



# GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **MEETINGS:**

June 9, 2009 Annual General Meeting  
September 23, 2009 General Meeting

### **COMING EVENTS:**

CKC Obedience and Rally Trials  
May 29 – 31, 2009

### **Executive 2008-2009**

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 and	479-2345
	Tora Thyvold	598-8702

### *Entertainment*

	Erin Finlayson and	595-5507
	Lorna Reid	727-3875

### *Newsletter*

	Margaret Cale	595-6922
	Bruce Cale	595-6922
	Pat Sheehan	727-6637

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

We are down to counting the days until our CKC Obedience and Rally trials. This is the big showcase event for our club each year and as always we are hoping it will be a resounding success. With all the hard work and effort put into the trials by Amalie and Tora along with the committee it certainly should go well. Amalie seems to have things going smoothly and as always she is super organized. GVIC is very fortunate to have such a committed club member.

I hope that a large number of you are going to attend the trials either as competitors,

workers, or appreciative observers. Support for club activities in any way shows that you care about the club and its well being.

The Annual General Meeting is only a month away so mark your calendars and be sure to attend so that you can be part of ensuring that the club goes forward positively. Election of officers for the coming year will be a large and very important part of this meeting. Make your voice and choice known.

Two of our long time members have sustained injuries that have somewhat curtailed their mobility. Adele Matte and Wendy Brown are both sporting less than fancy footwear these days. Wendy's dog Harry is in need of our thoughts and prayers after being hit by a car and suffering leg injuries. Best wishes for full recoveries to all of you.

Training sessions seem to be going well and everybody is happy to shed their heavy clothing now that the barn is warming up a little. I certainly find it a relief to not be working in winter boots, gloves and hat. Can actually feel the leash in my hands.

Happy Training

Judy

### **TRAINING REPORT**

Training is going well for the last term of the year with classes fully booked! We are offering all levels of training (except intermediate), with two Rally classes and two Beginner classes.

Thank you to all the training committee members for attending the spring training

meeting and helping with the organization of our classes. It is a big commitment for a club run by volunteers. The Pizza for the meeting was provided by the club executive as a thank you and it was a special treat enjoyed by us all.

As your training chairperson I really appreciate all of you who have once again volunteered your time and expertise in leading and helping in our classes. Your commitment to the club is **valued** so much. Some of you have suspended training your own dogs on this night in order to help, some of you are not training dogs at the present time but still commit to helping the club and some of you have just joined our club and are giving it your all. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you working with your dogs and training on Tuesday nights as we wind down our last session for the year. Good luck to the members who are entering into the CKC Trials in May!

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy York

## **TRIALS REPORT**

Just one last reminder that our CKC Obedience and Rally trials are almost here! They will be May 29th-31st at the Barn - this is **not** the same weekend as the VIDFA Show. Thank you again to all club members who kindly offered to donate prizes.

We will still need lots of people to help out both as ring stewards and runners, and also in the kitchen. If you don't know what ring stewards and runners are... here is a brief description!

Ring stewards in the Obedience ring do things such as bringing competitors into the ring to the correct starting position (as set by the judge), acting as posts for figure 8's, setting the jump heights for each dog and generally helping the judge keep things running

smoothly and efficiently! In Rally stewards are also needed for timing and watching the "Honour" dog at the Excellent level.

Runners work outside the ring making sure competitors are near by and aware that their turn is coming up, and will make sure competitors are in the correct order before they go into the ring for group sit and down exercises.

If you are interested in helping out, but have never been to a trial before, don't worry! We can tell you what you need to know beforehand and will make sure you have an experienced club member working with you. See Amalie or Tora if you'd like to help out but aren't sure what you can do!

Remember that helping out at a trial can be a fantastic learning opportunity for those who are interested in trialing their dogs, but aren't quite ready to enter yet. Knowing how things work at a trial and watching other teams performances will make your own experiences much less stressful when you know what to expect.

Amalie Bush

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

A reminder that club memberships are due. Please be prompt getting these in before the deadline of May 15, 2009. Also, please enclose a new renewal form with the cheque or cash. They are on the website or on the Club bulletin board and on the barn door.

Also anyone planning to trial and don't have their AIOC trialing card please contact me.

A big thank you to Adele Matte for taking on the job of enrollment for beginners classes.

Dawn Hall  
Club Memberships & Beginners Registrations

## ENTERTAINMENT

"Help Still Needed for CKC trial !!

The Entertainment committee (Erin & Lorna) need help to run a concession for the 3 day CKC trial May 29,30 & 31. We need help having beverages and snacks available during the day, making and serving lunches to participants and serving lunches to the judges and work crew. Also donations of baked goods will also be appreciated.

If you can help please contact us - lornajreid@shaw.ca or finny1177@yahoo.com or find us Tuesday night at the barn.

Thank- you,

Erin Finlayson and Lorna Reid

*Let us share our joy, energy, and enthusiasm with everyone we meet.*

*Let us play, laugh, and enjoy just being alive.*

## EXCUSES EXCUSES

I cannot train my dog today,  
the sky is overcast and gray,  
the air's too damp. I've got a cramp,  
and the dog's just eaten anyway.  
Can't find the leash, got home too late,  
I'm due somewhere tonight at eight.  
I've got a rash, a gash, and bumps.  
Too tired now to get the jumps.  
Traffic's made me tense and strained.  
I have to lose this weight I've gained.  
How can we work when it's just rained?  
The dog's too hyper. My mood is blue,  
I must be coming down with the flu,  
I cough, I sneeze, and wheeze and choke.  
Darn! My only dumbbell broke!  
Too cold outside -- my feet are numb.  
There's a sliver in my thumb.  
The house needs cleaning -- it's a sight.  
I'm working overtime tonight.  
I need a nap. Had company.  
Lawrence Welk is on T.V.  
My toe is sore -- it might be gout.  
I think my hair is falling out.  
I ate too much. My day's been rough.  
I think my dog has had enough  
of this daily training grind,  
we need some time off to unwind.

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June's newsletter submissions deadline May 29th.