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President's Message – Rod Deacon

Once again, thanks to all of you for your generosity and willingness to give your time and talents to our little dog obedience training club here on the peninsula.

Thanks to our trainers and assistants for working with the students and their wonderful dogs 30 weeks a year. Thanks to the same people for somehow working out a class schedule every few months.

Thanks to all the people who come early or stay late to set up, clean up, take down, put away, move stuff, fix stuff, buy stuff, look at stuff and come to meetings that are usually about all the other stuff.

And thanks to our many students for choosing NOSA, allowing us to help you train your dog and have fun together.

Since it's our 60th anniversary this year, we're hoping for a larger-than-usual turnout of students and instructors to make up NOSA's entry in the Sidney Days parade July 1. We're busy planning ways to showcase our parade entry as a celebration of our past and reflect the fun things we're doing as a club these days. Did you know that last year, the Peninsula Celebrations Society (they run Sidney Days) voted NOSA's entry as the best Animal group in the parade?

People ask, 'What's involved if I want to take part in the parade?' Basically, just this: your dog; two evenings before July 1 so we can practice our formations for about 45 minutes; and then, on Canada Day, from 9:30 a.m. until about noon, we take part in the celebrations down Beacon Avenue. We usually have a BBQ in the early afternoon, which you're welcome to attend, too. If you're interested, let your instructor know before class breaks for the summer and we'll be in touch.

Rod Deacon
President

Editor's Note – Marilyn Clayton

The content of club newsletters is dependent upon member submissions. So please submit articles, brags (not just Obedience and Rally brags – any accomplishments your obedience dog has achieved), interesting tidbits, reports, anything you think might interest fellow members.

To keep up-to-date on NOSA activities, check our **Website** at www.nosa.ca

NOSA's Newest OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion)

Kathy Campbell & Fleuri

CH OTCh AgMCh Kulana Fast and Fleuriest CGN, FDJ, Gold AOM, ExStGold, EXJ Silver, EXG Silver, EXSc Silver, EXS Bronze



Sunday, April 20th at NOSA's CKC trials, the "great and wonderful Ms. Fleuri" (my words, not Kathy's – I've loved Fleuri since she was in my Puppy class) became NOSA's 28th Obedience Trial Champion (OTCh)! This accomplishment is especially sweet for

Kathy as Fleuri is her 1st OTCh. Congratulations Kathy and Fleuri! And what a beautiful team they have made – Kathy with her smooth handling and, well, if you've ever watched Fleuri jump with that long flowing red coat you'd be impressed with her athleticism, energy and beauty.

Although Fleuri enjoyed utility training, trialing, as with many dogs, was filled with numerous 'trials and tribulations' as they say. Although a steady and temperamentally sound dog, Fleuri was not totally comfortable in the utility ring and she was given a few "interesting" challenges along the way. Like the spooky guy in the hoodie who stood at ring side and seemed to stare right through her; the judge who looked just like her conformation handler who Fleuri just had to say hi to; or the enthusiastic afghan that jumped the ring gates to stand over her during her signal exercise. Yes, these things do occasionally happen and there's not much one can do about them but move on. I know, as with many of us, there were days when Kathy really wondered whether Fleuri would ever put it all together in the same trial – Fleuri knew the work but there always seemed to be a little something that didn't quite work, but that is the way of utility and Kathy persevered with her usual smile and good humour. And Fleuri knows a good deal when she hears one – she was promised a steak if she passed at these trials. Not only did she get her steak, but the kitchen crew even cooked it for her! Why qualify and get a few pieces of wiener or cheese when you can hold out for a steak – and some say Irish Setters aren't too smart – ha!

Obedience isn't the only venue they've excelled at – there is also agility, field and conformation. In 2011, Kathy and Fleuri earned the distinction of placing #9 *All-Breeds in Canada* in CKC Agility (this is a huge accomplishment)! They also garnered the *Top Irish Setter In Canada* spots in both obedience and agility. Kathy and Fleuri were also *Top Irish Setter In Canada* in agility for 2012. And Fleuri is the 1st Irish Setter to earn an Agility Trial Championship (ATChC) and the 1st Irish to earn a Gold Award of Merit in the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). Fleuri is one well accomplished red-head!

