

Woofs and Waggers

(Newsletter of the Oakland Dog Training Club)
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Club Calendar

Oct 26 (sat)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Nov 17 (sun)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Dec 13 (fri)	Holiday Party	Sue Harvey's home (see inside for details)
Dec 15 (sun)	Members' Match	9:00 AM, CSEB, Hayward

ODTC President's Message – Jack McCredie

ODTC celebrated the last day of summer with a members' match at Cal State University East Bay followed by our quarterly member meeting. Forecasters predicted significant rainfall beginning late in the morning and they were correct. Just as we cleared the practice area of the ring poles and jumps it started to sprinkle and then to pour. But we moved under cover and held our member meeting - with only a few damp attendees. Only Bingo, my Portuguese Water Dog, was left crated outside, but he is a true Water Dog and enjoyed the unscheduled bath - not enough water to swim.

MARCH 2014 MATCH DECISION: At the meeting I announced the decision our board made at its August meeting NOT to hold the traditional March match that is open to all regional obedience club members. For the past several years this event has been increasingly difficult to staff. It requires over 60 volunteers - stewards, judges, grounds crew, hospitality, marketing and scheduling teams. Last March we hosted 182 dogs and handlers that participated in more than 400 events. Our match volunteers coordinated as many runs as the very successful AOCNC (Affiliated Obedience Clubs of Northern California) annual match at the Cow Palace in February. Volunteers from the 18 AOCNC member clubs (including ODTC) support that event. What 18 clubs do together in February, our club does in March. To pull it off, we have needed to recruit some additional volunteers from other clubs, often at the last minute. And our core match team has had to work extremely hard one month before our tracking test and two months before our May obedience and rally trials, which also require many volunteers. So we will not be hosting this popular March event in 2014 - we will be taking at least one year off to regroup. At the member meeting we discussed some ideas about how we could upgrade our regular monthly practice session, which WILL be held in March 2014, to a member only event that would have many of the features of a real trial setting (volunteer judges, stewards, etc.) but would be much smaller and easier to coordinate.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Debbi Hankins, club treasurer, presented a financial update showing that fiscal 2013 revenues continue to run well ahead of expenses. The club should expect another healthy surplus for the fiscal year ending on November 30, 2013. ODTC account balances as of 9/20/2013 are \$67,612, which is \$6,242 more than at the same time in 2012. In their audit of May 10, 2013, the ODTC trustees recommended that "at least half the money in the market rate savings account be added to our CD accounts." Debbi has completed action on this recommendation.

LORI DROUIN WORKSHOPS: On November 9 & 10, Lori Drouin will present our traditional fall training seminar/workshop. Day 1 explores the foundation skills and motion patterns we can teach dogs of any age to prepare them for their future open and utility careers. Body awareness, targeting for heeling, fronts, finishes and go outs, marking, scent games, attention games, signal introductions, command discrimination and distraction resistance skills will be covered with group exercises on Saturday. Sunday will be focused more on individualizing training approaches for the working participants, whether it's teaching skills to a youngster, proofing for an advanced dog, or problem solving for a quirky canine mind. Each working participant will have the chance to choose a topic, show us what's happening, and explore progressions or solutions. As of the writing of this note there are only a couple of slots left before we reach the limit of 15 working teams. However, there are still several observer (without dog) registrations available. If you are interested in taking advantage of this outstanding educational opportunity, please send me an email as soon as possible.

JACUZZI STREET LEASE: Members of the board continue to work with STG Group, the landlord of our training facility on Jacuzzi Street, to negotiate a lease for the next several years. Our current lease expires on December 31.

Congratulations once again to Laurie Raz-Astrakhan and the trial committee for coordinating a very successful event!

Save the Date for the ODTTC --Holiday Party

When: 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 cover costs and seed our trophy fund for our 2014 Trial)

Send checks payable to Sue Harvey to Sue by December 6

Editor's Notes – Hazel Olbrich

Newsletter Deadline: The 20th of odd-numbered months

At the end of the newsletter is information about two interesting activities – a tracking workshop on Oct 6 (San Jose) and an obedience workshop on Nov 3 (Vallejo). Tracking workshops are few and far between and if you have any interest you should take advantage of this opportunity. For the ambitious, Sacramento DTC is offering a six week tracking class at Mather starting on 11/16 – you can find more information on the club's website – sacramentodtc.org. . Also, I hope you will support one of our sister obedience clubs, as well as get in some good training, by attending the Vallejo DTC workshop.

This newsletter is shorter than I'd like. Time just got away from me. We have a new puppy at home (at last another Irish Terrier!). She was born on May 31 and we are calling her Titania (her registered name is Red Branch Summer Dream). She is just as cute as a bug and now that she has all her shots I am looking forward to getting her out and about. You may also see her sister Ginger (Red Branch Autumn Spice) with club member Barbara Henry.

Agility Trial Report (Sept 1 and 2) -- Laurie Raz-Astrakhan

ODTC held it's annual agility trial last Sunday & Monday in it new location, the Lyttle Cow Palace in Santa Rosa. The weather was very nice and everything went smoothly under trial secretary, Lorrie Abott.

