



## Next MOC Membership Meeting

July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)

<< Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

**La Carreta Restaurant**

8650 Bird Road  
(305)553-8383

## *The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.*

### **Officers:**

*President: Pat Kopco*

*Vice President: Peter Liu*

*Recording Secretary: Lynn Proe*

*Corresponding Secretary: Cori Gacusana*

*Treasurer: Nancy Atkins*

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*Randy Reed, Carol Ann Klein, Mike Orloff, Jackie Kurzban*

### **Training Directors:**

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*Obedience Assistant: Carola DiPerna*

*Agility: Peter Liu*

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*Agility Trial: Peter Liu, Mike Orloff*

*Canine Good Citizen: Cori Gacusana*

*Club Phone Representative: Gina Reed (305) 681-5246*

*Education: Jacqueline Kurzban*

*Library: Trina Chicvara*

*Membership: Wien Yu*

*Obedience Trial: Jill Sidran*

*Sunshine: Debra Willey*

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## Watering Hole

*Sherry Simon*

The old work ethic really does produce the best results, take for example MOC's May 2008 Obedience AKC Trial. It was the dedication of volunteers who graciously gave of their personal time that made this trial the tremendous success it was, and has been for 90 trials and still going strong. It is quite amazing that MOC has hosted 90 Obedience Trials!!! A special thanks to Jill Sidran once again for Chairing another first class trial and Carol Ann Klein for filling the position of Chief Ring Steward. Enjoy the pictures that capture some special moments and the sincere thank you message from Carol Ann to all the exceptional volunteers.

Summer is time for offspring to leave the nest and try their wings, and how perfectly nature demonstrated and aligned with the Simon home. My daughter Danielle left the nest to begin her college studies in micro biology. Milestones in one's life are a blessing and should be cherished with respect and gratitude, and I assure you my husband Ron and I could not be more proud of our baby girl. I know each of you have had similar moments in time that touched you to the core and fueled your soul with love. I hope this message of joy transcends to each of you by rejuvenating memories or illuminating moments that bring you sincere happiness. Remember to show the loved ones in your lives, with genuine enthusiasm much like your dogs greet you with each time you walk through the door, how special they are in your life and they will be blessed with the most precious gift, unconditional love.

Happy Trails,

Sherry



## Happy Birthday!!!

**Four MOC members will be celebrating B-Day's in July:**

- Carola Di Perna
- Tracy Hanna
- Annalane Harris
- Melisa Peacock

*Join us to celebrate July Birthdays & enjoy some delicious cake!*

**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**June 4, 2008 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Vice President Peter Liu at La Carreta restaurant. Cori called the roll and brags were shared. **Cori motioned to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Nancy seconded. Motion passed.**

Barbara Young was introduced to the club and spoke to the club concerning a proposal for an exhibition involving children with pets as the subject matter. She would like to get the club involved as a participant in the programming. She was open to ideas such as speaking events at the public library. She was introduced to key people in the club to exchange information.

**Committees:**

**Correspondence** – Cori received a letter from the obedience judge Jean Lynch complimenting the club on the success of the obedience trial. A letter was received from Take The Lead acknowledging the donation the club made on Betty Chamber's behalf.

**Treasurer** – The trailer vehicle tags have been renewed. Some large purchases recently incurred for plaques and patches. The total expense of the obedience trial was approximately \$4000.00. (Jill or Nancy needs to reconfirm this figure.) The club checking account balance was submitted. The Merrill Lynch account balance was also submitted. The crew from Marley and me paid the club \$200.00 for the rental of ring gating.

**Obedience Trials** – Jill brought a catalog from the obedience trial showing the dedication to Betty Chambers. Linda Greenfield wrote an article highlighting Betty's contributions to the club. Jill thanked the club for all of the participation in the trial. Special thanks to Marilyn Leff for being trial secretary and to Kellie Verrelli for her help. Jonathan Jans won the plaque for the highest scoring member in the obedience trial.

**Agility Trials** – Randy has a judging assignment but will setup the rings, equipment and organize the RV reservations for the September agility trial. The agility trial premium is available on the website.

The agility trial starts at noon on Thursday, 11:00am on Friday, 9:00am on Saturday and 8:00am on Sunday. Tracy will be organizing the worker schedule for the trial. Please contact Tracy if you can help. The Judges for the September 2008 Agility Trials are Kelly Carter Hayes and Loreli Purdy. Judging contracts have been finalized for the January 2009 agility trials.

