

Woofs and Waggers

March 2010



TWO UD_s IN ONE DAY - CONGRATULATIONS!



Quinn, Mika, and Lizanne Kaiser - January 16, 2010

Quinn and Mika each passed their third Utility leg on January 16 to earn their UD_s. Mika got hers during the morning trial (Quinn passed everything except the gloves), and Quinn passed his in the afternoon trial. For each of them, 2 of their 3 legs were 1st places.

Quinn (now almost 8 years old) and Mika (almost 7 years old) will be

retiring from active duty in Obedience. You may still see them around from time to time at members matches or classes having fun, but they won't be regularly competing any more. They're stepping aside, so I can spend more time training Dante to follow in their footsteps.

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Upcoming Events

March 13 - Important member meeting to receive report of the nominating committee, CSU East Bay, Hayward, 11 AM, after members' practice match

March 21 - ODTC All Breed Obedience and Rally Match, CSU East Bay, Hayward

April 11 - Members' practice match, CSU East Bay, Hayward

April 18 - TD/TDX Test, Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Livermore

May 5 - Members' practice match, CSU East Bay, Hayward

May 23 - 60th Annual ODTC Obedience Trial and Sixth Annual Rally Trial, CSU East Bay, Hayward

June 12 - Annual lunch and member meeting of the ODTC, home of Yvonne and Jack McCredie

June 13 - AOCNC Annual Interclub Competition, Obedience, Rally, CGC

September 5 and 6 - ODTC First annual Agility trials, Dixon Fairgrounds

TWO UD's

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Thanks to all our friends and trainers at ODTc for introducing us to obedience and helping us along the way. We couldn't have done it without you!

Lizanne Kaiser
Guide Dogs' Britt UD, RE, TC, CGC (a.k.a. Mika)
Quinn UD, RE, TC, CGC
Dante's Vita Nuova

ODTC BOARD AND OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2010 - 2011

The nominating committee has developed the following slate of officers who will be nominated at the March 13 ODTc membership meeting. Additional nominations may be made at this meeting by any member in attendance. The election to fill these positions will be held at the June Annual Meeting.

President	Jack McCredie
Vice President	Kathy Gibson
Treasurer	Debbi Hankins
Secretary	Patrician Minger
Director of Membership	Amy Cook

Directors-at-large

Beth Sampson
Carol Wallace
Susan Dickerson

Trustees

Senior	Tasha Belfiore (second year of two year term)
Junior	Anne Patterson-Hines (first year of two year term)

Thank you to those who have agreed to stand for election for board and trustee positions!

*Submitted to the ODTc membership by Lora Cox,
Kathy Henderson, Hazel Olbrich
The 2010 ODTc Nominating Committee*

REMINDER

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

11 AM Saturday, March 13, 2010

Immediately after the member practice match
Music Peristyle Lawn

California State University East Bay (Hayward)

- ◆ To receive the report of nominating committee
- ◆ To receive other nominations from the members
- ◆ To discuss upcoming ODTc activities
- ◆ To answer questions from the membership

TRAINING NEWS

by Hazel Olbrich, Training Committee Chair

It's early in the year, so we do not have meaningful attendance information at this time. Qualitatively the numbers look similar to last year's. The pattern is that the attendance is highest during the first quarter of the year and then drops to a consistently lower level for the remainder of the year.

Pet dog classes

We are again offering a daytime pet dog class on Tuesday mornings (Lora Cox, instructor). The first session was well-subscribed and we will continue to offer pet dog instruction (Beginning and Intermediate levels) in this time slot for as long as it is supported with students.

Drop-In Rally Class

This year we are offering a drop-in Rally class (\$15 fee) every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM. The class is taught by club-member volunteers, which will allow the students to benefit from a broad range of experience and perspective in Rally obedience. The volunteer instructors for the first half of the year are:

Feb:	Lizanne Kaiser
Mar:	Susan Dickerson
Apr:	Debbi Hankins
May:	Harriet Tucker
Jun:	Patricia Minger and Zanna Knight

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TRAINING

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So far attendance is light, so if you want lots of one-on-one advice and plenty of practice time, this is the class for you. Over the long term we need more students than are currently attending; if you want to see that this class is continued, be sure to support it now by dropping in from time to time. If you have attended and have suggestions as to how to make the class more effective, let the instructor or me know. Thanks to everyone for your help!

Rent the Training Hall

Contact Amy Cook

amy@palisandra.com

(email preferred)

Phone: 510-601-6122

Please check availability in advance.

Reservations always take priority.

\$10 per half hour

\$15 per hour

**ODTC TRACKING TEST SUNDAY,
APRIL 18**

by Hazel Olbrich, Test Chair and Secretary

Every year at Morgan Territory Regional Preserve in Livermore, Oakland DTC offers an AKC tracking test for both the TD (Tracking Dog) and TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) titles. We offer two TD slots, and four TDX slots. We usually have one or two TD passes and one TDX pass. However, sometimes that number is zero; TDX work is very challenging.

