



# FSDA NEWSLETTER May 2017

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## President's Message

by Kathi Leonhardt

Well, it's been a whirlwind start to our brand-

spanking new association! Since Florida Sporting Dog's inception on September 7, 2016, we hit the ground running! We first got incorporated, worked up the policies and procedures, added job descriptions, put together a great board, developed a website and two Facebook presences - one with over 420 FB friends to date ... and then the fun began.

Our first event was a dock diving seminar in January put on by our Vice President Rob Bitler and FSDA member Gayle Deshong taught our dogs how to do it! The event was so well received that we are going to do it again in the summer. Then in March, we put on a massage seminar where dog lovers learned how to help their best friends feel better with the guidance of Ray Mashler, CVCP, CCMT, CEMT, RM (Reiki Master.) That seminar was completely filled so Ray has agreed to do a part two seminar on Energy/Joint Balancing in September. April saw two super fun events - the Meet and Greet in Elkton, hosted by Treasurer Megan Cloudman and Secretary Laurel Medley and the FUN Match run by our

conformation chairs, Hector and Meredith Hector! Both events were well attended and several new members signed up on both days! Megan and Laurel will host some more Meet and Greets; and the Hectors will do another match. Hector and Meredith are heading up the quest to get FSDA approved by the AKC. We've added a field chair, Kelli Riggs, as well as an annual award chair, Carolee Boyles (who is also working on other possible seminars). Rob Bitler is not only our VP, but the Activities Director and our newsletter chair and developer is Bonnie Smith.

So, what's in the future for FSDA?? Lots more excitement in the upcoming months and we're always looking to have members help out in the areas they are most familiar with! Many of the upcoming events are discounted for members. Membership DOES have its privileges!

Kathi Leonhardt  
President, Florida Sporting Dog  
Association



*Mashler Seminar*



*FSDA Fun Match*



*Tracking Seminar*

### 2017 FSDA Executive Board

Kathi Leonhardt: *President*  
Rob Bitler: *Vice President*  
Megan Cloudman: *Treasurer*  
Laurel Medley: *Secretary*  
Bonnie Smith: *Membership*

Our new email is [fsda@flsportingdogs.com](mailto:fsda@flsportingdogs.com)  
This will also become the new PayPal address for membership dues and event fees.

## Mashler Seminar

by Kathi Leonhardt

The Ray Mashler seminar, March 4, was one of the first seminars for FSDA. The seminar was filled at 10 dogs and ran from 9-11 and 12-2pm.

There were many different breeds with many different problems and the owners got hand-on experience in order to help their canine partners. Mr. Mashler handed out specific flyers on all the different modalities that the participants can refer to in the future.

Ray will be holding Part Two - Energy/Joint Balancing for your dog -

in September.

Stay tuned for more information. The future will hold a Trust Technique seminar that will blow everyone's canine mind!



Emily Cloudman and Risk

## Field Report

by Kelli Riggs



Attention Field Folks! Do you participate in Field events or Hunt tests with your dog(s)? Do you want to learn what field is all about? Do you want to see your retrieving or pointing breed do what it was originally bred to do? Do you want to just have fun with your dog(s)? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then please be on the lookout for the new Field Survey hitting Facebook and your email soon. This survey was designed to help us focus in on the field interests of our members in order to establish training programs, seminars and training groups. The field community in our club is quite large and very accomplished. We are working to pull everyone's talents, knowledge and resources together to make FSDA the premier club for field training. Your responses to the survey questions will help us with this endeavor.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding our field program please feel free to contact Kelli Riggs at [Flatcoat89@yahoo.com](mailto:Flatcoat89@yahoo.com). Also, I

would love to have a field committee to assist me in this exciting process. So, if you have any field experience, especially with pointing or flushing breeds I would love to hear from you! This is a great way to get involved in the club while doing something that you love.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FSDA



## MEETING NOTICE!

### Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our very first general membership meeting will be held in Tampa at the Sunshine State Cluster on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 12 noon. (Exact building location TBD.) We will offer teleconferencing for those who cannot attend but would like to have a voice.