**Obedience Training** - New classes are being scheduled. Obedience run thrus are ongoing using the new group system. The sign-up sheet will determine the running order.

**Agility Training** – There are 2 more classes remaining for the current sessions. If enough interest, Peter is planning to have run thrus.

**CGC** – No CGC test is scheduled yet. There may be a CGC test scheduled after the end of the current level 1 obedience classes.

**DACOF**-. Each DACOF participant must sign the DACOF entry application. A basket will be put together for the DACOF raffle. Bring any donations of dog-related items or money for a gift gas card to Lynn. There was a brief discussion whether to rent Tracy's facility to practice for DACOF. The club decided to opt to rent the arena for run thrus on Wednesday June 25th. The DACOF team names are "Chute for the Stars" & "Chute for the Moon".

**DOCOF** – DOCOF will be August 31, Labor Day weekend. Carol Ann passed around sign up sheet for the event. Run thrus for the DOCOF teams will be on Monday night. Items are needed for the DOCOF raffle basket as well as volunteer workers.

**Membership** – No report.

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# Membership Report

May 2008

## Guests

- Jorge Mendiolov, Barbara Young

## Note from Membership Chair

In order to have correct information of our members, please forward your new address, new phone number, and/or new email address to Wien Yu (wyu@miami.edu) as soon as you know about it. **THANKS!**

Submitted by Wien Yu  
MOC Membership Chair

Wien Yu, Membership Chair



How to join the  
Miami Obedience Club?



- 1) Attend two meetings (Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month).
- 2) Fill out an application and have two sponsors (MOC members) sign it.
- 3) Pay annual dues of \$20 individual or \$30 family (two adults in the same household).
- 4) Be in good standing with the AKC.
- 5) Be willing to pitch in and help!



**Sunshine** – Trina and Cindy Chicvara’s mother passed away. The club sent them a card. Cindy recently had knee surgery.

**Education** – “Help Me Howard” recently aired a report concerning how Miami-Dade Animal Control is issuing citations for late rabies vaccinations. The county will fine even if only one day late. Volusia County is looking in to spay/neuter legislation. For more information concerning pet legislation see the Paws4laws.com site. Fifteen communities around the country already have some form of mandatory spay and neuter law on their books.

**Library** – The premium List for the September 2008 agility trials is posted on the website.

**Scooper** – Please send Sherry any information that you would like to be published in the Scooper.

**Website** – Premium for the September agility trial is posted on the website.

**Equipment** – The A-frame has been repaired. Randy is storing two new tunnels. The budget for equipment was exceeded by \$150.00. Randy presented two options to the club for the purchase tunnel braces. Randy suggested that for the safety of the dogs, the club should purchase the tunnel braces made by John Courtney. **Marilyn made a motion to buy the new tunnel braces from John Courtney, motion seconded by Ginny. Motion passed.**

Drills and batteries will need to be purchased before the September agility trial.

**Old Business** – Randy is expecting information concerning the annual Walk for the Animals. One of the vendors that may plan to attend has a version of the “Doggie Fun Zone” which may make the club decide not to participate.

**New Business** - Carol Ann asked whether the club would be interested in participating in a 3-Trial Obedience Cluster in conjunction with 2 two other dog clubs, Obedience Training Club of West Palm Beach and Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood. This would be in the Fall of 2009. Sherry suggested that individuals in the club might volunteer to help out Nancy by spending time with her husband so that she might run errand or have some personal time. Sherry will pass sign up sheet for volunteers. Nancy thanked everyone for their support and said she would let the club know when help may be needed. The question of having an indoor agility trial at Barry University was brought up as an idea. No vote was taken.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:25pm motioned by Carol Ann Klein, seconded by Wien Wu.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary  
\*MINUTES NOT APPROVED UNTIL NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING\*



## *Minutes of the Board Meeting*

### *June 4, 2008 Meeting*

Carol Ann requested ideas for judges for next year's obedience trial.

The board had a discussion concerning the reimbursement for DACOF and DOCOF. Last year break down was \$90.00 for hotel, \$60.00 for gas, \$20.00 for lunch and \$20.00 for dinner. This year reimbursement for gas will be \$83.00 for gas. The total reimbursement for DACOF 2008 will be \$213.00.