I asked Kathy a couple of questions about Fleuri that I thought might interest our members: How did you choose Fleuri? *I knew the breeder I wanted to get a puppy from and I was fortunate to be there when Fleuri was born. She was the first female to be born and I wanted her from that moment.*

What do you love the most about your big red dog? *Her sweet disposition and her zest for life! Fleuri is always looking for a party! She is a lover not a fighter.*

Were there times you got discouraged going for your UD? *Many times. Fleuri loved to train but was not very confident in trials. It has always been a struggle to pass in trials - probably due to my confidence.*



What advice would you give the 1st-time utility trainer/competitor? *My advice for the 1st time utility trainer / competitor would be to think about what method you are going to use to train each exercise and stick to that plan. Consistency and lots of proofing!*

Kathy says: *"I would like to thank everyone at NOSA for their support. Fleuri and I could not have achieved our OTCh without you. A special thank you to Karen Blair for her expertise!"*

NOSA's CKC Obedience Trial Champions

Most information below comes from NOSA's Annual CKC UD plaque; however, NOSA's 1st 3 Utility dogs (Jane Schmidt's *Angus*, Nona Butts's *Taunya* and Cherry Condrey's *Lainie*) earned their titles before the Annual UD plaque was initiated. Any dog trained through to a UD title (AIOC or CKC) solely at NOSA also receives "something special". In the past this "something special" has included decorative plates or tiles or photographs with the winning dog's photo printed on it. Please note that only CKC titles are included below as the information came off the CKC title plaque.

	Year	Registered Name	Breed	Call Name	Owner/handler
1	1981	OTCh, AFTCh Black Angus XIV	Labrador Retriever	<i>Angus</i>	Jane Schmidt
2	1982	OTCh, Ch Salilyn's Radiant Taunya	English Springer Sp.	<i>Taunya</i>	Nona Butts
3	1982	OTCh Gay Lass of Doncery	Shetland Sheepdog	<i>Lainie</i>	Cherry Condrey
4	1984	OTCh Maralan's China Black WCX	Labrador Retriever	China	Jane Schmidt
5	1985	OTCh Glencoe Ceilidh's Candy	Rough Collie	Ceilidh	Marilyn Clayton
6	1985	OTCh Desman Jeb Christa	German Shepherd	Max	Roy Vessey
7	1986	OTCh, Ch Dood's Final Fling	Cardigan Corgi	Fling	Marion Graham
8	1987	OTCh, Ch. Ranzfel Jamboree TDX	English Cocker Sp.	Scout	Wendy Wallace
9	1988	OTCh Oriana Flying Pennant	Golden Retriever	Penny	Jim Cumming
10	1988	OTCh Thor	German Shepherd	Thor	Liz Hayes
11	1989	OTCh Morganza Major Cleo	Boxer	Chloe	Debbie Dorosh
12	1993	OTCh, Ch Robinfield Autumn Comet TD WCI	Golden Retriever	Halley	Jim Cumming
13	1993	OTCh Finnigan's Augustus John	Newfoundland	Gus	Diana Willman
14	1994	OTCh Barbry's Double Delight	American Cocker Sp.	Marnie	Karen Blair
15	1994	OTCh Gallantry April Sunrise	Shetland Sheepdog	Kayla	Cherry Condrey
16	1994	OTCh Kairo V Bullinger	German Shepherd	K.C.	Marjorie Shanks
17	1996	OTCh Sonnenhang-s Ariel	German Shepherd	Ria	Liz Hayes
18	1997	OTCh, Ch Pacificisle Hi Tech	Shetland Sheepdog	Hi Tech	Carol Ray
19	1999	OTCh Cardiacarcmdr's Great Grandy	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Grandy	Marion Graham
20	2000	OTCh, Ch Woodruff's Kindred Spirit	Rough Collie	Spree	Marilyn Clayton
21	2000	OTCh Standard's Look To The Future	Standard Poodle	Aviva	Dawn Bell
22	2003	OTCh Von Karinheid Adanac	German Shepherd	Chase	Marjorie Shanks
23	2005	OTCh, Ch Nonnies Special Effects	American Cocker Sp.	Tanner	Karen Blair
24	2006	OTCh Nonnies Fancy Footwork	American Cocker Sp.	Jordan	Bill Blair
25	2010	OTCh, Maralan Bella For Chantal	Labrador Retriever	Bella	John Costello
26	2011	OTCh, HCHA, DCh, Ch Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, DD,HA,SDA,AGX, AGXJ, RE	Smooth Collie	Zephyr	Marilyn Clayton
27	2013	OTCh, Blazingstar Linnaeus, CGN, RE, WCI, JH, AgXS, AgXJS	Flat-Coated Retriever	Lindy	Rod Deacon
28	2014	OTCh, Ch, AgMCh Kulana Fast and Fleuriest, CGN, FDJ	Irish Setter	Fleuri	Kathy Campbell

