

# NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS ON THE SAANICH PENINSULA FOR OVER 50 YEARS

April, 2013

## President's Message

Welcome to our spring training session at the RCMP Barn, our "home away from home" and the site of our AIOC and CKC obedience and Rally trials.

We've got two more teaching sessions before NOSA hits its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. That's the same as a dog that's 11.75 years old.

Once again my personal thanks to everyone who volunteers with our dog training club. Whether it's helping a student and their new pup during class, ring stewarding at our obedience trials, serving on our executive or training committees or cleaning up at the end of each weekly session or the mat cleaning at the end of each training session at the Winspear Centre...this all gets done because we have great people willing to lend a helping hand.

I hope you'll support our upcoming CKC obedience and Rally trials later this month by entering, volunteering or turning out to watch and encourage your fellow club members. We had a very successful AIOC trial last month.

A reminder to consider entering the annual Team Challenge May 5 at Nanaimo's Beban Park - one of the big events under the Association of Island Obedience Clubs banner. NOSA did very well last year and we hope to repeat our success this time out.

Follow us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Saanich-Dog-Obedience-Training-Club-NOSA/347623318681436>

Enjoy the session and hug your dogs,

Rod Deacon  
President

## 2013 Executive

President	<i>Rod Deacon</i>	CKC Trials Chair	<i>Sharon Sundher</i>
Vice-President	<i>Heather Alexander</i>	AIOC Trials Chair	<i>Shay Lockhart</i>
Secretary	<i>Gloria MacLucas</i>	AIOC Rep.	<i>Marilyn Clayton</i>
Treasurer	<i>Elaine Hobday</i>	Publicity Chair	<i>Charleen DeLong</i>
Training Chair	<i>Alix Day</i>		

## Winter Training Session – 2013

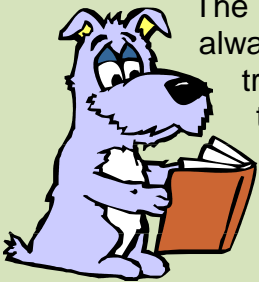


Curtis Wilander and Ice - Novice A winner

Denise Logan and Benson - Novice A runner-up

*submitted by Alix Day*

### From the Editor:



The NOSA Newsletter is published three times per year (after each training session). I'm always looking for contributions (happenings since the last newsletter; triumphs or tragedies of our members and their dogs; interesting articles; future events; etc.) for the next issues. My thanks to those who have contributed to this edition and I hope this interest will continue for future publications. Please send comments, questions and **articles** to me by e-mail at [johnrsanta@shaw.ca](mailto:johnrsanta@shaw.ca) and I will do my best to fit everything in. *Thank you . . . . John MacLucas, Editor*

### ***Special Note!***

The Club's copy of the book "Rally O, An introduction to the style of Rally Obedience is missing. Could members please check at home to see if they forgot to return it? If located please return to Charleen.



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***NOSA has been online since June 2004. Most popular pages: classes, schedule, registration info, key dates, club contacts.***

***Easy to track traffic patterns: during registration period and just before the start of classes, those pages get the heaviest use.***

***Other times, people download club news-letters and surf the site looking at club history and our life membership's page, read about our successful Celebrating Dogs event from the Fall of 2008, and discover the role NOSA plays in the community, including the Sidney Days photo galleries.***

***Comments and suggestions welcome.***

***E-mail [nosa.website@shaw.ca](mailto:nosa.website@shaw.ca)***

# Exciting News!

**NOSA is now on Facebook!**

<http://ow.ly/jyCfh>

or go to Facebook and search for North-Saanich-Dog-Obedience-Training-Club-NOSA

We would like to Invite all friends and members of NOSA to have a look and "like" our page.

Fun and interactive, please send us any pictures, news or achievements you would like to see posted!

Updated regularly with important dates and notices we are excited to offer this new feature to the Club.

Join us on Facebook,

The NOSA facebook team.

Char & Rod.



