

# DOINGS

# Updates



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# DOCOF Updates

Ron Seeley

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday this year. At our last Annual Meeting, you asked for updates during the year regarding DOCOF in order to help Clubs stay informed about what is happening. So, this is my feeble attempt to keep you updated.

## **Special Event Trial (SET) Revisions**

With the help of Aimee Kincaid, Angie Schumann, Becky Babicz, Carol Ann Klein, Terri Bell and Lodge Weber, we are putting in place the rules we need to adopt to make Rally part of the Special Event Trial (S.E.T.) at DOCOF. Once we get final approval of our Delegates, I will contact the AKC to get their approval. One of the items we are struggling with is when to schedule Rally. Right now, it appears it would be best to hold Rally on Saturday and push the meeting back to later in the afternoon. I will of course send all our current Delegates the committee's suggestion for your review.

## **Obedience Seminar**

Mark your calendars for our next obedience seminar featuring Rachel Flatley. The seminar will be held on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. At Rachel's suggestion, the seminar will be held at St. Pete which will give attendees the opportunity to work their dogs on the artificial grass in Building A. Many of us from the east coast do not get the chance to work on that type of floor, so this will be a chance for those of us that attend DOCOF, to get our dogs acclimated. It will be a fun weekend of training with Rachel learning how to get the most from our K9 partners. I will be sending out the flyer and registration form to all Delegates soon.

## **DOCOF Judges**

Carol Ann Klein is hard at work obtaining Judges for 2023. I gave her the list we came with at the meeting, but if anyone has suggestions for 2024 judges, please send them to me at [rseeley1337@gmail.com](mailto:rseeley1337@gmail.com) and I will pass them along.

## **Raffle Table**

Deb Neufeld has stepped down as the person overseeing the Raffle table for DOCOF. Deb has been doing that job since the as long as I can remember. The raffle always brings in quite a bit of income for DOCOF and so many of your members donate really nice items that the teams put together to raffle off. Therefore, I am looking for a volunteer to take over for Deb. This job would require you to work the raffle table and walk around selling raffle tickets during DOCOF

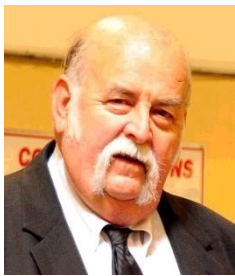
weekend. It of course would be easier if 2-3 people helped so if you are interested, please contact me.

## DOCOF Website

At our last meeting we voted to eliminate our current website. However, after further reflection, I would like to hit the pause button on that. We have a lot of information, forms, and just general “stuff” that our DOCOF Members need access to. Personally, I do not believe Facebook should be our “go to” place for that information. It is simply too difficult to follow and locate items on Facebook. Plus, not everyone does Facebook, while anyone with a computer can access a website. Therefore, I will look into another company to host our website, to see if we can provide all our information in a simple format at a reasonable cost.

## Jon Mett Award

Last year Luci Seeley was the recipient of the Jon Mett Award nominated by Rachel Flatley. If you know of someone who you want to nominate, please contact Ron Seeley, and I will send you the form to fill out. Below is a description of the Jon Mett Award and how to make a nomination.



### Jon Mett Achievement Award

Jon Mett was born on December 13, 1943, in Milwaukee, WI. He served our country in the U. S. Army and then worked with the phone company, but most of us know him because of his passion for dog obedience. Whether training, showing, or judging Jon’s warm and infectious smile drew people to him. If you hadn’t received one of Jon’s patented “bear hugs”, you don’t know what a

hug really is.

Florida’s DOCOF Tournament exists because of Jon Mett’s efforts. Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida (DOCOF) was formed in the late 1960’s as a “Calendar Club”. Before the “worldwide innerweb” all of the clubs in Florida would meet once a year to compare dates for their events so there would be no conflicts. Jon proposed a tournament of Florida Clubs, but the original organizers initially resisted the idea of a tournament. After seeing a similar tournament in California, Jon brought reintroduced the idea to the DOCOF Board and convinced them to give it a try. The first event was held in 1975 with 13 teams competing, and DOCOF has been going strong ever since – thanks to Jon.

Jon Mett was a perennial favorite to judge Obedience everywhere, but especially throughout the south. Always smiling, his bright spirit welcoming. Some said that stepping into his ring was like “coming home”. His gentle manner and calm

demeanor helped to sooth many more than one handler's ring nerves. Once you walked into his ring, you wanted to be there again and again. Based on his smile, his laughter and his attitude, it was evident that Jon wanted every team to succeed. He was genuinely happy when we did well, and sincerely disappointed when we didn't meet our goals.

Jon Mett was a testament to the best qualities in our sport. He was a shining beacon of caring and heartfelt dedication. Our lives are poorer for our loss of him, but rich with the memory of him.

### **Purpose**

DOCOF wishes to award those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the sport of obedience and to the DOCOF organization and competition. This award is intended to offer thanks and show appreciation for the hard work and effort that an individual provided to our organization.

### **Award**

The award will be given to selected individuals on the basis of application and approval. Nomination for the award will take place annually although the award may not be given each year. Should no individual meet the strict criteria for the award, none will be given in that year.

### **Procedure**

1. Nominations would open on January 1st in the year of the award. An email reminder will be sent to all delegates. Nomination must be provided to the DOCOF Board of Trustees by the deadline of March 31st at midnight. The nomination must be provided on the designated form with any attachments the applicant sees as necessary.
2. Nominations must come from a Member Delegate of DOCOF.
3. After receiving the nominations, the Board of Trustees will meet and consider the applicants. The Board will utilize a weighting format to determine the awarded if any.
4. Nominees must be from the DOCOF geographical operating area as defined in

the Rules.

5. Nominees are required to have been on a DOCOF Team at some time in the past.

## 6. General Characteristics of Nominees

The Nominee should:

- Have been involved in obedience for more than 10 years
- Have made a significant impact on the sport and be a person in good standing with his or her registry(s).
- Have a long standing record of good sportsmanship.
- Not have been sanctioned by any registry as an exhibitor or judge.
- Have participated in the education of handlers beyond their own club or organization.
- Be free of negative controversy, i.e. public disparagement of their registry, the sport or people in the sport.
- Not be a current member of the Board of Trustees

## 7. Award

The award will be a plaque with the awardee's name and statement of appreciation. Further the awardee will be able to enter and team in DOCOF competition without cost. The name of the awarded will be enter onto a perpetual trophy with the year of the award noted.

## 8. Rejection of Nominees

This award is intended to be elite. All nominees will be closely examined. Rejection as awardees is not disparaging of the persons character or contribution it may simply not meet the exacting standards of the review. Nomination in and of itself should be an honor.