



GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message January-March 2011:

Another chilly winter term is well underway and it's great to see so many members out to train their dogs on these dark chilly nights! Our first scheduled night of classes had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a late afternoon snowfall. Many thanks to those instructors who helped spread the word, and my sincere apologies to the few who missed our message! Hopefully we won't have any more weather interruptions this term!

December 7th, 2010 was our annual Christmas dinner and awards night held once again at the Cedar Hill Gold Course. Thank you as always to Wendy Brown for all her hard work getting the trophies and plaques engraved. Thank you also to Betty Ruff who keeps track of the AIOC scores through out the year. Thank you to our Entertainment Chairs, Catherine Harding & Myrna Cox, for arranging the location, menu and gift exchange. It's always stressful organizing your first Christmas dinner but you both did a fine job! Thank you to Andrew Coss for supplying the equipment for the slide show. Finally, congratulations to all those members who earned titles over the past year! A full list of titles and awards is included in a separate report.

—Amalie Bush

2010 Year End Awards:

FISH AND GAME CUP (awarded by the Fish and Game Protective Assn.) - Awarded to the dog and handler that attain the 3 highest qualifying scores in any degree.

Won by – Gillian Anglin & Raffi (Novice)

MCCALLUM CUP - (donated by Mrs. E. McCallum in 1959) - Awarded to the dog and handler that attains the 3 highest qualifying scores at a CD level

Won by – Gillian Anglin & Raffi

SUNRAY SEAFORTH TROPHY (Donated by Dr. & Mrs. C. MacKenzie in 1950) - Awarded to the dog and handler that attain the highest total scores for a CDX. The names of all members who attained a CDX shall be engraved on the trophy in descending order and the member with the highest total score shall have possession of

the trophy for the year

Won by – Peggy York & Bella

HAVEN BONNIE JEAN TROPHY (Donated by Mrs. Abkhazi in 1956) Awarded to the dog and handler that attains the highest total scores in Utility to achieve a UD title. The names of all members who attained a UD shall be engraved on the trophy in descending order and the member with the highest total score shall have possession of the trophy for the year.

Won by – Janey Turner and Roan

KATIE MEMORIAL TROPHY (Donated by Mac and Bess Page in 1991) Awarded to the dog and handler that have earned a TDX Title (Tracking dog excellent)

Not Awarded

RUFF SPORTING DOG TROPHY (Donated by Betty and Joe Ruff in 1992) Awarded to the Registered Sporting dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for CDX or UD

Won by – Peggy York & Bella

NON-SPORTING DOG TROPHY (Donated by Peggy Thompson in 1993) Awarded to the Registered non-sporting dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any club degree.

Won by – Gillian Anglin & Raffi

THE CARTER TROPHY FOR UNREGISTERED DOGS

(donated by Randy and Rosemary Carter in 1993) Awarded to the non-registered or listed dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any Club Degree.

Won by -- Not awarded

THE GVDOTC HERDING TROPHY (Donated by Susan and Terry Barnett in 1992) Awarded to the Registered Herding dog and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any club degree, this would include purebred border collies.

Won By -- Philippa Sloan & Tag (Novice)

THE TERRIER TROPHY (Donated by Evelyn Smith in 1994) Awarded to the Registered Terrier and handler that attain the highest aggregate score for any club degree.

Won by – Judy Currie & Devlin

MARY BATES NOVICE AWARD (Donated by Mr. B. Bates in honour and memory of his wife Mary in 1991) Awarded to the dog and handler achieving their first CD with the highest three scores. The names of all qualifier for the award will be read out.

Won by – Philippa Sloan & Tag

THE SHEEHAN HOUND TROPHY – Not awarded

BEN SCHMIDT MEMORIAL MEDALLION (Club UD Medallion) Donated by Jane Schmidt in memory of her husband Dr. Ben Schmidt, Honorary Veterinarian for GVDOTC from 1982 - 1992. Presented to GVDOTC members and dogs who have completed their Club UD and were trained in GVDOTC classes. One side of Medallion engraved “In Memory of Ben” and on the other is the dog’s call name, U.D. and year.

