Laurel Drew’s Tripp got his first leg with a 194. I'm pleased. I knew it wasn't perfect and am delighted that it was higher than I'd expected. Now if I can just get that second leg mailed it! And the third is coming up this Sunday. Update - Just got notice from AKC website that Trip has qualified on all three of his Novice Rally videos, Scores of 95, 95, and 91. So, now he has his first performance title.

Just wanted to thank Rene and Mike Urbach for the time and effort they put into setting up the Virtual Rally Courses.
We just received our last score for leg number 3 so Cassie will proudly bear her RN title. It was great to be able to go out and do something dog related during this pandemic.
Thanks also to Janice Anthes for all her great heeling coaching we did in Novice Drill before attempting the Rally tests.
Margi Palmer

Hearts and Flowers

Contributions were made to Animal Humane in memory of Len Stan's wife, and to the Torrance Co. 4-H in memory of Kim Banales' father, Roy.

Flowers were sent to Gayle Elliot, Penni Adrian, Stephanie Boutz and Judy Anderson -surgery and/or injuries, Donna Cray-Johnson whose husband, Buddy, had a heart attack, and to Nancy Norem on the death of her husband.

Flowers were also sent to the service for Evi Fox.

If you know of someone in the Club who needs our support, please let Barb Mitchell know. With our large membership and not being able to get together much, she depends on each of you to help her do her job. Thanks.
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Comments from - Your Editor

We would like the membership to consider an increase in our membership dues since our income has been lowered because of COVID.

Stay safe and wear a mask when you are out and about.
Prez Sez  
By Betty Pearson

What a different September this is. No Labor Day Trial, no Agility Trial coming up and as of tonight, the Novice only Agility Trial has been cancelled. This is a disappointment to everyone I know we had all hoped to have greater numbers allowed and be able to have something closer to normal, but not to be at this time.

On the up side we have lots of drills going on and classes are starting up although fewer students in a class. We are going through the applications we had on file when all this began to start with and then things will be open to all to sign up. Many of the classes that were in progress have been or are finishing up.

Looks like it is going to start to cool down - hooray - sure makes working dogs outside easier. Enjoy all the activities that you can do with the dogs outside.

The new slate of officers will be presented at the next meeting. The nominating committee headed by Estelle Metz is working on that I understand.

Have a good September - enjoy training your dogs - and enjoy just being with them. Sign up for some of the drills in obedience, rally, agility, and scentwork. I want to say thank you to all the instructors who make all this possible. It would not happen without you. Those of you who go to the drills might say thank you to them as well.

Stay well and be safe…

Betty

It is with intense disappointment that I have to announce the cancellation of the SDOC Novice-Open Agility Trial October 17 & 18, 2020. We are unable to have the trial under the current NM Public Health Order. Keep Training. Stay Well.

Linda Smith, Trial Chair.
Welcome Fall! The Agility folks are so glad the heat will soon be coming down to a more normal level, though what is the definition of normal in this crazy year?

By now, the Agility folks would be deep in the throes of trial season. Dang, I miss competing with my dog.

Even during the pandemic, the SDOC Agility Community is very active with a Drill or Skill being held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and two sessions of Agility Prep being held on Tuesdays indoors. Thank you to all Instructors who have hung in there and allowed us to play.

If you’ve completed Beg I and want to play with us, be sure to read the course description on the website and let the Registrar (Stephanie Kouretsos) know if you have any questions.

More good news on the Drill/Skills front as the Board has approved individuals taking an additional drill/skill per week with some guidelines:

Folks may sign up for a second drill/skill but please wait until 24 hours before the start time of the drill to allow others the opportunity to sign up for their first drill.

All students are expected to pay $10 for the second drill/skill, regardless of whether you have privileges or not. Think of the $10 as a small donation to help keep the club afloat as expenses continue to come in.

To register for any Agility class, contact: Stephanie Kourestsos at conchobar66@hotmail.com 505-898-2706

REMINDER: Drills cost $10 per dog per session.

To register for any Obedience class, contact: Betty Pearson conchobar66@hotmail.com 505-898-2706

Mom, Can we play Agility yet?
Members of the Board:
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Thank you one and all!

To order SDOC t-shirts and sweatshirts, contact Estelle Metz
Stay warm or be cool, in style!