HITs 2 & 4



HIT 1 dog



HIT 3



HIC Util A



HIC Nov A

Our Ring/Gate Stewards: Liz Hayes, Charleen DeLong, Elaine Hobday, Anne Morrison, Shay Lockhart, Penny Clayton, Susan Fukuyama, Maggie Henigman, Carol Gordon, Jan Gillis, Anne Morgan, Brent Warner, Norah Shandley (extra) & Karen Blair (extra).

NOSA's CKC Obedience Trials April 19-20, 2014

NOSA held its **25th annual CKC Trial** on April 19 & 20, 2014. The trial was held in the Main Agricultural Hall on the Saanichton Fairgrounds. Everyone enjoyed the new venue and really appreciated the warm well lit rings as well as the crating area located in an adjacent room.

Trial judges were Karen Brearley for Trials #1 & #3 and Norma Schaffer for Trials #2 & #4.

The trials were well attended, there were 125 entries for the two day trial.

High in Trials were Blair Kilgour, Bob Scott and NOSA's Marilyn Clayton who was high in two trials.

NOSA members that did well in the trials were Judy Wood, Jody Waldie, Jane Morrison, Kathy Campbell, Marilyn Clayton and Karen Blair.

Many thanks are owed to all the NOSA volunteers that helped make the trial a success.

Sharon Sundher (CKC Trials Chair)



Trial Chair: Sharon Sundher
Trial Secretary: Bill Blair
Chief Ring Steward: Marilyn Clayton
Trophy Chair: Norah Shandley
Raffle: Irene Copus
Concession: Sharon Sundher, Karen Rae & Steve Hobday.



Thank you to all who donated trophies & food for the concession.

Photos by: Norah Shandley & Marilyn Clayton

NOSA's AIOC Obedience Trials March 29, 2014 Agriplex Saanich Fairgrounds

On March 29th NOSA co-hosted its spring AIOC trial with Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club. NOSA hosted one obedience trial, judged by Maggie Henigman and one rally trial judged by Terry Gains. The trial was held at the Agriplex as our usual venue, the RCMP Barn, was not available.

Results – Obedience

We had a total entry of 25 for the trial with 6 passes in the regular classes and 1 pass in pre-novice. There were no passes in Open B or Utility. Sadly there were no qualifying scores from any NOSA members. Our High in Trial was Patti Smith-Holmes from Lakewood with her Lab Piper and a score of 195. She was also High Visitor.

Results – Rally

There was a total entry of 29 in our rally trial. **Novice "A"** had a total entry of 9 with 9 passes. High in Class was Susan Fukuyama from GVic and her dog Nytro with a score of 97. There were no NOSA entries in this class. **Novice "B"** had 5 entries with 5 passes. Amalie Bush from GVic and her dog Rizz were High in Class with a score of 99. Jan Gillis from NOSA and her dog Gracie passed with a score of 84. **Advanced "A"** had 3 entries but no passes. **Advanced "B"** had 7 entries and 7 passes. High in Class was Cathy Mawdsley from Cown and her dog Kota with a perfect score of 100. Duncan Morrison from NOSA and his dog Teija came in second with a score of 99. **Excellent "A"** had 3 entries and everyone passed. High in Class was Elizabeth Skaggs from NOSA and her dog Juno with a score of 97. **Excellent "B"** had 2 entries and two passes. High in Class was Maralyn Redford from GVic and her dog Amelia with a score of 99.

Even though we were in a different venue everything ran smoothly. This is due in large part to the fantastic help from all of our volunteers. Elizabeth Skaggs and Elaine Hobday helped out at the registration desk. Karen Blair ring stewarded for the whole obedience trial assisted by Anne Morrison and Lee Pears. Norah Shandley was our gate steward for the day. Lori Bulmer and Jody

Waldie were our stewards in rally with help from Aleda Bates from Greater Vic. Karen Rae organized all the food and food volunteers for the trial. Given that there was no kitchen this was no small task so I want to extend a special "thank-you" to her and her team as well as all those who donated food for the trial. Our next AIOC trial will be held October 19th at the RCMP Barn, Saanich Fairgrounds. If anyone is interested in volunteering at this trial just let me know!

