



GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2006

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GVDOTC COMING EVENTS:

- April 29 - GrVic/NOSA
- May 26 - Event Rent-a-Ring
- May 27 - GrVic CKC (2 trials)
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- June 13 - AGM**
- Oct. 1 - GrVic Tracking Test
- Oct. 15 - Gr Vic

OTHER CLUBS

- April 23 - I&PLRC CKC Trials
- April 23 - Tyee Sanction
- April 29 - NOCS/GrVic
- April 30 - COWN
NKC Sanction (Conf)

Executive 2005 - 2006

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
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Trials	Amalie Bush	479-2345
	Tora Thywold	598-8702
Entertainment	vacant	

President's Message

Hope everyone had a lovely Easter with family and friends of both the two and four footed kinds. Take pleasure in your time with them as you never know how long they will be with you. Isn't it nice to have the long evenings again for training or just plain walking the dogs. Makes Winter just a faded memory pretty quickly.

We are already on our third week into the training session before the summer break. It is great to see Brenda Beadnell back with us teaching a beginners class. Welcome back

Brenda . Your expertise is much appreciated by staff and students.

As our memberships are due on May 15th. I am sure Dawn Hall would appreciate payments any time before that date . Don't wait until the last minute or worse leave it to become overdue.

The CKC trials are fast approaching and hopefully you will have signed up to help in some way. Information is posted on the notice board on club nights or you can contact Amalie Bush or Tora Thywold for more information. This is our big weekend of the year so every little bit helps.

The Annual General meeting will be on June 13 at the barn. The nominating committee is canvassing for persons to serve on the executive so if approached please give it some thought .Greater Vic. has a good sized membership which over the past year the current Executive has worked very hard to represent the best interests of. GVDOTC will continue to grow and thrive if each of you does your part by attending the AGM meeting so that it is truly the majority voice that gets heard. Just by being there you are showing that you do care about Greater Vic.

Judy

Trials Report – March 2006

Our first AIOC trial of the year was held March 11th. It was a joint trial held with NOSA at the Mary Winspear Center at Sancha Hall. Many thanks go to our judge, Pat Townsend.

Entries were not as high as we might have hoped with only 21 dogs entered, but seem to be in line with past years' entries. Of those 21, 4 were GVDOTC members and three of them were successful in qualifying. Congratulations to Gillian Anglin and Themba who were the winners of the T.M Jones Cup for the highest scoring Greater Vic members with a 191 from Utility. Congratulations also to John

DeJong and Keegan who won High Score from Novice B, as well as the Second High in Trial trophy, and the SPCA Cup for the Opposite Sex handler. Also from the Novice B class, Amalie Bush and her "borrowed" Weimaraner Sophie were the winners of the High Sporting Dog Cup.

Many thanks go to Mary Christian for all her hard work taking entries and helping with all the paperwork, to our ring stewards, Judy Currie, Mary Harkness, Aleda Bates, and Anita Guns. Thanks to Judy as well for her work organizing all the ribbons and trophies.

Unfortunately due to the low entries, we have to report a net loss of \$84.25 for the trial.

Our next AIOC trial, the Mary Bates Memorial trial, will again be a joint trial with NOSA, held on Saturday April 29th at the Barn. Our judge will be Terry Gains. We hope to see many of you out with your dogs, especially since our CKC trials will follow a few weeks afterwards!

Due to the fact our Entertainment chair position is still vacant, we are going to be in need of volunteers to run the kitchen for this trial. Any help will be much appreciated! Please see Tora or myself if you can help us.

We have also posted a sign up sheet for ring stewards for both the Mary Bates memorial trial, and our CKC trials in May. Even if you can only commit to part of the day, we would still be glad of your help!

-Amalie Bush

When it comes to helping you, some people stop at nothing.

-- *Unknown*

As many members are aware our club is run by volunteers. Our Trainers, Helpers, Executive are all volunteers. All the members who donate their time, effort to help others, to run the trials ensures Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club is here to offer dog training in the future.

It is very simple formula –without the generosity of our volunteers, there would be no Club for you to train your dog or trial for your titles.

It is with this in mind we head into our year end and Annual General Meeting where

we confirm all the Executive positions for the following year.

This year we have two positions open:

Training Chair and Entertainment Chair.

Before I move forward with outlining the jobs I would like to thank Maralyn for the excellent job she did as Training Chair over the last year. It has been said that organizing the trainers is a bit like herding cats and Maralyn did a fabulous job. It is for personal reasons she is stepping down. We will greatly miss her as the Chair of this committee. Thank you Maralyn.

To be the *Training Chair* you need not be a trainer. Your chief responsibility is to organize the classes and the trainers for each session. To attend the Executive committee meetings (4 per year) and to report to the membership 4 times per year. The training chair is responsible for the organizing the public contact for our classes. In past we have had co-chairs for this position, which has worked very well

The second position we have open is *The Entertainment Chair*.

