



## GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

June 2010

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nanaimo Kennel Club CKC Obedience & Rally trials June 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Vancouver Island Paws AIOC Trial THURSDAY June 24<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm

Victoria City Kennel Club CKC Obedience & Rally Trials August 6-8<sup>th</sup>

Forbidden Plateau CKC Obedience Trials September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

### EXECUTIVE 2009-2010:

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### President's message June 2010:

With June upon us, we bring another "school year" of classes and trials to a close. Our annual CKC Obedience and Rally trials were another great success thanks to the help of many willing club members. I will provide a full report on the weekend in my trials report, but it was so nice to see I had more than enough people to help out over the weekend!

I would also like to thank all the members of the Executive for their hard work this year. Most of the Executive has been together now for at least 4 years, and I have truly enjoyed working with each and every one of you. You have certainly

made my first year as President much easier!

So with the hope of warmer weather ahead of us for the summer, I hope all of you get a chance to enjoy a well-deserved summer holiday with your dogs. Dibley and I will be starting our summer off by competing in the BC & Yukon Regional Agility Championships in Abbotsford June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. After running and organizing our CKC and AIOC trials I always appreciate being able to attend a trial where I can just enjoy a weekend of fun with my dog without having any other responsibilities!

–Amalie

### Trials Report June 2010:

Our CKC Obedience and Rally trials were held May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> this year. While our

entries in Rally were down from last year (total entry of 95 compared with 136 last year) our Obedience entry was up slightly (106 official entries compared with 91 last year). In the Unofficial classes we had 6 Veterans and 2 Brace entries.

Many thanks go to many people! First of all, to our judges for the weekend: Terry Gains, Norma Schaffer, Patricia Kopec and Betty Ruff.

Thank you to all of our ring stewards for the weekend: Adele Matte, Fran Lindquist, Brenna Litwack, Andrew Coss, Tora Thyvold, Susan Fukuyama, Mary Christian, Anita Guns, Peggy York, Rachelle Westman, Blair Kilgour, Randy Street, Liz Taylor, Karen Blair, Michael Boissevain, Bill Blair, and Tom & Deb Vida who once again helped with the Unofficial classes. Thank you also to my Mom, Kathryn Bush, who kindly stepped in as a Rally steward briefly on Friday!

Thank you to the club members who helped set up and tear down, Andrew Coss, Anita Guns, Tora Thyvold, Adele Matte, Maralyn Redford, Mary Harkness, and my Mom again! I am most likely forgetting some club members but when everyone started cleaning up Sunday afternoon I was busy finishing paperwork and when I finished they had done everything! It happened in a blur!

Thank you to Lorna Reid and Catherine Harding for feeding all our hard working volunteers over the weekend.

Thank you to Judy Currie for once again taking care of the trophy table. It's a big job, especially on Sunday when everyone is in a hurry to head home, but Judy always does a fantastic job keeping it organized!

Thank you to Jean Barrick for once again making the cards that go with all the prizes.

And now the results! Congratulations to the following club members who earned passes and titles in Rally:

- Kevin McLean & Chase the Nova Scotia Duck Toller who earned their very first Rally Novice leg
- Tamara Gauthier with Brannigan the Leonberger who earned their Rally Novice title
- Sonja Morris and Midas the Golden who earned their Rally novice title and earned the first leg towards their Rally Advanced title
- Judy Currie and Spice the Soft Coated Wheaton earned their Rally Advanced title, and Ruby earned a leg towards her Rally Advanced title
- Maralyn Redford with Amelia the Golden earned their Rally Advanced title and a leg towards their Rally Excellent title.
- Philippa Sloan with Tag the Australian Shepherd earned their Rally Advanced title and two Rally Excellent legs
- Lorna Reid and Mairi the Lab earned their Rally Advanced title
- Gillian Anglin and Raffi the St. Poodle earned a pass towards their Rally Advanced title
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In Obedience congratulations to:

- Philippa Sloan with Tag who earned their CD
- Maralyn Redford and Amelia who earned their CD
- Mary Harkness and Soleil the Golden who earned a leg towards their CD

- Gillian Anglin and Raffi earned two passes in Open B
- Peggy York and Bella who earned a pass in Open B

In the Unofficial Classes, congratulations to our highest scoring Veteran, Gillian Anglin's Themba the St. Poodle, who earned a score of 203. Also competing were Mary Harkness with Leo the Golden, and Andrew Coss with Goldens Ready and Honour. Andrew's team was also the Highest Qualifying Brace team.

