

# NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS ON THE SAANICH PENINSULA FOR OVER 50 YEARS

December, 2012

## President's Message

### **Best wishes for the holiday season**

The NOSA Christmas dinner & auction Sat., Dec. 8 at the Holy Trinity church hall on Mills Road was a great experience. NOSA's Christmas dinner auction has raised \$13,729 for the local food bank over the past 14 years. We are pleased to present the [community food bank](#) with a cheque for **\$1,609** during the 2012 Christmas season. Many thanks to NOSA members for their auction donations and support.

This much-needed community service is marking its 30th year in 2012. If you were unable to make the dinner, best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday. Classes resume Wed., Jan. 9.

Looking forward to a fulfilling 2013. If you're new to NOSA, welcome! If you're returning, welcome back!

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### Dates to remember:

Obedience Classes Start  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
(Mary Winspear Centre)

**March 23** - NOSA/GVDOTC Obedience & Rally Trials

**April 20&21** - NOSA CKC 4 Obedience Trials + 2 Rally Trials

**October 20** - NOSA/GVDOTC Obedience & Rally

### 2013 Executive

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

## Congrats

It's wonderful NOSA holds an annual awards presentation night to recognize milestone achievements by our members and their perfectly trained dogs. Isn't it just the best to witness a class member earn their very first obedience or Rally title with their dog? Some would say the most advanced title you earn with your canine partner is the sweetest. Our thanks to VP Heather Alexander for getting the plaques and trophies engraved and for handling the presentations at our AGM. Well done, everyone!

## Thank you

Thank you to two long-time NOSA members: Bill Blair and Lee Pears. Both are stepping away from their volunteer duties on NOSA's executive. Bill has been our AIOC rep for the past 6 years, keeping us informed of AIOC business, contributing information, experience and guidance on a wide range of policy issues affecting NOSA and the other member clubs. Lee has handled the club's publicity post with dedication for a number of years, but has found her retirement from the world of full-time work means her life is now busier than ever before.

## 60th anniversary

We've only got 3 more class sessions next year before NOSA hits its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. With your help, looking forward to planning some sort of community event or series of programs to mark the occasion.

*Rod Deacon*

## WARD FALKNER SEMINAR (September 2012) photo gallery

### NOSA INSTRUCTORS

Photos by Marilyn Clayton





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[www.nosa.ca](http://www.nosa.ca)

**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.**

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## **BRAGGING!**



"A Day to Remember" in more ways than one. On Remembrance Day, November 11, 2012, we were camping in Nanaimo for the weekend. With two legs earned and one more to go, our plan was to trial in Cobble Hill on Saturday and use the Nanaimo trial on Sunday as a "backup". Every other time we have gone to Cobble Hill, our class, **Novice B**, has been the last in the ring and we seldom got out of the Hall before 4:30 or 5:00. We drove down in miserable weather - pouring rain! Not a pleasant drive. We arrived about 2:00 to find everything dismantled and put away. There were very few entries so they had finished exceptionally early. Another miserable drive back to the campsite. Plan B came into effect. As MY plan was to have Nukka finish her CD before the end of the year, now we would HAVE to trial in Nanaimo. We had never trialed there before. Nukka put it all together and gave me a very nice score (for a Sammy) of 188 completing her third leg in her AIOC CD."

*submitted by Alix Day*



At the end of October, Stirling completed his AIOC Novice title and received 2 trophies, high scoring NOSA dog in the trial and High in trial.

