



NORTH SAANICH

Dog Obedience Training Club

September 14, 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gloria Graham

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to our fall training session. The Training Committee has made some changes of instructors for some of the classes and I, for one, am looking forward to my new class.

At the end of the last session and at our last meeting there was much discussion about trying to encourage more people from our classes to continue on to trialing with their dogs. It is a fact that in today's dog training community there is a lot of competition for participants. There are many other disciplines out there such as agility, herding, and field work that take precedence over obedience trialing for many dog owners. Not everyone, however, is interested in these other pursuits.

I was speaking with Shirley Hubenig, one of our trial judges in the spring who lives in Calgary. I have known Shirley for almost 30 years. I was talking to her about the fact that our obedience entries are suffering as a result of other disciplines taking precedence. She informed me that in Alberta obedience trials still get really good entries.

The last few local obedience trials have had a very poor entry in the Novice classes. The Open B and Utility classes continue to have a relatively good showing. If we don't do our best to bring new people to our sport, obedience as a competitive discipline is in serious trouble in our area. Those Novice dogs are the up-and-coming entries for the higher classes later.

NOSA is an obedience club. We all need to do our best to encourage new students to continue on with their dogs. They may not come to their first class with that aim in mind, but it's up to us to make these students feel welcome and offer encouragement to continue on to trialing. We were all beginners with our first dog at some point in time. Think about what made you stick with it.

Any of you who may be reading this that are relatively new to dog training, do you have any suggestions of ways we can help you? Do you have questions about trialing? Our training staff has a very wide variety of knowledge, and decades of experience. Please feel free to ask, and if the person you ask doesn't have the answer, they can surely point out someone else who can help you.

Happy training!

Gloria Graham



Gloria & Pearl

The North Saanich Dog Obedience Training Club welcomes you and your dog.

This newsletter gives you a brief introduction to the club, class information, key dates, contact information and training tips.

You can learn more about the club and our classes by going to our website at www.nosa.ca

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

There isn't space in this newsletter to tell you everything about our dog obedience club. If you visit our website www.nosa.ca, you'll find information about the club's history, dog etiquette in and around our training facility, class descriptions and schedule, upcoming events, past newsletters, club contact info and more. Use the feedback link to let us know what you think.

GOOD MEMBER PRACTICES

In the interest of keeping our training environment a safe and pleasant place to train for everyone, all handlers are asked to follow a few simple practices.

Exercise and relieve your dog **before** entering the building.

Exercise your dog in the grassy area only and **always** stoop and scoop up stools.

Do not allow males to lift their legs on the corners of the building or in the entry ways.

Keep your dog on leash at **all** times. The only exceptions are off-leash work in the rings.

If your dog has an accident in the hall, find an instructor, assistant or other club member to hold your dog while **you** clean up using the clean-up materials supplied.

All dogs must enter the hall

through the green double doors, on the south side of the hall. These are just to the right of the three huge doors with the floor-to-ceiling windows. **No** dogs may enter through the front doors of the facility.

When inside the building, please keep your dogs on the matting.

If your dog has a communicable disease or infestation or you have a female in season, please attend your class, but leave your dog home. You can practise with your dog at home.

If your dog is ill or lame, please leave it home, but attend yourself so you will be able to catch up once your dog is well.

If you have to miss a class, please let your instructor know ahead of time.

If you feel uncomfortable with your instructor/assistant, with any training techniques, or another dog in the class, please express your concerns to either your instructor or Training Chairman (Irene Copus 656-1938).

Feel free to stay and watch the more advanced classes. You may want to put your dog in the car while you do this. If you keep your dog with you, please keep him/her under control at all times.

If your dog is aggressive toward either people or other dogs, please let your instructor know. We will help you without putting you, your dog, the instructor, other students or their dogs at risk.

NEW OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPIONS

NOSA's Two New Obedience Trial Champions

Congratulations to Karen Blair and her American Cocker Spaniel, "Tanner" (OTCh Nonnies Fancy Footwork) for attaining their **Club O.T.Ch.** March 11, 2006. Karen & Tanner earned their Club & CKC CD in 2001; their CKC CDX in 2002; Club CDX in 2003 and their CKC O.T.Ch. in 2005. Tanner is 8 years old.

Not to be outdone, her husband Bill and his American Cocker Spaniel, "Jordan" (OTCh Nonnies Fancy Footwork) attained their **CKC O.T.Ch.** August 12, 2006. Blair & Jordan earned their Club & CKC CD in 2003; their Club & CKC CDX in 2004; and now their CKC UD. Jordan is 5 years old.

Congratulations to both of you for attaining this milestone!

