

# NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DOGS ON THE SAANICH PENINSULA FOR OVER 50 YEARS

October, 2011

## President's Message

The fall session at NOSA seems to be moving along quickly with class nights being busy. Hopefully the dogs are progressing in their training!

I really recommend coming to watch the club trials coming up even for those not ready to enter. It's fun to see what can be done.

The Annual General Meeting is coming soon too and all members are encouraged to come. New members are needed to participate on committees or executive positions so please give some serious thought to joining. It's fun and a great learning experience.

*Anne Morrison*

## GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Nov 16, 2011

**7:30 pm**

RCMP Barn Kitchen  
at the Saanich Fairground

(agenda to follow)

## 2011 Executive

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| President           | <i>Anne Morrison</i>     |
| Vice-President      | <i>Heather Alexander</i> |
| Secretary           | <i>Gloria MacLucas</i>   |
| Treasurer           | <i>Liz Hayes</i>         |
| Training Chair      | <i>Alix Day</i>          |
| CKC Trials Chair    | <i>Sharon Sundher</i>    |
| AIOC Trials Chair   | <i>Shay Lockhart</i>     |
| AIOC Representative | <i>Bill Blair</i>        |
| Publicity Chair     | <i>Lee Pears</i>         |

## Dates to Remember

**Oct 19 & 26** Class  
Registration for January

**Oct 22** AIOC  
Rally & Obedience Trials  
– RCMP Barn Saanich  
Fair Grounds

**Nov 2** Beginners Grad –  
Mat washing to follow  
(bring a mop) ALL are  
WELCOME



**Dec 10** XMAS PARTY



**Jan 11** Classes start

**Mar 7** Graduation

**Mar 14** Mock Trial

## Upcoming Obedience Rule Changes

Effective January 1, 2012 there are a number of significant rule changes coming into effect for CKC Obedience. Detailed wording is still being finalized but here is a brief overview of the most significant changes to be ready for.

- Revised entrance eligibility requirements for novice, open and utility classes.
- Circle Left, Circle Right exercise in Pre-Novice is replaced by a Figure Eight exercise.
- Novice Stand for Examination now done off leash.
- Novice Intermediate Honour exercise is replaced by a Recall Over the High Jump.
- Revisions to the number of boards used for each distance in the Broad Jump.
- Variable order of the exercises in Open B.
- Dogs that leave position in the Long Sit exercise will now automatically be excused from the Long Down exercise.
- New Utility B class with variable order of the exercises being introduced.
- Order of exercises in Open B and Utility will be posted prior to the class.
- Revised procedure for runoffs.
- Heeling patterns will now be either posted or the first competitor in class given 10 minutes advance notice.
- New judging requirements for Drop on Recall, Moving Stand and Run-Offs.

There were approximately 130 items on the Board agenda relating to these changes so expect to see many many more when the details are published later this year. Stay tuned.

*submitted by Bill Blair*



Well, as the leaves turn, that signals that once again we will be having our fall AIOC trial on October 22nd. As usual it will take place at the RCMP barn at the Saanich fairgrounds and we will be co-hosting with the Greater Vic Training Club. This trial has been organized a little differently than previous trials and we hope that it makes for a smoother running trial that should be enjoyable for everyone! The registration desks will open at 8am with the first obedience trial getting underway at 8:30 and the first rally trial walkthrough beginning at 9am. The second rally trial will commence once the first trial is complete and the second obedience trial will begin at 9:45. Please see the trial poster (on next page) for complete details. There will be food available for purchase at the venue if you are there over the lunch hour. Please consider entering your dog(s) in one of the trials or all 4 if you feel up to the challenge! Our trials are only successful if we have dogs entered so please support your club. To get our novice dog handlers in the ring we will be once again offering the pre-novice class for those just starting out. Remember to bring your club membership card and your dog's trialing card if it has one.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help out at a trial please feel free to contact me at [toyanova@hotmail.com](mailto:toyanova@hotmail.com) or 250-920-3572. Thanks in advance to all our volunteers and attendees.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Shay Lockhart, AIOC trials sec.

