



GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2008

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COMING EVENTS

March 11, 2008 meeting The Barn

June 3, 2008 AGM – The Barn

Sept. 17, 2008 (Wednesday) –

Meeting The Barn

Nov. 18, 2008 - Meeting The Barn

(Mark your calendars !)

TRAINING

Winter classes – Jan. 8 2008

Executive 2006 - 2007

President Judy Currie 479-7474

Vice Pres Carmela Romano 479-4257

Secretary Elizabeth Taylor 382-3255

Treasurer Anita Guns 479-4159

PR/Memb. Dawn Hall 598-5090

Training --

Trials Amalie Bush 479-2345

Tora Thyvold 598-8702

Entertainment

Erin Finlayson 595-5507

Lorna Reid 727-3875

Newsletter --

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Happy 2008 to all GVDOTC members and trainees.

Our Winter training session was to start on January 8th. but due to a misunderstanding of our booking the RCMP barn was not available. After much cooperation and quick dialing fingers by members of the Training staff we managed to contact the students. Hopefully we were in time as a few messages were left on voicemail. Thank you for the quick thinking and excellent teamwork shown by those members involved in contacting everyone.

Our schedule will be adjusted and there is

another date late in March which will also be changed.

December 4th. was our Annual Awards dinner at Cedar Hill Golf Club. It was lovely to have a good turnout. From the feedback I received, the night was a resounding success. Our thanks go out to Lorna and Erin for arranging the location, menu, and gift exchange. Wendy Brown once again had made sure all the awards were set up and engraved. Many thanks Wendy . Tora and Lorna had put together a great powerpoint show of our dogs past and present. Some terrific photo opportunities have been caught by our members and shared with us all. Congratulations to all of the award winners of the past year. We all know how hard you worked to get your degrees.

The Trials committee is busy preparing for our CKC Trials in May. The Trophy list will soon be up and available for you to sign up to sponsor prizes. Our trophy table always gets many compliments from judges and exhibitors. This is due to your wonderful generosity.

The club is still in need of an editor for the newsletter. We don't expect you to search out material for the newsletter just edit and organize the reports and information submitted. An occasional "nudge" to persons responsible for material may be needed. Jean will be happy to teach you the ropes.

This time of year is difficult as we cannot easily train outdoors due to the weather and early nights. Be innovative and try a few "tricks" to train in the house especially if you normally don't as the dogs usually feel this is their place for relaxing not working.

See you at the "BARN" Judy

In Memory of
CH OTCH HRCH UH Woodcreeks
Buy Low Sell High WCX TD SH
May 24, 1994 - December 12, 2007

Although **BROKER** was almost three and a half years old when he came into our lives, he managed to make up for this by living with us for over ten wonderful years. He saw some tough times when he was quite young - but he put all of that behind him and did everything we ever asked of him, and more. His tail was a constant indicator of love - whether in obedience, tracking, upland hunting, or in the pond retrieving ducks, he always showed that he was happy just to please. Through training, trialing and hunting we have enjoyed many wonderful times together that will never be forgotten - we will both miss him so very much.

Joan and Stu MacDonald
Special thanks to Brenda for bringing us together

TROPHY WINNERS - 2007

FISH AND GAME CUP (awarded by the Fish and Game Protective Assn.) - Awarded to the dog and handler that attain the 3 highest qualifying scores in any degree.

**Won by – Anita Guns and Vera
Betty Francis and Riley**

McCallum Cup - (donated by Mrs. E. McCallum in 1959) - Awarded to the dog and handler that attains the 3 highest qualifying scores at a CD level

**Won by - Anita Guns and Vera
Betty Francis and Riley**

Sunray Seaforth Trophy (Donated by Dr. & Mrs. C. MacKenzie in 1950) - Awarded to the dog and handler that attain the highest total scores for a CDX. The names of all members who attained a CDX shall be engraved on the trophy in descending order and the member with the highest total score shall have possession of the trophy for the year

Won by – Carmela Romano and Squire

Haven Bonnie Jean Trophy (Donated by Mrs. Abkhazi in 1956) Awarded to the dog and handler that attains the highest total scores in Utility to achieve a UD title. The names of all members who attained a UD shall be engraved on the trophy in descending order and the member with the highest total score shall have possession of the trophy for the year.

