

Woofs and Waggers

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Club Calendar

Dec 13 (Fri)	Holiday Party	Sue Harvey's home (see inside for details)
Dec 15 (Sun)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Jan 12 (Sun)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Feb 2 (Sun)	AOCNC Workshop	Cow Palace, Daly City (flyer attached)
Feb 22 (Sat)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Mar 16 (Sun)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward
April 13 (Sun)	Tracking Test	Morgan Territory, Livermore

ODTC President's Message – Jack McCredie

When working in the training hall we are focused on our dogs, the coach/trainer, our friends, or often the tempting treats on the registration table celebrating a new title. Early in November, I spent about an hour in the hall with nothing to do other than monitor the work of a technician who was repairing the infrastructure that secures our mirrors to the north wall. I was drawn to the photographs of our wonderful companions on the south wall. What an inspiring gallery Marti has created for all to enjoy. What delightful memories, marvelous dogs, dedicated handlers, and good friends! Thank you Marti for creating and managing this superb display!! Take some time to enjoy it and smell the flowers.

JACUZZI STREET LEASE: We continue to work with STG Group, the landlord of our training facility, to finalize a lease for the next several years. I had hoped to be able to report the final details in this edition of our newsletter since the current lease expires on December 31. But there are still a few remaining details to iron out. Our search for alternatives over the past year has always returned to our current location. The broad outline of the new agreement is a five-year lease that includes an agreement for STG to replace the roll-up door with a permanent wall including a window that can open for ventilation. In addition, we have proposed to create a small area where we could “walk” dogs to the west of our space. We hope that the new wall will solve the water incursion problem and allow us to install better flooring material. I hope to be able to describe all of the details at the upcoming holiday party and member meeting on December 13.

LORI DROUIN's WORKSHOP: On November 9 & 10, Lori Drouin presented her traditional fall training seminar/workshop to a sold out audience of eager handlers. Sharon Vannucchi did an excellent job coordinating the hospitality services! One non-member who attended has already joined ODTC and three more have expressed strong interest in becoming members. The format this year was flexible enough to handle both one and two day registrations. The feedback from the event was excellent, as always, and Lori is planning to lead another workshop on November 15 and 16, 2014. Lori also returns to Jacuzzi Street several times during the year to teach group classes – often the second or third Friday of the month. Check the ODTC Web site for dates, and to be placed on her mailing list, send a note to: goodogs@citlink.net

MARCH 2014 MINI-MATCH PLANNING: As previously announced, the ODTC will not be sponsoring our traditional large match in March 2014. Instead, we had an initial discussion at the September member meeting about the feasibility of holding a member-only mini match at the regularly scheduled March member practice. The idea is to have complete informal practice runs at the various class levels with schedules, “judges,” etc. but limited to ODTC members with a limited numbers of registrations for each level. To make this happen we need to have a small focused committee that will do the planning. Please contact me if you would be willing to help with this experiment. It cannot happen without a few committed volunteers.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Mark you calendars for our annual holiday party and member meeting, which will be held on December 13. See the box below for more details. In addition, I plan to experiment with an electronic invitation to get a good headcount for the logistics.

ODTC Holiday Party

Friday, December 13

7:00 Cocktails

8:00 Dinner

8:30 Meeting

Where:

Sue Harvey's
6676 Estates Drive
Oakland, 94611
510-339-3276



Cost: \$12 to defray expenses and start the trophy fund for our 2014 trial.
Please make checks payable to Sue Harvey and send to her by December 6th.

**Hall closed for Pre-enrolled and drop-in obedience classes the weeks of
December 23 and December 30**

Editor's Notes

Training treat: My current go-to training treat for my Irish puppy is Cheerios. I latched onto them when Titania suffered from a dietary indiscretion and I needed something bland to use for training. She enjoys the crunch and they appear to pulverize in one or two crunches and can be swallowed quite quickly (unless molars are temporarily missing!). The downside is that the handler cannot put them in the mouth (unless you want a quick snack yourself!) because they dissolve in contact with moisture. They also have a fairly short tossing distance – maybe 8-10 feet.

Here's a link to an article about terriers pursuing one of their true callings:

[In Manhattan Alleys, Dogs on Rat Hunts Find Bags of Fun](#)

A big thank you to all who contribute to the newsletter – you are what makes the issues worth reading!

On the Road with Debra Dove

(Ed Note: As we all know, preparing for competition obedience includes taking one's show "on the road". Our sister obedience clubs offer road opportunities. Debra has volunteered to compile listings of these opportunities and as time permits will report back on her experiences in these locations. Here is the first offering.)

