna,
- § Annalane Harris,
- § Barbara Ilardi
- § Melisa Peacock

**From Carol Clark:**

For those who missed Luci and Ron Seeley's tracking seminar in February, here's your second chance. And for those who loved it and want more, here it is again!

**The Australian Shepherd Club of Florida is hosting a Tracking Seminar by Luci and Ron Seeley:**

**Date: Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1, 2013**

**Place: Colt Creek State Park, 16000 State Rd. 471, Lakeland FL 33809**

[www.floridastateparks.org/coltcreek/aboutthepark.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/coltcreek/aboutthepark.cfm)

**Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. both days.**

This is a working/learning/training workshop to address your tracking needs. Please complete the questionnaire below in order for you to be placed in the appropriate group.

**Mail to: Robert Watson 3045 Ranch Place Blvd., Zephyrhills FL 33541**

Checks made payable to: ASCOF

Working spot \$50.00 per day (limited to 14)

Audit spot \$25.00 per day

For further information and registration forms email [rwats938@gmail.com](mailto:rwats938@gmail.com)

FYI

(contributed by Carol Clark)

Check their FB page under NABODEV



### Dog Tracks

Dog Tracks is a tool for measuring and logging your dog training sessions. The first version contains functionality to record and measure your dog tracks in realtime GPS on Google Maps.

Walk a track, monitor the time when it settles and then follow the track to compare your dogs track to the original walk.

The track can contain markers and you can log the current weather for future comparisons.

### Frequently Asked Questions

*Why is the track not exactly where I walked?*

The precision in the GPS chip in mobile devices vary between different models and is also subject on the GSP signal from the sending satellites. Houses, thick forest and mountains may affect the signal and thereby the accuracy of your track. Also some devices take a some time to collect the satellites when starting the app. Dog Tracks monitors the GSP signal and displays the GPS accuracy in the top right corner of the map.

*Why is the app not free?*

Between designing, prototyping, testing and actual development we have spent hundreds of hours of our spare time, evenings and weekends. In order to keep delivering updates and new apps to our fans we need to take out a charge.

*Is the app also available on for iPhone/iOS?*

We have started the development of the iPhone version and hope to be able to present DogTracks for the iPhone at the end of the year.



**Current version 1.6**

Minor bug fixes

**Version 1.5**

New and enhanced design of user interface

Settings for displaying distance in meters or yards

Dog details now display statistics summary

**Version 1.4**

Resolved issues with posting track info to Facebook timeline

**Version 1.3**

Fixed database problem

**Version 1.2**

Fixed database problem

**Version 1.1**

Post track results to your Facebook timeline

Lay time for tracks now updates automatically

Added improved error logging.

# DOG OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF FLORIDA (DOCOF) SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 TOURNAMENT

The annual DOCOF State Obedience Tournament will be held this year on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 1, 2013, at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando, Florida.

## HISTORY

The competition is open to all breeds, including mixed. Each club may send up to three teams. However, in order to send a second team, the first team must be full. A full team consists of three Novice, three Open, and three Utility dogs. Only the top two scores at each level are counted. A dog must compete at a level equal to or higher than its highest title (i.e., a dog with an Open title cannot compete in Novice). A handler may show a maximum of two dogs but these must be in two different classes (i.e., Novice and Open). Dogs must be shown by their owners or immediate family members and exhibitors must have been club members for at least six months in order to represent MOC on the team. **Each team must also send at least one worker. The jobs are set up, tear down, and steward. (Because we live far away, MOC usually sends stewards.)**

Practice is allowed in the rings on Friday night (for the set-up crew), all day on Saturday, except during the DOCOF 3-4 PM annual meeting. There is a small donation cost per run through--\$3/5 minutes and \$5/10 minutes plus \$1 per dog for groups.

## REMIBURSED EXPENSES – THOSE WHO SIGN-UP AND DO NOT ATTEND DOCOF WILL HAVE TO REPAY MOC

- Entry Fee (prepaid by MOC)
- Shirt MOC logo polo shirt. We are getting new ones for 2013—white with our logo. The cost will be about \$25.00 per shirt. MOC may not pay this entire amount.
- Workers If not showing, MOC provides a MOC logo polo shirt.

There may be a conservative reimbursement for hotel, travel, and RV parking as determined by the Board.

## SIGN-UP

Please register on the sign-up sheet or let Carol Ann Klein know by July 19, 2013 whether you are interested in joining the team and at what job you would prefer to work (there are AM and PM shifts).

**Please fill in the sign-up sheet as follows: full name, cell/home phone numbers, e-mail address, dog's call and registered names, breed, AKC #, & AKC titles (or e-mail Carol Ann with this information). Please sign up for the level in which you are the strongest. MOC's ranking within the State is based on the number of exercises qualified and highest scores. In Open and Utility, please give your jump heights.**

Each club must also provide a gift certificate or raffle basket for the DOCOF raffle with a value of at least \$25.00. Please let Carol Ann know if you can donate to this or if the team would like to give MOC Obedience/Rally trial entries, dog toys, orchids, etc. The team shares in the cost of the raffle item. In the past, Jill has bought lovely orchids and we have used these for our raffle donation.

