



## GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

# *NEWSLETTER*

October/November 2011

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### President's Message October/November 2011:

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the many days of sunshine we've had lately! I know I've been out for some wonderful walks to enjoy all the beautiful fall colours. The lack of muddy paws is also a nice treat, though I guess I shouldn't complain given how short my dog's hair is!

Though it seems like we've only just come back to classes, we are nearing the end of our fall term, which brings the annual Christmas Dinner & Awards presentations. We will be having a slideshow as had become our recent tradition, so **send me your pictures!** You can email them to me at [amalie@shaw.ca](mailto:amalie@shaw.ca) or if you only have a hard copy you can bring them to me at classes on Tuesday nights and I can scan them for you.

The other highlight of the Dinner and Awards is the presentation of the **Jack Patterson Outstanding Member Award**. The deadline for nominations is **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>** (night of the General Meeting). Please consider nominating someone you think has been of great service to the club. Past winners have been Blair Kilgour, Betty Ruff, Jean Barrick, Mary Harkness, Amalie Bush, Judy Currie & Tuck Brennan. Nominations can be submitted to me by email or written and submitted in person.

—Amalie Bush

**Braggs:**

Below: Zeeva and friends at the Draft Test, from Blair Kilgour:



Below: Ch. Camalire's FireCatcher C.G.N., R.N., known to his friends as Catcher, has achieved his Starters Dog of Canada title in agility. Now onwards and upwards...to bigger and better things? See you in the obedience ring! Maybe!

---Carmela



**Upcoming Obedience Rule Changes:**

Effective January 1, 2012 there are a number of significant rule changes coming into effect for CKC Obedience. Detailed wording is still being finalized but here is a brief overview of the most significant changes to be ready for.

- Revised entrance eligibility requirements for novice, open and utility classes.
- Pre-Novice and Novice Intermediate are no longer considered transition classes.
- No food, treat or training aid can be used within ten feet of the ring entrance.

- Sweaters or jackets now allowed for individual or group exercises.
- Circle Left, Circle Right exercise in Pre-Novice is replaced by a Figure Eight exercise.
- Use of additional commands and “moderate” encouragement in Pre-Novice Heel on Leash more clearly defined.
- Giving of more than one extra command or signal to heel in Heeling exercises will now always result in non-qualifying score.
- Novice Stand for Examination now done off leash.
- Novice Intermediate Honour exercise is replaced by a Recall Over the High Jump Holding the Dumbbell.
- Dumbbells must now be of the single bar style.
- Excessive bending or stretching on retrieving exercises now may result in non-qualifying score.
- Revisions to the number of boards used for each distance in the Broad Jump.
- Variable order of the exercises in Open B.
- A dog that leaves its place in the Long Sit exercise will now automatically be excused from the Long Down exercise.
- In the Seek Back exercise, the glove cannot be dropped on the centre line.
- Scent articles no longer need to be numbered one through six.
- New Utility B class with variable order of the exercises being introduced.
- Order of exercises in Open B and Utility B will be posted 30 minutes prior to the class.
- Heeling patterns will now be either posted or the first competitor in class given 10 minutes advance notice.
- New judging requirements for Drop on Recall and Moving Stand.
- Revised procedure for runoffs.

There were approximately 130 items on the Board agenda relating to these changes so expect to see many, many more when the details are published later this year. Stay tuned.

—Bill Blair

### **K9 Nosework:**

K9 Nosework is a new dog sport that is growing in the U.S. and has evolved from training dogs for scent detection and search and rescue work. K9 Nosework is a registered organization and the training is “designed to develop your dog’s natural scenting abilities by using their desire to hunt and their love of toy’s, food and exercise.”

<http://www.funnosework.com>

Mairi and I attended a one-day seminar ‘Does Your Dog Need a Nose Job?’ in September facilitated by Petra Wingate from Hilltop Dog Training. The instructor was Alecia Elvstad of Nose Work Magic: <http://www.noseworkmagic.com>. She lives in Custer Washington just south of the US/Canada border. The seminar involved learning about and experiencing a series of Canine scent games that are used in the K9 Nosework training. These games are great for any dog of all ages and enable your dog to have fun, build confidence and burn lots of mental and physical energy. During the seminar dog/handler teams worked individually with Alecia learning and practicing each of the games. The games were highly motivating for the dog and it was fun to participate and to watch each of the dogs and their owners learn the games. The objective of the games are also to encourage problem solving and independence of thought, which results in strengthening a positive working relationship

between the dogs and their owners. I imagine it will just be a matter of time before trainers qualify themselves to begin to offer instruction and classes in Canada. I know Mairi had fun and I look forward to using the games on those dark and stormy nights when going for a walk is just not that much fun!!

—Lorna Reid & Mairi

### **Trials and Tracking Report:**

October has been a busy month starting with our annual Don Hudson Memorial Tracking Test on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed three weeks later by our Don and Molly Hudson Memorial AIOC Trial.

For the 30th year we were privileged to be able to hold our tracking test at Woodwynn Farms in Central Saanich, thanks to the generosity of Richard LeBlanc, Executive Director of the Farms' therapeutic community program. Gary Roe was our judge, ably assisted by apprentice judge Susan Sorensen. The weather was cool and overcast, but fortunately the threatened rain held off!

Our event filled, with six TD dogs and four alternates, and three TDX dogs with one alternate. One TDX dog withdrew allowing the alternate to take the spot. Five new Tracking Dog (TD) titles were earned, including club member Lorna Reid and Mairi, her nine year old Labrador. One TDX dog passed the test though she already has her Tracking Dog Excellent title, Andrew Coss's Honour. Congratulations to all new title holders!