County Wide Dog Training Club

County-widedtc.org

Time: Mornings, Second Sunday of the Month

Class Description: The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises. We have group sits and downs at 11 a.m.

Class location:

CWDTC,
887 Sebastopol Rd.,
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Cost: \$10 per 15 minute slot

Pre-register or Drop In? – Pre-enroll (non-refundable)

If pre-register, how?

Mail check made out to CWDTC by Wednesday before to

Laurie Rubin,
PO Box 967,
Sebastopol, CA 95473.

Other information:

A note on reserving a time: When you send your non-refundable by the Wed. before the class, Laurie will reserve you a time and email you when that time will be. If you reserve a time, plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled time. If you are not in the building at least 5 minutes before your scheduled time, your time slot may be given to someone else who is ready. Late arrivals will be worked in as soon as conveniently possible. A few days before the class, Laurie will email the schedule to those who've reserved a slot. Drop-ins are still welcome. Come by 11 am unless a later time is noted. There is no place to potty dogs, so please potty them before you arrive. There are grassy areas in the neighborhood along Sebastopol Rd. *(Ed note: Laurie is also a member of ODTC and posts reminders on the clubs yahoo groups email)*

For more information: Laurie Rubin earthlaurie@earthlink.net

San Lorenzo Dog Training Club

sldtc.org

Offers Drop -in classes in Novice, Open and Utility

Novice	\$10 fee	Wed/Thurs 8pm
Open	\$12 fee	Wed/Thurs 8pm
Utility	\$12 fee	Mondays 7:30
		Wednesday 8pm
		Thursday 8pm

Class location:

534 C Lewelling Blvd.

San Leandro, CA 94579

Located between 880 freeway and Washington Ave

Instructors: Nan Franceschini, Sue Luebbert, Lynn Ungar

San Mateo Dog Training Club

smdtc.com

Tuesday evenings:

Novice: 6:30pm

Open and Utility: 7:30pm

Cost is \$25.00, exact change or check only please.

Training Location:

217 Old County Road, Unit 8 (Cross of Harbor Blvd.)

San Carlos, CA 94070

650-508-1300

Other information

Instructor Cathy Dutra. No need to sign up, just show up!

Also offer Rally Ready

http://smdtc.com/2013_Rally_Jul_Dec.pdf

And Ring Ready

http://smdtc.com/2013_Sun_Jul_Dec_Ring_Ready.pdf

Changes in Barbara Henry's training sessions for 2014

Dear members of Oakland Dog Training Club:

Effective January 1, 2014, Barbara Henry's Monday training schedule will change as follows. Hours for Monday training will be 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The fee for a one-half hour private session will be \$20.00; \$40.00 for a one hour session.

Please note: To facilitate scheduling, signups for slots for the next month are required in advance. This will accommodate work/vacation/show related absences and allow open slots to be filled more easily. Reservations for January 2014 sessions may be made starting December 1, 2013.

For sign ups, contact Barbara Henry at: BLGkatie@sbcglobal.net

Membership Report – Sharon Vannuchi

We would like to give a warm welcome to Sarah E. Eeles on her new membership.

Sarah appreciates and admires the dog owner and handler education she sees from our trainers and members. She wants to help promote this as she is able, and wants to continue her own very vibrant and helpful learning experience. She is excited to take this next step.

Sarah has a Cocker Spaniel (Am.) (*Ed note: I met Sarah and her adorable cocker at San Joaquin KC. Congrats to Sarah on her new title!*)

I would also like to remind our members that membership dues are due February 1 of 2014 (*Ed note: renewal form sent out with this the newsletter email*). Please fill out the renewal form and send. Dues are \$24 a year for an individual membership, and \$36 a year for a family. You may also make a contribution to the trophy fund if you like.

Jump Heights in Agility and Obedience are not the same! -- Hazel Olbrich

Based on a recent experience judging Open obedience it became clear to me that many exhibitors do not understand the obedience regulations with respect to the determination of jump heights. The fact that agility and obedience jump heights are not the same for many dogs muddies the water some more.

For your reference I have copied the pertinent sections of the Agility and the obedience regulations below. Note, for example, that a dog that is 21 1/2" at the withers will jump 20" in agility and 22" in obedience (unless it is one of the 50 some breeds that jump 3/4 of their height at the withers in obedience). For many dogs the obedience jump height will be higher than the agility jump height.

