

NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS ON THE SAANICH PENINSULA FOR OVER 50 YEARS

July, 2013

President's Message

Hope you're enjoying the dog days of summer hiking, training, swimming, training, BBQing, training, staying cool, training, travelling, training, welcoming visitors, training and relaxing. And maybe some training?

NOSA started summer off July 1 taking part, as we always do, in the Sidney Days parade. Guess what? Our dedicated group of handlers and dogs was judged by the Peninsula Celebrations Society, which runs the day's events, as the Best Animal entry in the 2013 parade! Congrats to everyone who marched, trained and helped. Parade pix on our Facebook page and elsewhere in this newsletter.

We're back training at the Winspear Centre this coming fall and winter. First class is Sept. 11. Schedule is on our www.nosa.ca website, in case you've forgotten your training time slot.

I'd like to publicly thank Irene Copus for agreeing to take on the key job as our club's training committee chair from Alix Day, who stepped down after a few years in the busy role. Irene has held the position for a number of years, too, so I hope you'll give her your full support this coming term. For those of you new to NOSA, Irene has been a member of our training club since 1967 — when NOSA (and Irene) was only 13 years old!

We had some pretty good performances at our spring AIOC and CKC trials. I must thank all the volunteers for pitching in. They make it seem effortless, but, of course, it's hours and hours of preparation and work. Well done!

Next year NOSA is planning on celebrating its 60th anniversary. At the June general meeting a few ideas were suggested, such as a special community event, as we did with 'Celebrating Dogs' in 2008 to mark our 50th year in SANSCHA Hall and the Winspear Centre. Someone suggested we enter a real float in the 2014 Sidney Days parade.

What about a display at the Winspear Centre showcases? Another member suggested we offer something akin to training scholarships for young people in the community. We'll take up these suggestions this fall. Keep the ideas flowing.

Now, back to the lemonade on the sun deck...and training!

Regards,
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>
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'Nose Work'

Want to try something different with your dog? How about teaching him to have fun using his sense of smell. Although this sport is based on search and rescue techniques, scent work requires the dogs to locate three specific odours – Birch, Anise and Clove.

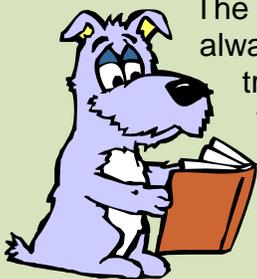
All dogs are welcome in this sport from shy pooches to dogs that tend to be reactive. When Alee my Dutch Sheepdog first started training she lacked confidence. Now, she happily works independently on or off lead and pulls me to the search area. After initial training the work is done by the dog with its handler merely in a guiding role. A great deal of information is easily available online through the . . .

National Association of Canine Scent Work

As the organization is based in the United States, here on the Saanich Peninsula we have been extremely lucky to find a qualified instructor to give classes on a weekly basis.

Hope you will consider joining the group. For more information please call Helen Moulden at: 250-656-7695 or email: hmoulden@shaw.ca.

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



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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.

E-mail nosa.website@shaw.ca

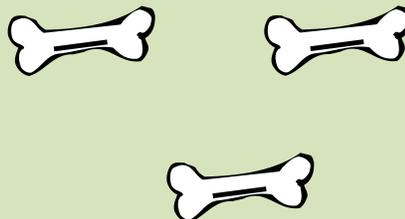
NOSA is now on
Facebook!

<http://ow.ly/jyCfh>

BRAGGING!



Rod Deacon and his Flat-coated retriever Lindy earned three passes during the Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club's weekend trial in May for their first-ever CKC Utility Dog title. It took 2.5 years of training — and quite a few trials in the past year — to get there so thanks so much to my instructor Karen Blair, her assistants Judy Wallace and Irene Copus and my fellow classmates Dave, Werner, Kathy, Charleen and George. AIOC trials this fall and next spring to try for our club UD. We're entering a few hunting retriever tests during the summer and hope to try tracking come the fall.



SAVE THE DATE!

NOSA's Fall AIOC Trial will be October 20th, 2013

at the RCMP Barn at the Saanich Fairgrounds



Obedience and Rally will be offered - Please consider volunteering at the trial, get a front row seat to see all the action! We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions please contact Shay Lockhart at toyanova@hotmail.com

Reports to General Meeting – June 5th, 2013

CKC Trials Report -



The CKC trial was held at the RCMP barn on April 20 & 21, 2013. The format for this year was four obedience trials over the two days and two rally trials on Saturday only. There were a total of 93 entries for the four Obedience trials, 50 on Saturday and 43 on Sunday. High in trial were: Janey Turner, Bob Scott and 2 wins for Gillian Anglin. There were 8 NOSA entries: Werner Lidtke, open pass; Lynn Erskine, novice pass; Marilyn Clayton, pre novice pass and Carol Gordon, two pre-novice passes, the other four entries were not successful.

The two Rally trials had 33 entries. There were only 2 NOSA entries: Lee Pears - 2 passes - advanced and excellent - 1 RAE leg and Marilyn Clayton – 2 passes, advanced and excellent -1 RAE leg. I would like to thank the trial committee consisting of Bill and Karen Blair, Alix Day, Anne Morrison, Norah Shandley and Irene Copus as well as the many volunteers who put in countless hours of their time making the trial a success. Unfortunately the trial had a financial loss of \$891.54, the CKC investment balance is \$8,447.83.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Sundher

AIOC Trials Sec. Report –



On March 23rd NOSA co-hosted an AIOC Rally and Obedience trial with Greater Vic. This was the Mary Bates Memorial Trial. Our judges were Bill Blair and Terry Gains. As we could not secure a 3rd judge rather than having 2 rally trials as is usual, we split one rally trial between the two clubs with NOSA hosting the Novice portion of the trial.