Submitted by Shay Lockhart
AIOC Trial Sec.

You wouldn't believe what just happened in the ring!

You've heard that "stuff happens" at the most inopportune times and sometimes the craziest things happen in the ring. Members please submit the craziest things that have happened to you (or that you remember happening) in the ring. I'm hoping this will become a regular section in the newsletter but that will depend upon you. As you remember those humorous moments, please write them down and submit them. Please, please, please!

As I started my off-leash heeling pattern at our CKC trial, I noticed something black on the mat and I remember thinking to myself, "I hope Smoochie doesn't make a dive for it thinking it's food". As I continued, I saw more and more of these black pieces. It was very strange as NOSA prides itself on clean mats. Then I thought how the heels of the "nice" shoes I was wearing felt "soft". I got through my individual exercise only to discover (with absolute horror) that the soles of my shoes were disintegrating beneath me with every step I took! They had to stop everything to clean the entire ring before proceeding. How embarrassing! Fortunately I had a pair of sneakers in the car so I didn't have to do my long sit and down (and trial #2) in socking feet!

Laughing about it later, I discovered this was not the worst that could happen. Two people, whose shall remain nameless, had without realizing it, stepped in dog excrement and as they heeled around the ring, tracked it everywhere The trial had to stop while the ring was washed and the handlers in question continued in their stocking/bare feet. So Sh# does happen in the ring, so to speak.

What is your story? Please tell

2014 Team Challenge

Sunday, May 4th, amidst rain, rain and more rain, NOSA participated in the AIOC Team Challenge in Nanaimo. Team Challenge is a fun event geared to bring AIOC competitors from up and down the Island to meet one another and have a friendly competition.



Each club has a job to do from set-up and take-down,

to stewarding, concession, registration, etc. Each club is asked to send a basket for the raffle with the proceeds going to off-set expenses (building rental, judge, etc.). NOSA hosted the raffle, which made \$468.

Eighteen (18) teams representing 8 different clubs were in attendance. Six members volunteered to represent NOSA, which allowed us to make up 3 teams.

Thanks to Elaine Hobday with her Lab, *Trixie*; Karen Rae with her



Portuguese Water Dog, *Tulips*; Jane Morrison with her Lab, *Sheena*; Alix Day with her Samoyeds *Nukka* & *Piper* (Piper was an alternate on one of the teams); and Duncan Morrison with his Lab *Teija* who, along with myself (Marilyn Clayton) with my Smooth Collie *Smoochie*, made up NOSA's teams.

Here are the standings:

Three Handler Team (1 team competing)

Greater Victoria DOTC Total Score – 584

Blair Kilgour w/Vizsla Zeeva Novice	200
Sandi Lovas w/Poodle Marshall Open	193
Gillian Anglin w/Poodle Raffi Utility	191

Two Handler - Different Levels (6 teams)

North Sannich DOTC (NOSA) Total Score 369

Duncan Morrison w/Lab Teija Open	182
Jane Morrison w/Lab Sheena Novice	187

Nanimo KC—Maggie Henigman & Gail Beerman	347.5
Forbidden POTC---Arlene Bishop & JoAnne Sukut	341



Cowichan—Cathy Mowdsley & Suzanne Armour	333
Alberni Valley —Dinant Vandenhoeck & Nancy Quist	250.5
Cowichan—Cathy Villeneuve & Suzanne Armour	????

Two Handler Team-Same Level (11 teams)

Cowichan--- Total Score 394

Cathy Mawdsley w/GSD Kota Novice	199
Leslie Gardner w/Golden Novice	195

Forbidden ----Jo Anne McLeod & Wendy Wallace 390

VI Paws ---Louise Peters & Sand Mysack 386

Cowichan---Judy Duncan and Susan Windsor 378.5

NOSA-- Marilyn Clayton (195) &

Elaine Hobday (181.0) Total Score 376

NOSA---Karen Rae (196.5) &

Alix Day (173.5) Total Score 370

Lakewood---Lea Hoffman & Patt Smith Holmes 358

VIPaws---Sandy Mysack & Margaret Lehmann 340.5

NKC---Heather Vallance & Linda Halliday 229

Nanaimo KC---Heather Vallance & Anne Bailey 52.5

Thanks goes out to Hew Lines and Alix Day who spent most of the day sitting at the raffle table and Jane Morrison, Karen Rae & Elaine Hobday who spelled us off with all of them helping me set up and take down. Thank you!!!