*submitted by Lynn Erskine*





## More Bragging

Jane Mitchelmore and her Rottweiler, Beatelke Jergan "Java" passed IPO 1 (international FCI utility dog title) on October 27, 2012 under international IPO judge Roland Seibel (Germany). Jane and Java were in Practice Trials at their last session at NOSA. There are three levels to IPO, and Jane and Java passed the first level. In level one, a dog must pass a tracking test (similar test to TD), an obedience test (heeling, retrieve on flat, retrieve over 4 foot jump, retrieve over 6 foot scaling wall, send out) and a protection (courage) test. Each level is progressively more difficult than the preceding level. The tracking at level 3 is comparable to the TDX test. Java is just 2 years old and NOSA members will remember him from the puppy classes and beginner trial classes. Pictured is Java from the trial on the retrieve over 6 foot scaling wall. Java also passed his Ztp (breed survey) on September 1, 2012 under international Rottweiler specialist judge Edgar Hellmann (ADRK Head Breed Warden Germany) and received a rating of V 4 at the RKNA national Rottweiler Specialty Show. A V rating is 96 or better. Jane and Java will be trialing for IPO 2 this spring and also for CKC CD and TD. Jane's newest puppy is Heizelwood Ice who is a Rottweiler puppy imported from Finland a couple of weeks ago and they will be attending the January 2013 puppy classes.



*Submitted by Jane Mitchelmore*

## 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*



BC Guide Dog Services and Autism Support Dogs continue to raise money by collecting stamps and metal tabs from cans (pop cans, tuna tins, etc.). It may seem like a small thing, but every contribution helps to graduate another special dog to be teamed with a sight impaired person or an autistic child, creating a life-changing miracle.

Bring your contributions of stamps or can tabs to N.O.S.A. training classes and they will be delivered to the BC Guide Dog Services Victoria office (#104-1027 Pandora Avenue).

Thank you for supporting BCGDS and Autism Support Dogs.

Read about how lives are touched on-line at <http://www.autismsupportdogs.org/subpage/who-we-are/newsletters> and <http://www.bcguidedog.com/index.php>

*submitted by Elizabeth Skaggs*

## AIOC Trials Secretary Report

At the end of October we held our fall AIOC trial in conjunction with Greater Vic. There were two obedience trials and two rally trials. A special thank-you to NOSA member Bill Blair for judging the Greater Vic trial and to Janey Turner who graciously stepped in at the last minute to judge our obedience trial when the judge originally slated was ill. Terry Gains was the judge for both Rally trials. Thank-you also to all those NOSA members who volunteered to help out at the trial. Without volunteers it would be impossible to stage our trials. Sadly our registration was down significantly so this was a much smaller trial than the same one last year. Our High in Trial was NOSA member Lynn Erskine with her dog Stirling with a score of 190. In addition to being HIT Lynn was also High NOSA member and High Novice dog so she went home with an armload of prizes.



There will be one minor change going forward for all NOSA AIOC trials.

At their last executives meetings both NOSA and Greater Vic decided that the entry fee for our joint trials will be \$10 going forward. Due to the rising costs of hosting trials (venue, ribbons, judging fees etc.) we felt that it was necessary to do this.

Our nominee for the Hudson Memorial Trophy will be Norah Shandley and her dog Clancy who had the high aggregate score of 191.67 from the Novice Class.

We are now looking forwards to our spring trial at the end of March. We are hoping to once again offer two rally and two obedience trials. It will be NOSA's turn to run the kitchen for the trial so I will be looking for people to help out both at the trial and in the kitchen come the New Year. If you are interested in helping out please let me know.

*submitted by Shay Lockhart*

### 2013 Trial Dates

#### **March**

- 9-11 NKC Ian Dunbar Seminar
- 23 NOSA/GVDOTC Obedience & Rally

#### **April**

- 13 COWN AIOC Obedience
- 20-21 NOSA CKC 4 Obedience Trials + 2 Rally Trials

#### **May**

- 5 AIOC Team Challenge, Nanaimo

#### **August**

- 3-5 CRDFS CKC Show Rally Trials

#### **September**

- 21 NKC AIOC Rally Trial
- 22 NKC CARO Rally Trial

#### **October**

- 19 COWN AIOC Obedience Trial
- 20 NOSA/GVDOTC Obedience & Rally

#### **November**

- 3 NKC AIOC Obedience
- 16-17 NKC CKC Obedience

AIOC = Association of Island Obedience Clubs (our umbrella organization)  
COWN = Cowichan Dog Club  
CRDFS = Campbell River Dog Fanciers Society  
GVDOTC = Greater Victoria Dog Obedience & Tracking Club  
NKC = Nanaimo Kennel Club  
NOSA = North Saanich Dog Obedience Training Club



## 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 to four obedience trials over the two days, but, just two rally trials on the Saturday. The reason for this was an extremely poor rally entry on the Sunday in 2012.

