

# NEWSLETTER



## NORTH SAANICH Dog Obedience Training Club

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

May 2009

### President's Message

This spring session at NOSA has been somewhat unusual in that both some of our classes and the annual CKC obedience trial have been held in different locations. We seem to have survived both changes quite well with even some compliments for the curling club venue for the trial. It's always good for the dogs to learn to work in a different place as well. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked very hard to make these events happen so successfully.

I am hoping for a very good member turnout for our June 18 General Meeting and Barbecue. We will have a VERY IMPORTANT discussion and vote on our new contract with the Mary Winspear Centre@ Sanscha Hall, and also a vote on the future location of some of some of the NOSA classes. Watch for the meeting notice!

I'd like to wish everyone an enjoyable summer and see you all in September ready for classes again.

*Anne Morrison*

### GENERAL MEETING & BARBEQUE

**Thursday, June 18, 2009**

**6:00 p.m.** (meeting starts at 6:30 sharp)

**RCMP BARN, SAANICHTON FAIRGROUNDS**

**Please bring 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*

*Thanks . . . Lee Pears*

### 2009 Executive

President	<i>Anne Morrison</i>
Vice-President	<i>Heather Alexander</i>
Secretary	<i>Gloria MacLucas</i>
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CKC Trials Chair	<i>Alix Day</i>
AIOC Trials Chair	<i>Sandi Lovas</i>
AIOC Representative	<i>Bill Blair</i>
Publicity Chair	<i>Lee Pears</i>

# The Issue Of The Silver Labrador

Frances O. Smith, DVM, PhD

Chair, Labrador Retriever Club, Genetics Committee

Over the past few years a limited number of breeders have advertised and sold dogs they represent to be pure bred Labrador Retrievers with a silver coat color—hence the term “silver labs.” At least some of these “silver labs” have been accepted for registration by the AKC, The rationale for this decision is apparently that the silver coat color is a shade of chocolate. Interestingly, the original breeders of “silver” Labradors were also involved in the Weimaraner breed.

Although we cannot conclusively prove that the “silver” Labrador is a product of cross breeding the Weimaraner to a Labrador, there is good evidence in the scientific literature indicating that the Labrador has never been identified as

carrying the dilute gene dd. The Weimaraner is the only known breed in which the universality of dd is a characteristic. Recognized coat colors for purebred Labradors are black, yellow and chocolate. No shadings of coat color are recognized for black or chocolate Labradors in either the Labrador standard or the current research into genetic coat colors. The shadings recognized in yellow Labrador Retrievers do not depend on the presence of the dilute gene dd but are modifiers acting on the ee gene. The identified coat color genes in the Labrador include:

A	B	C	D	E	g	i	n	s	i
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a	b	c	e	t					

The omission of “d” and thus the impossibility of a dd dilute gene resulting from a pure Labrador breeding is certainly persuasive evidence that the silver Labrador is not a purebred.

It is the opinion of the LRC that a silver Labrador is not a purebred Labrador. The pet owning public is being duped into believing that these animals are desirable, purebred, and rare and therefore warrant special notoriety or a premium purchase price.

From The Labrador Retriever Club newsletter, Winter 2006

## AIOC Dates to Remember

May 29, 30, 31 - Greater Victoria DOTC CKC rally and obedience trials - Saanich Fairgrounds

June 14 - Forbidden Plateau O&TC AIOC obedience trial - Black Creek

June 19, 20, 21 - Nanaimo KC CKC rally and obedience trials – Nanaimo

Aug 7, 8, 9 - Victoria City KC CKC rally and obedience trials - Saanich Fairgrounds

Sept 11,12,13 - Forbidden Plateau O&TC CKC obedience trials – Comox

Oct 3 & 4 - Nanaimo KC CARO rally trial and workshop – Nanaimo

Oct 10 - NOSA & Greater Vic AIOC obedience trials - Saanich Fairgrounds

Oct 24 - Cowichan DOTC AIOC obedience trial - Cobble Hill

Nov 8 - Nanaimo KC AIOC obedience trial – Nanaimo

Nov 14 & 15 - Nanaimo KC CKC obedience trials - Nanaimo

Submitted by Bill Blair

Lindy and Rod Deacon were busy in April and May. Lindy completed her CKC Junior Hunter title Easter weekend in Cowichan Bay and earned her CKC CD the following weekend during the NOSA trials at the curling rink.

In early May, Lindy earned her CKC novice agility titles in the Standard and Jumpers with Weaves categories during the trials held during the Tyee Kennel Club's event.