Our overall High in Trial winners were Ward Falkner from North Vancouver with his Golden GMOTCH Spirit's Zim Zam Zoom in trials 2 & 3 with scores of 199.5 & 200 respectively, and Donna Bradley of Abbotsford with her Sheltie Elbee Talk of the Town UD in trials 1 & 4 with scores of 200 and 199 respectively.

Both these teams put on a great display in Utility in Trial 1 under Terry Gains, both earning scores of 200! Terry then had the daunting task of breaking that tie in a run

off. In the end it was Donna Bradley's smooth footwork that gave her the edge. According to Terry, he had only awarded two other perfect scores in his judging career until this point.

Complete results have been posted on [www.canukdogs.com](http://www.canukdogs.com)

So again, a big thank you to everyone who helped with the trials, whether it was donating a prize or putting chairs away, I couldn't do it with out you! Amazingly, I look forward to doing it all again next year!

#### **AIOC :**

Our next AIOC trial will be Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Barn. Details will be arranged over the summer.

#### **Tracking:**

The tracking committee will be meeting over the summer to coordinate plans for the Tracking Test, to be held on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our judge is Joanne McLeod.

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#### **Trainers Report:**

I would like at this time to thank all the Trainers and the helpers for the wonderful job they have done this past year by helping people train their dogs and run such smooth and interesting classes. Each and every instructor put such a lot of effort into the teaching of their class. It is impressive for a volunteer service! The trainers and their helpers indeed are the heart of this club, and without their commitment and their expertise we would not have a dog-training club. The effort and the time the training staff give to teaching and helping every Tuesday evening throughout the year is commendable. Each of you is contributing to the development

of responsible canine citizens, responsible dog owners and to the continuation of our club.

#### **Spring Session Classes:**

The spring schedule was drawn up on March 17<sup>th</sup> at a training committee meeting. In the last session we had:  
 -2 Beginner classes, 1 Open, 1 Utility,  
 -P1, P2, Beginners Rally, Trials Practice  
 -Trials Practice, Rally Advanced  
 In P1 and P2 the enrollment was over the limit for class size, which resulted in Adele asking some members to participate in Beginner Rally which had a smaller enrollment. Thank you to those members who were flexible with taking a different class.

**All the classes ran very smoothly over the past year.**

**Status of training staff members:**

Active Instructors in the training committee are:

Gillian Anglin, Karen Blair, Mary Harkness, Tuck Brennan ( helping), Amalie Bush, Andrew Coss, Maralyn Redford ( helping ) Carmela Romano, and Peggy York.

Active Helpers on the training staff are:

Wendy Brown, Judy Currie, Dawn Hall, Erin Finlayson, Adele Matte, Tora Thyvold, Lorna Reid, Michael Boissevsain.

Members on Leave of absence/ taking a term out are:

Randy Street, Blair Kilgour, Joanne Fraser, Janey Turner and Diane Smith.

However, I would like to thank at this time Randy Street and Blair Kilgour for covering for instructors who had to be absent from class. Also, a very big thank you to Andrew Coss who covered 2 classes for a period of time this past term. The willingness of people to volunteer to help is one of the reasons why we have such a good club.

This past term our club was represented at the AIOC Challenge Trials in Nanaimo, where the AIOC celebrated 50 years of

history. It was a fun trial and many clubs participated.

We had two teams participating and I would like to thank them for representing Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club at this trial and celebration.

**Team 1:**

Judy Currie and Devlin ( Novice ) and Myrna Cox and Cali ( Open)

**Team 2:**

Andrew Coss and Ready ( Novice) and Peggy York and Bella (Open)

Congratulations went to Andrew Coss and Peggy York's team for winning the top combined score and taking home the trophy for the best 2 Team working dogs.

The next training meeting is:

**Date: Monday June 21<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m.**

**Location: Andrew Coss's home  
10712 McDonald Park Road**

I am counting on folks to consider helping again next year either as helpers or trainers. I will be sending everyone on the training committee a personal e-mail reminder of the meeting.

In closing, once again, thank you for **all** for your help in time, support and expertise.