Tracking tests require a large number of volunteers and our club relies not only on club members, but on other tracking enthusiasts for workers. A certain level of expertise is needed for track-laying (this is not an on-the-job-training opportunity). However, there are other jobs that do not require tracking expertise that

are filled by club members who wish to support the club with other talents.

One of them is secondary crosstrack layer. This requires that you take a stroll through the track alongside the primary crosstrack layer, who knows exactly where the two of you are supposed to be walking. If you have an interest in learning more about tracking, a pair of sturdy shoes and a desire to put them to good use in one of the East Bay Regional Parks most glorious open spaces, I invite you to contact Lora Cox, the test's chief tracklayer, and let her know that you are available. She can be reached at 408-262-7233 or at lora@rosscox.com

At the test itself it is possible to join the gallery to watch the tracking dogs work. Because most of the tracks are a long hike into the park the gallery is usually confined to the one or two tracks that are the closest to the staging area. These are usually the tracks that are run early in the morning (first track will be at about 7:30 AM).

If you'd like to learn more about tracking or about our test, give me a call and I'd be happy to talk to you. (510-531-2476)



*Photo of tracking area at
Morgan Territory Regional Preserve
in Livermore, CA*

MEMBER NEWS

Farewell to the Studers

Last spring, at the dog show in Merced CA, Floyd finished his Rally Advanced title with a first place and a score of 97 (three first places and a third place in total).

This fall, at the obedience trial in Springfield MO, Floyd earned his Rally Excellent title with a first place and a score of 96 (three first places and a second place in total).

At the same obedience trial in Springfield MO, Floyd also earned his Obedience Novice title. He got a 196 on Friday for first place (see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKIEVYCCFP4> for the video) and a 190 for second place on Saturday (one first place and two second places in total). He made me very proud these two days in Springfield.

Later in the fall, at Purina Farms MO, Floyd earned his UCICB International Champion title with two Best of Breed wins.

After five exciting years in the states, our US journey comes to an end and we move back to Switzerland. Floyd, who is now two and a half years old, will leave the country as UCICB Int'l CH Floyd von Hus zum Tanneberg CGC RE CD.

I wish the very best to all of you and your dogs and a special thank you to Hazel for introducing me to the world of competitive obedience two years ago. *Etienne Studer*

Editor's note - watch the video - it's fun!



Floyd with his best buddy.

ODTC Recognition Plaque Ordering Instructions for Titles Earned in 2009

Please submit information to:

Julie Rose
733 Rockdale Drive
San Francisco, CA 94127
rose.julianne@att.net

Dog's Call Name as you want it to appear on plaque (include previous titles)
AKC Titles earned in 2009

Club's intention is to award plaques at the annual meeting, June 12 (subject to ordering availability)

Information required by March 31

MEMBER NEWS *(Continued from page 4)*

Riley and Banjo

On November 1, 2009 at the Vallejo DTC afternoon trial, Riley (CH Gerstdale's Rocky Mountain High CDX, JH, RAE, CGC) earned his first Utility leg with a score of 182 and first place! He also won the High Scoring Champion of Record award, and we got an award for High Scoring Senior Handler with a dog over 10 years old. It was our 4th time in the Utility A ring, and he surpassed my expectations. It was clearly a wonderful day for us!

On January 17, 2010 at the Santa Clara DTC trial, Banjo (Gerstdale's Frito Bandito RN, CGC) showed in his first Obedience class in Pre-Novice and earned second place with a score of 191.5. With Lori Drouin's help, we hope to be ready for Novice soon.

Harriet Tucker, Riley and Banjo



Eli

Eli and I got our RA title in the three consecutive shows at the Mission Bell Cluster in Santa Clara in January. Eli did really well and did what he was told to do; Julie on the other hand did not perform three of the signs correctly.

Julie Rose

Benson

At the Del Valle Show on Sunday, 10/18, Benson and I made our debut in Open A and earned a respectable 194 and first place in his class of 22 dogs. My joy was tempered somewhat when he NQd the next day after missing my drop-on-recall signal, but otherwise he put in a good solid performance. I've now experienced the yin-and-yang of the sport in a short 24 hours!

Benson completed his CDX with a first place in Open A at the Vallejo DTC trial (11/1) and another first at the Wine Country KC trial (11/8). His scores were respectable (194 and 193), but

boy do we have a lot to work on before we join the "big boys and girls" in Open B!

