



# The Scooper

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## Next MOC Membership Meeting

September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday)

<< Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

**La Carretta Restaurant**

8650 Bird Road  
305-553-8383

## Watering Hole

*Sherry Simon*

August has proven to be a difficult month for many. MOC extends our heartfelt condolence to Nancy and daughter Amanda on the passing of husband and father Michael Atkins. Michael passed away on August 14<sup>th</sup> after a heroic battle with cancer. Many members attended the service and reception following at Nancy's home. It was a beautiful memorial to a wonderful man and Nancy was incredible throughout the day, holding strong and spending time with all her guests. Please remember we are here for you Nancy, especially during your time in need.

Tropical Storm Fay caused the kiddies to miss the first 2 days of school, but it did add 2 feet of water to Lake Okeechobee which has reached about 14ft. Officials said they haven't seen this much rain and dramatic rise since 1931.

Then on August 26<sup>th</sup> many of us headed to the voting booth to elect MOC's president Pat Kopco to the 11<sup>th</sup> circuit court to reside as an honorable judge. Although she secured over 27% of the votes, unfortunately it was not enough to capture the seat. We are proud of you Pat for running a good campaign that was broadly endorsed and we're honored you're our "president".

Please join us on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Fairchild Gardens to participate in MOC Agility demo or just come to have fun.

*Happy Trails,  
Sherry*



## Happy Birthday!!!

**Three MOC members will celebrate B-Day's in September:**

- Erin Leff
- Peter Liu
- Maggie Ozner

*Please join us to celebrate September Birthdays & enjoy some delicious cake! **Happy Birthday to Erin, Peter and Maggie, Happy Birthday to you!!!***



## *The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.*

### **Officers:**

*President: Pat Kopco  
Vice President: Randy Reed  
Recording Secretary: Lynn Proe  
Corresponding Secretary: Cori Gacusana  
Treasurer: Nancy Atkins*

### **Board of Directors:**

*David Proe, Carol Ann Klein, Mike Orloff, Jackie Kurzban*

### **Training Directors:**

*Obedience: Nancy Atkins & Cori Gacusana  
Obedience Assistant: Carola DiPerna  
Agility: TBA*

### **Committee Chairs:**

*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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## *Minutes of the General Meeting*

### **August 6, 2008 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by Vice President Randy Reed at La Carreta restaurant. Cori called the roll and brags were shared. **Jonathan motioned to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Cori seconded. Motion passed.**

#### **Committees:**

**Correspondence** – Cori received a card from Debbie and Joe thanking the club for the sympathy card from the club regarding their loss of Thunder. The AKC sent a letter to inform the club that if a trial secretary administers more than 9 trials per year that they must be licensed by the AKC.

**Treasurer** – No report

**Obedience Trial** – The package was received from the AKC for the May 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 obedience trial. Four new titling classes have become available. The new classes include graduate novice, graduate open, versatility and masters. Masters is a combination of the novice and open classes. It now an option for the classes to be shown by height if it is explained as such in the trial premium.

**Agility Trials** – The hotel for the September trial judges has been booked. Tracy will send out an email to request workers for the agility trial. The January agility trial has been listed with the AKC. Mike is planning a parade of veterans for the senior agility dogs.

**Obedience Training** - All obedience classes are planned until the end of the year.

**Agility Training** – Agility training is suspended until further notice

**CGC** – A CGC test planned for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**DACOF** - The DACOF alternate Dave presented the report. Nancy was very successful in planning the teams this year. The MOC won DACOF 2008 with the winning team “Chute for the Moon”. Sherry suggested an “MOC DACOF 2008 Winner” banner be created so that the club can display it proudly at MOC events.

Randy passed around a sheet to list everyone involved in DACOF 2008 to help expedite the post DACOF survey. The survey will aid to evaluate DACOF 2008 and plan DACOF 2009.

**DACOF** – Carol Ann shared that everything is ready for DACOF. The entries have been sent in and accepted, rooms reserved, Banquet reserved, and seminar reserved. The team met on 8/9/08 to practice and will meet again on Monday evening, 8/25/08 for run throughs.

**Membership** – No report

**Sunshine** – No report

**Education** – Jackie registered the club with the AKC for Responsible Dog Ownership Day.

**Library** – No report

**Scooper** – Sherry encouraged the club to continue to send items to her so that they can be included in the Scooper.

**Website** – Several issues and changes suggested by Randy have not yet been addressed.

**Equipment** – Two new tunnels have been purchased. These will replace two old tunnels. The old tunnels will be included in the January agility trial raffle. Randy informed the club that all of the jump standards should be replaced. Dave made a suggestion that the club obtain bids from Roger Hanna, John Courtney, and maybe one other vendor. It was determined that 28 jump standards are needed, 18 should be wings. The expense would be approximately \$2,800.

**Old Business** – Carol suggested a change of meeting place due to La Carreta’s new policy that limits the number of times that the waitress will return to take food orders. A number of club members did agree that is a problem. The club is open to suggestions for a different restaurant.

**New Business** – Fairchild Tropical Gardens have asked the club to have an agility demonstration at their very first Dog Days event on Sunday, September 14th. Since Fairchild Gardens is new to this sort of event, a limited number of people with dogs will be invited to attend. Shade will be provided for crating in view of the ring. Water to cool the dogs will be provided. Participants should arrive so as to be set-up and cars moved to the parking area before 8:50am. Parking will be provided for the club in the staff parking area. Club members who participate in this event will have full access to the gardens after the demo.