Won by – Janey Turner and Roan

JACK PATTERSON OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD:

This award was created by GVDOTC in memory of Jack Patterson, a long time member of the club and our honorary Club solicitor. Members were nominated and the final decision rests with a committee. The award is in the form of a plaque with places for the recipients’ names to be engraved. It was first awarded in 2004, to Blair Kilgour, and since then has been awarded to Betty Ruff, Mary Harkness, Jean Barrick, Amalie Bush & Judy Currie.

This year, the award will be handed out at the next General Meeting, as the recipient was not able to attend the Christmas Dinner. It only seems fair that everyone should be surprised at the same time, so be sure to attend the next meeting on March 9th 2011!

Congratulations to the following members who earned AIOC Rally Novice (RN) titles:

Amalie Bush & Dibley

Susan Fukuyama & Meeka

Maralyn Redford & Amelia

Sonja Morris & Midas

Carmela Romano & Catcher

Judy Currie & Ruby

Fran Lindquist & Suds

CKC TROPHY LIST:

The prize list for our CKC trials has been posted on the notice board at the barn. There were a number of awards left from 2010 that were either not awarded due to no qualifiers or some awards were left to be awarded in 2011. If you notice a "10" next to an award this means it was from the 2010 trials.

If you wish to contribute a prize for this year please sign up on the list or contact Judy Currie (nzrabbit@shaw.ca or 479-7474) or Amalie Bush (amalie@shaw.ca) as soon as possible as the premium list will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

For anyone interested in giving a much appreciated prize the suggested value is \$20 and can be dog related or not whatever your preference. If you do not wish to purchase something then \$20 can be given to Judy to purchase a prize.

--Judy

Braggs:

On a very chilly November weekend, two Greater Vic members made the long snowy drive up to Forbidden Plateau's CKC Rally Trials in Courtenay. Amalie Bush with Dibley and Maralyn Redford with Amelia and Giselle did our club proud earning many High in Class ribbons and other class placements.

Giselle earned her Rally Novice title (after only a few weeks practice!), Amelia earned 3 of the 10 legs required for her RAE title (for this title you need to qualify in Advanced and Excellent in the same trial, 10 times) and Dibley earned 4 more "double passes" towards his RAE2 (he now has 6 towards this title).

Thanks to FPO&TC for putting on another great trial, and to the snow plows and salt trucks for making the roads safe for us to get there!

-- Amalie

Training staff and committee report:

The winter session has just finished and classes went very smoothly even though we had snowy weather, cold and wet.

Attendance was down at times due to weather conditions. Well done everyone who did come! We are now moving into spring with lighter evenings and warmer days.

Congratulations are in order to:

Adele Matte is now an Instructor having passed 2 Probationary sessions.

Myrna Cox is now a Helper after passing 2 Probationary sessions.

Thank you to those people: Karen Blair, Andrew Coss and Randy Street who mentored them.

I am pleased to announce that Heather Yellowlees has been made a Probationary Helper.

The training committee has met and I am happy to say we have a full slate of trainers and helpers.

Adele Matte did a terrific job with registration and Classes are full.

We have one Beginner class, one Practice 1 class, 2 Trials Practice classes, one Open, one Utility, Beginners Rally, and one Rally Advanced.

Adele will be e-mailing or calling people to let them know what time their class starts.

Classes start on March 29th through to May 17th with Beginner's Grad on May 24th. A schedule will be posted at the barn and thank you to Andrew Coss for posting the schedule on our web site.

Adele you did a great job with registration, organizing classes and keeping people informed of when classes start! Thank you.

Status of Training Committee Members:

Active Instructors in the training committee are:

Karen Blair, Amalie Bush, Andrew Coss, Randy Street, Peggy York and Adele Matte, Blair Kilgour

Active Helpers on the training staff are:

Judy Currie, Dawn Hall, Erin Finlayson, Tora Thyvold, Lorna Reid, Michael Boissevain, Myrna Cox.

Members taking a terms out are: Mary Harkness, Gillian Anglin, Carm Romano, Janey Turner, Maralyn Redford.

However, all of these trainers are willing to help cover for Trainers if people are away.

Members on Leave: Tuck Brennan, Wendy Brown,

Resignation: Diane Smith after many wonderful years of service.

A thank you card will be circulated for members to sign thanking her for her service over the years.

A big thank you to the training Committee who are truly dedicated to our club with their time and service.

Happy training everyone!! Have a good 2-week break and classes start again on March 29th to May 17th with Beginner Grad on May 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy York