

NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS IN SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH, B.C. FOR OVER 50 YEARS

May, 2010

President's Message

The spring session at our new location is well underway now and it seems to be going well.

I would like to thank John Costello, John and Gloria MacLucas for their hard work and dedication in setting up the rings and equipment each class night. We all appreciate what you do! Then at the end of classes several more people pitch in for take down and that is especially appreciated after a long evening. I would encourage any and all to help anytime!

Sometimes training in the barn does present challenges with all the smells on the floor but in the long term it's good proofing for obedience teaching and learning.

If you have never been to a NOSA General Meeting please come on June 24, we start with a Barbecue which is always enjoyed by all and everyone is welcome.

Happy Summer Holidays,

Anne Morrison

GENERAL MEETING & BARBEQUE

Thursday, June 24, 2010
6:00 p.m. (meeting starts at 7:00 sharp)

RCMP BARN, SAANICHTON FAIRGROUNDS

**Please bring something to share, your eating utensils,
beverage & meat for BBQ**

(a practice for the Sidney Days Parade will follow)

Handlers only for this practice

Please sign up on the sheet on 'Bulletin' board for "pot-luck" items

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CKC TRIALS

by Alix Day, CKC Trials Chair



Our 2010 CKC Trials were held on April 17th and 18th at the RCMP Barn at the Saanich Fairgrounds. We had good entries in all four trials (45,37,39,and 35). Marion Postgate and Lawrence Klassen were our judges.



Marion commented to me on Sunday morning, that NOSA's trials are the best organized trials she has ever judged at and she said she has judged all across

Canada.

Bill Blair did a phenomenal amount of work as Trials Secretary. He organized the judges and their contracts, reserved accommodations, printed the premium list and sent it out, received and processed all the entries, printed catalogues, got arm bands ready, and dealt with many other details that I'm sure I have forgotten to mention. He also has to submit a lot of documentation to the CKC.

Cherry Condrey was our Trophy Chairman and contacted various other clubs to get trophies from them, received trophies and also purchased trophies for our club, and arranged a spectacular trophy table.

Karen Blair and I shopped till we dropped and got tons (well, not really.....it just seemed like it) of kitchen supplies. Donations from several members cut down on the amount of cooking we had to do. Judy Wallace, Karen Rae and Steve Hobday did a great job of manning the kitchen and keeping all our "staff" and competitors and spectators warm and fed well and Karen Blair helped organize the food in the kitchen. Comments were received about the variety, quality and reasonable prices of the food we offered.

Karen Blair put together the colourful floral decorations on the judges' tables and the trophy tables.

Irene Copus's raffle tables were wonderful and although I didn't win anything on Saturday, I hit the jackpot on Sunday!!

Many thanks to my ring stewards and runners - Elaine Hobday, Sandi Lovas, Anne Morrison, Mary Harkness, Lee Pears, Shay Lockhart, Janet Rimmer. You guys make the judges' job a lot easier and keep things running smoothly.

Thanks to Gloria MacLucas who picked up Lawrence Klassen from the airport on Friday and drove him to the hotel. She also took him back to the airport on Sunday after the judging was over.

Thanks to everyone who stayed to help pack up all the equipment and tidy up the barn. Thanks to Duncan Morrison for helping me get all the good jumps and other trials equipment from Sanscha to the Barn and then back to Sanscha again.

Kudos to the whole team for putting on a great event.

We had a huge number of Utility dogs entered but not as many Novice dogs. Next year maybe????

Congratulations to everyone who entered the trial and, if you got a leg (or two) or finished a title - Well Done!

Trial Results

by Bill Blair, CKC Trials Secretary

Novice

Bev Vaux & Polly 192.5 (HIC) 194.5 177 (HIC)
New CD HIC - High in Class



Phillipa Sloan &
Tag 194 (HIC)
180.5 (HIC)

Helen Moulden &
Allee 194

Charleen DeLong &
Joey 180.5

New CD

Utility

John Costello & Bella 186 187.5 182.5 New UD

John De Jong & Keegan 182.5

High in Trial

Trial #1 Lindsay Ibbotson Utility 199.5

Trial #2 Lindsay Ibbotson Open B 199.5

Trial #3 Lindsay Ibbotson Utility 200

Trial #4 Donna Bradley Open B 200

Open

Rod Deacon & Lindy 190 189 185.5 New CDX

Our Raffle

submitted by Irene Copus



Once a year NOSA holds a “Raffle” at the Spring Trials, and throughout the year members bring me goodies to put in the raffle. I also go around to local businesses asking for donations. I think the shopkeepers groan and try to hide when they see me coming; however, the majority come forward and donate willingly. We also have members that make things for the raffle, like Karen Blair and her scent article bag and Alix Day and her beautiful quilting.

