



The Scooper

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Next MOC Membership Meeting

August 3rd (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30pm >>

Denny's

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The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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*Jackie Kurzban, Trina Chicvara, Wien Yu,
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*Assistants: Laurie Zisman, Jill Sidran, Carol
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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

<http://www.wimp.com/friendfun/>

Career Opportunity:

The Scooper is now taking applications for the position of columnist. Please submit your ideas, including a current resume to the Scooper Editor, listed to left. To make this seemingly arduous undertaking less intimidating, let me assure you that most people do not pay much heed to the contents published herein. As proof, I once had a staff member fail to submit a column in a timely fashion, so I re-printed the previous month's article. Only one person commented, and given the propensity of some members to micromanage, I found this fact quite amusing.

Carol



Molly's first vacation



*Minutes of the General Meeting
July 6, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at Denny's Restaurant 5825 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33166 by Corresponding Secretary, Carol Clark. She explained that Mylene would be late and Linda was absent so someone should be voted to be President Pre-tem. Jane moved, Ginny 2nd motion passed that Carol be President pro tem. Carol called roll and brags were shared.

Motion made by Ginny, 2nd by Jane to waive the reading of the June Minutes. Motion passed. Minutes approved with addition. Ginny motioned Jane 2nd to accept the Minutes with addition.

Committees:

Correspondence – Carol received a letter from Linda which she forwarded to the membership about the validity of our ballots concerning the weighting of voting for Board Members.

AKC gave final approval to our October 2011 agility trials.

Treasurer- gave report

Obedience Trial - Jill reported that final cost was \$3159.00 for this year's trial. Last year was \$3780.00. Next year will be 100th show.

Obedience Training - no report

Agility trial- Agility Premium is posted on website

Agility Training - Debbie R. asked for volunteers for teaching agility. Ray, Trina, Cori and Nancy B. volunteered.

DACOF – MOC finished 34th out of 55 teams.

(minutes continued)

DOCOF- We have one team, consisting of 3 Novice, 3 Open and 2 Utility dogs.

Finance - no report

Membership –no report

Sunshine – no report

Education - no report

Library – no report

Scooper – Pictures from our Obedience Trial posted in last month's Scooper are courtesy of Phil Sidran.

Website – no report

Equipment - Inventory of Obedience Trial equipment will be taken on Monday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m

Discussion of rubberized contacts was held.

Ginny suggested that a budget be developed for buying equipment.

CGC- Cori received an email from the AKC concerning holding a CGC test in the month of September (Responsible Dog Owner month). She will hold a CGC test on September 12th.

Old Business- Pictures were passed around of plaque dedicated to Randy Reed placed at the entrance to the covered arena at Tropical Park. Palm Bay Agility Club pledged to donate generously towards the cost of the plaque.

Nancy B suggested trailer trash dinner in honor of Randy, discussion followed.

(Minutes continued)

New Business- Fairchild asked if MOC would like to participate in Howl-O-Ween on October 30 with agility demo, MOC has conflicts and will be unable to participate this year.

2011 AKC National Obedience Invitational in Orlando, December 17 – 18th. Carol Ann motioned, Pat 2nd for MOC to spend \$160 for 1st runner up award, medallion and rosette. Discussion followed, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned - Motion to adjourn was made by Carol Ann, 2nd by Pat, passed at 8:54 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Claire Jill Sidran
Recording Secretary*

Minutes not approved until next membership meeting

Minutes of the Board Meeting

July 6, 2011

Meeting called to order by Pres. Mylene at 9 pm. Present were Nancy A., Kieth, Wien, Trina, Carol, Mylene, Jill, Absent were Linda G. and Jackie . Minutes read, no correction or additions

.Nancy A. motioned that the board approve expenditures of those attending DACOF to be \$200., motion passes.

Cori addressed the board about emails she had received, discussion followed.

Pat Kopco addressed the board concerning the financial institution's signature requirement for officers.

