



# GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **MEETINGS:**

Nov 19, 2008 (Wednesday)  
Meeting At The Barn

### **COMING EVENTS:**

Oct 11, 2008 AIOC trial  
Dec 2, 2008 Christmas Dinner  
And Awards night  
Jan 13, 2009 Winter Session  
Classes Begin

### **Executive 2006 – 2007**

President	Judy Currie	479-7474
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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

We are well into the Fall session of training now and it appears there are good turnouts for classes with many fine dogs and owners working well together at all levels. Each of us reach peaks and valleys as we train our dogs. Just remember that the dog and you are a team. If something isn't working one must take a step back and evaluate if you as the trainer has made a change in your approach to an exercise or perhaps your dog is at plateau and needs some time to fully understand and

feel comfortable doing that exercise. Keep it fun and go back a step or two to a point where they feel confident in their work.

Our September meeting had much better attendance than the recent meetings in September have had. Thank you for keeping the democratic process working. It often may seem that not much is up for discussion but there is always the need for the many points of view that help the club move forward on any business before it.

Hopefully many of you have begun to think of possible candidates for the Jack Patterson Award. There is only about 6 weeks until your nominations must be in. There are some very committed people in our club who would be worthy of this award. Please take the time to submit a nomination so that one of these members can be recognized. You can give me the nomination on club nights, mail it, or e-mail your nomination to me as well. The more the merrier!!

Our AIOC club trial is coming up Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. and if you are not competing then perhaps you could help out the committee with ring stewarding or assisting Lorna the Entertainment person who needs both food and serving help.

The Christmas dinner and awards will be held on Dec. 2 at Cedar Hill Golf Club. This is always a fun and special evening as we recognize the accomplishments that many of our members and their dogs have attained. Once again a PowerPoint show is planned so pull out those great photos and get them to Lorna and Tora.

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and condolences on the passing of my father.

Enjoy the Fall with your dog buddies.

Judy

### **Training Report**

Training is off to a good start and once again a big thank you to the training staff and to the helpers in our classes. Also, thank you to all of you people who are training your dogs and supporting our club. We want you to have an obedient and a save dog.

At this time I would like to mention that Andrew Coss is no longer on the training committee. Andrew resigned in good standing at the beginning of the summer. He has four dogs now and would like to spend more time with them. Having three dogs myself I can appreciate that!

I would like to thank Andrew on behalf of the club for all the incredible help he has given the training committee as a helper, as an instructor and a mentor for other people. His volunteer help with our trials in addition to helping with training were very much appreciated. Thank you Andrew and we know as you said in your letter of resignation that you are still willing to help the club in other ways and right now you continue to do so by managing our web site. Thank you.

Happy training to everyone. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy York

### **Jack Patterson Outstanding Member Award:**

Created by GVDOTC in 2004 in the memory of the contributions of Jack Patterson, long time member and Honourary Club Solicitor.

**Awarded When:** Awarded annually at the Club's Award Banquet.

**The Purpose of the Award:** For the Club to acknowledge Members who continually support the club by unselfishly volunteering their time and effort to ensure the success of the club, it's trials and other activities. This Member must be in good standing. It is not a requirement for the member to have served as a trainer or on the Executive.

**Eligibility:** All Club members excluding the current President and Vice President.

**Review Committee:** President, Vice President and Member at Large (preferably a Member who is not nominated or has not nominated another Member) will make up this Committee. The President will chair this committee. Two-thirds majority will be needed to select the winner from the nominations.

The award should go to one person and not be awarded to two or more.

It is at the Committees discretion if the award will be presented for any given year. This decision will be based on the strength of the nominees or lack thereof.

**How to submit a Member's name for consideration:** Letters nominating an Individual will be accepted from the beginning of the Fall Session with closing of nominations being the end of the Fall Session. Letters are to be directed to the President.

**Promotion:** This award will be promoted in the September and October Newsletters and be presented at the September General Meeting. This is the responsibility of the President.

**What should be in the Nomination Letter:** The Letter should outline the contribution of the nominated Member and include a statement as to why the writer believes this person should be considered for this award.

The Plaque will be engraved with the winners name prior to presenting at the Awards Banquet. The winner will hold on to the plaque for 1 year.

*November newsletter submissions deadline  
October 25, 2008*