It should also be noted that the agility height card is not applicable to obedience. The judge of the ring in question has the authority and responsibility to measure the height of the dog at the withers – Chapter

4, section 11 of the obedience regulations—“Judges may, at their discretion, verify the height of any dog at the withers”. (From the glossary of terms in the obedience regulations: Withers — highest point of the dog’s shoulder). It should be noted that the withers is the highest point of the shoulder, not the dip that many dogs have behind their shoulders. The approved method for measuring a dog’s height for the obedience ring is for the judge to use a yard stick (most judges use a folding yardstick) and a pen/pencil that rests lightly on the dog’s withers to allow the judge to read the height of the dog as shown by the yardstick. A judge can measure any dog that enters the ring (if there are jumps, of course), so be sure you have prepared your dog for the experience.

Agility Regulations

Chapter 2, Section 4. Height Divisions, Measurement, Measuring Devices.

Dogs may only be entered in one jump height division per day for all classes. The following jump height divisions shall be used in all trial Regular classes:

- 8 Inches: For dogs 11 inches and under at the withers.
- 12 Inches: For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers.
- 16 Inches: For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers.
- 20 Inches: For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers.
- 24 Inches: For dogs over 22 inches at the withers.
- 26 Inches: Dogs may be entered at this height at their owner’s discretion.
Owners are responsible for entering the proper height

Obedience Regulations

**APPENDIX B
Jump Height Tables**

Standard Jump Height Table	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7 ½"	4"
7 ½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

AOCNC Workshop Information – Harriet Tucker

(Ed note: Flyer sent in same email as newsletter)

- The AOCNC February workshop is open to all (exhibitors don't have to belong to a member club, as they do for the summer workshop).
- The event will held be on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at the Cow Palace, in the lower exhibit halls. Parking is free.
- ODTC will sponsor a Utility ring and will need volunteer judges and stewards.
- Volunteer judges and stewards will work a 2-hour shift and will still have plenty of time to run their own dog(s).
- We will need volunteers to bring the following equipment from the ODTC Training Hall: a **High Jump**, a **Bar Jump**, and **4 chairs** (one for the ring and 3 for the stewards).
- Please contact Harriet Tucker at hafpas@comcast.net if you can assist with either judging or stewarding, or if you can transport equipment from the Hall to the Event.
- These workshops benefit all of us who are training our dogs, but they can't happen without volunteers! Your assistance would be greatly appreciated by both ODTC and AOCNC.

ODTC 2013 Training Business Plan & Attendance Stats as of 11/15 12 – Lizanne Kaiser

Summary:

- This summary provides comparative data and 2013 targets for revenue, net, attendance, class types, and number of sessions. Revenue targets are 'break-even' minimums needed to cover training-related expenses (trainer fees, rent, utilities, etc.; not major hall improvements or general club expenses). Previous year actuals are higher than current year targets, since we regularly exceed the break-even minimums. Attendance targets are based on 3-year historical averages.
- As of Nov 15, 104% of revenue, 105% of net, and 99% of attendance targets for 2013 have been achieved. Drop-ins are performing slightly better than Pre-paids in both financials and attendance.
- The attendance table below shows which classes are exceeding their attendance targets (green), and those that have had lower attendance than typical based on historical averages (red). Some Pre-paid sessions are cancelled if enrollments are not high enough. The charts further below show yearly trends in enrollments across pre-paid and drop-ins.
- Please continue to spread the word about ODTC – especially our pet classes on Mon pm, Tu am, and Th pm. The Training Committee will make adjustments to classes and plan as needed.

Business Plan:

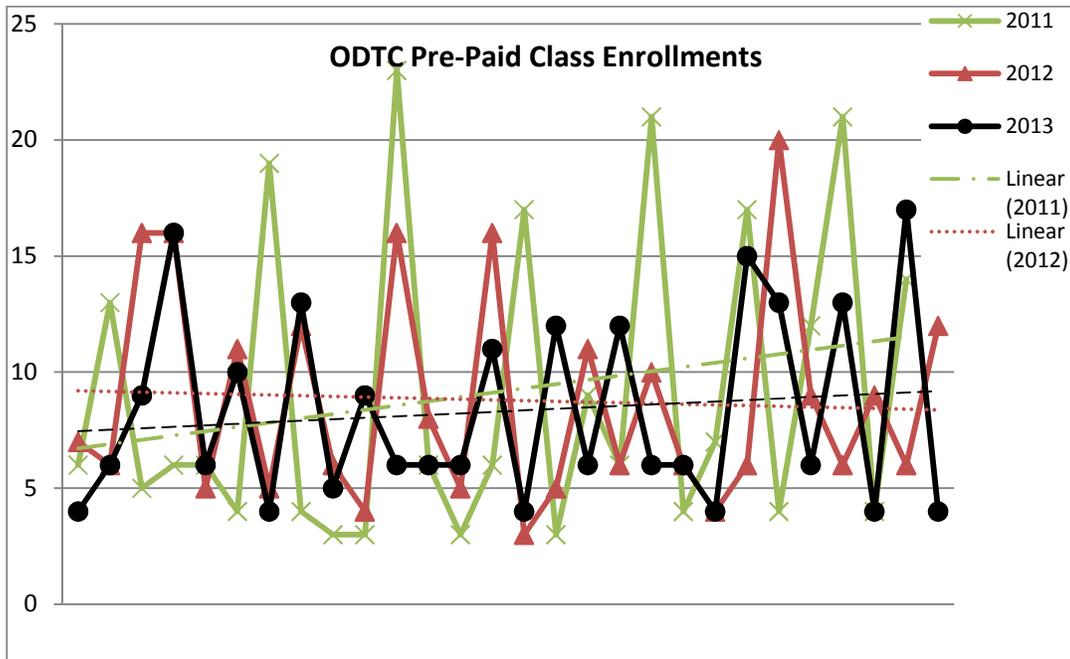
Class	Revenue				Net (less est. trainer costs only)			
	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 YTD	% to Target	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 YTD	% to Target
Pre-Paid	\$29,420	\$26,795	\$27,270	102%	\$18,861	\$17,694	\$18,058	102%
Drop-In	\$25,425	\$22,338	\$23,925	107%	\$16,582	\$14,653	\$15,760	108%
Total	\$54,854	\$49,135	\$51,195	104%	\$35,443	\$32,347	\$33,818	105%

Annual Attendance:

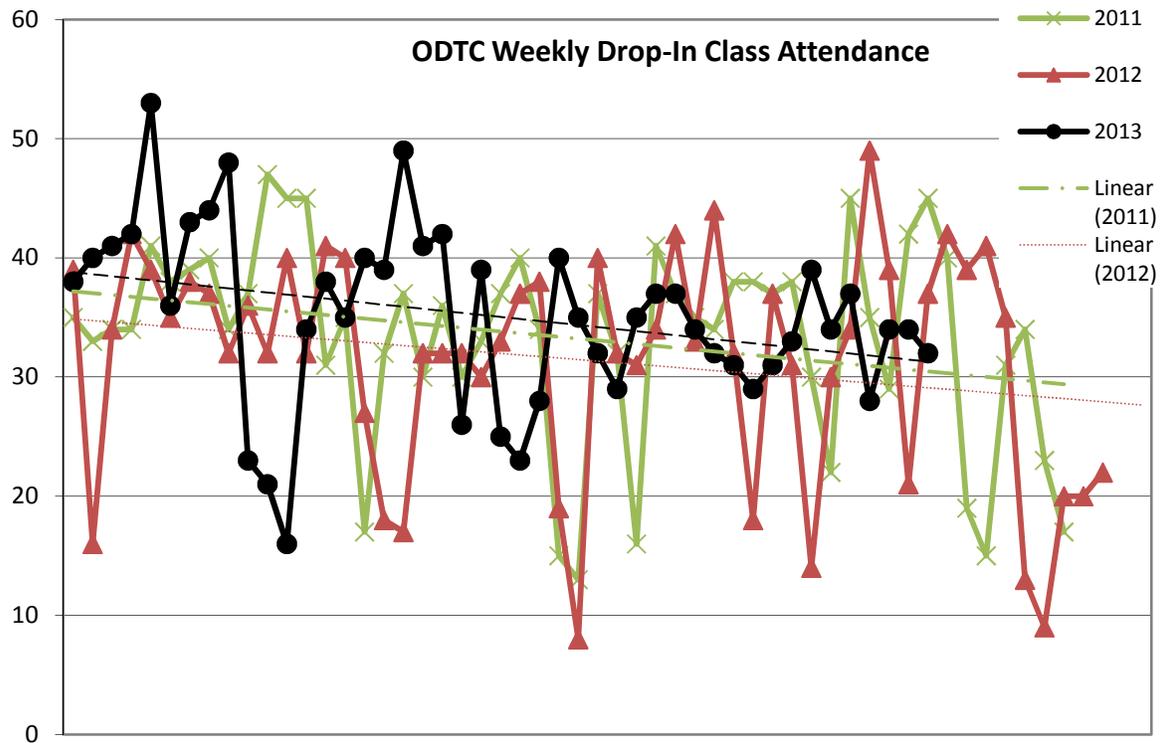
Class	Attendance (EOY Actual)			Attendance 2013		
	2010	2011	2012	Target EOY	Actual YTD	% to Target
Pre-Paid	1,506	1,593	1,540	1,470	1,444	98%
Drop-In	1,511	1,732	1,695	1,587	1,595	101%
Total	3,017	3,325	3,235	3,057	3,039	99%