## Looking for TEAM CHALLENGE participants

submitted by Marilyn Clayton

Do you have a Club CD, CDX or UD title? Are you looking for some fun? If so, how about joining other NOSA members at the up 'n coming TEAM CHALLENGE May 5<sup>th</sup> in Nanaimo.

**What is TEAM CHALLENGE?** It's an event hosted by the AIOC (Association of Island Obedience Clubs – the organization under which all Club Trials are run) to bring together AIOC club members from all parts of the Island, from Campbell River to Victoria, to meet, mingle and have fun! Fun being the operative word! Everyone, from all levels – Novice, Open and Utility – is encouraged to participate in any way they can.

**How does TEAM CHALLENGE work?** The various member clubs (of which NOSA is one) enter teams. There are 3 different types of teams that can compete and clubs can send as many teams as they choose. The 3 team categories are:

- 3- member team with a dog at each level (1 each at novice, open & utility)**
- 2- member team with dogs at two different levels (novice, open or utility)**
- 2- member team with both dogs at the same level (novice, open or utility)**

Dogs compete at their respective level and the individual scores for each of the team members are added together to determine the team's total score – in other words even if you NQ an exercise, the points you earned from the exercises you passed are included in your teams score.

You don't have to find your own team members – just let Marilyn Clayton (with the Smooth Collies) know and she'll help you find suitable team mate(s). However, if you have someone in mind you'd like to team up with, that's fine too, just let Marilyn know. Marilyn needs to know how many teams will be representing NOSA and who the members of each team are.

**Last year** 20 teams, representing 9 clubs, were entered. NOSA's team of Heather Alexander, with Colby (Nova Scotia Duck Toller) in Open, and Lynn Erskine, with Sterling (Standard Poodle) in Novice, won the 2 members 2 different level category while Heather Alexander, with Finn (NSDT), and Norah Shandley, with Clancy (Sheltie), tied for first place from the Novice class in the two dogs/same class category.

**Want to join the fun but don't have a dog ready?**

**Want to contribute but are unable to attend the event?**

Then offer to volunteer or donate!

Each AIOC club donates a **Club Basket**, which will be raffled off, so if you have any doggy or other neat items to include in NOSA's basket, please give them to Marilyn as soon as possible.

Also, NOSA and the Lab Club are sharing responsibility for the **raffle**, the fund-raising portion of the event which covers expenses such as hall rental, trophies, etc. Marilyn is looking for volunteers the day of the event to help set up the raffle table, sell tickets, etc. If you are willing to volunteer please talk to Marilyn.

Come out and represent and/or support your Club! It'll be fun!

# **GVDOTC**

sponsors a Sunday Afternoon fun day with our dogs.

**OPEN TO ALL DOGS AND HANDLERS**

wanting to compete in Competition Obedience

**Sunday April 14, 2013**

**1pm to 4pm**

at the the RCMP Barn

Saanichton Fairgrounds on Stelly's X Road

## **MOCK TRIAL**

1 Ring available

no corrections/ no food

Score Sheets will be used

## **CORRECTION MATCHES**

3 Rings available

Pre-Novice / Novice / Open / Utility

food/toys acceptable

corrections as needed.

**1 run for \$7 or 2 runs for \$10.**

Coffee Tea and Goodies will be available  
by donation

Feel free to bring a plate of goodies to share

for more information call ~ **JANEY TURNER @ 250-727-7728**

Mock trial etiquette dictates that each handler be available to volunteer as a ring steward for the following two participant's runs. As this event relies on volunteers, your participation is greatly appreciated and will impact the likelihood of future events.

## NOSA AIOC Trial March 23, 2013

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 NOSA co-hosted its spring AIOC trial with the Greater Victoria Obedience Club. There were two obedience trials and one rally trial held. Terry Gains was the judge for Greater Vic and Bill Blair was the judge for NOSA. Our obedience HIT was Blair Kilgour and Zeeva from Greater Vic with a 196.5 from the Novice B class. Sharon Sundher was the high scoring NOSA dog as well as the high scoring NOSA Novice Dog with Maddie from the Novice B Class (please see picture). We had a great turnout for the obedience trial and had an especially high Novice entry which was nice to see. The following is a breakdown of the obedience trial.