Greater  
Victoria  
Dog  
Obedience  
Training  
Club

# Two AIOC Obedience & Two Rally Trials

Saturday October 22, 2011

North  
Saanich  
Dog  
Obedience  
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## Hudson Memorial Trial

### JUDGES

**GVDOTC Obedience:** Bill Blair  
**NOSA Obedience:** Margaret Henigman  
**Rally, both Clubs:** David Denis

**DATE:** Saturday, October 22, 2011  
**LOCATION:** RCMP Building, Saanich Fairgrounds  
**ENTRY FEE All Trials:** \$7.00 per entry

**REGISTRATION TO BEGIN:** 8:00 AM  
**RALLY WALK-THROUGH TO BEGIN:** 9:00 AM  
**OBEDIENCE JUDGING TO BEGIN:** 8:30 AM (GVDOTC); 9:45 AM (NOSA)

### ORDER OF JUDGING:

| <b>GVic. Obed. (8:30)</b> | <b>NOSA Obed. (9:45)</b> | <b>NOSA Rally (9:00)</b> | <b>GVic. Rally (follows NOSA)</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Utility                   | Utility                  | Rally Novice B           | Rally Excellent B                 |
| Open B                    | Open B                   | Rally Novice A           | Rally Excellent A                 |
| Open A                    | Open A                   | Rally Open B             | Rally Open B                      |
| Novice B                  | Novice B                 | Rally Open A             | Rally Open A                      |
| Novice A                  | Novice A                 | Rally Excellent B        | Rally Novice A                    |
| Brace                     | Pre-Novice               | Rally Excellent A        | Rally Novice B                    |

### LUNCH AT JUDGES' DISCRETION

This is GVDOTC's Don & Molly Hudson Memorial Trial. The Mirdinon Perpetual trophy will be awarded to the Brace with the Highest Qualifying score.

Exhibition dogs will be allowed to compete at the highest class level they have completed.

Ribbons will be awarded to qualifying Exhibition dogs.

Rosettes will be awarded to High Qualifying Score in each class, High in Trial, 2<sup>nd</sup> High in Trial (GVDOTC), High Junior Handler.

High in Class Rosettes and placement ribbons up to 4<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded in Rally (GVDOTC).

High in Class Rosettes will be awarded in Rally (NOSA).

Remember your valid AIOC Club membership card & your dog's trialing card.

*For further information call: Shay Lockhart @ 250-920-3572 or Liz Taylor @ 250-382-3255*

**A FOOD CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

## 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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:nosa.website@shaw.ca)***

## **BRAGGING!**



Rod Deacon and Lindy, his Flat-coated retriever completed their CKC Excellent titles in agility at trials in Mill Bay this May and Nanaimo in July. We also took part in the Sidney Days parade July 1.

[http://www.nosa.ca/photo\\_gallery\\_parade2011.htm](http://www.nosa.ca/photo_gallery_parade2011.htm)

We're inching closer to our Agility Association of Canada's Agility Trial Champion title. Hopefully, we'll reach that milestone in February or March, 2012.

In obedience, Lindy placed fifth among Flat-coats last year in the *Dogs in Canada* annual rankings. She placed second in AAC agility points earned by Flat-coats across Canada. Working on our Utility training in NOSA classes, with instructors Karen Blair and Irene Copus.

*Submitted by Rod Deacon*



**"MYYA"** has attained her 'NOVICE A' in Rally trials.

*Submitted by John MacLucas*



## More Bragging



Zephyr (OTCh, ATChC, VCh, Am/BISS Can Ch Signet's "Way To Go!" Woodruff, Can (DD HA SDA AgX AgXJ RE), Am (CDX HSAs RA NA NAJ), RX-MCL, STDsd, HRDII, RLFII, HTADI, BronzeAOM, ExStBronze, ExGBronze, ExJBronze, MSDC, MSCDC, VBA, EAC, TN-E, TG-O, OCC, OJC, HP-N, WV-N, CGC, CRTX, VX, AOM, MVC).

Funny how summer is either a do nothing time or full steam ahead. This year Zephyr & I had a bit of both. June 11-12 we were at Fido's Farm (Olympia, WA) running AHBA (American Herding Breed Assoc.) Large Flock trials. In these trials you move a large flock of sheep

across 'bridges', down narrow 'roads', through panels and narrow alleyways, from small pens to large fields and visa versa; to a predetermined graze area and let them graze and so forth. Level 2 includes a drive to, and through, an obstacle (with the handler as a handlers cone) so it was challenging, but in the end we came home with our **RLFII** (Ranch Large Flock level 2) title.