	Sessions Offered / Year			Attendance Averages / Class		
	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 YTD	2012 Actual	2013 Target (per 3 yr avg)	2013 YTD
Pre-Paid						
M pm OLC (6 wk)	2	6	5	5.0	4.0	4.4
Tu am Beg (7 wk)	7	6	7	5.7	5.4	5.7
Tu am Interm (7 wk)	4	6	7	5.7	5.0	7.3
W pm Proof/Skill (4 wk)	7	8	10	5.4	5.3	5.5
Th pm Puppy (7 wk)	7	6	4	4.2	4.6	4.3
Th pm Beg (7 wk)	7	6	6	7.0	7.7	6.8
Th pm Interm (7 wk)	7	6	2	4.7	4.7	3.5
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Drop-In						
M am + pm Obed	45	50	44	19.7	16.0	19.3
Tu am Nov/Open	50	50	45	5.9	5.7	6.5
Tu am Util	50	50	45	4.5	3.9	3.5
Tu pm Rally	50	24	20	2.4	3.1	3.7
W pm Nov/Open	50	50	45	4.2	4.7	5.1

Average Attendance per Class and Sessions per Year:



(Data from Jan. – Present. Each data point represents the start of any new pre-paid multi-week session.)



(Data from Jan. – Present. Each data point represents the weekly attendance in drop-in classes.)

What the dogs have taught me –

(Ed. Note: This a regular series about training topics and our dogs.)

Moving with Raylan

What to do and what not to do when moving far with a dog

By Cookie Murphy-Petee

Around noon on April 24, 2013, I pulled out of the driveway of my beloved Oakland home, and on my way to Colorado to live nearer my daughter and grand-dogs. The car was so full that the only space for Raylan, my almost two-year-old Border-Collie mix, was in the passenger seat next to me.

Getting Ready to Sell and Move

Oakland Dog Training Club members might be most interested in what went on before the trip. If you have never had your home staged for sale or prepared it for open houses, listen up. I am convinced that the staging was worth the chaos and the fairly low cost, as my house sold within a week after the first and only open house.

However, it was a lot of work, and a lot of change, and tough on both human and dog. Almost everything I owned was moved out and stored. I was left with only my bed (which I insisted on), my dining-room table, my washer/dryer, the patio set, a few dishes and pots and, most important, Raylan's portable crate.

He went to boarding at his familiar place (with Lena from All About the Dogue in Emeryville) and I went to Los Angeles to visit friends while most of the interior was painted and a new kitchen floor installed. Then Raylan stayed boarded—familiar and less chaotic surroundings for him—while I was back for the day the stagers brought in all their furniture and art.

When Raylan returned, the only familiar smells were my bed, his bed, his dishes, his toys, the back yard, and me. The packing process had made him a bit nervous, but these new changes took away so many of the smells he was used to! Border Collies are a bit hyper, as we all know; Rayland was more so than usual at first, but less so, I believe, than he would have been had he seen the process of painting and re-flooring.

Raylan wasn't the only hyper one at this point. I also hated this in-between stage: wall colors I didn't like, no TV, no music, none of my photos or art; the house had to stay pristine and every time there was a showing, all dishes, toys, and other odd items had to be hidden.

We made it through the process with no major problems, though, because we maintained our walking and other routines—and we kept going to training classes.

The Journey

Because I prefer to not drive at night, we took four days to do the fourteen hundred miles to Leadville, Colorado, where my daughter lives. I had done this trip before, and love many parts of it. So, should any of you be planning a trip in this direction, here are my suggestions:

First night, Tahoe/Donner. We slept at my cousin's house, so I can't offer them as a place to stay. So sorry, as they have a wonderful big house with great views—and Raylan is welcome!