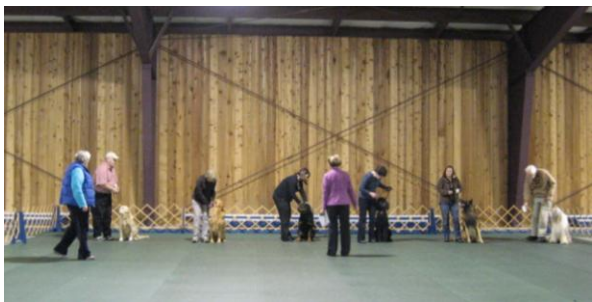


Along with a few other NOSA students and their Flat-Coated Retrievers, we are taking part in the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of Canada's national specialty held, this year, in conjunction with the Nanaimo Kennel Club's mid-June event. Lindy and Rod are entered in Rally-O, agility and field that weekend.

The NOSA website ([www.nosa.ca](http://www.nosa.ca)) was offline for a month after our Internet Service Provider disappeared from the business scene, leaving their clients stranded. Too bad -- we had been with them since 2004. We are happily back online with our new service provider, Islandnet.com.

Submitted by Rod Deacon

## CKC Trials Report



The 2009 CKC Trial was held on April 18 and 19th at the Glen Meadows Curling Club. Although we did not have a huge entry, the trial was successful. This was the first time we had done four trials in two days. My sincere thanks to everyone who came out on the Friday to help move all the

equipment needed for the trial from Sanscha Hall to the Curling Club and then came back on Sunday afternoon to dismantle everything and move it back. Without all your help, we could not have done it.

Bill Blair deserves a huge thank you for all his work as Trials Secretary. He sends letters to potential judges and then arranges contracts. He puts together the premium list and receives all the entries and then does all the CKC paperwork that is required.

Thanks too to Karen Blair for being chief ring steward and to all those who volunteered to be ring stewards and runners. Thanks to Cherry Condrey for putting together wonderful trophy tables for all four trials. Thanks to Irene for managing to get so many donations for our raffles. We made quite a bit this year, thanks to the donation of the portable jumps which were a hotly sought after item.

And lastly, thanks to all of you who entered and trialed your dogs and to those of you not quite ready to trial who came out to watch the trials and support the competitors.

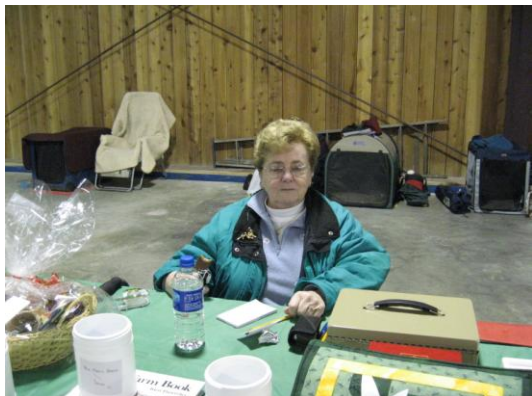
And now.....it's time to start planning the 2010 Trials!!! If you would like to volunteer for any position, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Alix Day  
CKC Trials Chairman



## **MEET THE TRAINERS:**

*submitted by Lee Pears*



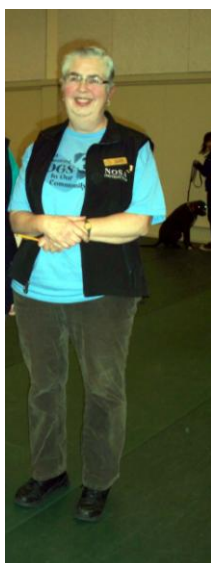
**IRENE COPUS**

Irene has been with NOSA since 1968 both as a member and a trainer. She is what is called “A LIFE TIME MEMBER”. She has owned Afghans and all three sizes of Poodles-Standard, Miniature and Toy. Her Standard and Miniature poodles have earned Utility titles---one of her Mini Poodles received a score of 199 ½ (the dog lost the half point due to Handler error—bet that dog was upset). Irene held the position of Training Chairwoman for quite a few years-she then took a break for a couple of years but is now back again at the head.

**CHERRY CONDREY**

Cherry has been a member and trainer for NOSA for a number of years. At present she owns two Shetland Sheep Dogs- Star, a female and Ryder, a male.

The highest Obedience title obtained by her dog(s) is Utility. Her dogs are also involved in Conformation.



**ELAINE HOBDAY**

Elaine first joined NOSA in 1975. She was a member for 9 years and an assistant for approximately 6 years. She returned in 1996 and assisted, then became a trainer about 2 years ago. She owned a black lab named Sophie (recently passed away), who had earned her Utility title.

**Fall ‘training’ session starts Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**