I want to thank our judges, tracklayers, and tracking committee, especially Test Secretary Amalie Bush. The test would not have happened without them. Tracklayers and/or committee members were John DeJong, Susan Fukuyama, Catherine Harding, Mary Harkness, Blair Kilgour, Adele Matte, Betsy Moyer, Maralyn Redford, Shirley Roe and Kristiina Ovaska.

Our Hudson Memorial AIOC Trial was held at the RCMP Barn this past Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, in conjunction with NOSA's trial. Bill Blair judged 26 obedience dogs in the morning and David Denis judged 33 rally dogs in the afternoon.

The T.M. Jones Cup for highest scoring Greater Victoria member in obedience went to Tora Thyvold and her Labrador Jessie, with a score of 190 from Novice B. Tora and Jessie also won the High Sporting Dog cup!

High in Trial and High Visitor obedience rosettes went to Laurie Kelly from Lakewood and her Golden Dylan, with a score of 196 from Open A.

The highest scoring Greater Victoria member in the Rally trial was Terry Gains, scoring 98 with Lira in Advanced B, and 98 with Bubbles in Novice B.

Congratulations to all the Greater Victoria members and their dogs, especially those earning new titles this weekend!

The trial wouldn't have happened without the effort put in by so many club members before, during, and after the trial. I apologize if I've inadvertently left anyone out, this is a long list! Thank you to Blair Kilgour for blowing out the barn the day before; Amalie Bush for setup & take down, opening remarks and presentations, and helping with registration and

rally; Fran Lindquist for help with registration and food for the concession; Catherine Harding for running a great concession; Heather Yellowlees for concession food; Tuck Brennan, Adele Matte, and Annette Muller for stewarding obedience; Susan Fukuyama for looking after the finances and for stewarding rally; Brenna Litwack and Sandi Lovas for stewarding rally; Judy Currie for looking after ribbons and trophies; and of course, Bill Blair for judging.

—Elizabeth Taylor

## **Training Report:**

### **Classes**

We are close to finishing our fall classes. The last class for the fall will be Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and Beginner Graduation and last class is on November 8, 2011. Great job to you all who are working so hard!

Thank you to all the training staff for your commitment and a job well done.

A special thank you, to Janey Turner, who taught Karen Blair's class, as she had an unexpected absence for two weeks.

**Date to remember:**            **Fun Trial**  
**Date:**                            **November 8th 2011**  
**Time:**                            **6:30 pm**  
**Where:**                           **The barn**

**Please come and Practice with your dog. It is fun!**

The next trainers' meeting will be on November 22, 7:00 pm at Peggy York's home. At that time we will be planning classes for January 2012.

I will be e-mailing all the trainers and helpers regarding this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

—Peggy York, Training Chair

### **Registration for January 2012 Classes**

Registration night was busy and went quite smoothly. Thanks Erin for jumping in and helping!

The classes line up as follows:

**Practise 1** is full.

**Practise 2** has 14 people registered ...perhaps 2 classes...not confirmed.

**Trials Practice** has 8 people registered and is considered full.

**Intermediate** has 4 people registered.

**Open** has 2 people registered.

**Utility** has 3 people registered.

**Beginners Rally** has no one at present.

**Advanced Rally** has 6 people registered.

I received 4 **Beginners registrations** as well that evening, bringing the current number to 10 registrations at this early date.

Please be aware that class times are not finalized until a Training meeting is held in the next

month. Times are dependant on Instructors' availability and the number of classes an Instructor may be teaching.  
All registrants receive an email with their class times approximately 2 weeks prior to January 10th, 2012.

Thank you to everyone who registered!

Adele Matte  
[matte@shaw.ca](mailto:matte@shaw.ca)

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

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.

**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.

Please submit letters to Amalie Bush in person, email [amalie@shaw.ca](mailto:amalie@shaw.ca) -- or mailed to 596 Normandy Rd Victoria BC V8Z 3J2

**Remember to book your tickets for the Christmas Dinner with the Club!  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30. Bring a gift, get a gift.  
Send photos of your dogs to Amalie for the slideshow.**

**See Catherine Harding, 250-477-7946, or other executive members for  
details**

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sandilovas@shaw.ca

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**TROPHIES**

**RETURN THIS FOR NO LATER THAN 1st NOVEMBER. 2011**

At the annual Christmas dinner a plaque will be presented for each dog that has completed a Club C.D. title during the period from November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2011. Engraved bars are awarded for the subsequent titles once the Club C.D. has been attained. In order to qualify for trophies, handler and dog must attain all passes having trialed under a G.V.D.O.T.C. membership card for the degree being received. Any trophies awarded must not be removed from Vancouver Island.

If your dog has completed a Club, C.K.C., or AKC. title, during the above stated period please fill out this form and make sure it is received by WENDY BROWN no later than **1st NOVEMBER, 2011**. All Requests received after the November deadline will be carried over to the next year. Please mail to: Wendy Brown, 4398 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria B.C., V8Z 5K9 or leave in the envelope on the notice board at the Club.

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S CALL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your dog registered with the Canadian Kennel Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the first dog you have trained through a C.D. Title? \_\_\_\_\_

Club Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Score, Date 1 ) \_\_\_\_\_

& Host Club 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one club degree was earned please continue on back of sheet)

C.K.C. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date Title Completed \_\_\_\_\_

AK.C. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date Title Completed \_\_\_\_\_