Second night, Elko, Nevada. I like the Gold Country Motor Inn. The “pet” rooms are not shared as “smoking” rooms (as they are in many other places) and are off in a wing of their own. The rooms are spacious and clean, and include a fridge and microwave. The city park is a short drive or longer walk away, and dogs on leash are welcome. In addition, there are some decent restaurants for people. If you arrive with lots of daylight, a side trip to La Moille Canyon is worth the extra half-hour of driving.

Third night, Baker, Nevada. Okay Baker is *really* tiny, with only a couple of motels and two just passable cafes. But, it is at the entry of Great Basin National Park and the scenery from the east side of the Ruby Mountains (near Elko) to Baker is spectacular. Yes, dogs are not allowed except on leash and in campsites, but it is a beautiful diversion to drive around in, and the campground up at the ten-thousand-foot top is spacious enough for a good romp and views of the glacier. I recommend the funky but clean and roomy Whispering Elms to stay in (and they have the only bar!) and Terry's place across the street for food.

Fourth night, either Moab or Green River, Utah. Moab is more picturesque than Green River, and has many more cafes. The splurge is to stay at the Gonzo Inn, which has great rooms, breakfast, a pool, and it is only a few steps around the corner from a trail that runs along the backside of the downtown. You may already know that Moab is the entry to Arches National Park. This park has the same limitations as Great Basin, but even more spectacular driving and stops where dogs can get out, just not onto the trails. But we couldn't get in that night, so we settled for Green River and the Holiday Inn Express. We took a walk in Green River State Park (low day-use fee) and had take-out dinner from the Tamarind.

We did, of course, take Raylan's crate—the collapsible one that an ODT member gave to me, sight unseen—even though it barely fit on top of everything else in the car.

The Start in Colorado

The first three months, while house hunting, Raylan and I stayed with my daughter and her two dogs, Rowdy and Hank, in her cozy 900-square-foot house. It was a bit hard on the people, but the dogs loved it.

While there, I did some research and found out that there are no dog training clubs for fifty miles from where I was planning to—and now do—live, and that the one-and-only group focuses on agility. There are individual trainers, but I haven't checked any out yet, as I'm going to have a complete knee replacement in December and won't be able to do much follow-through for a while.

I found a house with a big yard in the small town of Gypsum about seventy miles from my daughter and nowhere near the fires or the flooding. There is room for her to stay when she is working nearby, and for guests. Raylan loves it when they are all here, especially playing with his cousin Hank, an Aussie, Blue-Heeler, and Border-Collie mix. They have the same grandpa, a Border Collie and working ranch

dog. Raylan is also amenable to being bossed around by Rowdy, my daughter's five-year-old female Blue Heeler.

And every time I get myself together and take Raylan for a walk or just decide to practice some of the basic obedience we learned at ODTTC, he remembers and performs almost perfectly. He still hates "stay," but "comes" every time.

Many thanks to my training teachers Hazel, Elizabeth, Helen Marie and Lynn, as well as to those of you who always offered sage advice at the weekend members' get-togethers. We miss the camaraderie, the abbreviations that I still don't understand, the support, and the progress. I still plan to achieve Canine Good Citizen with Raylan and maybe more...

Meet the Members*

(Ed Note: This section of the newsletter is devoted to dog life bios of club members)

We're a shy bunch this month. But I have a promise for a profile for next month! Please feel free to volunteer – do not wait to be asked/begged!

Congratulations!

(Brag must be submitted in writing. I don't dare try to be responsible for remembering ones relayed to me orally. Email is preferred (h_olbrich@sbcglobal.net), because it is easy and accurate to transfer the brag directly from the message to the next issue, but any written format is just fine.)

Lucy finished her CDX this spring, with 2 first places and a second place. Even better, at her last trial, she finally relaxed in the ring and we both had fun! Thanks to judge Ken Blanchard for charming her!

In September, Lucy, Tyler, Horst, and I traveled to Oregon for the Poodle Club of America Regional Specialty. I was asked to judge the WC and WCX (hunting working certificates) so that was really fun to see many good working poodles in the field. Tyler earned his first Senior Hunter pass on his very first try! He was the only dog who passed Senior, and the youngest participant in the entire hunt test! We are very proud. Horst and Lucy competed in agility and earned her Novice Standard title! Horst forgot the last jump or she would have her Jumpers title too, but we will have to wait for next time for that. They make a great team! – Paddy Berne