Tanner and Jordan are the 23rd and 24th NOSA-trained dogs to earn an Obedience Trial Championship.



Tanner and Jordan

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CKC TRIAL REPORT

NOSA held its 2006 CKC trial on April 22. The trial was dedicated to long-time NOSA member Dawn Bell and was, as usual, a very successful trial.

Our judges were Shirley Hubenig from Calgary and Lindsay Ibbotson from Vancouver. We had a total of 86 entries split equally between the trials. High trial in both trials was earned by Susan Scobie from Vancouver with scores of 197 and 195 in the Novice B class. Second high in trial was earned by Gillian Anglin in Trial #1 with 195 1/2 and by Peggy York in Trial #2 with 194, both Greater Vic members.

Class winners were: in Novice A, Heidi Von Der Wense (182) and Liz Jones (189); in Novice B, Susan Scobie as above; in Open A, Alva Kwas (188); in Open B, Gillian Anglin and Margot Jorgensen (189 1/2); and in Utility, Gillian Anglin (190 1/2).

NOSA members achieving passing scores were Charleen DeLong (186 1/2), Liz Jones (181 and 189) and Marilyn Clayton (193 and 191). Well done, all of you.

Our thanks go out to: Trials Chair, Joy Beaulieu; Chief Ring Steward, Karen Blair; Trophy Chair, Cherry Condrey; Kitchen, Phil Griffith and Paul Beaulieu; and our Raffle Coordinator Extraordinaire, Irene Copus for the many hours they put in to make the trial the success that it was.

Our next CKC trial will be held on April 21st, 2007 so work hard over the winter and be prepared to enter. We guarantee a good time will be had by all.

Bill Blair

Trial Secretary

OBEDIENCE TITLES AWARDED SINCE NOV. 2005

- Club CD:** Cheryl Hawrychuk & Madison (Ch. Koping's Beauty Queen, CD) - Weimaraner
- CKC CD:** Jim Fathers & Colleen (Bangor's Colleen) – Kerry Blue - Nov.A - Nov. 2005 - 3 HIC
- CKC CD:** Liz Jones & Cole (Ch. Oceanspray's Blackjack, CD) – Labrador Retriever – Nov. A – April 22, 2006 - HIC
- CKC CD:** Charleen DeLong & Amber (Kinkell Ascrib, CD)– Labrador Retriever – Nov. A – April 22, 2006
- CKC CD:** Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, Agl, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) – Smooth Collie - Nov. B – April 23, 2006 - HIT
- CKC CD:** Cheryl Hawrychuk & Madison (Ch. Koping's Beauty Queen, CD) – Weimaraner- – May, 2004 – Tyee KC
- Am. CD:** Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, Agl, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) - Smooth Collie – Nov. B – Feb.19, 2006 – 2 HIT/3HIC
- CKC CDX:** Helen Moulden & Dante (Ch Aladax's Sorcerer CDX, AGN, CGC, HT) – Briard – Sept. 10, 2006
- Club UD:** Karen Blair & Tanner (OTCh & Ch Nonnie's Special Effects) - American Cocker – March 11, 2006
- CKC UD:** Bill Blair & Jordan (OTCh Nonnies Fancy Footwork) – Am. Cocker - August 12, 2006

Many of our NOSA members train and trial in other canine disciplines. Here are some of the titles and awards our talented teams have achieved in the past year.

RALLY OBEDIENCE TITLES

AKC RN: Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) - Smooth Collie - Am.RN – February 19, 2006 – 3 HIC

AGILITY TITLES

CKC Agility titles

AgNJ (Agility Novice Jumpers) - Liz Hayes & Stitch (Allwin's Etched In Time, CD, AGI, AGIJ, RNMCL, MADC,MJDC, MSDC, OAC,NJC,NCC,TN-N) – Miniature Poodle - May 13, 2006 – Tyee KC

AgNJ – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) - Smooth Collie –13 May, 2006 – Tyee KC

AgIJ (Agility Intermediate Jumpers) - Liz Hayes & Stitch (Allwin's Etched In Time, CD, AGI, AGIJ, RNMCL, MADC,MJDC, MSDC, OAC,NJC,NCC,TN-N) – Miniature Poodle - June 17, 2006 – Shetland Sheepdog Club of BC

AgIJ – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) – Smooth Collie - July 22, 2006 – Golden Retriever Club of Canada

AgI (Agility Intermediate): Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) – Smooth Collie –July 28, 2006 – Pacific KC

AAC (Agility Association of Canada) agility titles:

MSDC (Masters Snooker) - Liz Hayes & Stitch (Allwin's Etched In Time, CD, AGI, AGIJ, RNMCL, MADC, MJDC, MSDC, OAC,NJC,NCC,TN-N) – Miniature Poodle - January 2006

SGDC (Starters Games Dog of Canada) – Helen Moulden & Dante (Ch Aladox's Sorcerer CDX, AGN, CGC, HT) – Briard - March 2006

VATCh (Veteran Agility Trial Champion of Canada) - Jim Fathers & Erin (Bangor's East Coast Connection) - Kerry Blue - Sept. 2, 2006

FLYBALL TITLES

NAFA (N. American Flyball Assoc.):

FMX (Flyball Master Excellent - 10,000 points!) Laura Hughes & Seeker (FDCh Simaril Guaranteed for Life - Sheltie.

CONFORMATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Am. Ch.: Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) – Smooth Collie – March 11, 2006

Can. Ch.: Gloria Graham & Cleo (Ch Denbigh Belly Dancer) - Cardigan Welsh Corgi - August 5, 2006

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HERDING TITLES

HT (CKC Herding Tested): Gloria Graham & Pearl (Airlie Denbigh Deja Vu, CD, HT) - Cardigan Corgi — May, 2006

HIC (Herding Instinct Certificate): Jeanine Stannard & Connor (Alciara's Can You Imagine, HIC) - Rough Collie – March, 2006

SPECIAL AWARDS, HONOURS AND RECOGNITION

1st team (any breed) to run a CKC Agility Excellent Jumper course, possibly in Canada, definitely in BC ... **and they Q'ed** - Liz Hayes & Stitch (Allwin's Etched In Time, CD, AGI, AGIJ, RNMCL, MADC, MJDC, MSDC, OAC,NJC,NCC,TN-N) – Miniature Poodle – at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of BC's 1st agility trials in Surrey June 17, 2006

NOSA members participated in the Canadian National Agility Competition (AAC) - Liz Hayes & Stitch (Allwin's Etched In Time, CD, AGI, AGIJ, RNMCL, MADC, MJDC, MSDC, OAC,NJC,NCC,TN-N) - Miniature Poodle – Aug. 19-20, 2006

Runner-up “Most Versatile Collie” at the CCA (Collie Club of America) National Specialty in Boise, ID - Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's “Way To Go!” Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can. CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) – Smooth Collie - April 8, 2006

VCX (Versatility Companion Excellent) certificate – AWCA (American Working Collie Association) - Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's “Way To Go!” Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) - Smooth Collie – April 5, 2006

VERSATILITY DOG ADVANCED (Flat-Coated Retriever Society of Canada) - Rod Deacon and Maggie (Affinity Celebration, CDX, WCI, JH, AgI, CGN, RN, TT) - Flat Coated Retriever – July 23, 2005

CKC TOP DOGS IN CANADA FOR 2005

#1 Smooth Collie in Canada (conformation) – Zephyr (Am./Can.Ch. Signet's “Way To Go!” Woodruff, DD, HT, AgI, AgIJ, Am/Can.CD, Am.RN, RN-CL, TG-N, CGC, VCX) – Marilyn Clayton – July, 2006

#5 American Cocker Spaniel in Canada (obedience) – Aug., 2006 – a tie between:

- Tanner (OTCh & Ch Nonnie's Special Effects) – Karen Blair
- Jordan (OTCh Nonnies Fancy Footwork) - Bill Blair



Marilyn Clayton and Zephyr

CONFESSIONS OF AN AGILITY ADDICT—by Liz Hayes

I am self-confessed agility addict. I came by it honestly, from a nice, safe obedience background. Every time I think I have it under control, I am exposed to another new, innovative method of FUN!

If it isn't backyard training, which is never-ending and the most rewarding, it's classes, practices, seminars, workshops, camps, and the ultimate – the trial. Trials are where you can have the most fun. They are the ultimate "proofing" ground. 99% of the time, the "goofs" or faults are the handler's. It's amazing what a little stress will do to a handler, or a little black poodle!

Agility trials are where you go to hang out with other dog people, and if you're lucky, the trials are out of town, so you have a whole weekend of unadulterated fun with people who don't think you are totally nuts. One of my best friends is 75 years old, and runs a very fast border collie. Try telling her that agility is too physical! There was also a 10-year-old at the National competition. Age is not a factor! Nor is the type or breed of dog. All dogs are welcome. Two of my favourites are a tiny Yorkie and a huge Cane Corso, both from Vancouver. It is very obvious that they are both having a wonderful time running courses. Obviously the jump heights are set to the size of the dog. The dogs run "naked". This means no collars or leashes, so if your dog isn't having fun – he'll just leave the ring. It is your job to make sure they are enjoying it. Force is not a factor.