By March, my laundry room is full. By the time of the raffle in April, I can't see the floor. There is a narrow path leading to the washing machine. I thought it was going to be more difficult having the raffle on two days; it meant collecting twice as much, however, it worked out and everything fell into place.

I go into a mental block when I set up the table, but eventually it all works out and I then go into “selling” mode (Tickets I mean).

The raffle was started many years ago by Karen Rae (I am not quite sure when). I started gradually helping Karen and eventually took over. Since we receive no outside financial assistance, we rely on fund-raisers such as raffles to help support our club's activities.

I would like to finish by saying a very big **thank you** to all those friends, members and businesses that donated and helped me.



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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 newsletters and surf the site looking at club history and our life memberships 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.

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BRAGGING!

'**Capriccio**', Richard Strauss's last opera, sponsored by the Pacific Opera Society and the Victoria Symphony, played February 25-March 8, 2010 at the glorious Royal Theatre in Victoria, British Columbia. A bright star of the production was a Silver Standard Poodle named *Marshall* (Intrigues Predominant Legend) owned, trained and loved by Sandi Lovas.

Opening night, the opera started with seven minutes of soft, melodic music. The library of the manor was abuzz with butlers dusting and cleaning. All of a sudden, the double doors opened, and out stepped my beautiful Marshall. He paused for a moment (not in the script!) while the audience gasped...fell silent...oooooh-ed ... ahhhh- ed...and erupted into applause!. Marshall looked at the housemaid on the other end of his leash, gave a Poodle shake, threw his shoulders back, and pranced across the stage. Marshall is a young dog of 2 years old and quite immature in many ways still, but he took this whole experience in stride. 15 seconds of stage time was enough to elicit fan-e-mails and phone calls from adoring fans inquiring about why the Poodle was not being on stage long enough, and why didn't he come back during the opera? And heaven forbid.... where was he during the final bows. It has been a rewarding experience for me to watch and listening to the reaction opera-lovers have had to my beautiful Poodle.

For both of us the whole experience was incredible! We were honoured to meet some of Canada's brightest and most talented opera singers, who are for the most part, all dog-lovers. Marshall was cuddled and played with and treated like a Rock Star by everyone, from the Star Soprano to the lighting crew. He not only performed his part in the Opera, he also helped soothe Opening Night jitters by running around the green room touching every performer there. They all took comfort in his wagging tail and ready lick of his tongue. It was an experience we won't forget anytime soon. The best memory I will carry is my very confident 2 year old Poodle walking across the stage, while nearly 1,500 people clapped, hooted and hollered.



Marshall truly lived up to his registered name.... *Intrigues Predominant Legend* He was born to be a star and in my eye he truly is one.

Submitted by Sandi Lovas

More Bragging



Rod Deacon reports:

Lindy has been training with NOSA instructors Karen Blair and Liz Hayes in their Open class since last fall. She earned her first AIOC leg at the training club's March trial and received NOSA's Northland trophy as High Scoring Open dog. Lindy also passed her CKC CDX at NOSA's April trial. Very proud of her!

We're entering Greater Vic's Rally trials in May, starting on Lindy's Rally Excellent title.

In agility, Lindy earned a judge's Top Dog award at an AAC trial in March. Quite an unexpected surprise. We'll be heading to Abbotsford in June for the AAC regionals, hoping to qualify for the national competitions in Calgary this August.

This summer we'll also be taking part in rally, obedience, agility and field during the week-long Flat-coated Retriever Society of Canada's 2010 national specialty in Calgary. A chance to meet up with Lindy's brother and sister and relations.



We did it!

CAMASROCK BARREN JOEY - CD

Charleen DeLong



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 and I will do my best to fit everything in. *Thankyou John MacLucas, Editor*

Dates to Remember

**May 13 – Classes will be held
outside next to the RCMP Barn
(if raining – classes are cancelled)**

May 27 – NO CLASSES

June 3 – pre-registration for Fall class

June 10 – Graduation night

June 17 – Mock Trial

June 24 – General Meeting & BBQ

September 8 (Wed.) – Classes begin

Keep July 1st open for NOSA

It's only May, but not too early to invite NOSA members and their dogs to take part in the July 1 Sidney Days Parade.

It's pretty simple: we hold a few rehearsals (3, maybe 4) a few days before the July 1 event. Then, on Canada Day, we meet up at the elementary school up the road from Thrifty Foods for one last dress rehearsal.

We march in the parade down Beacon Ave., waving at the crowds as our dogs perform a series of pre-rehearsed moves that everyone always applauds. It's all over fairly quickly. NOSA has been in the parade for decades.