### The field survey is up and ready for your participation.

The purpose of this survey is to see where club member's interests are regarding field/hunt test training. Your responses to survey questions will help us put together a focused FSDA Field Training program.

The survey can be found at the following link form 4/18-5/18.

<https://surveymonkey.com/r/FSDASurvey>



### Barn Hunt

Mark your calendars for June 10<sup>th</sup> for an intro to Barn Hunt Seminar in lovely Longwood FL, 10 miles NE of Orlando. It will be from 12-5. Check us out on FB for more updates.



## LIFETIME GOLDEN RETRIEVER STUDY WILL PROVIDE HELP FOR OTHER SPORTING BREEDS

Written by Carolee Anita Boyles

The Morris Animal Foundation has undertaken a unique, first-of-its-kind study on Golden Retrievers that may provide vital information for dealing with a number of health issues that affect other sporting breeds, including some of the more common cancers that affect our beloved dogs. The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is following 3000 dogs from early life to death to better understand the role that environment, nutrition, exercise, behavior, genetics and other factors play in the development of (or protection from) canine diseases, including cancer.

In order to enroll a dog in the study, the owner had to be at least 18 years of age, live in the contiguous United States, provide a 3-generation pedigree, be willing to participate for the lifetime of their dog, and have a dog that was healthy and under two years old at the time of enrollment in the study. The owners must provide information on annual exams, any clinical pathology tests, and samples of blood, urine, feces, hair and toenail clippings, as well as complete questionnaires on environmental, nutritional and lifestyle factors of their dogs.

This type of lifelong study is common in human medicine, but this is the first time anyone has followed a population of dogs in this way. Long-term studies of this kind can reveal information about health that evolve over many years, and help answer questions about the causes of disease.

The Morris Animal Foundation selected Golden Retrievers for this study for several reasons.

“One of the reasons we went

with a pure breed and picked Golden Retrievers is that we can take out the genetic ‘noise’ that you might see from dogs that have mixed heritage,” said Carol Borchert, Director of Communications of the Morris Animal Foundation. “Golden Retrievers tend to be a closely-held genetic line, so we’ll see less variation; any health issues that arise from genetic variation may be more apparent. Golden Retrievers make really good models for the entire dog population. We see this study as having broad-ranging implications across veterinary medicine, even for other species.”

The information that comes out of this study certainly will have implications for other sporting breeds.

“This study applies to all dogs,” Borchert said. Researchers will be able to extrapolate health risk and benefit factors from this study that will apply to other breeds, and may provide revelations about risk factors for specific diseases and what causes them.

Although this study will run for more than a decade, we don’t have to wait that long to gain any information from it. The Morris Animal Foundation will make trends and information available in real time, as it emerges.

There is much that we can do to support the Morris Animal Foundation with this study as well as with other studies that will provide important health information for all sporting breeds.

“We are actively fund-raising to support this study,” Borchert said. “We appreciate any sharing of our mission

with anyone who can help with gifts and funding for everything that we do. We're a nonprofit, private foundation, and the work that we do relies completely upon the generosity of our donors such as the breed clubs."

Individuals also can support these studies through the Morris Animal Foundation. One way is to go to the Morris Animal Foundation website at [www.morrisanimalfoundation.org](http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org) and click on "Ways to Donate." A menu will appear, including an icon for "Send a Gift in Memory." You can send a sympathy card, add a dog to the Remembrance Gallery, or place a dog in the Foundation's magazine, all of which provide a donation to the Foundation.

To find out what studies are taking place at the Morris Animal Foundation, go to the Morris Animal Foundation website at [www.morrisanimalfoundation.org](http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org). Mouse over the "Veterinary Clinics" tab and click on "Our Research" on the drop-down menu. You can search by species, study area or keyword, including breed names, and you will pull up a list of projects the Morris Animal Foundation is running.



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# Tracking Seminar

Written by Carol Cassidy

Our first-ever FSDA Tracking Seminar was a success!