June 16-17 we were at Downriver Farm (Hope) competing in CKC Arena trials. Arena trials are concerned with the precise movement of stock from one obstacle to another in an arena (as opposed to larger field). Zephyr finished his **HA** (Herding Advanced) title with a **RHIT** (Reserve High In Trial) and Reserve High Combined for the weekend. He is the first Smooth Collie to earn the HA title.



After earning a HA title, dogs can accumulate Championship points (based on placement and the number of dogs competing in the Advanced class) and HX (Herding Excellent) Q's. For a HX, dogs require 10 Advanced Q's with scores of 85 or more. To earn a Herding Championship the dog must earn Advanced QS under at least 3 judges; win 2 High in Class placements, one a 3-pt major; and accumulate 15 Ch pts.

June 25-26 we were in Mill Bay competing in more CKC Arena trials. At the end of the weekend Zephyr had earned a HIT (High In Trial), two HX Q's and 6 Championship points (one his 3-pt major win)!

July 1-2-3 we were back at Mill Bay exhausted but competing in yet more CKC Arena trials. That weekend Zephyr came home with a HIT, a RHIT, a HIC, 3 HX Q's and 7 more Championship points. Unfortunately we pulled the same set of heavy sheep (meaning they are difficult to drive) on the last day so we NQ'd both runs. Had we Q'd a run he would have earned his Herding & Dual Championship titles – titles no Collie (Rough/Smooth) has yet earned.



July 16-17 we were back at Downriver Farm (Hope) running ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) herding trials. Although over whelmed and tired from a 4-day herding camp just before, Zephyr earned his **STDd** (Started Trial Dog – ducks) title.

The August long weekend we were at Vic City where Zephyr completed his **OTCh** (Obedience Trial Champion) title with 2 decent utility scores in the 190's. This also qualifies Zephyr for his AWCA (Am. Working Collie Assoc.) **GVCh** (Grand Versatility Championship).

And in September we earned an invitation to the *2011 Canadian National All-Breed Herding Championship Showcase*. The top 20 Advanced, top 10 Intermediate and top 10 Started herding dogs are invited to this event. Zephyr ranked #3 Advanced behind clinician/instructor Lynn Leach and a Border Collie from back east. Last year the showcase was held in Niagara Falls. This year it will be indoors at Thunderbird Park in Langley Thanksgiving weekend. The "Champion" will walk home with \$1,000 cash and a pile of prizes. Numerous local dogs have qualified and will be attending. Unfortunately we were not able to compete due to an injury, however, we were there to cheer our fellow herders on. It was very disappointing as it's a once in a life-time opportunity, but our dogs always come first.

*Submitted by Marilyn Clayton*

## **BC Guide Dog Services and BC Autism Support Dogs**

Used stamps and pull tabs from cans continue to be a source of support for BC Guide Dog Services and BC Autism Support Dogs. Bring your collection to training class on Wednesday nights and I'll drop it off at their Victoria office (104-1027 Pandora Ave). BCGDS appreciates the stamps and pull tabs that NOSA club members have collected and sent a thank you note to NOSA which is posted on the notice board at class.

A major BCGDS fundraiser in Victoria is being considered for Spring 2012 – **“Paws to Consider: Tail Thumper Trivia”**. This event was previously held in 2008 in Victoria & we had a doggone good time! Eight people per team/table unleashed their knowledge and competed for really great prizes (all donated by generous local merchants). What a lot of fun! Juno and I were there! Juno, who is from the “Pups in Training” program of BCGDS, met up with one of her siblings who has gone on to be a full fledged guide dog partnered with a visually impaired person. Plan to attend **Paws to Consider: Tail Thumper Trivia 2012**.

*Elizabeth Skaggs, BCDGDS volunteer (in Novice Rally class with Juno)*



## **IT'S A BOY!**



Mark, Heather & Carter welcome  
**Jackson Foster Alexander**,  
born September 24<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 8lbs.14 oz.

Carter loves being a big brother and the dogs are happy as well.