Sally Richardson, who recently applied for club membership would like to join the club’s agility run thru which normally occur on Wednesday nights. This would involve a change of policy since run thrus are intended for active members and members who teach classes.

The agility run thrus are normally held on Wednesday night and are organized by Lynn and Dave. Since the Tuesday night agility classes have been suspended, Wednesday night run thrus have occurred on Tuesday. Lynn and Dave informed the club that Tuesday nights are not convenient for them and that run thrus should move back to Wednesday.

Trina discussed that the Tuesday night run thrus could be available for those, for a small fee, who are not active members solving the policy problem and Wednesday run thrus would remain for active members and training.

Carol suggested that a committee be set up to handle Tuesday. **Cori made the motion that Tuesday night will be run thrus to include non-active members and non-members at \$5.00 and \$10.00 per dog. Discussion followed. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

MOC information including phone number and website is now displayed on the Tropical Park marquee.

Jackie announced that the Gulfstream Rottweiler club was hosting a TT test and CARTING test in October that is open to all breeds. For further info and to download an entry go to [www.gulfstreamrottweilerclub.org](http://www.gulfstreamrottweilerclub.org)

**Meeting Adjourned** by Marilyn 9:22 PM, seconded by Jonathan.

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary*

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



## Membership Report

### August 2008

#### Applications

The following prospective member has submitted her application for membership at the August meeting. If there are any objections, please notify the membership chair, Wien Yu, before the next meeting on September 3, 2008.

- Diana Cabana

#### Guests

- Diana Cabana
- Sally Richardson

#### 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!

## Minutes of the Board Meeting August 6, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 PM by President Pat Kopco at La Carreta restaurant.

In attendance: Cori, Dave, Mike, Randy, Lynn, Jackie and Pat.

Pat offered her resignation as president of the club in the hope that this action would help to restore the club to a state of normalcy. Randy advised that her resignation would not benefit the club in anyway. The board did not accept Pat's resignation.

Run thrus on Tuesday night will now be referred to as Open Agility Practice. Agility run thrus will continue on Wednesday night.

There will be a parade of Veterans held at the January agility trial. The parade will be made part of the trial premium and will include a fee to cover the cost of the ribbons to be presented to the veteran dogs.

It was brought to the attention of the board that two members of the DOCOF 2008 team are not eligible to have their expenses reimbursed by the club

**Dave motioned that an exception be made for those members so that they may be reimbursed for their DOCOF expenses. Mike seconded. Motion passed.**

Meeting Adjourned 9:40pm, motioned by Dave and seconded by Mike.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary



## Sunshine Corner

Debbie Willey

Sunshine Chair

Hi, everyone,

As you know, Michael has lost the battle with Multiple Myeloma, and a battle it was. He passed away just after noon Thursday 8/14 at South Miami Hospital. As I promised him, I was there with him. A huge thank you to all of you who have offered condolences, food and support. I have many, many wonderful friends.

Love, Nancy

# Club Notes

## Submitted by Jackie Kurzban

ATTS temperament test open to all breed and limited to 40 entries. saturday, october 4,2008 at TY Park in Hollywood, FL. for contact info and to download an entry form, go to [www.gulfstreamrottweilerclub.org](http://www.gulfstreamrottweilerclub.org)

ARC Carting test open to breeds that can cart(see [www.amrottclub.org](http://www.amrottclub.org) for rules). limited to 20 entries. sunday, october 5,2008 at TY Park in Hollywood, FL. see [www.gulfstreamrottweilerclub.org](http://www.gulfstreamrottweilerclub.org) for entry form and contact info.

## Submitted by Randy Reed:

Miami Obedience Club agility demonstration: Dog Day

I met with Marnie Valent (Special Events) at Fairchild again today and I think we have a plan.

When: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Where: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156 (south entrance for employees)

Time: arrive at or before 7:50 AM in the Gardens. You can drive in at the south entrance, drop off your crates and then move to the "low land" parking area. There will be a guard at the entrance gate to direct you to the agility area. All cars must be parked by 8:50 AM.

What to bring: crates, water and food; the crating area is in deep shade; I will bring the "kids pool" and hose from the MOC obedience trailer.

Ring: We will have our normal ring gating and also surround the dog's crating area.

Course: I will bring an Excellent Standard course and try to layer a novice course over it.

Event times: We will start at 9:30 and run the dogs until 10:30. There will be a 1 hour break and then we can run again from 11:30 until 12:30 (times are approximate).

Break down: We can load up the agility trailer and move our crates to the parking area.

After we have packed up then we are invited to enjoy the Gardens at our leisure.

There are going to be some dog related vendor in the garden house. Our dogs are welcome to come into the air conditioning and just lay down on the terrazzo floors.

As a side note, Jill will have a rally course set up very close to the agility so we can try that too.

If you have questions or need additional information, let me know.

Please reply to this email and confirm that you are still coming and also how many agility dogs are going to run in the demonstration.

~ Something to Bark About ~

*Thank you MOC for coming together to the aid of a fellow member, Nancy Atkins, in her time of need. Your generous donations, hugs, prayers and warmth were much appreciated by Nancy, Amanda and their entire family. MOC was able to sponsor a dinner for the family Saturday night and cater the Sunday reception post the service.*

*MOC is a club with harts the size of dogs!!!*

*Thank you!*

*Sherry*

Life gives answers in 3 ways...  
It says Yes and gives you what you want,  
It says No and gives you something better,  
It says Wait and gives you the Best!

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Dreams are renewable. No matter what our age or condition,  
there are still untapped possibilities within us  
and new beauty waiting to be born.

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Don't think how many moments in your life,  
just think how much life is there in a moment.



