



GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB
NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT TRIAL DATES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2010

Oct 24th, Greater Vic./NOSA AIOC Obedience & Rally trials
October 31st, COWN AIOC Obedience Trial
November 7th, NKC AIOC Obedience Trial
November 20/21st, NKC CKC Obedience Trials

President's Message October 2010:

Welcome back to classes! It's great to be back to another term of classes seeing so many familiar faces each week. There is always lots of catching up to do hearing of everyone's summer adventures! Whether it was family vacations with the dogs or a road trip to a dog event, there are lots of stories to tell! The highlight of my summer was qualifying for and attending the Agility Association of Canada National Championships in Calgary. You can read more about that in my brag....!

So now that Fall is upon us, we have several club events set to take place over the coming weeks and months including the annual Tracking test on October 3rd,

an AIOC Obedience and Rally trial on October 24th and our annual Christmas dinner and awards presentations on Tuesday December 7th. Trophy forms are due to Wendy Brown no later than Tuesday November 2nd. The form is included in this newsletter and will also be available on the notice board on class nights. The deadline for Jack Patterson Outstanding Member award nominations will be the following week of November 9th.

-Amalie

Trials Report 2010:

Our annual Don Hudson Memorial Tracking Test was held at Woodwynn Farm on Sunday October 3rd. The judge was JoAnne McLeod from Courtenay, who was a pleasure to work with as always. The test was a great success, with two TD and two TDX passes out of three TD and three TDX entries. It was a perfect day for tracking, with lightly overcast skies, no wind, and heavy dew on lush green grass.

The first TD track went to a nine month old female Bloodhound, Flessner's I Believe at Gumshoe TD, handled by Kim Bialkowski. The dog was unsure of herself on the first leg, but collected her focus and finished well to earn her TD.

The second TD track was drawn by a one year old male Bernese Mountain Dog, Pinnacles Icefall TD, handled by Dianne Jones. This was a fabulous dog to watch as he confidently worked through the track to earn his TD.

The third TD track went to a four year old male Golden Retriever. The boy was fast as he dragged his handler well past the first corner and then was unable to recover the track.

Once put back on, he quickly finished and should earn his title soon.

The first TDX track was drawn by a three year old female Flat Coated Retriever. She tracked beautifully but unfortunately went astray on her first corner. She restarted quickly and finished this very difficult track perfectly so will undoubtedly earn her title soon.

The second TDX track went to a three year old female Golden Retriever, CH Spldaishi's Just U Wait TDX WC JH, handled by Sue Sorensen. This track had a complex scenting problem near the start, but the dog managed to solve it and carried on to complete the track without problems, earning her TDX.

The final track went to a seven year old English Cocker Spaniel, Ranzfel X Generation, handled by Betsy Moyer. The grass was almost as tall as the dog as she worked quickly but steadily along the track to earn her TDX.

I want to thank my fellow tracking committee members who put in so much time before and during the test to ensure a successful event: Amalie Bush, Andrew Coss, Mary Harkness, Kristiina Ovaska, and Maralyn Redford.

Thank you to our tracklayers who spent many hours with the judge the day before the test to plot the tracks. The tracklayers were club members Mary Harkness, Blair Kilgour, Gillian Anglin, Tuck Brennan, and Susan Fukuyama, along with Becky Mathews of the English Cocker Spaniel Club. Finally, special thanks to Richard LeBlanc, Executive Director of the Woodwynn Farm Society for allowing us to hold our test at the farm once again.

Elizabeth Taylor,
Trials and Tracking Chair

Training Staff and Committee Report:

I am pleased to announce that we have two new people who have joined the training committee.

I am happy to have the assistance of Heather Yellowlees as my helper this year. We are looking forward to the planning

and scheduling of classes for the training Committee for the next Fall, Winter and Spring terms. I know Heather will be a big help for me.

Myrna Cox has joined our training staff as a Helper in the Trials Practice class with

Karen Blair. Thank you Myrna I know your help will be appreciated. Adele Matte moved from being a helper to the position of Probationary Instructor. Good Luck Adele your students will be fortunate to have your help.

The fall schedule is set as follows:

- 1 Beginner classes, 2 X P1 classes, 1 Open, 1 Utility, at 6:30 pm
- P2, Beginners Rally, Trials Practice, and Open at 7:30 pm
- Trials Practice, Rally Advanced at 8:30 pm

This term we are only able to accommodate 1 Beginner class due to a shortage of instructors for that class.

