



GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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GVDOTC COMING EVENTS:

June 13 - AGM

Oct. 1 - GrVic Tracking Test

Oct. 15 - Gr Vic

OTHER CLUBS

Executive 2005 - 2006

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Entertainment

President's Message

The past year has been a very busy one for your Executive committee and has just flown by. It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed and enthusiastic group of people. Our goal was and is to do the best we could for your club and you as members. Your voices were heard on a number of issues and hopefully we addressed them satisfactorily. It was not an easy year and hard decisions were made after much discussion and careful thought and consultation. Greater Vic. is fortunate to have many members who have stuck with the club and aided others in seeing the "big picture" beyond individual differences. Our club gains strength and unity when we look at the positive attributes of each other rather than weaknesses. Our enjoyment of dogs and aiding others to more fully enjoy their dogs is what really counts.

Our CKC trials are over and much hard work was put in by Amalie, Tora, and their committee. A heartfelt Thank you to them.

Rosemary Coss stepped in to take care of the kitchen duties with hardly a blink of an eye. Thank you Rosemary.

The trophy table was once again filled with unique and beautiful prizes. I always enjoy the great variety of trophies that your generosity provides for the competitors. Thank you to all the donators of prizes.

The Annual General meeting is on June 13th and we will be filling next year's Executive committee. Please try to attend as at this meeting you have the opportunity to choose the team that will direct Greater Vic. through the next year.

Have a happy healthy summer. See you in the fall.

Judy

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

It's that time again and another year has gone by. Those you who haven't renewed your club memberships need to do so ASAP. I would really appreciate members new and old to please see to this before summer vacation time comes. It's time consuming trying to track down expired members to send in forms and money to me.

I have enjoyed doing this job as it is a great means of getting to know people and their dog(s).

I wish you and your dog(s) a great and safe summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Respectfully Dawn

Trials Report

Our CKC trials were held May 27th and 28th and as many of you know, this year we celebrated our 200th trial. Many thanks go to our judges, Terry Gains and Bud Milsom, and to Vicky Gains who judged our unofficial classes.

Entries were certainly not as high as we might have liked with a total entry of 69 dogs in the official classes. Trial 1 had 18 entries, Trial 2 had 15 entries, Trial 3 had 17 entries, and Trial 4 had 19 entries. In the Unofficial classes we had 8 Veterans, 2 Brace and 1 Graduate Novice entry.

There were 10 Greater Vic members entered in our official classes, and the following were successful in qualifying. Congratulations go to Sandy LaRocque, Peggy York Gillian Anglin, and Maralyn Redford. I'm also proud to announce that Peggy and her Labrador Bella, were our High In Trial for Trial 1, and that Maralyn and her Golden Retriever Flyer were the High in Trial winners for Trials 2 & 3! Congratulation to you both!

In the Unofficial classes we also had several GVDOTC members entered. From the Veterans class, congratulations again go to Maralyn Redford and Flyer, Sandy LaRocque and Mocha, Andrew Coss and Quest, Janey Turner and Shannon, and our highest scoring Veteran, Blair Kilgour with Shilo who earned a score of 208! In the Veterans class, dogs receive an extra two points for every year over 7 years of age they are. Shilo is now 13 so she started with 12 extra points!

In the Brace Class, congratulations go to Janey Turner and her brace of Roan and Bryn. Last but not least, congratulations to Maralyn Redford who was also our Graduate Novice entry and qualifier with her dog Dante.

Many thanks go to our ring stewards and runners: Blair Kilgour, Mary Harkness, Wendy Brown, Tuck Brennan, Anita Guns, Carmela Romano, Randy Street, Mary Christian, and Tora Thyvold. Huge thanks go to Rosemary Coss for her organization of the lunches both days, and to her creative design of

our celebratory cake in the shape of a Milk Bone!

Thanks to Andrew for organizing the design and ordering of the T-shirts to mark our 200th trial. Entrants in the 200th trial itself each received one, and extras were available for purchase. They were so popular that we had sold every single one by Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to Judy Currie for her hard work in organizing all the prizes, and to club members who donated prizes. Thank you To Peggy York for her donation and arranging of all the lovely flowers. They always brighten up the Barn!

Thank you to Steve Simon of Classic Show Services for his services and organization of the entries. Thank you to Jean Barrick for her help with all our secretarial needs

From the Training Chair

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Training Staff who turn up each week and give so much to this Club. Your support this year has meant a tremendous amount to me personally and I know all the people who come to us to learn how to work with their dogs are very fortunate to have the benefit of your many years of experience.

To the students, new, and those who have been training for awhile, thank you for making the effort to work with your dogs. Whether you just want a nice companion or have higher hopes in obedience you are helping to ensure that dogs remain a part of our daily lives and are accepted in our society. We who are fortunate enough to have dogs know how very special they are and how they make our world a better place to live.

I hope everyone has a great summer and look forward to classes in the fall.

Maralyn Redford

Tribute to Duke

Our gentle giant with the crooked tail went quietly to sleep in the wee hours of the morning on May 16th. Duke was diagnosed with cardio myopathy in February, and with the help of human meds, had a pretty good life for 4 more months. He was 2 months short of 10 years old. I was on vacation for his last 10 days and he played ball and enjoyed the sunshine with us each and every day. Duke received his club CD and we were both proud of that achievement. We had lots of fun going to class year after year! Just like people, dogs can do anything if someone believes in them. They all deserve the best you can give them. We have a huge empty space in our home.

Adele and John Matte

WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy from everyone to Betty Ruff who experiencing a very sad time. Her beloved dogs, Sage, age 10, has cancer and isn't expected to be with her much longer, and on the 26th, Briar at age 9, suddenly became very ill and as the Vet. couldn't do anything to help her, she was sadly put to sleep. Our thoughts are with you Betty.

BRAGS:

Tuck Brennan has been advised, by CKC, that her pointer Morley (Nowwithem Marylebone Sprite, CDX, TD, CGN) has placed 2nd in Obedience points won by a Pointer in 2005. She was entered in our CKC Trials last year and qualified in 3 for her CDX Title.

Congratulations Tuck

A Weekend To Remember

Maralyn Redford and Flyer:

This weekend was a wonderful experience. I have never been fortunate enough to earn a CKC High In Trial before and this weekend Flyer and I took home two! Greater Vic does an awesome job of putting on our CKC trials every year and the 200th Trials weekend was extra special. I am so proud to have been a part of it.

Flyer and I want to thank everyone who was so supportive and kind, not only this weekend, but in our years of training. I feel that obedience forms the backbone of so many areas where we compete with our dogs and I know that Flyer wouldn't have achieved what he has in other venues without it.

In his eight years Flyer has given me many special memories of our time together. This weekend he added some that really sparkle!

I guess he can now be called – Multi HIT Ch Myriosa's Legend of the Rose TD CDX WC JH DD CGN VCI Am TD. Otherwise known as my very special boy!

Maralyn Redford

Congratulations Maralyn



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE ☺

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