



GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

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COMING EVENTS

Oct. 14 - Club Trial (Barn with Wescom)

Nov. 20th General Meeting (in the Willow Room)

TRAINING

Nov. 13 – Grad. night

Winter classes – Jan. 8 2008

Executive 2006 - 2007

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Happy Fall and welcome back to all GVDOTC members and trainees. Summer seemed to be extra short this time with the lack of hot sunny days. This certainly meant we could enjoy our dog pursuits to a greater degree without fear of overheating our canine buddies or ourselves. Hopefully your summer was rewarding and fun.

This training session should be a great one as the Training staff have made some valuable and needed changes. There will be 2 Practice 1 classes as we have a number of trainees at this level. Our P3 class will now be more trials oriented and re-named as Trials practice with expectations of

members trialing within a specified time frame. This class will also be a nine week class with time set aside for "bookwork and run throughs." We are also moving toward having a rotating Training Chair as once again this position was not filled at our Annual General Meeting.

Janey Turner and Diane Smith are returning to the Training staff after a break to once again give of their vast knowledge. Thank you to both of you.

The club is still in need of a newsletter editor as Jean Barrick wishes to retire from this position that she has held for many years. The newsletter is a valuable tool of the club for keeping us all in touch with each other and informed. The possibility of not having the newsletter or changing the frequency of it is getting to be a real consideration. I am sure Jean would be very willing to help someone in the transition to a new editor so please give it some thought.

Hope to see you all at classes or at the General membership meeting on Wednesday September 26th.

Judy

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to old and new members. I hope everyone had a great summer, and ready to get busy with dog training.

First thing I would like to report is that there is still a problem with people in the club remembering to renew their club memberships. Please beware that in April and May there are plenty of advance notices sent out i.e. newsletters and notices posted up around the club.

It is very time consuming telephoning everyone that is in arrears, there were 42 people this year. The club rules are, if club membership is not up to date then you are not permitted to attend classes.

A big thank you to Carmela for helping me do the phoning.

Please remember to pick up your membership cards and receipts up from the gray box. And also see me if you need a trialing card.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Dawn

Trials Report September 2007 - CKC

Our annual CKC Obedience trials were held on May 26 and 27th. Many thanks go to our judges Lindsay Ibbotson and Marion Postgate, and to Bill Blair for judging the Unofficial classes. We were pleased to see that our entries we up significantly from last year with 110 regular entries and 10 Unofficial entries.

Many thanks go to all our ring stewards and runners for the weekend, Wendy Brown, Anita Guns, Randy Street, Tuck Brennan, Mary Harkness, Peggy York, Liz Taylor, Blair Kilgour, Mary Christian, Adele Matte, Tora Thyvold, and Tom and Deb Vida. Thank you for helping our judges and for keeping the trials running smoothly.

Thank you to Kathy and David Featherby for the beautiful flowers they donated from their garden. Thanks to Peggy York for arranging the flowers. It's always amazing what a difference they make to the Barn!

Thank you to Judy Currie for her organization of the trophies, and, of course, to all the club members who donated so generously to our trials.

Thank you to our new Entertainment chairs, Erin Finlayson and Lorna Reid, for their hard work in the kitchen feeding all our officials. It is such a tremendous help for us to not have to worry covering that position anymore!

Thank you to Blair Kilgour, Tora Thyvold, Mary and Gary Harkness and Andrew Coss for their help setting up on Friday night, and thanks to David Jones for doing the tear down on Sunday evening. Thanks to Tora as well for the use of her fantastic sweeper that kept the rings in top condition each day!

There were seven Greater Vic club members entered in the trial and several were successful in qualifying and even finishing titles. Congratulations to Amalie Bush and her once again borrowed Weimaraner Sophie who finished her CD with some very nice scores and two High in Classes from

Novice B. Carmela Romano and her Golden, Squire, earned two passes towards their CDX from the Open B class. Janey Turner and her Golden, Bryn, finished their Utility title, as did Terry Gains and his Lab, Lira.

In the Unofficial classes, Blair Kilgour and Shilo were in fine form for the Veterans class, coming out on top with a score of 206 ½! Shilo is now nearly 14 years old! Also competing in Veterans was Andrew Coss and Quest and Sandy LaRocque and Cali. In the Brace class we had two club members competing: Janey Turner and her brace of Roan and Bryn, and Andrew Coss with Quest and Honor.

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Our next club trial will be on Sunday CA
October 14th at the Barn and will be a
joint trial with WesCom.

Tracking

Our annual Tracking test will be held on September 30th with Gary Roe as our judge, and will be held at Woodwin farms. Our test is full with 6 TD's and 3 TDX's, and we wish all participants good luck!

Let us all take some lessons then from our four legged friends.

Let us offer our love freely, openly, and happily to all those around us.

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

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

The lovely cake Erin and Lorna got for the last Graduation Class .



CANADIAN NATIONAL JUNIOR HANDLING OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Colton O'Shea-Garnier and his mom, Terra, from Nova Scotia, arrived in Victoria on Thursday, August 9th, for the August 11th Eukanuba sponsored Canadian National Junior Handling Obedience Championships. Colton had competed in his home province winning the provincial title with a Yellow Labrador Retriever. Circumstances prevented this dog from coming to Victoria with Colton for the Nationals. I had been contacted in early July regarding the loan of a suitable dog from the Victoria area for Colton to compete with. Several friends and I gave the matter some thought; we decided that my youngest Golden Retriever, Roan, might be a good match for Colton. Roan met Colton at the airport with a party hat on and a "Hi Colton" sign hung around her neck. They became instant friends. After 16 hours of travel from Nova Scotia, Colton was very anxious to get practicing with his new partner. They were able to practice on two occasions before the big event. The day of the Nationals, I delivered Roan to a very calm Colton; he looked very professional in his suit and tie. Roan went off with him quite happily and I found a good seat at ringside. As Colton's turn in the ring became imminent, he naturally started to get a little case of nerves, and who wouldn't. Off he went into the ring with Roan and they looked so smooth together. Their performance was almost perfect. They were a complete joy to watch. All the competitors did so well with their dogs, but of course the Colton & Roan fan club thought our team was the best. After the judging was completed, there was a three hour wait until the results were announced. A piper led the 19 junior handlers and dogs from both the obedience and the conformation competitions into the main ring to announce the winners. They announced the 4th, 3rd, and 2nd place winners leaving 1st place until last. The runner up names were

announced, but Colton hadn't been mentioned. We were literally on the edges of our seats when finally Colton's name was announced as the 1st place winner! I am not particularly accustomed to public crying, but I seemed to make an exception that day. I was so proud of this young man and his abilities, and my little dog and her trust in him. It was difficult to say farewell to Colton and Terra a few days later when they returned home to Nova Scotia. I know it was tough for Colton to say goodbye to Roan, as they had become really good pals. We made new friends and some incredible memories together, which I know none of us will ever forget.

Thank you Colton & Roan;
It was great fun!
Janey Turner