We had 35 obedience entries with the HIT going to Blair Kilgour and Zeeva from Greater Vic out of the NOVB class with a score of 196.5. The high scoring NOSA dog was Sharon Sundher and Maddie also from the NOVB class with a score of 194. In Rally we had 10 NOV A dogs with 2 NOSA dogs getting qualifying marks and 5 NOV B dogs with one NOSA dog, Duncan Morrison and Teija getting HIC with a score of 98. The rally entries were down which was disappointing but not unexpected with so few people training for rally now. This was the first trial with the new \$10 entry fee and this along with hosting the kitchen which made \$137 (thanks to all the club members donating food), allowed us

to make a small profit on the trial. I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to make our trial happen, without you we could not hold trials. Our next trial is on October 20th. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Respectfully submitted,
Shay Lockhart

Training Committee Report

This has been another successful session with all classes well attended. Handling has been particularly popular this session. Registration has started for the September session at Mary Winspear. The beginner & puppy classes won't start to fill till later in the summer, as we are now off for three months!

Rod had spoken to Greater Vic with regard to the possibility of using their equipment. They set it up for Tuesday night for their classes and the Lab Club use it Wednesday morning. They agreed and that made it much easier for us this session, as we did not have to move equipment to the Barn and back to Mary Winspear. Most of the students in the last class stayed to help put the equipment away and it went very quickly.

This was my last session as Training Chairperson. I would like to thank all the trainers & assistants for their very capable teaching during the past year. Irene Copus has agreed to step in for the remainder of this term.

Respectfully submitted,
Alix Day



AIOC

The last AIOC meeting was held April 6th.

1. **Bank Balance** is \$1,247.13 – that included 2013 memberships (income) and expenses of web site & Hall rental (for Team Challenge).
2. **Two (2) amendments were proposed to “Section 6 Trials” of the AIOC Rules & Regulations:**

(1) SECTION 6 TRIALS

12. A dog is only eligible to enter one class per trial, with the exception of the dog that has already achieved a Utility title, which may enter Open and Utility in the same trial as Exhibition Only.

RATIONALE: This rule was put in place to control the number of entries and the number of hours permitted for one judge to judge. However, entries to obedience trials are significantly low and the change to this rule supports Clubs by increasing revenue and supports people who want the extra practice.

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(2) SECTION 6 TRIALS

13. c) If a dog enters two trials in one day and completes their degree at the first trial, they shall must be entered in the second trial as an 'exhibition' only' dog or move up to the next level.

RATIONALE: This change provides flexibility to an AIOC member, who enters two trials in one day and completes their degree in the first trial, to either enter as Exhibition or move to the next level in the second trial. The regulation as stated doesn't allow exhibitors to move to the next level even if ready to do so.

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3. **Priority Trial Dates for 2014** were confirmed. NOSA/Gr.Vic.'s dates are March 29th and October 19th. Liz Taylor has confirmed Barn bookings for both dates.
4. **Hudson Trophy** winner was Laurie Kelly of Lakewood with a score of 589 from the Open A class and was presented at Team Challenge. There were 8 [club] applicants with scores ranging from 545.5-589. NOSA's applicant was Norah Shandley & Clancy (Shetland Sheepdog) from Novice with a score of 575.
5. **Proposed Annual trophy for Rally** was discussed and in the end the decision was not to have an annual Rally trophy. Rationale being: Rally is meant to be a non-competitive sport; it is very difficult to determine a winner; it is difficult to track and the Reps wanted to keep the "Hudson Perpetual Trophy" is a place of honour.
6. **2013 Team Challenge** – was held May 5th in Nanaimo. NOSA sent two teams:
 1. **Two person same class**: Elaine Hobday with *Trixie* (Lab) and Jane Morrison with *Sheena* (Lab) both in Novice.
 2. **Two person different class**: Norah Shandley with *Clancy* (Shetland Sheep Dog in Novice) and Rod Deacon with *Lindy* (Flat-Coated Retriever in Utility).

Both teams did NOSA proud!

The winners of the **3-Person Team** was Greater Vic.; **2-Person Different levels** was Nanaimo; and the **2-Person Same Level** was VIP (Vancouver Island Pets)

NOSA and the Island Pacific Lab Club were in charge of the **RAFFLE** which made a profit of \$649.00, which was very good as there were less people in attendance than in 2012 and the profit was larger.

Both NOSA & the Lab Club members were very generous in their donations – in the end it was decided to split up the Lab Clubs donations into 3 baskets and NOSA's into 4 baskets. Thank you cards were sent to Team Challenge participants and donators.

I think everyone had a good time and we have some very good up and coming dogs for next year. Oh, and next year that are talking about adding an AIOC trial along with the Team Challenge Competition, but that remains to be confirmed.

The next AIOC Meetings is scheduled for October 5th .

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Clayton

SIDNEY DAYS PARADE - 2013

NOSA #1 Animal entry in Sidney Days parade.

NOSA is more than a dog club; we're a community service organization — and we're proud of our many contributions over the years. We've been taking part in the annual Sidney Days parade for as long as anyone can remember.

This year, to our pleasant surprises, the judging panel at the Peninsula Celebrations Society, which runs the popular Sidney Days celebrations, named NOSA's group as the Best Animal entry in the entire parade!



Thanks to the 13 club members who turned out for our practices and marched the route in our very stylish matching Canada Day T-shirts July 1.



And thanks to our three banner carriers, too.



Life along the Beacon Avenue parade route will never be quite the same.



HAPPY CANADA DAY



submitted by Rod Deacon