Ballot was presented and discussion followed about how what determines a valid ballot. Parliamentarian, Julie Palm will be asked to explain.

Motion made to adjourn by Trina, passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

*Respectfully submitted by Claire Jill Sidran,
Recording Secretary*

Sunshine Corner

Nothing to report

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Braggs

Good news! Parker and I earned our 3rd and 4th Novice B Obedience legs this weekend at the Palm Beach Jupiter/Tequesta trial. He received two red ribbons and his Novice Obedience title (CD). We also earned our 2nd and 3rd Rally Excellent legs for our Rally Excellent title. Now, back to agility practice and upcoming agility trials.

Nancy



Membership Report



July 2011

New Members

There were no new members in July.

Guest

Submitted by Wien Yu
MOC Membership Chair

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 Carol Clark (Teach2Ride@aol.com) as soon as you know about it. **THANKS!**

Happy Birthday!!!

The following MOC members will celebrate B-Day's in August:

- *Mylene Arza*
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- *Carol Ann Klein*
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- *Maki Nieto-Menendez*
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- *Vicki Phillips*
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Mickey's

Tip of the month

Editor's note – Mickey is away on staycation this month, and the following column was supplied by his mom, Carola.

Training with distractions! Mickey-The Schapendoes is having trouble focusing on training when there are distractions nearby. But are the distractions really the problem? Huh? Sometimes they probably are...and many have told me 'particular intact males of a certain age can have a really hard time working with you when there are other dogs around' Anyways, I decided to actually stop worrying so much about the distractions and instead focusing on achieving fluency with as many behaviors as possible. I figure, if Mickey is capable of offering sits, downs, heel, targeting or other behaviors with speed and precision approximately 15-20 times a minute in a distraction-free place, he should be able to perform the same behaviors with distractions as well. Don't ya think? So, I think, if the behavior itself is trained well enough, the distractions lose much of their power. However, if a lot of Mickey's behaviors are dependant on my luring in one way or another, or the lack of fluency in other ways, I could train around distractions til I go blue in my face...and most likely I would still have difficulty with new distractions :) Let's see how it all works out.

Carola - mom of Mickey the Schapendoes

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News

by Brenna Fender
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Dog Agility Clubs of Florida Board of Directors Gives Out its First Randy Reed Memorial Award