Won by – Janey Turner and Bryn

Katie Memorial Trophy (Donated by Mac and Bess Page in 1991) Awarded to the dog and handler that have earned a TDX Title (Tracking dog excellent)

Won by - Mary Harkness and Leo

Ruff Sporting Dog Trophy (Donated by Betty and Joe Ruff in 1992) Awarded to the Registered Sporting dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for CDX or UD

Won by – Amalie Bush and Sophie

Non-Sporting Dog Trophy (Donated by Peggy Thompson in 1993) Awarded to the Registered non-sporting dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any club degree.

Won by - Not awarded

The Carter Trophy for Unregistered Dogs (donated by Randy and Rosemary Carter in 1993) Awarded to the non-registered or listed dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any Club Degree.

Won by- Not awarded

The GVDOTC Herding Trophy (Donated by Susan and Terry Barnett in 1992) Awarded to the Registered Herding dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any club degree, this would include purebred border collies.

Won By- Betty Francis and Riley

The Terrier Trophy (Donated by Evelyn Smith in 1994) Awarded to the Registered Terrier and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any club degree.

Won by - Not awarded

Mary Bates Novice Award (Donated by Mr. B. Bates in honour and memory of his wife Mary in 1991) Awarded to the dog and handler achieving their first CD with the highest three scores. The names of all qualifier for the award will be read out.

Won by – Myrne Cox and Cali

The Sheehan Hound Trophy – Not awarded

Ben Schmidt Memorial Medallion (Club UD Medallion) Donated by Jane Schmidt in memory of her husband Dr. Ben Schmidt, Honorary Veterinarian for GVDOTC from 1982 - 1992.

- presented to GVDOTC members and dogs who have completed their Club UD and were trained in GVDOTC classes.
- One side of Medallion engraved “In Memory of Ben” and on the other is the dog’s call name, U.D. and year.

Won by – Janey Turner and Bryn

Added information - all Trophies are to be awarded to GVDOTC members only and the degrees are to have been attained from November 1 of the previous year to October 31 of the current year.

There are potentially 12 trophies given out by the club each year, there are not always successful candidates in each category.

Thank you to Pat Sheehan for compiling all this information for us.

Congratulations to the following who won their CD plaques, CDX shingles and UD Gold Medallion

CD (Novice)

Betty Francis	Riley Sheltie
Anita Guns	Vera Dobie
Margrit Whittome	Queno Bernise M.D.
Anita Guns	Luc Papillon
Amalie Bush	Sophie Weimeraner
Myrna Cox	Cali Golden
Erin Finlayson	Riley Golden
Lorna Reid	Mairi Lab.

CDX (Open)

Carmela Romano	Squire Golden
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UD (Utility)

Janey Turner	Bryn Golden
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These awards represent many hours of training and dedication. Well done all!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT !

Years ago when I started doing the newsletter, I suggested that instead of the Secretary sending out a slip of paper notifying members of the next meeting, that it could be sent along with a newsletter. (my “scotch ancestry” kicked in!). A couple of years ago I did make enquiries and was told that the notice had to be in writing rather than e.mail.

Therefore I offered to do the meeting notice and that is why you now get them together. If no one takes on the newsletter it will be the responsibility of the Secretary to, again, advise members of the meeting, and once again use a stamp and an envelope for a slip of paper, for a meeting only a small percentage of the 103 members feel the need to attend.

NOTE:

I have compiled this newsletter as I felt it was important to acknowledge the awards presented at the dinner and to honour Broker, Stu and Joan MacDonald’s beloved Golden before too many weeks had passed.

Jean.