Susan Dickerson

Vista and Ranger

Vista has been on a roll lately. At the Fresno Trial in February, she earned her 18th UDX leg with a UB 4th and was in a run off in Open B, lost and ended up 4th. The next day she earned UDX leg 19 and won the run off against the same dog she lost to the day before to take 4th place. At Santa Clara KC Vista took Utility B 2nd and earned 4 OTCH points. Way to go Vista. No I am not forgetting to tell you that she earned her 20th leg, because she didn't. The same day she earned 4 OTCH points she walked through the broad jump. She just had to bring me back down to earth. Sigh.

Ranger passed his ASCA TDX in February. Look for his CDX in the near future.

Lora Cox

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SCOUT

Scout, our Siberian Husky, passed his TDX test February 14 in Sacramento at Mather Field. He is now officially Talocon's Mountain Explorer RN, TDX! Now on to VST and more obedience.

We were very surprised to actually get in the test as we were the 4th alternate for a 2 dog TDX test. I didn't bother telling anyone we were entered as who would expect a 4th alternate to get into such a limited test. Well, surprise! After some addition (an extra TDX track and an alternate track) and subtraction (passes at other tests and withdrawals) we found ourselves in the test. And are we ever glad we drove up to Sacramento since we were the only TDX pass!! Yeah for Scouty...such a good boy and what a nice Valentine's Day gift.

Kathy Henderson

**ODTC ALL BREED
OBEDIENCE/RALLY MATCH**

Sunday, March 21, 2010
California State University East Bay, Hayward
Music Peristyle Lawn

Contact:

Deborah_Hankins@comcast.net

925-335-9610

Stewards and volunteers always welcome:

Contact Lizanne Kaiser

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Editor's Corner

Here is one reason why we love this sport - watch 97 year old George Richards win in Utility B with Hummel at the Dachshund Specialty in October, 2009!

<http://www.vimeo.com/7356697>

**SIXTIETH ANNUAL OBEDIENCE
TRIAL & SIXTH ANNUAL RALLY
TRIAL**

by Jack McCredie, Trial Chair

On May 23 our club will host its sixtieth anniversary obedience trial and its sixth annual rally trial. We have four excellent judges who have committed their talents toward making these trials worthy of a diamond anniversary celebration.

Two important innovations based upon recent changes in AKC regulations will make the trial open to additional participants who would like to take advantage of our hospitality. First, entries are open not only to all AKC registered breeds, but for the first time, to mixed-breed dogs listed with the AKC Canine Partners Program. And second, for the first time ODTC will offer the three optional titling classes recently approved by AKC: Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, and Versatility. In addition to the regular classes we are offering a full range of non-regular classes: Pre-Novice, Veterans, Brace, Wildcard Novice, Wildcard Open, and Wildcard Utility.

Mark your calendars now and plan how you can participate in the celebration. Laurie Raz-Astrakhan is serving as chief ring steward and she is looking for volunteers.

Please send me your ideas about how we could celebrate this anniversary in special ways. We hope that in addition to all of the regulars, many of the early club members who have not been active in recent years will attend and share in the fun and excitement of commemorating 60 years of ODTC trials.

ODTC Marketing Committee

Contact [Tasha Belfiore](#) for

Contributions to Club Website

Ideas to Commemorate 60th Anniversary Trial

Ways to Inform People About ODTC

Potential Events to Showcase our Dogs

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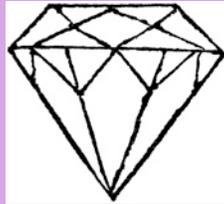
Useful Web Sites

(click directly on these live links to go to these sites)

Oakland Dog Training Club	http://oaklanddogtraining.org/
American Kennel Club (AKC)	http://www.akc.org/
AKC Canine Health Foundation	http://www.akcchf.org/
AKC Events Search Page	http://www.akc.org/events/search
Associated Obedience Club of Northern California	http://www.aocnc.org/
The Bay Team Agility Information	http://www.bayteam.org/wiki/Main_Page
Mixed Breed Dog Clubs of America	http://mbdca.tripod.com/
ODTC Informal Yahoo Groups network	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/oaklanddogtraining/



Sixtieth Annual Obedience Trial



and Sixth Annual Rally Trial

*California State University East Bay
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, California
Sunday, May 23, 2010*

Open to all AKC- Registered Breeds and
Mixed Breed Dogs Listed with the AKC Canine Partners Program

LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM DOGS

A few weeks ago on Face the Nation, the CBS Sunday morning show, Bob Schieffer presented the following list of what we would/should learn if dogs were our teachers. He received the list on the Internet, but had no idea who the original author was.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/01/10/ftn/main6078611.shtml>

Always run to greet loved ones when they come home.

Never pass the opportunity to go for a joy ride.

Recognize the ecstasy of fresh air and wind in your face.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, lie on your back in the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and find the shade.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Enjoy long walks.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want is buried, dig deep until you find it.

And, when someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

We'd be better off, better people . . . if we acted more like dogs.