The total reimbursement for DOCOF 2008 will be \$185.00.

There is a question of where the paper work of MOC's agreement with Tropical Park is located.

Dave gave a presentation for the MOC web site revision. Dave had reports that illustrate which links people use on the website. His idea is to use the Scooper as homepage with live links. Discussion followed. Dave suggested that the board review the scooper for suggestions on how it would work as the home page for the web site.

Meeting Adjourned 10:05 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary*

## **Dr. Erin's Web Picks**

Here is my web pick for the month.

I know all you dog-freaks like me have a LOT of pictures of your dogs. Your dog as a pup, your dog taking his first bath, the first toy he shredded, dog shows galore, swimming, and so much more. You probably even have pictures of other things too. Most everyone has a digital camera, and if you don't it's probably time to get one. So what do you DO with all these pictures? Most of the digital ones, are never printed out, and live forever filed somewhere in your computer. Club member Jill Sidran's husband, Phil introduced me to a fantastic free web application to make managing your digital images effortless. Now all your neatly organized pictures can be easily accessed manipulated, and shared. I hope you enjoy using this program.

[www.picasa.com](http://www.picasa.com)

## **Sunshine Corner**

**Debbie Willey** **Sunshine**  
**Chair**

- Trina and Cindy Chicvara's mother passed away. The club sent them a card with MOC member's sincere condolences.
- Cindy Chicvara recently had knee surgery. MOC wishes Cindy a fast full recovery!
- Our condolences to Debbie Willey on the passing of her 14 year old malinois Thunder.
- Debbie Russell's father moved into an assistant living facility. Our wishes to him for a warm and welcoming transition to his new home at the Palace.
- Please keep Nancy Atkins husband and family in your thoughts and prayers for continued strength and hope.

# Club Notes

## THANK YOU STEWARDS!

Thank you for a great job and hard work at MOC's Obedience and Rally Trials over the two days of May 24-25, 2008. Stewards play a very important, although unheralded, role. Without them, trials cannot commence and stay on schedule.

Thank you especially to the Table stewards. A ring cannot run without you:

- Jane Davidson – who worked the Rally Ring. This is one ring that really keeps the table steward hopping.
- Vicki Phillips – who worked with Jeanne Stephens both days and did a great job. Vicki also ran the “C” Match on Friday night.
- Pat Kopco – who stewarded Saturday, was sick on Sunday but came anyway to help tear down.
- Mike Orloff – who kept us laughing.

Thank you also to all of the Varela FFA students who checked exhibitors in, set and reset jumps, were figure 8 posts, put the articles out and picked them up, put the gloves out and picked them up, set up and reset the rally ring, timed, got exhibitors ready to go in the rings, and the many other various and sundry duties that you did, thank you!

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| - Jessica Owens    | - Natalie Lopez     |
| - Cassandra Fersch | - Raymon Salvador   |
| - Michael Rivera   | - Ely Chirinos      |
| - Jesse Tomayo     | - Noelia Loaisiga   |
| - Angelika Santini | - Zulay Huie        |
| - Maria Garcia     | - Stephanie Afzahi  |
| - Michael Garcia   | - Magaly Dacosta    |
| - Adrian Foster    | - Nicollette Escuti |

There were also a few new Varela students who came on Sunday but I did not get all your names. Thank you too!

To all the Varela parents and their coach, Yleana Escobar, who set up tore down, gave rides to and fro, and helped wherever needed, we really appreciate you.

Carol Ann Klein – Chief Ring Steward

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## MOC Brags:

**Submitted by: Cecilia Armesto** - I entered Jaidyn in her first obedience trial at the Tampa Bay Boxer Club Specialty on June 6th. I am very proud to report that at 17 months old she was the youngest Boxer in the trial by almost 2 years and qualified third in Novice B with a 190!!

# Club Notes... part 2

## DOG OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF FLORIDA (DOCOF)

### 8/31/08 TOURNAMENT

The annual DOCOF State Obedience Tournament will be held this year on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, August 31, 2008, 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 to or higher than its highest title (i.e., a dog with an Open title cannot compete in Novice) and must compete for one organization only. 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.

There is usually an obedience seminar on the Saturday morning before DOCOF. The subject for this year has not yet been announced. In the past, there have been seminars on heeling and the AKC Obedience/Rally Regulations, among others. Practice is allowed in the rings all day on Saturday, except during the DOCOF 3 PM annual meeting and during the 6 PM banquet on Saturday night, for a small donation per run through (usually \$1-2).

#### REMIBURSED EXPENSES

MOC will cover the following expenses:

- Entry Fee (prepaid by MOC)
- Banquet (prepared by MOC)
- Hotel ½ room per night (total of 2 nights)
- Travel A conservative amount per person as determined by the Board
- Shirt MOC logo golf shirt (if needed)
- Parking RV overnight parking (available by advance registration made by individual utilizing this parking)
- Workers MOC pays as above except for Entry Fee
- Seminar Members may seek reimbursement from MOC in accordance with Standing Rules and up to a maximum of \$300 per year per person.

#### SIGN-UP

Please use the attached sign-up sheet and let Carol Ann Klein know by June 30, 2008 if you are interested joining the team and at what job you would prefer to work. We usually steward. There are AM and PM shifts. So far, Jane Davidson and Carol Ann have signed up to steward.

**Please fill in the sign-up sheet and e-mail to Carol Ann. Please give your full name, cell/home phone numbers, e-mail address, dog's breed, DOB, registered name and AKC titles, AKC #, and call name as well as advise the level at which you feel best competing. In Open and Utility, please give your jump heights.** If you have a Novice or Open title, even though you are getting ready for Utility, please volunteer for the level in which you are strongest. MOC's ranking within the State is based on the number of exercises completed and highest scores.

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. In the past, we have donated entries to our Obedience/Rally Trials, dog toys, etc.

Even if you have previously signed up at a club meeting, please reconfirm by filling in the sign-up sheet and e-mailing to Carol Ann if you want to be on a team. Carol Ann can be reached at [cak@bellsouth.net](mailto:cak@bellsouth.net) or 305-613-5861 (c) or 305-751-9966 (h). Please call or e-mail her with questions. Thank you.

# Club Notes... part 3

## **DOGS, PROPOSAL for 2009 summer public library system exhibitions, programming & outreach**

"Dogs" is a proposed theme for exhibitions and related programming for the Miami-Dade Public Library System for the summer of 2009. The proposed of this project is to create awareness of resources available in the Miami-Dade community to help the public be responsible pet owners.

The library System has over 40 neighborhood libraries. They have a wonderful circulating collection of materials in different formats about care and training animals. Please check out their site [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org) to see what they do have. With your library card you can order most of these materials on-line to be delivered to your own neighborhood library. However, browsing or "tracking" the shelves is a lot of fun. The libraries also are able to put out information materials from other county agencies and not-for-profits for the public to take away. And, if there are materials that your members think are "must haves" that you do not see listed in the library catalogue, the librarians are usually eager to order if they are available.

In addition to an invitational exhibition and several student exhibitions ("My Dog" or "My Pet" or "The Pet I Would Like To Have") from the Miami-Dade Public School, I am proposing programming or demonstrations. I would love to have some of your ideas about how your Miami-Dade Animal Services might be involved.

Considerations would be

1. Space. The library system likes to do all programming inside the libraries. Programming spaces can be large and there is some staging. More of the programs are in smaller spaces.
2. Audience. All ages, very many family situations.
3. Program presenters (dog and human). Should all be well behaved, comfortable with small children, folks in wheel chairs, etc.

Some of my thoughts have been demonstrations of obedience, agility, and pet therapy dogs.

I know that you all have much more experience and will see many more ideas and possibilities. Please let me know some of your thoughts by August 30, 2008. We do have time. Proposals will be evaluated in the fall. Actual programming/space commitments from the library for the summer of 2009 will be made in the spring of 2009.

If you have any questions, please call me at 305-666-9062 or 276-699-3162. And again, many thanks letting me talk to the group last week at the restaurant. You all are an amazing resource and have been helpful in so many ways with my dog Fleur.

*Barbara Young*  
*Retired MDPLS librarian/curator/consultant*

~ Something to Bark About ~  
MOC Obedience & Rally Trials 2008

*You have to love Sarah's camera smile!!!*



*See Mommy I told you I would sit pretty!!!*