Unfortunately, the entries were lower than we had hoped, given the change in venue. There was another big agility trial (USDAA) in the greater Bay Area on the same weekend, and many other AKC agility trials on other weekends, so there's a lot of competition. However, I'm sure the club made some money (we'll find out the exact amount within the next week or so), and it's not a huge job to put it on.

I'd like to thank the trial committee...Ann Collins, Sue Harvey, Linda Wilford and Carole Corbett... for all their help.

Membership Report – Sharon Vannuchi

Shirley Donovan, Jenny Martin-Wong, and Noelle Pilat have decided to drop their memberships. As of this time, the following members are in arrears of their dues:

Michelle Evans
Beth Liveright
Elizabeth Sampson

We have 2 new members: Elizabeth Watson and Gail Broesder.

Elizabeth has Borders; Gail has GSD. They both wish to become involved in the “dog world” and wish to become more educated with training and working with their dogs.

Dog Days of Summer—Department of Cart Pulling – Jasen Duncan

Our own Jasen Duncan and his girl Shasta gave three demonstrations at an event at the Chabot Space and Science Center this last August. Here is his report:



Each show lasted about fifteen minutes. Shasta came out in her cart and I had her walk around the stage doing turns, backups, and walks by the audience.

History of Canine Cart Pulling
As part of the demonstration I also gave a short talk about the history of canine cart pulling:

During the First Crusade, after the horses and mules had starved, dogs carried people and supplies toward Jerusalem.

In the early 1800s anti-animal cruelty activists helped ban the practice of carting in major cities in England and the Netherlands, no doubt because many animals were being mistreated. It was also thought that banning the cart-pulling would help decrease the incidence of rabies during that time, as overworked dogs were considered more susceptible to rabies.

In 1910 Belgium enacted a ban on cart dogs because of the growing popularity of motorcars and trucks. However, people who depended on cart dogs for their livelihood were granted an exemption, so the breeds endured. The Belgian government reversed its ban on cart dogs in 1912, when comparison tests showed that a draft dog could pull machine guns more effectively than a horse. The Belgian army began using draft dogs rather than horses or other livestock. The so-called “Belgian cart dog ordinance” was permanently suspended in 1914 when Germany invaded Belgium during World War I. The Belgian army also took all dogs trained in pulling carts to help in the war effort.

All dogs can be trained pull a cart

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) held its first draft test in New England in 1991. Since then, the sport of draft in the Bernese Mountain Dog community has grown tremendously. Many regional clubs



— Photo by Anne Mary Schaefer — www.pawpawrazzelpetphotography.com 2013

across the country, including Alaska's, hold one or more draft tests a year. There are two Bernese Mountain Dog clubs in the Bay Area alone.

In 2012, 188 dogs earned new draft titles from the BMDCA. Thirty-eight of those titles were earned by dogs other than BMDs, including Collies, Labradors, Australian Shepherds, Border Collies, Parson Russell Terriers, Bulldogs, Corgi, Newfoundlands, Rottweilers, and Standard Poodles, to name a few.

At the Chabot Center's event in August, I also told visitors about the basic training you should do if you plan to teach your dog to pull a cart, plus some of the fun things you can do with your dog pulling a cart, including parades, and even Home Depot shopping!

In between shows Shasta had lots of visitors and she also visited some of the other displays at the event.

The most notable event that happened during one of the demos was a little girl who ran onto the stage during the routine and tried to give Shasta her teddy bear. Shasta was on a down/stay and held it, but I was a little worried as the little girl was forceful in giving Shasta the teddy bear. Finally her father came and got her and things went on as normal.

We had fun at the event and it was a fun way to give back to the community.

What the dogs have taught me –

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

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.

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.)

Banshee finished her Rally Novice title at Redwood Empire with a 97 and first place, so for her only 3 times at trial she had 96 and third,98 and second plus this first. Good girl in the heat! -- Deborah Hankins

Indi earned her Utility title and her Rally Excellent title this Spring and Summer respectively. She's now working on her RAE. On Sunday at the Mensona Trial, she earned a 100 in her RE run. I'm very proud of her. -- Sharma Gaponoff

On August 24th at the Mensona KC trial, Banjo (Gerstdale's Frito Bandito CD, RAE2, BN, CGC) earned his first Open leg under Alvin Eng with a score of 193 and 4th place. Later that same day he finished his Beginner Novice title under Larry Andrus with a score of 198 and second place. --Harriet Tucker



PALO ALTO FOOTHILL TRACKING ASSOCIATION INC.

Presents a Beginning Tracking Workshop

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Presented by: Barbara Adcock - Tracking Judge and Trainer & Bea Moore – Handler with two Champion Trackers
Helpers: Barbara Fowler, John Galloway, Nancy Ryniewicz, Kamrin MacKnight, Dick Symons, Suzanne Morone, Anne Hershey
Evergreen Valley College, 3095 Yerba Buena Rd, San Jose, CA Parking Lot 7

Time 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. No Parking fee on Sundays

Limit 35 (groups of 5)

Have you ever wondered whether you might like tracking? Do you think that your dog would? Do you hate the thought of getting up early or getting wet in a light rain? Do you not want to commit to a ten week class?