Ray Mashler & Sage

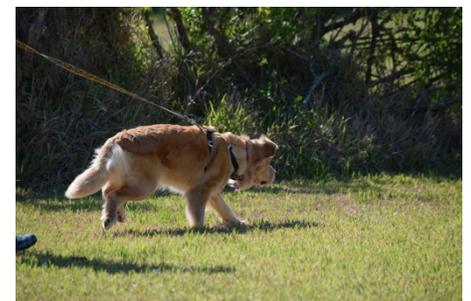
We had several breeds represented for a 16-Team turnout. We had several Flat-Coated Retrievers, 2-Curly-Coated Retrievers, a Golden Retriever, a Labrador Retriever, a Vizsla, a Dutch Shepherd, a Border Collie and a Whippet! We all enjoyed a picture-perfect day where we had three expert instructors...AKC Tracking Judge Robin Scott, along with Tracking experts Jean Able & Jinny Courtney. These ladies were so happy to do this event for us, they volunteered their time and expertise at no-cost to our Club! All showed their love for the sport and passed along their knowledge as we began our morning with a very informative narrative on the sport of Tracking, then we broke-off into 3-groups. What fun to watch our dogs use their noses and romp around P.J. Lacette's gorgeous 10-acres. The dogs really had a ball as well as the handlers and we all got a good workout to boot! All had the opportunity to run our dogs several times.



Supra Checking things out

Thank you to P.J. Lacette of Best Paw Forward for hosting this event on her property and thanks to all who participated in this fun day!

We had many non-club members as well as FSDA members in attendance. We hope to grow our membership with these new folks as they all expressed interest in joining!



Bella on the scent



Jake & Shari Smithwick-Barr



Dogs and Handlers are ready to learn

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# FLORIDA SPORTING DOG ASSOCIATION (FSDA) FUN MATCH

by Rob Bitler

April 15, 2017

The FSDA held its first fun match at the home of Mary Lyn Jensen in Windmere, FL. Mary Lynn also served as the judge.

The weather and show site were picture perfect.

With Easter, Passover, spring break and the Perry shows it was a small event. We had a total of seven entries and five exhibits. Unfortunately, Dimi Morse and her two Brittany Spaniels couldn't make it.

Classes were judged by breed and age division - junior puppy (4-6 & 6-9), senior puppy (9-12 & 12-18) and adult. Results were as follows:

## **Brittany Spaniel**

**A** 27 **Leo** – junior puppy dog.  
Breeder and owner Dimi Morse

**A** 62 **Lucy** – junior puppy bitch. Breeder and owner Dimi Morse

## **English Setter**

**1** 68 **Sevenoaks Weymouth Catching Fire** – senior puppy bitch.

Breeder Hilary Oaks. Owner Penny DiSiena

## **Flat-Coated Retriever**

**1** 66 **Stormwatch Wildstorm Rising** - junior puppy bitch.

Breeder and owner Kathryn Leonhardt

**1** 64 **Stormwatch Surfer Girl** – senior puppy bitch. Breeder

Kathryn Leonhardt Owners Kathryn Leonhardt and Ray Mashler

**1** 23 **Bonaccord's Bard of Strathdon**. – adult. Breeder Ian David Simpson. Owners Rob and Julia Bitler

## **German Wirehaired Pointer**

**1** 25 **Reece Mystiko Philadelphia Freedom JH** – senior puppy. Breeders Johnson, Courtelis, Whitmore and Wilinon. Owners Mike and Angela Johnson and K. Courtelis

## **Junior puppy**

Group 1 66 **Stormwatch Wildstorm Rising**

## **Senior puppy**

Group 1 64 **Stormwatch Surfer Girl**

Group 2 68 **Sevenoaks Weymouth Catching Fire**

Group 3 25 **Reece Mystiko Philadelphia Freedom JH**

## **Adult**

Group 1 23 **Bonaccord's Bard of Strathdon**

## **BEST IN MATCH**

64 **Stormwatch Surfer Girl**

Class winners received colorful ribbons, division winners were given medallions, all group placers received treat bags, and best in match received an organizer box.