Total Entry : 35

Pre-Novice: 1 Q.S. from 4 entries

Novice A: 4 Q.S. from 8 entries

Novice B: 6 Q.S. from 10 entries

Open A: 0 Q.S. from 5 entries

Open B: 0 Q.S. from 4 entries

Utility A: 0 Q.S. from 2 entries

Utility B: 1 Q.S. from 2 entries

We split our rally trial with Greater Vic and for our portion completed the Novice A/B classes. We had a total of 10 entries in the Novice A class with 9 Q.S. Mark Anderson and Nikko from Cowichan was HIC with a score of 100. There were 5 entries in the Novice B class and 5 Q.S. Duncan Morrison and Teija from NOSA were HIC with a score of 98.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all of those who volunteered to help out at the trial. NOSA does the food for the spring trial and we did not disappoint as the food was lovely. Karen Rae took charge of the kitchen for the trial and was of immense help. I would like to thank Karen and all those who helped out in the kitchen as well as those who donated food to sell at the trial.

We also could not put on the trial without the ring stewards. For rally Sharon Sundher, Elizabeth Skaggs, and Heidi Hedley lent a hand and for Obedience Elaine Hobday, Stephanie Bell, Charleen DeLong and Lynn Erskine helped out. Alix Day assisted me on the desk and Greater Vic not only supplied the ring equipment but set it up.

Finally I would like to thank Bill Blair for judging for us. With so many obedience entries it made for a long day but it was nice to see so many people out from so many AIOC clubs.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Fall trial in October and if you would like to help out please let me know!

Submitted by,  
Shay Lockhart  
AIOC Trials Sec.

# Reports to General Meeting – March 20<sup>th</sup>

## **CKC Trials Report -**

Our next CKC trial will be held at the RCMP barn on April 20 & 21, 2013. We will be changing our format for this year to four obedience trials over the two days but just two rally trials on the Saturday. The main reason for this is the extremely poor rally entry that we had on the Sunday in 2012.

The trial committee is as follows:

Bill Blair – obedience trial secretary

Norah Shandley – trophies

Karen Blair – rally trial secretary

Irene Copus – raffle

Alix Day – obedience chief ring steward

I will manage the kitchen.

Anne Morrison – rally chief ring steward

Bill has all the judges selected and confirmed. The RCMP barn has been secured for the trial.

We are looking forward to a good turnout for the trial.

*Respectfully submitted*

Sharon Sundher

## **Training Committee Report –**

This has been a successful session with all classes well attended. Handling has been particularly popular over the last few weeks as there was a Conformation Show last weekend. Registration is almost complete for the Spring session at the RCMP Barn. I expect a few last minute calls from people wanting to get into Beginners classes.

Rod had spoken to Greater Vic with regard to the possibility of using their equipment. They set it up on Tuesday night for their classes and the lab club use it Wednesday morning. They have agreed and that makes it much easier for us this session as we will not have to move equipment to the Barn and back to Mary Winspear nor will we have to move the big cupboard. If a few people stay for 10 minutes after the last class, we can have the equipment dismantled and put away in short order.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Alix Day

## **AIOC Trials Sec. Report –**

Plans for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> AIOC trials are proceeding. As usual we are co-hosting with Greater Vic. There will be two obedience trials and one Rally trial. Bill Blair and Terry Gains are our judges. The trial is being held at the RCMP Barn at the Saanich Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 8 a.m. All of our volunteers are in place and a big thank-you in advance to those who are helping out both with the trial and in the kitchen. I would like to give a special thank-you to Karen Rae who organized all the food for the kitchen.

I hope to see many NOSA members competing at the trial. For those of you planning on competing please remember your membership card and trialing card. Also remember that we have upped the entry fees for AIOC trials to \$10.00

*Respectfully submitted*

Shay Lockhart

## **Publicity Report –**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work on the Executive.

Two cards were sent out in February, on behalf of NOSA, to members that have lost loved ones. Flowers and congratulations will be sent to our vice-president Heather Alexander and her husband Mark on the birth, on March 19<sup>th</sup> , of their new son Linden Philip Alexander.