If you have these questions mulling around your brain or are you just curious about what tracking is all about, then attend a one day—or less—presentation on tracking. If you like, we'll work with you and your dog to see if either of you might be interested in tracking.

WHO: Anyone who wants to know more about tracking.

WHERE: Montgomery Hill Park near Evergreen Valley College, San Jose

COST: If postmarked before September 1: \$40 Working \$30 Audit

If postmarked after September 1: \$50 Working \$40 Audit

There will be shade for cars. Crates are nice, but not necessary.

Lunch will NOT be provided. We will provide a.m. munchies & fruit with coffee

Working and Audit slots include Tracking Regulations, Tracking book authored by [Bea Moore](#)

WHAT TO BRING:

Harness (optional)

Water for person

Hat/visor

6 foot leash

Treats (dry treats - kibble/freeze

Chair

Water & bowl for dog

dried liver, etc.)

Your own Lunch

TOPICS:

Hints on Laying tracks

Articles

Line Handling

Scent

Plotting Maps

Starts

Turns

Weather considerations

DIRECTIONS: From the North: Take US-101 South. Take the Capitol Expressway/Yerba Buena exit. Keep left on the frontage road and go past the Capitol Expressway exit down to Yerba Buena Road. At signal light, turn left on Yerba Buena Road (under the freeway). Continue east on Yerba Buena Road for about 3 miles. Cross San Felipe Rd. then turn left into the 2nd driveway and turn right. That will be Parking Lot 7.

Name: _____

E-Mail address (for confirmation) _____

Phone # _____ Dog's Name: _____ Breed _____

Working Slot (\$40) _____ Audit Slot – no dog (\$30) _____

I am interested in being on the waiting list, if working slots are filled **Yes No** (circle)

Mail this completed form and check (payable to PAFTA) to: Mary Ann Graziano, 20438 Franklin Ave., Saratoga 95070

Information: maryanngraziano4@gmail.com

I agree to hold this Club, its members, directors and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog(s) while in or upon the college grounds.

Signature _____ Date _____ Amount Enclosed _____

VALLEJO DOG TRAINING CLUB



Morton Field
Mare Island, Vallejo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013 - 9:30 AM Start

Obedience Sanctioned "OC" and Rally "RC Matches

OBEDIENCE CLASSES: Beg. Novice, Novice, Open, Utility, Non-regular

RALLY CLASSES: Novice, Advanced, Excellent

OBEDIENCE PRE-ENTRY per dog (closes on October 27) **\$12.00** or 2 for \$18.00

RALLY PRE-ENTRY per dog (closes on October 27) **\$6.00** or 2 for \$10.00

DAY-OF-MATCH ENTRY per dog (register between 9 - 10 a.m.): **\$15.00** (1 Obed or 2 Rally)

MAKE CHECKS or money order payable to VDTC.

STEWARDS VOLUNTEERS: If you are able to volunteer an hour or more to help. We will provide you with lunch and a small gift. Please mark the box on the entry form below and we will contact you.

SITE INFORMATION. Open sports field. Room for dogs to run. Bathrooms available. Some shade; you may want to bring canopies. Bring chairs. Good parking. No food available.

Directions from I-80W or CA 29S. Take 37 W toward San Rafael. Exit on Walnut Ave. then right over Mare Island Causeway. Continue straight to G St. Morton Field is on the corner of Walnut and G. **Directions from US 101.** Take CA 37E to Vallejo. Take Walnut Ave. exit and follow directions above. **Directions from I-80E or I-780W.** Take Curtola Pkwy. Turn left on Mare Island Way (Tennessee St.). Continue straight onto G St. Morton Field is on the left at Railroad Ave. Turn left on Walnut to park.

MATCH RULES: Sanctioned AKC "OC" and "RC" match. All breeds, mixed and rare breeds are welcome. Limited entries. No awards will be given nor legs earned towards obedience or rally titles. *Toys and food are permitted.* Collars must comply with AKC regulations. *No prong or electric collars are allowed. Corrections are limited to verbal corrections or gently guiding the dog.*

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Dave Gaunt, 1168 West L Street, Benicia, CA 94510

QUESTIONS: Call Joan Constantine at 707-290-8095 or e-mail: sagamorees@comcast.net

JUDGING: Pick your timeslot upon arrival at ringside. Ring schedule will be posted by 10/30 on www.vallejodogtraining.org Send SASE if no internet access.

Owner's name:			Phone: ()		
Address:			E-mail:		
City:		Zip		<i>(limited to 2 entries per class per dog)</i>	
Dog	Breed	Call Name	Jump Height	1st Class	2nd Class
Total amount enclosed (\$		

Check if you can ring steward.

LIABILITY WAIVER (must be signed and returned with entry). I agree to hold VDTC, its officers, directors and members, the owner or lesser of the competition premises and any employees of same harmless from any claim or loss or injury to any person or things caused by any action at this function. I assume full responsibility and liability for the dog(s) I enter. I have read and agree to abide by the rules for this match.

Signature _____

Date _____