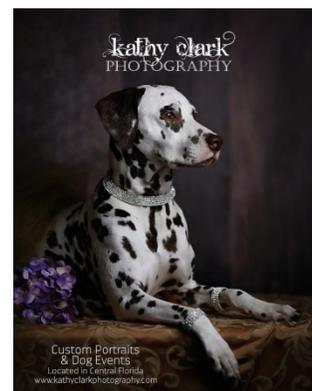
It was a terrific day and a great step in our quest toward AKC recognition. We thank our judge and host as well as the entrants and exhibitors.

Look for more matches in the future!

Match Chairs

Hector and Meredith Hector

## FUN MATCH



Match Photography provided by [Kathy Clark Photography](http://www.kathyclarkphotography.com)

# Calendar of Events outside of FSDA

Date(s)	Day(s)	Who	Location	Club	Event Type	Closing Date
May 27 - 28	Saturday - Sunday	IABCA	Deland	International All Breed Canine Association	Conformation	5/19/17
June 3	Saturday - Sunday	AKC	Tallahassee	Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club	Obedience & Rally	5/17/17
June 3 - 4	Saturday - Sunday	UKC	St. Petersburg	United Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg*	Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience	5/24/17
June 3 - 4	Saturday - Sunday	BHA	Lakeland	Das Hund Haus	Barn Hunt	5/17/17
June 3 - 4	Saturday - Sunday	TBVC	Lake Wales	Tampa Bay Vizsla Club	Summer Fun Days	
June 9 - 11	Friday - Sunday	AKC	Arcadia	Calusa Dog Agility Club	Agility	5/25/17
June 10 - 11	Saturday - Sunday	AKC	Lake Park	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Obedience	5/24/17
June 15 - 18	Thursday - Sunday	AKC	Arcadia	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Agility	5/31/17
June 15 - 18	Thursday - Sunday	AKC	Tampa	Greater Venice Florida Dog Club & St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers	Conformation, Orbedience & Rally	5/31/17
June 16 - 18	Friday - Sunday	BHA	Morrison	G2 Barn Hunt*	Barn Hunt	6/2/17
June 17 - 18	Saturday	AKC	Crystal River	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Rally	5/31/17
June 23 - 25	Friday - Sunday	AKC	Orlando	Brevard Kennel Club	Conformation	6/7/17
June 24 - 25	Saturday - Sunday	AKC	Lakeland	Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Obedience & Rally	6/7/17
June 30 - July 2	Friday	BHA	West Palm Beach	Tailwaggers Learning Center	Barn Hunt	6/16/17
July 8 - 9	Saturday	AKC	N Fort Myers	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	Obedience	6/14/17
July 8 - 9	Saturday	BHA	Lakeland	Das Hunt Haus	Barn Hunt	6/21/17
July 13 - 16	Thursday - Sunday	AKC	West Palm Beach	Boca Raton Dog Club & Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club	Conformation	6/28/17
July 14 - 16	Friday - Sunday	AKC	Daytona Beach	Obedience Club of Daytona	Obedience	6/23/17
July 21 - 23	Friday - Sunday	BHA	Morrison	G2 Barn Hunt*	Barn Hunt	6/30/17
July 22 - 23	Saturday - Sunday	UKC	Lakeland	United Imperial Polk Obedience Club*	Agility	7/19/17
July 22 - 23	Saturday - Sunday	AKC	St Petersburg	Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club	Obedience & Rally	7/5/17
July 29 - 30	Saturday - Sunday	AKC	Melbourne	Indian River Dog Training Club	Obedience & Rally	7/12/17



# Florida Sporting Dog Association | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 4/5/2017 3:03 PM | Meeting location *Conference Call*

Meeting called by	Kathi Leonhardt	Attendees
Type of meeting	Board Meeting	Kathi Leonhardt, Rob Bitler, Megan Cloudman, Kristyn Stout, Laurel Medley, Hector Hector, Carol Lee Boyles
Facilitator	Kathi Leonhardt	
Note taker	Laurel Medley	
Timekeeper	Laurel Medley	

## AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm. Megan Cloudman made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (3/1/2017) which was seconded by Laurel Medley.