By Brenna Fender

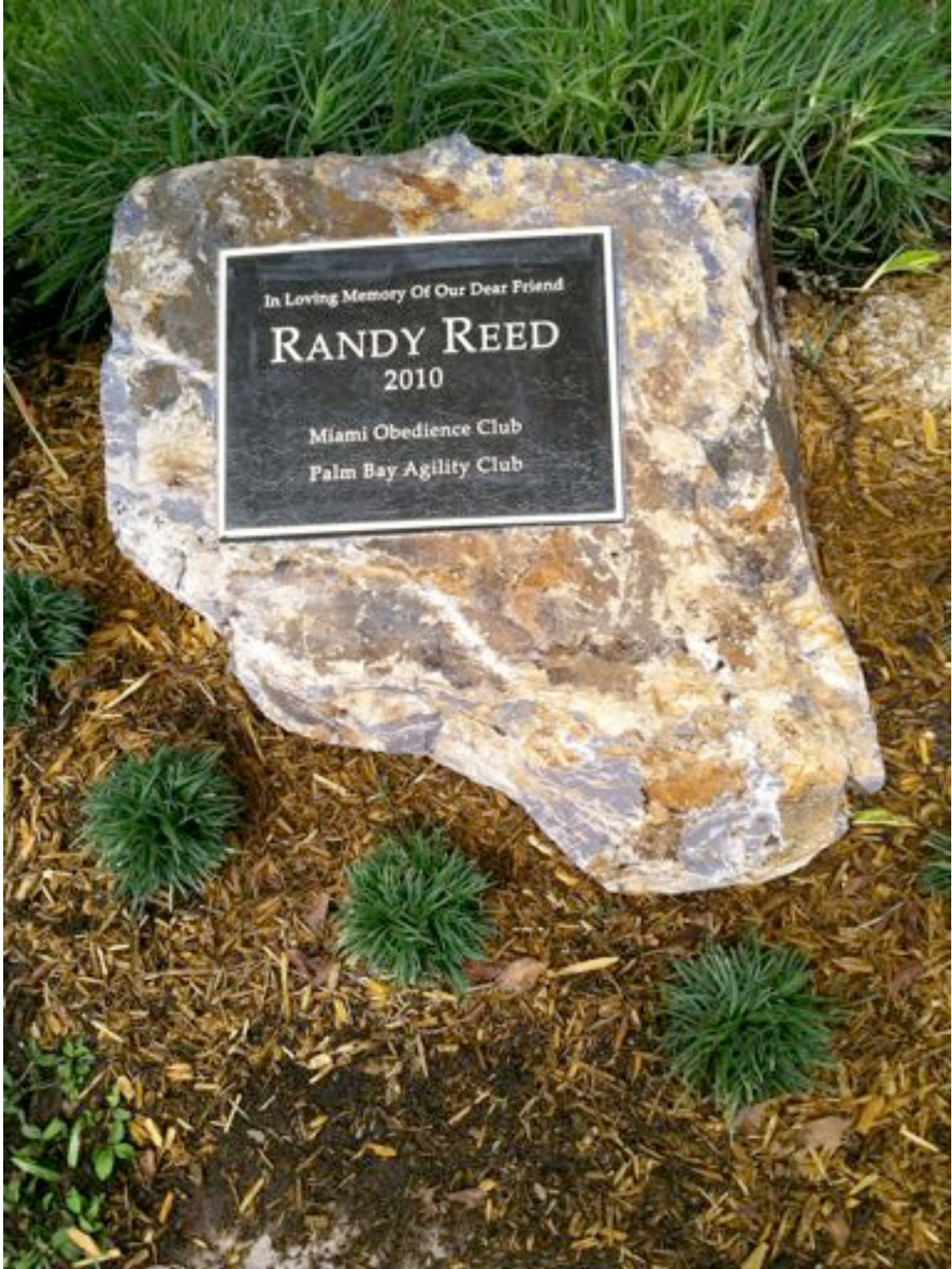
Since 2001, agility clubs in Florida have gathered each year in a state competition called the Dog Agility Competition of Florida (DACOF). Well-known agility judge Randy Reed was an integral part of starting up and growing the event, serving continuously on the board of directors, including four terms as president. Reed passed away in 2010, but he will always be remembered not only for his contributions to this organization and agility in general, but also for his work ethic, friendly smile, and pleasant personality.

This year, DACOF was held June 25 and 26, and the DACOF board offered the first annual Randy Reed Memorial Award to make sure that Reed will always be remembered for being an inspiration to agility participants in Florida and across the U.S. In the coming years, members of DACOF will be asked to nominate people who exemplify the outstanding qualities that Reed possessed, including altruism, dedication, determination, passion, and more. The board of directors will evaluate the nominees and select a recipient of the award each year.



This year, the first annual Randy Reed Memorial Award was presented to Kathy Gregorieff, who spent more than 20 years promoting agility in the United States. Gregorieff was one of the earliest members of Dog On It Agility Club of Central Florida (DOI), one of the oldest agility clubs in that state. Gregorieff received a Meritorious Service Award from the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) for her contributions to agility's growth in the state of Florida in 1994 and was inducted into the USDAA Hall of Fame as a Pioneer of Dog Agility in 2010. Gregorieff moved from Florida to Maryland to be with family in 2010 but Florida still holds an important place in her heart. In regards to receiving the award, Gregorieff says, "I am so thrilled to be the first recipient of the Randy Reed Memorial Award. There are so many people deserving of this award and I want to thank everyone for giving it to me. It is such an honor and I will treasure it always."

Note: Photo of award pin courtesy of Tracy Hanna.



Weim Humor

SIMPLE PLAN 2