After the parade ends, we usually have a pot-luck BBQ at someone's place, lasting between 1 -5 p.m.
Have a look at parade photos: <http://www.nosa.ca/community.htm#parade>

Your instructor can tell you more. Please think about joining us this year.

submitted by Rod Deacon

IF ONLY (BY Joanne Weaver)

If only my dog had stood on the stand
when I gave him the signal, a move of my hand.

If only he'd stayed on the one minute sit
instead of deciding fifty seconds was it.

A figure eight perfect I almost could boast
if only he'd gone around the other post.

If only he'd dropped on the signal I gave
and not when he saw the spectator wave.

The retrieve on the flat, he knew just what to do
if only he'd brought back that dumbbell I threw.

The high jump retrieve, only one thing he lacked,
and that was the dumbbell he didn't bring back.

On the broad jump, if only he'd jumped all the way
and not tip-toed between to my utter dismay.
When I signaled the glove, it was there in plain sight,
if only he'd gone for the glove on the right.

His go-out was perfect, he went just so far
if only he hadn't both times jumped the bar.
We'd have had a 200, he could do everything,
if only he hadn't run out of the ring.

submitted by Irene Copus

Zephyr – 2010 Collie Club of America “Most Versatile Collie”

Sometimes you just have to “go” and “try” and that is exactly what Zephyr and I did in March. We packed up the van and headed to the Collie Club of America (CCA) National Specialty in Pomona, CA (southeast of LA). The CCA Nationals are held in “the west” once every 4-5 years. We took our time going down stopping to work sheep at facilities along the way because we would be competing in herding but hadn’t worked stock since August. After our stop outside of Vancouver, WA, we made the mad dash, straight down I-5, through Oregon and California. One thing is certain - I would never have made it there and back without my GPS! Gotta love that gal in the black box! The weather was sunny and warm (low 80’s) the entire time.

We arrive at the host hotel the day before the specialty so I decided to drive to the herding site to get a feel for how long it would take to drive there –not a smart move as it was after 4:00 pm – in other words - rush hour!! It took 1 ½ hrs one way. But we got there despite 6 lanes of traffic going each way, at 130 km/hr, with exits going off to both the right and the left and with 3-4 levels of freeway criss-crossing each other at some points.

The specialty continues for a full 7 days of competition and the first day was herding in Perris. If you have herded before you know, the stock can make or break a run unless your dog is very experienced. The first day we had a nice group of sheep – as long as your dog didn’t push too much and was in the right place, the stock went where they were supposed to. In AKC A-course your dog must do an outrun, lift and fetch (i.e. go get the sheep and bring them straight back to you in a calm fashion); you must then take them around a handlers post; back-track a bit to a Y-Chute (your dog has to be alert as the sheep want to run back to the pens if they can, so your dog has to “cover” (i.e. keep them from doing so)); after turning a corner, you must drive them through the Z-



Chute. Here the dog really has to be on his toes (especially at this facility) as the sheep run straight out the other end to the pens if they have a chance, but if your dog is too far ahead (to stop the 1st sheep from running home), the last sheep (we were working 5 head) won’t go into the chute, or it will stay in the chute, so it’s a balance between pushing the last sheep through and being sure the lead sheep doesn’t “run home” (which she really wants to do!). After the Z-chute, you turn another corner and drive the sheep through the “run-way” panels – this is where the sheep are pointed toward home and your dog has to stop them from doing so. Part way down that side of the arena is a number “4” (on a fence). At this point you must take a 90 degree turn to the right; take the sheep through a free-standing panel (you can fetch or drive) to a number “5” on the far fence; then make a left hand turn to the repen. Oh, by the way, the handler can not go through the chutes – only the sheep and dogs can – and you are judged on the straightness of your “lines” (i.e. how straight the sheep move from 1 obstacle, or point on the course, to the next). At the repen, your dog must hold the sheep off the gate (so you can open it without being run-over). Once you open the gate, you send your dog around to pen the sheep – and get out of the way! Well, as I was walking toward the gate, I called Zeph by name and all of a sudden this head pops up in the pens (it was the stock handler) and I hear “Zephyr? Is this the great Zephyr?”. I couldn’t believe my ears! So here I am talking to the stock handler about Zephyr while I’m trying to finish my run. We had an absolutely beautiful run, but unfortunately the judge felt I pulled Zeph off contact at the repen which cost us 2 points and those 2 points cost us both High In Trail and Reserve High In Trial - I won’t be doing that again! However, that run completed our AKC HSAs (Herding Started A Course sheep) title with a nice score of 93.5 and a 3rd in class.