CKC CGN TEST June 4 – Saanich Fairgrounds

NOSA is hosting a CKC Canine Good Neighbour Trial on June 4, 2014 at the Saanich Fairgrounds (1528 Stelly's X Rd Saanichton) starting at 5:30pm. The trial site is at the Wallace Ring field located next to the RCMP barn. If it rains we will move indoors into the RCMP barn.



The trial is open to CKC registered and non-registered dogs. Entry fee is \$20.00 by mail until May 20th and \$25.00 after that or on trial day. All registered dogs must have proof of current vaccinations and municipal licence as well as a leash and a brush or comb.

Evaluators are Lynn Hamilton and Blair Kilgour.

Registration: 5:30 PM **Test:** 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$20 Pre-Registration (to May 21st),
\$25 after May 21st

For more information:

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Sharon Sundher (250) 656-3896
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Entry Forms: <http://nosa.ca/> &
<http://bc.canuckdogs.com/>

We would like to encourage all NOSA members to participate.

Submitted by *Sharon Sundher*

Book the date!
NOSA Christmas Party
Saturday December 6th
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall
on Mills Road
Contact: Karen Blair
All Members & spouses welcome!

New Canine Companion Program CKC Agility, Obedience & Rally

As of July 1st 2014, mixed-breed dogs and unrecognized-breed dogs (purebred from CKC recognized registries) will be allowed to compete in CKC Agility, Obedience and Rally Obedience Trials and receive the same titles as pure-bred dogs.

The CKC created the Canine Companion program to include mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds to encourage new participation and provide clubs with an forum through which to educate and promote their breeds and breed clubs to a new audience. The AKC has already opened competition up to mixed-breed dogs with great success.

How to Apply: In order to compete, mixed breed and unrecognized-breed dog owners must apply for a Canine Companion Number (CCN) and meet strict criteria for competition. For the CCN Application form go to <http://www.ckc.ca/en/Portals/0/pdf/ckc%20forms/shows%20%20%20trials/Other%20Shows%20%20Trials%20Forms/13-150-09-53.pdf> and to view the Canine Companion Club policy go to http://www.ckc.ca/en/portals/0/pdf/Shows%20%20Trials/CCN_Policy.pdf If you have questions or concerns, please contact Membership Services at 416-674-3699 or 1-855-DOGS CKC (1-855-364-7252) or information@ckc.ca.

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## Member Accomplishments

Way to go everyone!

**Jane Morrison** and **Sheena** (*Caorunn's Summer Encore JH, CD*) earned their **Club CD** at



Greater Vic's trial March 29<sup>th</sup>. At the NOSA trials Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> they earned their **CKC CD**, with a **High In Class** from Novice A and **HS NOSA** dog. May 4<sup>th</sup> in Nanaimo at **Team Challenge**, Jane and her father, Duncan, won the **2-Handler Different Class category!** Way to go Jane! [Photo by Norah Shandley]

**Jan Gillis** and **Gracie**. My Sheltie, Gracie,



completed her second conformation title last fall, so we are now taking the time to concentrate on some real learning!! We are enrolled in two classes at NOSA – the Advanced Rally and the Advanced Practice classes. We are very grateful for the patience of our instructors, Lee, Marilyn and Norah as we work through our classes! Gracie attained her **AIOC RN (Novice**

**Rally-O**) title at the recent club event along with one leg of her Advanced Rally-O. And she can now include **CGN** in her title (*Ch.Ch.(Alt.) Cincerlee's A Touch of Grace RN, HIC, CGN*) as she aced the test in the recent fun event that the Tyee Kennel Club put on. We are also taking a beginner's Agility class, so our training gets a little crazy sometimes – but she loves to work, so it's lots of fun! Had an opportunity to help at ringside at NOSA's Obedience Trials in April – my thanks to Anne Morrison who was a wonderful guide to my duties! Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Jan Gillis

**Jody Waldie** and **Mystique**

(*Ch. Cincerlee's Sortilege Mystique CD, CGN*) completed their **CKC CD** title April 20<sup>th</sup> at the NOSA trials.