The Entertainment Chair is responsible for the coffee and goodies on training nights and organizing the concession for the two AIOC trials each year. For our CKC trials, the Entertainment Chair is responsible for organizing the meals for the judges and stewards. Note that I stated organizing and not necessarily doing all the work. I know from past experience we have a very generous membership who are willing to help with these events. The other main event to organize is our annual Awards dinner and Christmas Party.

The entertainment chair is part of the Club Executive and is required to attend the Executive meetings four times per year and report to the membership four times per year.

Both of positions, the Training Chair and Entertainment Chair can work with Co-chairs to help ease the load.

If you are interested please contact

Andrew Coss at racoss@shaw.ca or 595-8562

Thanks

Don't ever question the value of volunteers.

Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the

Titanic was built by professionals.

Submitted on 8 Septemer 2004 by Dave Gynn,

“JUST A DOG”

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

Roca (C) 2006

Thank you Maralyn for sharing

BRAGS

Our puppy “Maya” (Myriosa Smiling on the Riviera) earned her Tracking Dog Title (TD) at the Forbidden Plateau Obedience and Tracking Club on March 19th at 9 ½ months old. She just LOVES to track and is a joy to train. There were 6 TD’s entered and 5 passes, so the success rate was very high – partly due to the beautiful weather conditions Thanks to my

good buddy Kathy Campbell, who laid most of Maya’s practice tracks, and Grandma Suzi Beber, who on several occasions came out to watch and take pictures of her progress. *Good things DO come in small packages!*

Submitted by Joanne Fraser - Maya’s Mom
Congratulations to Joanne and all the other entries.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much, to the Executive and members of the Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club, for your very generous donation to The Smiling Blue Skies™ Cancer Fund. It was such an unexpected and wonderful surprise, to receive your cheque, which is on its way to the Pet Trust office, at the University of Guelph. One out of every three dogs, whether pure breed or mixed breed, will be diagnosed with cancer, at some point in their lives. Their statistic mirrors our own. Thanks to special people like you, The Smiling Blue Skies Cancer Fund, has raised nearly \$65,000, and is reaching out to help heart dogs from coast to coast. Albert Einstein once said, that there are only two ways to live our lives. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is. We all know, that our dogs, are our very own miracles with paws. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart, for helping us to reach beyond the brightest stars, to take a bite out of canine cancer.

Yours truly,

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Deadline for next newsletter May 5, 2006

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Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club

Double Club A.I.O.C. Trial with NOSA

Saturday, March 11, 2006

Location: Sancha Hall, MWC

Judge: Pat Townsend

Results (of GVDOTC Trial only):

	Total # Entries	Total # Qualified	GVDOTC # Entries	GVDOTC # Qualified
Novice A	5	1	2	1
Novice B	3	2	1	1
Open A	1	0	0	0
Open B	5 + 1X	1 + 1X	0	0
Utility	6	2	1	1
TOTALS	21	6 + 1X	4	3

X = Exhibition only.

Total number of visiting clubs: 6

Qualifying dogs (*GVDOTC members):

Novice A - * John DeJong and Keegan (Kerry Blue Terrier)	GVDOTC	188.5
Novice B - Kate Boylan and Ronin (Sheltie)	COWN	191.5
* Amalie Bush and Sophie (Weimaraner)	GVDOTC	177
Open A -	No Qualifiers	
Open B - Duncan Morrison and Angus (Labrador)	NOSA	188.5
Utility - * Gillian Anglin and Themba (Std. Poodle)	GVDOTC	191.5
- Karen Blair and Tanner (Amer. Cocker)	NOSA	188

Trophy Winners (GVDOTC members):

T.M. Jones Cup (High Gt. Vic. in Trial):	Gillian Anglin and Themba	191
Second High in Trial Trophy	John DeJong and Keegan	188.5
S.P.C.A. Cup (High Opp. Sex Handler):	John DeJong and Keegan	188.5
S.P.C.A. Cup (High Junior Handler):	not awarded	
Flash Memorial Cup (Working/Herding):	not awarded	
Highest German Shepherd Dog:	not awarded	
High Sporting Dog Cup:	Amalie Bush and Sophie	177

Rosette Winners:

High in Trial:	Kate Boylan and Ronin (Sheltie)	191.5	COWN
High Novice A:	John DeJong and Keegan (Kerry Blue)	188.5	GVDOTC
High Novice B:	Kate Boylan and Ronin (Sheltie)	191.5	COWN
High Open A:	No Qualifiers		
High Open B:	Duncan Morrison and Angus (Labrador)	188.5	NOSA
High Utility:	Gillian Anglin and Themba (Std. Poodle)	191	GVDOTC
High Visitor:	Kate Boylan and Ronin (Sheltie)	191.5	COWN

Report prepared by Tora Thyvold

A.I.O.C. Trials Entry Secretary TrialReport-AIOC

