

NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS ON THE SAANICH PENINSULA FOR OVER 50 YEARS

May, 2011

President's Message

Spring class session has flown by this year. Now we're all (dogs too) waiting for some nice hot summer days.

Many people have enjoyed the extra space we have when classes are held in the barn and it's also good for those who trial to practice there. We will be glad to be back at Mary Winspear for the cold and wet part of the year.

I'd like to thank Hans Vollert for all his hard work this session setting up and taking down the rings. Also many thanks to coffee table helpers etc. and to the volunteer crew who will take our equipment back to the hall. Dave and Judy Wallace store the cabinet for us- thank you!

Happy summer break to all.

Anne Morrison

GENERAL MEETING & BARBEQUE

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

6:00 p.m. (meeting starts after eats)

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

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Dates to Remember

Jun 17 – 19 Nanaimo CKC Rally & Obedience

August 5 – 7 Vic City Kennel Club
3 shows – 4 obedience trials – 2 rally trials
(closing July 20th)

SEPT. 7 - NOSA FALL CLASSES
(Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney)

Keep July 1st open for NOSA

It's only June, 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 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

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. *Thank you John MacLucas, Editor*

There's a new addition to the AIOC!

The Island & Pacific Labrador Retriever Club. Watch for a club trial to be added to the schedule. Daytime obedience classes are held at the barn on Wednesday mornings, The club also holds a Labrador conformation Specialty Show.



Special Note

As most of you already know, long-time Judge Betty Ruff announced her retirement, and unfortunately is struggling with health issues. All of us at NOSA wish her well.

Keep Informed of all NOSA Activities go to <http://www.nosa.ca>



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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.

E-mail nosa.website@shaw.ca

BRAGGING!



"Now.....here he is.....new AIOC CD, member of the honour guard at Government House and tea with the Lieutenant Governor Steven Point, and star of the Victoria Opera *Vanessa*Sancha's Argyle Mist (aka PIPER)"

After many years of trying, Piper finally rewarded me and achieved his CD at our AIOC trial in March.



In April, he was part of the honour guard at Government House and was allowed inside to participate in the tea in honour of St. John Ambulance's 100th anniversary.

Then, the piece de resistance, he earned a "walk-on" part in the opera *Vanessa*. He attended several rehearsals and the six performances of the opera at the end of April and beginning of May. He was a hit with the orchestra, the cast of the Opera, and the audience."



Submitted by Alix Day

More Bragging



TaG got his agility AAC ATCH at the DAWG Trial in Nanaimo March of 2011. It's been a bit of a journey for those of you who know him but we gotter done!

Thanks so much to my obedience instructors as I believe that obedience played a large role in his agility and thank you for all your help. We will continue on with obedience to get our CDX and thoroughly enjoy our classes at NOSA

Thanks a bunch

Submitted by Philippa Sloan



Marilyn Clayton & Smooth Collie, **Zephyr**, started 2011 off by heading down to the US to Gig Harbour, then Olympia and finally Winlock WA March 12-13 for 3 Am Herding Breed Assoc. Ranch Dog trials and came home with Zephyr's HRD-II (Herding Ranch Dog level 2) title. Ranch Dog is similar to real farm work – moving stock through chutes, penning them, moving them through foot baths, moving from pen to pen, sorting sheep into different pens, as well as big field work, so is a lot of fun and very different from CKC & AKC Herding trials. The following weekend (March 18th) Zephyr took a Best Veteran in Sweeps [conformation] win at the Collie Club of Canada National Specialty in Cloverdale. Then, May 21-22-23 (while others were running the agility Regional Championships in Chilliwack) we were in Hope, BC for Stock Dog and Arena Herding trials hosted by the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Canada, the Australian Cattle Dog Club of Canada and the Cardigan Corgi Club of Canada for Zephyr's first attempts to qualify at the Advanced (highest) level of CKC herding. Despite being brain-fried from a 3-day herding clinic earlier in the week, Zephyr came



home with his **SDA** (Stock Dog Advanced) title with a **High In Class** (score 91) and two 3rd class placements (scores 91.5 & 81). He also qualified twice in Advanced Arena with a 2nd in class (score of 94) which was also **Reserve High In Trial**. We were also awarded the **Pepsi Trophy** (for stockmanship) as chosen by judge Nancy Ward (WA) as well as **Reserve Combined Overall** for the weekend behind our mentor and friend Lynn Leach and her Australian Cattle Dog, Leroy (a Dual Champion (Herding Trial & Conformation Champion) in both Canada and the US). And this past weekend, at Greater Vic, we entered the utility ring for the 1st time and came home with 1 leg

toward our UD title with a decent 192.5 (& HS NOSA) and 2 'close but no cigar' tries. Next weekend it's back to agility.

Submitted by Marilyn Clayton



Bandit earned both his Rally Novice and Advanced titles over the May 28 & 29 weekend.

Submitted by Ingrid Hansen