**Marilyn Clayton** and **Smoochie**

(*Sunnland's Blame It On Rio, CD, HT, Am.PT, ADC, NAC, SGDC, CGN*) have been busy. Smoochie Q'ed her last Started Gamblers and Started



Jumpers courses to completed her Started Games Dog of Canada (**SGDC**) title at the Capital Comet's agility trial March 8<sup>th</sup>. She then earned her **CKC CD, 2 High In Trial, 3 High In Class** and **3 HS NOSA** awards April 19-20 at NOSA's trials. The following weekend, April 27<sup>th</sup>, she passed her K-9 Nose Work Odour Recognition Test (**ORT**) on Birch in Langley, WA on Whidbey Island.

[Photo by Norah Shandley]

**Marilyn's Zephyr** (OTCh, HChA, ATChC, GVCh., Am.Ch. & BISS Can.Ch & D.Ch. Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, Can.(DD, HA, SDA, HX, AgX, AgXJ, RAE), Am.(CDX, HSAs, RE, NA, NAJ), STDsd, HRDII, RLFII, HTADI, SilverAOM, ExSt/G/J/SBronze, BVA, MSCDC, EAC, O-TN-E, ECC, TG-O, OJC, HP-O, WV-N, RXMCL, CGC,



CRTX, VX, AOM) earned his ORT on Birch and Anise on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Zephyr was also ranked by the CKC as the *Top Smooth Collie in Canada* for Rally Obedience in 2012.

Keep up-to-date on NOSA activities by checking the **NOSA Website** at [www.nosa.ca](http://www.nosa.ca)

### March 10 Executive Meeting Highlights

There were discussions on:

- the **change in venue** to the main building of the fairgrounds in light of Fox Studios taking over the RCMP Barn, our normal venue for our spring session and how to best deal with those challenges;
- how to **celebrate NOSA's 60<sup>th</sup> year** of existence
- the **July 1<sup>st</sup> Sidney Days Parade** – who will spear-head organizing our entry whether it be a float, drill team or something else and how to generate more participation by new members.
- Plus a number of house keeping items.

### March 19 General Meeting Highlights

There were discussions on:

- NOSA's 60th Anniversary and how to celebrate it.
- July 1st Parade/BBQ
- Spring Session arrangements in light of Fox Studios taking over the RCMP Barn

Alberni Valley Kennel Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**AIOC Club Trial  
Obedience & Rally**  
Sunday July 13, 2014  
Coombs Activity Hall  
1018 Ford Road, Coombs Fairgrounds

**Register:** 9 am    **Judging:** 9:30 am

**Obedience Judge:** Maggie Henigman  
**Rally Judge:** David Dennis

**Fee:** \$10/entry

**Obedience:**  
Utility - Open A&B – Pre-Novice-  
Novice Intermediate – Novice A&B

**Rally:**  
Novice A&B – Advanced A&B - Excellent

**Contact:**  
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250-723-3496

For full details see the AVKC website:  
<http://alberniavalleykennelclub.wordpress.com>



## Meet your Instructors & Assistants

NOSA's Training Committee brings over 300 years of experience to its students. We featured several of our instructors and Assistants last issue and will continue here. In no particular order, may I introduce:

**Anne Morrison:** My first obedience dog was a black Labrador, Kerry, who managed to win High In Trial at a NOSA club trial so I was keen to continue. Then we decided to get a purebred Labrador and that was Theo, a chocolate, and she also did very well. She also was a very enthusiastic and capable retriever so we became involved with the retriever trials. She did very well there too.

In 1981 we started breeding Labradors with her and have continued since then with chocolates and blacks. We have had success



both at conformation shows and working events and we believe in an all around Labrador.

I have earned several CD's and many field degrees and trained several of our dogs to Open Level.

I enjoy teaching Beginners at NOSA as I do like to see people

learn to work with their dog.

Presently I am training Sable, a young black female Lab at the Novice Level and Sheena, chocolate, is at the beginning of her Senior Hunt Test training.

*[Ed. Note: This session Anne is teaching Beginners.]*

**Alix Day** I have been teaching dog obedience for over 40 years. I started in Burnaby when I took my first dog, a Samoyed, to obedience classes through the Burnaby Night School Programs. After two sessions. I was determined to trial my dog in obedience trials. The instructor bred Schipperkes and had shown her dogs in conformation and obedience for

many years. She was more than willing to help me go forward beyond the basics.