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report:** Megan Cloudman/ \$1089.07 balance. The massage therapy clinic generated \$107 after expenses. Treasurer's report will be sent electronically.

**Membership:** Kristen Stout/ Applicatios have been updated and will be printed to be available at the Meet & Greet in Elkton.

**Activities:** Rob Bitler/ Tracking seminar on 5/6/2017 cost \$25 for members. Ginny, the instructor has asked for no fee but a donation to the road fund on the host property. Board decided \$5 per person to road fund and donation to the trophy fund in Ginny's name.

### Old Business

**Sanctioned B Match:** Hector Hector/ The event is set for 04/15/2017 at Mary Lynn's. The flyer is available on the FDSA Facebook page.

**Picnic at Elkton Shows:** Megan Cloudman/ Will be held Saturday 4/8/2017, 11 am-1 pm. Pop-up tent and table will be available. Flyer is posted on FDSA FB page.

**Committee Chairs:** Kathi Leonhardt/ Bonnie Smith will be doing the newsletter.

### New Business

**Dock Diving:** Rob Bitler/ Seminar prior to the September Deland shows.

**Barn Hunting:** Rob Bitler/ Still working on details.

**Massage Seminar Part 2:** Kathi Leonhardt/ Energy Balancing will be the topic and looking for a date in August.

**Battaglia Seminar:** Carol Lee Boyles/ Not enough information available on expenses. It will be explored as a topic for next year.

**Communication:** Kristyn Stout suggested to avoid the appearance of impropriety for AKC that a general email address be obtained rather than one tied to a Board Member's server, especially since the email is tied to PayPal and the receipt of funds. Rob Bitler was going to work on this.

**Next Board Meeting:** May 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM via Conference Call. 4:11 PM Megan Cloudman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laurel Medley.

# Member Brags



**GCHG CROSSROAD JOCKEHILL ON THE GREEN AXJ AJP.** Back to back Best In Show at Greater Miami KC. OWNED BY Laurie and Dick Green handled by Jodv Garcini



**GCH, HR, UH, USJ Labry's Earth's Pretty Promise JH, WCX, DS, CGC** aka "Bonnie Blue" earned her Upland Hunting title in February at the CFHRC Upland Hunt Test. This beautiful girl exemplifies what a multi-talented dog is all about.

**TruBlu You Have the Right (Beckett)** Palm Beach DFA 3/12/2017- WB/BOW/BOB/BOBBBE/BBE Grp 2 Ft. Lauderdale DC 3/18/2017- WB/BOW S. Dade KC 3/19/2017- WB/BOW Greater Miami DC 4/1/2017- WB/BOW Greater Miami DC 4/2/2017- WB/BOW/BOBOH/OH Grp 2



**CH Rowangaard Blithe Spirit JH, WC** aka "Bette" earned her Grand Championship under the beautiful handling of Ron & Tigger Hahn in Brooksville this past January. Bette's previous owner was the beloved Joyce Frazer who left us way too soon. Joyce's spirit continues to live on through her beautiful Bette



**Firelight Citius Altius Fortius at TruBlu (Ashe)** Started and finished on the Winter Circuit in Brooksville at 6 months of age by going WD and Best in Sweepstakes at the TBVC Specialty. He also was awarded two BOBOH with Grp 2 and 4 placements.



**TruBlu Never Drift Apart (Anchor)** Palm Beach DFA 3/12/2017- WD Greater Miami DC 4/1&2 2017- WD

"Riley" earned her RATO title with 2 High in Trials & 3 First place legs in one weekend then followed it up 3 days later with her CGC. She is now **CH Brookside Pink's All Riled Up, JH, RATO, CGC.**



**Tawnytyke BlueTrack Light Up The Sky - BT.** First Place UAD Regional Tournament, Junior Division, Bradenton, FL. Trained and handled by Jan Casey, Lutz.