

# NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS ON THE SAANICH PENINSULA FOR OVER 50 YEARS

February, 2011

## President's Message

This session seems to be going by very quickly! I hope your training is progressing well. Remember you are at class to have your dog learn to do the exercises properly so don't hesitate to try new things if what you are doing is not working. Look at mistakes as a way to show your dog what you really want, don't just watch him do it wrong!

I was recently approached as NOSA President about a person at a Sidney beach walkway whose loose dogs knocked a woman down and the owner then just quickly left without any apology or concern about what had happened. I've been thinking about this and I think we all as NOSA members must always remember our club mandate of responsible dog ownership and use our obedience learning in everyday situations.

Luckily I was able to say that such dogs as were described were not NOSA members.

*Anne Morrison*

### Dates to remember:

Registration for Apr- June classes	<b>Feb 16 &amp; 23</b>
Graduation/ Mat Washing -all welcome, (bring a mop or broom)	<b>Mar 2</b>
Mock Trial	<b>Mar 9</b>
<u>General Meeting</u>	<b>Mar 16</b>
Spring Session classes begin at <b>RCMP Barn</b>	<b>April 6</b>
Graduation	<b>June 1</b>
Mock Trial	<b>June 8</b>
<u>General Meeting and Parade Practice</u>	<b>June 15</b>

### 2011 Executive

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## Rally Rule Changes – 2011

The CKC Board of Directors has approved a number of rally rule changes effective on January 1, 2011. This is just a brief overview of the changes and you should consult your new rule book for the details.

The most significant change is in the eligibility requirements for the “A” classes. In future, no handler who has previously exhibited a dog to a CKC CDX degree will be eligible to enter the “A” classes nor will anyone who has, at any time, instructed training classes be eligible. Exhibitors incorrectly entered in an “A” class will have the ability to move their entry to the “B” class up to one hour before the start of the trial.

There is now a stipulation in the rules that requires the inclusion of a specific number of advanced and/or excellent exercises included in the courses for those classes. Previously it was technically correct to design an advanced or excellent course with only novice exercises supplemented by the required number of jumps and the honour exercise. Also, courses must now contain a minimum number of stationary exercises. The “Fast Pace” and “HALT - Fast Forward from a Sit” exercises can no longer be used as the last exercise in a course and must always be followed by a “Normal Pace” exercise.

The number of retries are being severely restricted – one per exercise in Novice, one per course in Advanced and none in Excellent. Hitting the Jump has been reduced to a three point deduction from ten. “Incorrectly Performed” and “Handler Errors” have been more clearly defined. In the event that the timer malfunctions, the course is terminated and restarted.

For those of you who ring steward, recording of the scores in the judge’s book will now be done by the table steward, and the Honour Steward will now have a much more active role in the performance of this exercise.

The “Moving Side Step Right” and the “HALT – Side Step Right – HALT” exercises will now be done immediately in front of the sign and require passing the sign on the right. In the former exercise, the step may be directly or diagonally to the right leading with the right foot.

The “Send Over Jump Handler Runs By” has been changed to “Handler Passes By”. Also the handler cannot stop before passing by the jump and the dog must jump in the proper direction.

The “HALT – Stand – Walk Around Dog” now clearly specifies that the handler cannot move or touch the dog in the Excellent Class, only in Advanced. This is a clarification only, not a change.

There is a new exercise added – “Moving Down – Walk Around Dog” which mimics the “Moving Stand – Walk Around Dog” exercise. Both now specify that the dog moves forward from the stand or down position as appropriate.

The “Back Up Three Steps – Dog Stays in Position” now specifies that the handler must move backwards at least three steps and that the dog must remain in heel position.

In future, the “Honour” exercise will always be done with the handler facing the dog at the end of a six foot leash. The exercise begins when the judge says “forward” and ends when the other team passes the “Finish” station. If the course run is interrupted for any reason (except for a timer malfunction) before it is completed, the “Honour” exercise is also considered complete but the dog and handler may be required to stay in the ring (but not judged) while the next dog completes the course. Anyone competing at the Excellent level should make sure that they fully understand the requirements for this exercise before competing.

Check out the full details on the CKC web site at [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca)

*Submitted by Bill Blair*

# NOSA & GVDOTC AIOC Obedience & Rally Trials October 24, 2010

*submitted by Lee Pears*



Marilyn Clayton and "Zephyr"

This was Zephyr's last leg for his club CDX; High in Class and High Scoring NOSA Open Dog.

*Judge Terry Gains*

John Costello with "Hunter" and "Bella"

Bella received a score of 193 $\frac{1}{2}$  in Novice B under Terry Gains in the NOSA Trial which was High in Class and a High in Trial.

Bella also scored 193 $\frac{1}{2}$  in Novice B under Betty Ruff in the Greater Vic. Trial.

Hunter scored 192 $\frac{1}{2}$  in Novice B under Terry in the NOSA Trial and 191 $\frac{1}{2}$  under Betty in the Greater Vic. Trial.



This was Hunter's 3<sup>rd</sup> AIOC Novice Leg.

## Dates to Remember

March 26 - NOSA/Greater Vic  
AIOC Rally & Obedience

Apr 16 & 17 - NOSA CKC Obedience

Apr 23 - Cowichan AIOC Obedience

May 28 & 29 - Greater Vic CKC Rally &  
Obedience

Jun 4 - Lakewood AIOC  
Obedience

Jun 17 - 19 - Nanaimo CKC Rally &  
Obedience

Bill Blair

## NEW CKC NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION FEE

Effective January 1, 2011, the CKC has implemented an annual non-member participation fee which will be charged to Canadian non-members of the CKC participating in any CKC event. This will not apply if a co-owner is a CKC member.

In order to protect the awards/titles earned at a CKC event, the non-member will have a choice either to become a CKC member or to pay the non-member participation fee. Failure to comply within 30 days of notification from the CKC will cause all awards and titles to be canceled. The fee will be the same as the ERN fee charged to non-residents and currently is \$57.60 plus HST.

*Submitted by Bill Blair*

# *Thank You*

Thank you to NOSA members who have saved stamps for the BC Guide Dog Services. I have an envelope of stamps ready to mail to their Delta office. Perhaps you could ask friends or work mates to also save stamps.

Pull tabs from pop, beer or juice cans are also worth money &, if you have any collected, please let me know at Wednesday night training classes.

BC Guide Dog Services has a wonderful website, <http://www.bcguidedog.com/>, describing their programs, showing dogs and puppies in training and working dogs with their human partners. On the website, you can read heartwarming stories written by people whose lives have been changed and enriched when they have been given a guide dog. BC Guide Dog Services is also graduating Autism Dogs which are changing autistic children's lives, and their families' lives.

*Elizabeth Skaggs & Juno*

## From the Editor:

The NOSA Newsletter is published three times per year (October, February & May). 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*

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