The next day, we got the florescent green-collared group of sheep – the words “oh crap” came to mind as they shot into the arena - this group was trouble – there were 2 ewes who kept splitting off (each going in different directions) and 3 that stayed together, which messed up most dogs. The previous day, I’d turned my back on Zephyr and let him do his job and I decided to do the same with this set and see how it went. There were a few break-aways but Zeph kept bringing them back. We got through the course - it wasn’t pretty, but I believe we were the only ones to complete a course with that group of sheep over the 2 days and over all levels ... and we did Q. I have to say, that run was more rewarding than the previous [high scoring] run because we were able to get that very difficult group under control – I guess we like challenges.

The 3rd and 4th days we ran agility– both Standard (includes the contact equipment: A-Frame, dogwalk, teeter; and table) and Jumpers With Weaves (no contact equipment – just jumps, weaves and tunnels) – Zeph took High In Class in all 4 trials and Highest Scoring dog In Trail with a Herding title on the 1st day.

The 5th and 6th days were obedience and rally along with conformation (which spanned 4 days). Although I entered Zephyr in Utility, I pulled him as the obedience/rally ring was in the show/ grooming/vendor building which was filled with hundreds of non-stop [shrill] barking collies, bitches in season, a blaring PA system; and other such distractions. I had not proofed Zephyr, so did not feel it fair to ask him to work his 1st utility trial in that environment, but we did complete our AKC Rally Excellent (Am.RE) title with a 4th place despite only having ½ his brain because of all the “cute girls”. The following day we were to compete in Rally again but had a conflict with conformation, so we missed rally. Since Zeph was not the judges “type”, and we were competing against over 60 other Smooth Am. Champions, many ranked as the top in the US, I handled him in the Best of Variety ring myself.

The 7th day was an easy one for us. The CCA has a Versatility Program (based on the number and levels of AKC titles earned). The awards (certificates & rosettes) are presented annually at the National and this year Zephyr qualified for his Versatility Excellent (VX) title so we had the honour of participating in that awards ceremony.

The CCA also has a “Most Versatile Collie” (MVC) award which is based on points earned in performance and conformation during the National. The points are based on the level (difficulty) of each activity (herding, agility, obedience/rally and conformation). In order to qualify for MVC, a dog must qualify (and earn points) in at least 3 activities. The dog with the highest number of points over the 7 days is awarded the prestigious “Most Versatile Collie” award and this year, that dog was Zephyr! They had been posting the standings daily but I hadn’t looked at it until we finished competing, but by the 5th day Zephyr was so far ahead, no one could catch him. In 2006 we were runner-up MVC so I knew we had a chance, but they had upped the criteria and there were many wonderful performance collies there (including some MACH 6 agility collies) and I did not want the pressure of “going for it” – we just went into each trail with the attitude of “Let’s see what we can do today?” and that approach served us well.

What made it all the sweeter was the support, camaraderie and friendship shown us over the week of competition and the cheering and applauding we received when we entered the ring to receive our award – not just from the performance folk, but also the Canadian, Washington and other conformation competitors. The icing on the cake was having one of Zephyr’s co-breeders, Michelle Esch (pictured) there to see “her boy” do so well ... especially since Zephyr (*ATChC, V.Ch & BISS Can./Am. Ch. Signet’s “Way To Go!” Woodruff, Can.(CDX, DD, HI, SDI, AgX, AgXJ, RE), Am.(CDX, HSAs, RE, NA, NAJ), STDs, HRDI, RLF, HTADI, ExStBronze, EAC, TN-E, TG-O, OCC, OJC, HP-N, RX-MCL, CGC, CRTX, VX, AOM, MVC*) is the 1st performance dog from their kennel.

We did the trip home in three 9-hour days which included an unintentional detour (we ended up heading to San Jose when I unplugged the GPS to plug in the fridge) – who would have thought that you’d have to “exit right” to stay on I-5?!?!? Although the detour ate up precious hours, it was a beautiful drive and I’m glad we “got lost”!

And that’s what we did while most of you were relaxing between sessions – we’re still recuperating!

Submitted by Marilyn Clayton





BUY & SELL !

WANTED: I am looking for a 20 ft. by 4 ft. high section of pasture fence (either 6 inch square mesh or 8 inch). If anyone has this item, please call John at 250 656-3374.

FOR SALE: Brand New twin/double bed frame w/ wheels - \$40.00. Call 250 656-3374.



FOR SALE: Black 48" T.V. Stand w/glass shelf (see picture) - \$50.00. Call 250 656-3374.

FOR SALE: Our Miniature Poodle outgrew his carry-all bag. It's been only lightly used. Also his vest-harness (great for 'clicking' your dog into the car seat).



Make us an offer on these items. JOEL & JIM FAIR Joel_fair@shaw.ca 250 656-5695
Please Note: " the proceeds of the sale of these two items will be donated back to NOSA."

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Contact: 250 652-9773 or email jfrimmer@telus.net

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