Has your dog accomplished something new? E-mail all the details to the Editor. AND—if there’s a “CH” or “X” anywhere in that title, please include a picture of your dog!
Estelle, Jeff, Peggy, Cathy, Sue, Christy, Terri, Betty, Gloria

Betty: lots of classes and drills, thank you instructors. Those of you who are instructors and not teaching but going to drills, payments appreciated if not demanded.

Jeff: Reached out to Tanoan country club to see about awards banquet Jan 9. Is waiting to get in touch

Sue: Profit and Loss reviewed. Main expense was patch on north side of the building.

Scentwork Trials canceled.

Christy: Discussed about dues and future of keeping the dues where they are or raising. Because of our lack of money, wondering if should raise dues for year. We have offered fewer classes because of covid. Keep them where they are this year, for 2021, and then raise them the next year. Raising the dues takes a vote of the membership. When was last time raised? Several years back. Could go ahead and raise, membership consensus interested in raising, understand that there might be more needs. Janice proposed that we could raise money other ways. Novice only trial, virtual if we did AKC trial, could do open only for local. If we make it AKC we will have to open it to anyone. In person. Might need to have more people to act as stewards, secretaries, judges? Peggy—trial is not a training class. Was recently raised to 10 for gathering. Linda offered to do glassware etching for trophies at no cost. Looking at a minimum of December to January to get the show okayed from AKC.

Betty if everyone wants to do this Terri asked who wants to be trial chair. Sue will think about it. Mike and Rene and Betty will think about doing it for Rally. Fill up January with a trial a weekend. Jill will do the applications.

Back to dues. How much should we raise them to. Family is 30, individual is 20. Go to 40 for family, 30 for individual. Christy moved that we raise the dues by 10 Terri seconded. Barbara. Does it need to be looked at one month and then give it a chance to vote next month? Bylaws? Barbara Peterson suggested that we present it because it’s better practice to give people a chance to hear it and then vote. Bylaws 10-15 days no5ice. Put it in the newsletter with a discussion of the repairs, and Covid cut in income.

Christy—another point about fundraising by selling shirts or sweatshirts on per order basis. Get size or type of shirt. Need Graphic. Contacted Nancy, will have graphic by the end of this coming month. Estelle will keep every-
one in the know. Can go online when this happens, all colors, types of shirts. Pick what want, pay online, then pick up the shirts at the club. Anyone who has a business that has done a good job, please send to Estelle.

Peggy: Thanks to Doranna and Sue. Been in touch with Joe Velarde. We are committed for 2021. Money for 2020 will count toward 2021.

Instead of Halloween party, post pictures of dogs in costumes online.

Cathy Dunbar: vacuum needed repair. Will be working again when new cords delivered

Lynn is converting the lightbulbs one by one to LEDs, and working on that.

Stephanie K. is absent.

When do you want to tackle big lights in Agility: not clear they can be converted. Lynn is looking into that, too.

Janice—thank you to everyone who has sent letters to Governor to get our amount of people increased in classes.

Training Directors;

Gloria: have VST coming up Thanksgiving board discussion is that they might not need two-week quarantine. Gloria beginning tracking class starting October 3.

Peggy; two prep classes started this coming week. Agility committee proposed that for everyone, obedience, Rally, etc. hard to have time to work your own dogs. Board approved allowing increased training time to people who are currently teaching. Agility especially can only run their dogs when it’s cooler, and it’s been miserably hot. All COVID practices apply.

Terri: We have restarted classes that were in process when closed. A surprising amount of general public people have not wanted to come back. Lots of ongoing drills.

Could we allow people to sign up more than one dog? Extended age of dogs for KPT, looking into having conformation classes.

New Business; Estelle head of nominating committee, and will have slate of officers next months.

No membership meetings, brags

Adjourned 5:06
Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

Future Board Meetings (in the Office at the SDOC training building) - always at 6:30 p.m.
The dates and times may change due to COVID-19 restrictions

- August 25
- September 22
- October 27
- November 17
- December 15

Future General Membership Meetings (in the SDOC training building) - always at 7:00 p.m.
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- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 20
- December 18

Remember: see http://sdocnm.org/class-calendar for local events.