The advanced class followed the Beginners class and as I showed up early for class, the instructor would ask me to help out with the Beginners. One day she called and asked if I would



teach a class as she was going to be away at a show. I nervously agreed. Apparently I did okay as at the end of that particular set of classes, she asked if I would be willing to teach the Spring session as she and her husband wanted to go to the States for two months. I agreed and she paid my "salary" for that session. In July, the Superintendent of the School Board called and asked if I would be willing to take over the Obedience Classes as the previous instructor had decided to retire. Once again, I agreed but this time I was paid by the School Board – and quite handsomely too!! Our classes were held in a South Burnaby High School Gymnasium. The floors were unmatted and the janitor came in after classes to mop the floors. When registration exceeded 20 dogs, I was given permission to split the class and run two separate classes. Bear in mind, we had the whole gym – one HUGE ring!! - but 20 dogs was a bit much for one instructor to handle. Soon, we started a puppy kindergarten and another Beginners class in a North Burnaby High School. I was now teaching four classes on two nights.

As there is no equivalent to our AIOC (Association of Island Obedience Clubs) on the mainland and therefore no access for non-registered dogs to enter obedience trials and obtain a title, most of the students just wanted a well behaved pet. I taught for the School Board for almost 20 years until I moved over to Vancouver Island.

At the time I moved over here, I no longer had any dogs but it didn't take long before I realized life wasn't complete without them. I attended the Dog Show at Cobble Hill in May and with catalogue in hand, I watched the Samoyeds in the ring and made notes about what I liked or disliked. All the ones I liked came from the same breeder so I approached her with a request for a

puppy, actually two puppies!! She said I could only have one from a litter so wouldn't be able to get two at the same time. I was okay with that. I looked into Invisible Fencing and decided that was the way to go for my property. A few months later, after several failed couplings, there was a litter on the way. The fellow from Invisible Fencing called to see if I was still interested. Most definitely I replied, but I need a dog first and I wouldn't be able to bring the puppy home for about two months after it was born. About two weeks later, he called to see if I was interested in a three year old Samoyed who was being given up by his owner. I hummed and hawed because I really wanted two puppies but I agreed to go and see the dog. He had been abused in his first home and in his second home, the marriage was breaking up and they could not keep the dog. It was love at first sight and Tango came home with me that night. Three months later, Paka arrived on the scene as a two month old puppy. Soon after that I took Tango to obedience classes at the old Sanscha Hall. We had fun and Tango got his CKC CD. Tango (at 10 years of age) also became the first Samoyed in Canada to earn a Draft Dog title. I was approached by the Training Committee and asked if I would like to join the group and teach classes. I accepted their invitation and have been teaching with NOSA ever since. Tango and Paka have long since crossed over the Rainbow Bridge but I still have two Samoyeds, Piper (almost 12 years old) and Nukka (6 ½ years old). They both love obedience and have their AIOC CD titles. I usually teach a Beginners class. I love the challenge they bring and I love to watch the progress they make from week to week, from seeing a somewhat unruly group of dogs on the first couple of nights to well-behaved, nicely working obedient dogs by the time they finish the classes. Not everyone progresses at the same rate or ends up with the same level of obedience, but they have all improved and that is all I ask. Some of the students become bitten by the obedience bug and proceed to the next level of classes and eventually into obedience trials. The wonderful thing about obedience trials is that it does not matter how "pretty" your dog is. You are judged as a team and how well you work together. Everyone who enters a trial can earn a qualifying score and everyone roots for everyone else and shares your disappointment when something goes wrong.

*[Ed. Note: Alix is teaching Beginners.]*

## **NOSA HISTORY**

Over the next few newsletters I will be lightly editing articles pertaining to NOSA's history as published in the 1982-1985 newsletters with permission from the editor (me). I feel it is important for members to know where our club came from and how it got to be where it is now. Some of the articles were written by members; others were written by me as extracted from the clubs minutes. This particular article was published in the June, 1982 Newsletter (page 1)

### **NOSA HISTORY 1958 to 1963** **By the late Jean Read**

In October of 1958, the NOSA executive chose Major Smart as their Chairman. (Major Smart and Mr. Gil Montgomery were the original trainers for the club.) The rest of the executive consisted of Miss Blackburn (as Treasurer), Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Hilton Smith and Mr. Gil Montgomery. It was decided, at that time, that each class must have not less than twelve (12) students and it was strongly suggested that only people really interested in the welfare of the dog should attend the classes. The membership fees were set at \$1.50 and the Practice class tuition was \$3.50.