One of the things that has me so very addicted is that every single "run" is different. You don't know until the day of the trial what course you will be running. There is a course map and you have 5-7 minutes to "walk" the course and decide your "strategy".

There are several different types of courses or games, so you and your dog will absolutely never get bored. The better you get at it, the more ways to handle the course, the better you want to be. Running a course in absolute harmony with your dog is an unbelievable high!

There is no doubt that AGILITY is truly the MOST fun you can have with your dog.



Stitch owned by Liz Hayes



Dante owned by Helen Moulden



On September 9, 2006, eight NOSA members and their dogs teamed up to represent NOSA in Wild Arc's Annual Walk/Run, at Royal Roads University, to support injured and orphaned wild animals. Wild ARC is the only wildlife rehabilitation facility on Southern Vancouver Island, treating over 1,600 wild animals annually.

The event was well organized with lots of good food, energizing music, numerous prizes (Alix's 11½ year-old Paka won a lovely basket of goodies as the oldest canine participant), beautiful scenic routes, and perfect weather. Since a few of us were sporting injuries, we chose the 3 km walk.

There was a good turn out of runners, walkers, dogs and kids. And the afternoon wound up by releasing a Great Blue Heron that had injured its wing several months ago when it got caught in fencing. The total raised on the day was \$11,000, and the NOSA team contributed \$470.

For more NOSA photos, go to www.flickr.com/photos/nosa-dog-club

For information on Wild Arc, go to www.wildarc.com



Alix Day with Piper (Sammy), Liz Hayes with Stitch (Min. Poodle), Liz Jones with Cole (Lab), Karen & Bill Blair with Tanner & Jordan (Am. Cockers), Sandi Lovas with Lola (Bouvier), Hew Lines with Alix's other Samoyed, Paka, and Marilyn Clayton with Zephyr (Smooth Collie).

By Marilyn Clayton



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NOSA EXECUTIVE

President	Gloria Graham
Vice-President	Anne Morrison
Secretary	Jeanine Stannard
Treasurer	Sharon Sundher
Training Chair	Irene Copus 656-1938
CKC Trials Chair	Joy Beaulieu
AIOC Trials Chair	Sandi Lovas
AIOC Representative	Marilyn Clayton
Publicity Chair	Lee Pears
Newsletter	Dorothy Liedtke, Rod Deacon, Marilyn Clayton, Jeanine Stannard

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Train at NOSA at the higher levels (i.e. above Novice Practice)
- Trial at AIOC (Association of Island Obedience Clubs) club trials.
- Vote at Club meetings, hold Executive office, and/or serve on standing and/or ad hoc committees.
- 7% discount at the *Sidney Feed Barn*.
- 10% off all services at *Dog Lovers Pet Grooming*
- Borrow books and obedience video tapes from the NOSA library.
- Receive the *NOSA Newsletter*.
- First opportunity to get into NOSA sponsored seminars.
- Join NOSA's social activities, such as the annual Christmas party, summer meeting BBQ, July 1st Parade and BBQ, etc.

Membership cost is \$10. This cost is not included in your class fees. Application forms are available from Sharon Sundher.

TRIAL DATES

2006 Trial Dates:

OCTOBER	15	GVIC
OCTOBER	28	NOSA/LKWD
NOVEMBER	5	NKC/DIST69
NOVEMBER	18	NKC (CKC)
NOVEMBER	19	NKC (CKC)
NOVEMBER	26	FPO&TC

2007 Trial Dates:

MARCH	4	AIOC Team Challenge
MARCH	10	GVIC/NOSA
MARCH	24	FPO&TC
APRIL	8	CLDTC
APRIL	28	GVIC/NOSA
MAY	5	COWN
MAY	11	TYEE (CKC) (Conf)
MAY	12	TYEE (CKC) (Conf & Obe)
MAY	13	TYEE (CKC) (Conf & Obe)
MAY	25	GVIC/VIDV
MAY	26	GVIC (CKC) Obed trials
MAY	27	GVIC (CKC) Obed trials

CLUB LEGS EARNED IN 2006

Utility	Karen Blair & Tanner	11/03/06	186
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Open B	Gloria Graham & Pearl	11/03/06	181.5
Nov A	Cheryl Hawrychuck & Madison	11/03/06	177
Open B	Duncan Morrison & Angus	11/03/06	185.5
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Nov B	Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr	29/-4/06	194.5
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	HIT/HIC/H. Visitor (Gr. Vic)		
	HIT/HIC/H.S. NOSA		