For questions, Carol Ann can be reached at [cak@bellsouth.net](mailto:cak@bellsouth.net) or C - 305-613-5861 or H - 305-751-9966. Thank you.

DOCUF - SUNDAY - 9/1/19 - SIGN-UP SHEET  
 CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS, ORLANDO, FL

EXHIBITOR NAME	CELL/HOME PHONE	E-MAIL	DOG'S BREED/ AKC # & JUMPS	CLASS	DOG'S REGISTERED NAME/ CALL NAME & AKC TITLES
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NOTE: A HANDLER MAY SHOW A MAXIMUM OF TWO DOGS IN TWO DIFFERENT CLASSES.

**WORKERS**                      **STEWARD**                      **AM/ PM/ BOTH**                      **WORKERS**                      **STEWARD**                      **AM/PM/BOTH**

1 - Carol Ann Klein      X      Both                      3 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 - Jane Davidson      X      Both                      4 - \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 Household Hazard Areas

It's only natural for dogs to be curious. However, their curiosity can get them into trouble when they get into areas where you store household items, such as medicine and detergents. Many common household items that you use everyday can be harmful, and sometimes even lethal, to your dog.



### Kitchen

- Chocolate
- Avocado
- Alcohol
- Yeast dough
- Coffee grounds
- Almonds
- Garbage
- Cooked bones

### Bathroom / Sink

- Bleach
- Deodorizers
- Drain cleaners
- Rubbing alcohol
- Medications
- Hair coloring
- Diet pills
- Cleaning products



### Garage

- Antifreeze
- Insecticides
- Gasoline
- Fertilizer
- Kerosene
- Paint
- Furniture polish
- Weed killer

### Inside Your Purse / Bag

- Sugar-free gum
- Sugar-free candy
- Aspirin
- Deodorant
- Nail polish
- Disinfectant
- Matches
- Raisins



### Plants

- Mushrooms
- Onion
- Spinach
- Azalea
- Grapes
- Hops
- Wild cherry
- Sago palms

## Bragg and News!

### 2013 USDAA Southeastern Regional Performance Grand Prix Champions

- 1 Lauren Hansen & Darci
- 2 Tracy Hanna & Jiro
- 3 Terri Everline & Tag!



Tracy also reports on Facebook some results from Perry: "Best results first: Flex qualified in Grand Prix today. So he is qualified for GP, Steeplechase & Team for Cynosports. He missed a Q in Masters Challenge because he wouldn't send to the double after the dogwalk when I wanted to be heading back the other way, but I'm so happy he managed the threadle and all the rest of the challenges. Steeplechase HE ran perfect but his handler gave him a backside approach when it wasn't called for. Jiro had beautiful runs in PVP Relay & Grand Prix (but she failed to collect for her weave entry) & I'm especially proud of her Masters Challenge run -- clean if you don't count that pesky up contact on the dog walk! Tomorrow more fun: both he & Jiro get to play in Grand Prix final round tomorrow and then Masters Challenge Jumpers."

Reese and Mylene finished their Rally Novice title and earned all three legs for her Beginner Novice title.

**MANY BRAGS!!!!**

Wow! MOC was good to us - 8 classes 7 Q's!!!  
1 NQ Grad Novice  
1st Place Grad Novice  
1st Place 100 Rally Advanced and 3 legs for my RA title  
RE - 1 leg  
2 legs-Mia's first attempts at Open A  
4th place in one  
Over the moon covers it. Long days for Mia with set up and Match then showing all weekend. But she has been such a good girl and tries so hard. I am very lucky!!  
Marlane Trujillo and Mia CD RA NA CGC

Peri and Cecilia earned two legs towards their Beginner Novice title, one of which was a 2nd place.

*From Lorraine Leal: Oliver earned one Novice leg towards his CD and came close another time. We have struggled greatly with the off leash healing and this was the first weekend that he was beginning to show consistency. He also earned 2 legs towards his Rally Excellence title (also off leash so same situation).*

*Gracie, my just turned one-year-old puppy, came away with her Rally Novice title in three straight tries. She also got 2 Beginner Novice legs and would have gotten her title had I not messed up!*



*Taz got her CDX at the MOC Trials May 25-26, 2013.*

*She qualified in all 4 trials with 2 - 2nd places, 1 - 3rd, and 1 - 4th. She also got highest scoring MOC member on Sunday with a score of 191! You go Taz!!*

From Jackie Kurzban:  
At the MOC obedience trials, Damon, Ch.Tailwynd's Nightstalker at Targons CD,BN,RN,CGC added RA to his name at our 4 show trials. He earned all 3 legs towards his RA including one with a perfect score of 100 with a 1st place and earned his 1st RE leg in 4th show.

From Carol Clark: Boo with the correct article and a perfect front. Judge didn't even use his pencil!