Flyers for the NOSA-AIOC trial on Saturday March 23, 2013 have been posted in the RCMP Barn, and members of the IPLRC have been notified.

I would like to ask that anyone can call or e-mail me at any time if there is something that I can do on behalf of publicizing NOSA, however, I will always be doing so under the consultation and authorization of the Club President.

As part of the Publicity Job Description of NOSA, I will be responsible for the Library, and have possession of the Club's Library books, as well as a complete list of all the books from Gloria MacLucas, To date, with the good work of the Library Group, the books have been divided into those that we will keep and others that we will let go. It is my intention to display the rarer books when the opportunity is beneficial to the club. I look forward to continuing to work with NOSA members that have an interest in the outcome of the Library.

I will be starting a Facebook page on behalf of NOSA. President Rod Deacon will also be an administrator. It will be set up in such a way that only admins can post information, but there is opportunity for all members to comment or ask questions under those posts. This is a strict way of keeping only the information we choose to be seen publicly.

Thank you,  
Charleen De Long

*I regret not being able to attend the general Meeting. Rod had asked that I do a bit of a talk on the Search Group that Joe and I am involved in and I look forward to doing that sometime in the future. March 20<sup>th</sup> is also the date set for the CASDDA AGM which I will be attending.*



# WHY TITLE A DOG?

*submitted by Gloria MacLucas*

**Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.**

**And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.**

**A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.**

**And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.**

**A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.**

**And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name.**

**A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.**

**-Sandra Mowery**

## **CONGRATULATIONS NOSA**

Judging from all the smiles and applause, our AIOC March 23 trial was a huge success. Well done.

### **Thank you to all who contributed.**

To Shay Lockhart for such an excellent job in organizing every aspect of the trial as well as completing all the paperwork pre-, during and post trial.

To the dedicated set-up and take down crews, (this time from G.Vic) who can be counted on for every trial and thanks to any NOSA members who helped out.

To those at the registration table (Shay Lockhart and Alix Day) who tenaciously sat through the glacial cold to accommodate all participants.

To the ring stewards who must have been frozen solid but still had a smile and encouraging word for each entrant while efficiently carrying out their assignments.

Obedience: Elaine Hobday, Lynne Erskine, Charlene DeLong and Stephanie Bell

Rally Obedience: Elizabeth Skaggs, Sharon Sundher and Heidi Hedley

To both judges: Bill Blair (NOSA) and Terry Gaines (G.Vic) who made everyone feel at ease as they calmly worked through a very long judging schedule of rally and obedience.

### **My special thanks to all those who contributed to the concession.**

To Judy and Dave Wallace who did everything from kitchen set-up to cooking, serving and clean-up. They knew what had to be done and did it all with a smile and without being asked.

To Steve Hobday for his famous grilled sandwiches. He kept them coming for the cold, hungry crowd.

To Elizabeth Scaggs for the much appreciated, speedy help in preparing the sandwiches for grilling.

To Charlene DeLong for the fabulous, robust vegetable soup.

To Lynne Erskine for the perfect crispy salad.

To Sharon Sundher for the tasty, crusty buns that went so well with the soup, chili and salad.

To Anne Morrison, Elaine Hobday, Judy Wallace, Dorothy Liedtke, Karen Blair and Alix Day for their scrumptious desserts.

To GVDOTC for such a fun sharing of our joint trial.

Finally, thank you to all those who entered the trials. Without your entries there would be no trial.

My apologies to all those who may have been missed above. Be assured that this was my error and that your contribution was truly appreciated by NOSA.

It is, indeed, a privilege to be a member of NOSA, a club filled with such caring, hard-working, knowledgeable people who blend teamwork and fun in pursuing and achieving shared goals.

Good luck to all in future trials,  
Karen Rae