Lindsay Ibbotson from Vancouver has agreed to judge one of the obedience trials. Bill Blair is in the process of getting the second Judge. Terry Gains will be judging both rally trials.

The trial committee is as follows:

Bill Blair – Obedience Trial Secretary  
Karen Blair – Rally Trial Secretary  
Alix Day – Obedience Chief Ring Steward

Anne Morrison – Rally Chief Ring Steward  
Norah Shandley – Trophies  
Irene Copus – Raffle

I will manage the kitchen and there are always many other volunteers to make the trials run smoothly. Anyone wishing to assist with the trial, please let me know. We can always use the help.

Finally, I would like to thank Cherry Condrey for looking after the trophies for many years, for agreeing to assist Norah to transition into the position.

*submitted by Sharon Sundher*

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## Training Report:

Classes have gone well although not particularly full. We did not offer “handling” this session but will be offering it in January. Vic City Kennel Club will again provide “judges” for the class.

Registration for the January session is well underway. The advanced classes are gradually filling. I have a couple of registrations for the January session and a few inquiries for the puppy class. The majority of registrations will arrive between Christmas & the beginning of January.

I would like to thank all the trainers and assistants for doing such a great job.



*submitted by Alix Day*

## AIOC Representative Report:



The last meeting of the AIOC was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Beban Park in Nanaimo. Since the meeting in March there has been a change in the AIOC executive. Campbell River Dog Fanciers are now responsible. Carol Toms, the Chair, has moved from Campbell River to Nanaimo, so as a result, Lynda Ostashek has assumed the Chair position with Meghan Delmar replacing her as Secretary. Laura Stillin remains as Treasurer. As of October 6<sup>th</sup> there was \$1524. In the AIOC bank account.

There were a number of items discussed at the meeting , but, only a few of any substance:

A housekeeping amendment was made to the AIOC Rules & Regulations to delete a paragraph related to the approval of new rally judges that was no longer applicable as it had an end date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

It was decided that it was time to increase the suggested entry fees for club trials to **\$10** since the current \$7 rate was established 10 years ago and to increase the suggested hourly rate for judges to **\$20** from \$15. The current rate was agreed to about 6 years ago, so, both of these changes are long overdue. The entry fee is, of course, up to the individual club and the judging fee is subject to agreement between the club and each individual judge. These are only suggested rates, but all clubs are experiencing increases in hall rentals, ribbons & rosettes and judges' travel expenses.

We are also preparing a comprehensive document on how to offer a club trial and all the various steps that need to be taken. I have agreed to take the lead on this and have now circulated a draft of the document to a number of people who have more hands-on experience than I have in putting on these trials. Hopefully, this will be finalized before Christmas. The document is intended to provide new clubs or new trial chairs something that they can refer to when they first get into the job. The impetus for this exercise came about after the Alberni Valley Club held their first AIOC trial this past summer and some of the questions that arose as a result.

Finally, preliminary plans were made for the 2013 Team Challenge which will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Nanaimo. As we did in 2012, each club took on one of the various jobs that need to be done. I didn't volunteer NOSA for any of the jobs as I did not plan on remaining as your AIOC representative after this year (six years is more than long enough), so, whoever takes over the job can decide which club they would like to team up with. I can provide a list of who is doing what as soon as I get the minutes of the meeting. As for the Challenge itself, it would be nice to see NOSA well represented again next year as our teams did NOSA proud in 2012.

The next AIOC meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Beban Park in Nanaimo.

*submitted by Bill Blair*



# AWARDS presented at the Annual General Meeting

Presented by Heather Alexander

photos by Charleen DeLong



# Merry Christmas