Status of training staff members:

Active Instructors in the training committee are:

Gillian Anglin, Karen Blair, Amalie Bush, Andrew Coss, Carmela Romano, Randy

Street, Peggy York and Adele Matte (Probationary Instructor)

Active Helpers on the training staff are:

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

Members taking a term out are: Mary Harkness, Janey Turner, Diane Smith, Maralyn Redford, Wendy Brown.

Blair Kilgour has resigned from the training committee.

Information to Share.

The training committee will be getting a copy of the Training Policy Book, and the Training Staff Book to have for their records. They will also be receiving a phone and e-mail list of all the members of the training committee. Thank you to Judy Currie for preparing that for us. A point to consider: training with your dog is developing a unique relationship with your pet. It is an opportunity to provide fun, with learning, so keep your training positive and motivating for both you and your dog.

Happy training everyone!!

Thank you to our hard working training staff!

Respectfully submitted,

-Peggy York

Brag:

Carmela Romano: Camalire's FireCatcher R.N., CGN , known to his friends as Catcher, went to the All Breed Confirmation Show in Chilliwack the last weekend of Sept. He is now Champion Camalire's FireCatcher R.N., CGN. We not only took the points in 2 out of 3 days, he also went 4th in the Sporting Group. What a way to finish his Champion Title! Now onto obedience and agility...

See picture next page.



Philippa Sloan: Tag earned his Rally Adv and Excellent this year along with his CD and did his CGN.

Amalie Bush: To continue a long and amazing competitive career, Dibley and I were very proud to qualify for the AAC National Agility Championships, which were held at Spruce Meadows in Calgary Alberta. Anyone from the “horsey” world will know that Spruce Meadows is an Internationally renowned Show Jumping facility, and as a horsey kid growing up watching these events on TV, it was certainly a proud moment to be competing there at a National Championship... even if it's with a dog and not a horse!

The days were long, starting at 6am when the course maps were made available, and the courses themselves opened for walk-throughs. The first dogs to run started at 8am, and classes ran until at least 5:30pm. Now for those of us from BC, that felt like an hour earlier. So to be there at 6am meant getting up at 4:30am, which felt like 3:30am! Now Dibley, much like myself, is not really a big fan of early mornings. I think he actually had bags under his eyes on the second morning!

So, how did we do you ask? Not bad considering Dibley is still pretty new to agility! He had two clean runs, and only a few faults in his others. We placed 35th out of 56 in the 16” double drop veterans’ category, which is a pretty competitive division. I’m sure most of the other dogs in that class have been doing agility for most of their lives. I was just thrilled to be able to attend and compete with my dear old boy!

I have posted several videos of us on YouTube. Search for “DibleysMom” and you will find us!



———— Please Note: Two Important Club Dates

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 23rd, 7 pm, at the Barn

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday Dec 7th at the Cedar Hill Golf Course, mix & mingle at 5:30, dinner a costs approximately \$25. 00 per person; Cash Bar

Slide show, Awards & Gift Exchange (minimum \$10.00 gift) (optional).

Contact either Myrna Cox or Catherine Harding for more information and tickets.

**Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club
Victoria, British Columbia**

TROPHIES

RETURN THIS FOR NO LATER THAN 2nd NOVEMBER, 2010

At the annual Christmas dinner a plaque will be presented for each dog that has completed a Club C.D. title during the period from November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010. Engraved bars are awarded for the subsequent titles once the Club C.D. has been attained. In order to qualify for trophies, handler and dog must attain all passes having trialed under a G.V.D.O.T.C. membership card for the degree being received. Any trophies awarded must not be removed from Vancouver Island.

If your dog has completed a Club, C.K.C., or AKC. title, during the above stated period please fill out this form and make sure it is received by WENDY BROWN no later than **2nd NOVEMBER, 2010**. All Requests received after the November deadline will be carried over to the next year. Please mail to: Wendy Brown, 4398 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria B.C., V8Z 5K9 or leave in the envelope on the notice board at the Club.

OWNER'S NAME: _____ Tel: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME _____ Breed: _____

Tel. # _____
Is your dog registered with the Canadian Kennel Club? _____

Is this the first dog you have trained through a C.D. Title? _____

Club Degree Earned: _____ Score, Date 1) _____

& Host Club 2) _____

3) _____

(If more than one club degree was earned please continue on back of sheet)

C.K.C. Title _____ Date Title Completed _____

AK.C. Title _____ Date Title Completed _____