Blanche Saunders' book was purchased at that time and her training techniques and attitudes became the basis for NOSA training. Mr. Montgomery organized the first public courses and Major Smart gave a lecture on "Training You To Train Your Dog". The first trial was held November 8, 1958 and "several unruly dogs were disqualified".

The first meeting to be held at Sanscha Hall was on January 15, 1959 at which time Mr. Montgomery became the President. The trainers consisted of Major Smart, Mr. Montgomery, Mrs. Hilton Smith and Miss MacDonald. Trials were now being held regularly with the dogs scoring quite high marks – around 186. The Sidney Review reported on several of these trials. Sanscha Hall was badly in need of financial support but the club was unable to help; they paid their rent!

In 1960, Mr. Ingram Dallain took over the position of Treasurer, where he remained until the younger executive took it over. At that time the membership fees and tuition were increased – a single membership cost \$3.00 and a Junior membership \$1.00; the Beginners class cost \$8.00 and the Practice class \$5.00. The

A.I.O.C. (Association of Island Obedience Clubs) was formed by February of the same year and Major Smart became NOSA's Representative.

I came to Sidney in 1963 and joined the Club through the late Susan Thuiller, whose daughter Ruth has helped us from time to time when she could. (Ruth is still interested in the Club although she has had to give up her dogs.) The Club was flourishing at that time. The executive remained very much the same over the next few years. – always Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Walker Taylor, Mr. Ingram Dallain, Commander Craven, Mr. Ken Soles, Mrs. Thuiller, myself and various other people.

The last minutes I have are from February 15, 1962. I know there is another book, but I think this is all you need for now on our background. I hope we will always continue to serve our local people in training their dogs and enjoying ourselves.

*[Editors Note: Jean Read was a life-member of NOSA. Until recently, NOSA had kept the book "Training You To Train Your Dog" by Blanche Saunders around which our club was developed. And Mr. Gil Montgomery, also a life-member, participated in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Celebrating Dogs" event. He passed away a year or so ago.]*

## What's In A Title, Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour the dog, an ultimate memorial.

It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count. A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And, a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he

failed and that, in the end, your faith was justified. A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

## Dog Philosophy

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. - Anonymous

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. -Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. -Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. -M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate. -Sigmund Freud

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. -Unknown

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. -Robert A. Heinlein

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. -Mark Twain

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. -Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. -Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am.

## 2014 Calendar of Events

### May

|       |        |                              |
|-------|--------|------------------------------|
| 9-11  | TYEE   | CKC Rally Trials             |
| 24/25 | GCDOTC | CKC Obedience & Rally Trials |

### June

|          |             |                              |
|----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4</b> | <b>NOSA</b> | <b>CKC CGN Test</b>          |
| 13       | NKC         | CKC Sanction Obedience Trial |
| 14/15    | NKC         | CKC Obedience & Rally Trials |

### July

|          |             |                             |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>NOSA</b> | <b>Sidney Days Parade</b>   |
| 13       | AVKC        | AIOC Obedience/Rally Trials |

### August

|     |       |                                 |
|-----|-------|---------------------------------|
| 2-4 | CRDFS | CKC Conformation & Rally Trials |
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### September

|       |                     |                              |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 6/7   | FPOTC               | CKC Obedience Trials         |
| 20/21 | TYEE                | CKC Obedience & Rally Trials |
| 27    | NKC                 | AIOC Rally Trials            |
| 28    | NKC/Valance Cockers | CARO Rally Trial             |

### October

|           |                       |                                          |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 4/5       | NKC                   | Connie Cleveland Seminar                 |
| <b>5</b>  | GVDOTC                | CKC Tracking Test                        |
| 18        | COWN                  | AIOC Obedience Trial                     |
| <b>19</b> | <b>GVDOTC/NOSA</b>    | <b>AIOC Obedience &amp; Rally Trials</b> |
| 25        | AIOC Meeting, Nanaimo |                                          |

### November

|       |       |                         |
|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| 2     | NKC   | AIOC Obedience Trials   |
| 8/9   | FPOTC | CKC Rally Trials        |
| 15/16 | NKC   | CKC Obedience Trials    |
| 22/23 | FPOTC | CKC Urban Tracking Test |

### December

|          |             |                        |
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| <b>6</b> | <b>NOSA</b> | <b>Chrsitmas Party</b> |
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Highlighted indicated NOSA events