Respectfully submitted,

*-Peggy York*

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**Summer Reading/ Viewing List: Members Recommend Books and DVDs:**

*Agility Right from the Start* by E. Bertilsson and E. Johnson Vegh, Sunshine Books Inc., 2010. (Kristina)

*Clicker Training for Obedience* by Morgan Spector, Sunshine Books Inc., 1998. (A classic, recommended by Kristina)

*Jumping from A to Z*, by M. Christine Zink, Canine Sports Production, 1996. (Lots of good info to get your dog learning to jump safely and confidently, Fran)

*Reaching the Animal Mind* by Karen Pryor, Scribner, 2009. (Jane Beauchamp)

*Step by Step -- Training DVD, Puppy -- Novice -- Handling* by Janice Gunn (available at Janice's website, tntkennels, recommended by Suzi)

*Step by Step -- Training DVD, Open & Utility* by Janice Gunn (Suzi)

*When Pigs Fly!, Training Success with Impossible Dogs* by Jane Killion. (Operant conditioning and clicker training, written with humour, and an understanding of non-biddable breeds like my Westies, recommended by Fran)

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**Brag:**

Amalie Bush is proud to announce that Dibley finished both his CKC Excellent Agility titles from the veterans division at the Tyee CKC Agility trials in May at the age of 11 and a half! The veterans division was introduced this year and allows dogs over 7 years of age to drop two jump height categories. So for Dibley this means he was able to compete at 16" instead of 24". He wasn't the fastest but proved that slow and steady can be just as good! Dibley earned all his CKC Agility titles (Novice through Excellent) over 4 weekends in one year! Good job old boy! Now it's off to the BC Regional Championships in the hopes of qualifying for the Nationals, which will be held at Spruce Meadows in Calgary this August.

–Submitted by Amalie

Camalire's FireCatcher RN.,CGN., known to his friends as Catcher, was in his first big boy confirmation show @ Tyee, he placed 3rd the first day, 2nd on the second day and First, Winners dog on the 3rd day earning 3 points towards his 10 point championship title. Then @ VIDFA show, we came 3rd out of 3 the first day, boo hoo!!! but on the second day he won and received the title of, Best of Winners, so he picked up the girls points and the boys...he now has 6 points...only 4 more to go!!!! We are entered in agility trials during the summer and a few more confirmation shows...

–Submitted by Carmela

**GREATER VIC TROPHY WINNERS:**

**Rally Obedience:**

High GVDOTC member Trial 1&3 Maralyn Redford Trial 2&4- Sonja Morris

**Obedience Trials:**

	1	2	3	4
<b>High in Trial</b>	Donna Bradley Bradley	Ward Faulkner	Ward Faulkner	Donna
<b>2nd HIT</b>	Ward Faulkner	Donna Bradley	Donna Bradley	Ward
<b>Sporting</b>	Ward Faulkner	Ward Faulkner	Ward Faulkner	Ward

Faulkner

<b>Working</b>	Diane Jones	Diane Jones	Karen Miller	N/A
<b>Non-Sporting</b>	Robert Scott Scott	Robert Scott	Robert Scott	Robert
<b>Herdling</b>	Donna Bradley	Donna Bradley	Donna Bradley	
<b>Labrador</b>	Peggy York	N/A	N/A	Karen Nelkenbrecher
<b>Tracking</b>	Maralyn Redford	Maralyn Redford	Monique Anstee	N/A
<b>Irish Setter</b>			Kathy Campbell	Kathy
<b>NOSA</b>	Helen Moulden	Mary Harkness	N/A	Helen
<b>GVDOTC</b>	Maralyn Redford	Gillian Anglin	Gillian Anglin	N/A

VANCOUVER ISLAND PAWS  
DOG OBEDIENCE GROUP  
(VIP DOG)

WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER AN AIOC TRIAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 2010

JANEY TURNER JUDGING

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
MAXIMUM 4 HOURS OF JUDGING IS AVAILABLE  
\$7 per entry

ORDER OF JUDGING  
NOVICE A NOVICE B  
OPEN A OPEN B  
UTILITY

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:30 PM AND ENDS AT 8 PM  
JUDGING WILL COMMENCE AT 6 PM.

THIS TRIAL WILL BE HELD AT THE EAGLE'S HALL ON BOYS ROAD... find the silver bridge and the Trans Canada Highway, just south of Duncan. Boys road is on the south side of the bridge. Serious coffee is on the corner and there are lights at this intersection. If travelling south you turn right here, if travelling north, you turn left at these lights. The hall is about a block up on Boys road, on the left. If you go over the railroad tracks, you've gone too far.

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NO RAFFLE AND NO CONCESSION  
COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE

Looking for information on upcoming trials or events? Check [www.canuckdogs.com](http://www.canuckdogs.com). The only thing you won't find there are AIOC trials, but it is a great resource for all other trials and events. They have recently added a "Top Dogs" feature where you can see who the top Conformation, Obedience and Rally dogs in Canada are!

**Next Deadline for GVDOTC Newsletter Items: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**  
**Have a safe and happy summer!**