

Woofs and Waggers

(Newsletter of the Oakland Dog Training Club)
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Club Calendar

Dec 16 (Fri)	Holiday Party	Sue Harvey's Home
Dec 17 (Sat)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, Hayward, 9 AM
Jan 28 (Sat)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, Hayward, 9 AM
February 12	AOCNC Workshop	Cow Palace, SF
Feb 26 (Sun)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, Hayward, 9 AM
Mar 18 (Sat)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, Hayward, 9 AM

President's Message – Jack McCredie

Member & Board Meetings: The Club held a member meeting at Cal State University East Bay (Hayward) on October 29 after the regularly scheduled member practice match. Jasen Duncan, Director of Membership, reported that currently there are 126 ODTc members. However, several individuals have not yet paid dues for 2016 and will be dropped from membership at the upcoming meeting of the board as stipulated in the by-laws. Debbi Hankins, Treasurer, distributed a report detailing the Club's strong financial position. Our fiscal year concludes on November 30 and the year-end results will be reported at the member meeting and holiday party at Sue Harvey's home on Friday, December 16. Members engaged in a discussion of the policies and procedures for personal use of the training hall and made recommendations to the board. Full minutes of this meeting will be distributed prior to the December member meeting for approval.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Terry Southard volunteered to coordinate the 2017 member title recognition program. ODTc awards plaques and/or brass plates for member teams who have earned AKC titles in calendar 2016. These awards will be presented at the annual meeting in June.

On November 13th, the board met by teleconference and approved the following actions:

- (1) Laurie Raz-Astrakhan was elected to the board to fill the vacant position created by the resignation of Christa Sapita.
- (2) Mary Lemon, a current board member, was elected to the position of secretary to fill this vacant position.
- (3) Members who have not paid dues for 2016 will be terminated from the roles of ODTc according to the "automatic lapsed dues" provision of the by-laws.
- (4) The board adopted the revised policies and procedures for personal use of the club's Jacuzzi Street training facility, as discussed at the October member meeting and edited via email. These revised policies and procedures are presented in this edition of the newsletter and are effective immediately.
- (5) The board approved awarding 2016 bonuses to the club's four trainers for doing an excellent job throughout the year.

Observations from Recent Specialty Trials: As noted in the last newsletter, I was obedience chair for the 25th national specialty of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America. I had a similar opportunity at the regional specialty of our northern California club earlier this month. The most important ingredients in a successful trial are judges, stewards, exhibitors, and the venue - all four have to work together for a successful event. Once again I was deeply impressed by the importance of stewards in these trials. I encourage strongly all of our club members to find opportunities to serve in a stewarding capacity. It is an outstanding way to improve our awareness of how a trial is conducted, what judges are looking for, and how other handlers work with their dogs. In addition, it is a great way to give back to our sport - without volunteer stewards there would be no trials!!

At the nationals, approximately 40% of the teams in the regular classes earned qualifying scores with several completing titles. At the regionals the qualifying percentage in the regular classes dropped to about 22%. One reason for this decline was that the venue for the national was indoors while the regionals were held outside in a grass ring - there is no getting around the fact that competing outside is more difficult for most dogs than being inside! Our monthly member matches at CSUEB give us the opportunity to train in this more difficult environment.

I'm still smiling when I recall how happy everyone was when a water dog that had just celebrated its 14th birthday qualified with a 170 in Beginner Novice B - that's what our sport is all about!!

How ODTC Members May Use the Jacuzzi Street Training Hall -- ODTC Board of Directors

November 13, 2016

A valuable benefit of full membership in the Oakland Dog Training Club is the ability to reserve our training facility for private use when it is not otherwise being utilized for club classes or events. The cost is \$10 per half hour (or \$15 per hour) and an on-line calendar is available to check availability and to make a reservation.

<http://www.huntcal.com/cal/view/ODTC/Reservations>

Reservations may also be made by contacting Amy Cook: amy@palisandra.com

Login information is available from all members, but is not published for privacy reasons. At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed and clarified the procedures and policies for use of the hall.

- (1) **Members** in good standing may rent the hall for their **personal** dog training. An ODTC member is one who has (a) completed his/her provisional membership by attending at least one member meeting, (b) satisfied the requirement for contributing some volunteer service, and (c) is current with his/her dues responsibilities.
- (2) Members must include contact information in the online calendar system to hold a valid reservation.
- (3) **Non-members** are not allowed to train at the hall except at one of our publicly offered classes.
- (4) Members should not give the door code to other members because they do not know the status of those asking for the code. The single point of contact for obtaining the door code is our treasurer, Debbi Hankins. The code will be changed early in 2017 and members will be given the code when they pay their dues.
- (5) Any other use of the hall for an event must be approved in advance by the Board. To be considered, an event must be consistent with the ODTC Articles of Incorporation and our Tax Exempt Status approval (e.g. dog-related educational)

(6) Because of insurance requirements of our carrier, only trainers contracted/approved by ODTC can train members or non-members and their dogs at ODTC.

Editor's and Training Director's Notes – Hazel Olbrich

There's a new indoor trial in Northern California this year – January 15 in Sacramento by the Sacramento Dog Training Club. There is a workshop at the same site the day before at the same location (which I have already entered, even though I do not plan on entering the trial). You can find the premium list for the show on that club's website. Entries are limited to 8 hours judging per judge.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those club members who have contributed articles for "Meet the Members" and "What the Dogs Have Taught Me" since I have been editor of the newsletter. This last year I have not been as successful as I would have liked to have been in finding volunteers to contribute. One of the things that I struggle with is that I do not know all club members and I worry that the contributions reflect those members that I know best, allowing those I know best to perhaps feel picked-on and those that I do not know well to feel excluded. Please do not let yourself feel left out – please volunteer to contribute. Consider this your engraved invitation!

	Meet The Members	What the Dogs Have Taught Me
2016		
Jan		Kathy Miller
Mar	Nan Daly	
May		
July		Lizanne Kaiser
Sept	Patricia Minger	
Nov		
2015		
Jan	Ki Welch	Kathy Miller
Mar	Mary Lemon	Pat Steed
May	Paula Li and Dave Burke	
July	Marti Nikoli and Bill Wallace	Lizanne Kaiser
Sept		Kathy Miller
Nov	Holly MacArthur	
2014		
Jan	Nancy Berger	
Mar	Lynne Benson-Colbert	Lora Cox
May	Suzanne Bria	Meigs Matheson
July	Kathy Miller	Pat Steed
Sept		
Nov	Vern Miller	Vern Miller
2013		
Jan	Lynn Kosmakos	Woujie Mailer

Mar	Mike Reardon	Lori Drouin
May		Lizanne Kaiser
July		Meigs Mathesen
Sept		None
Nov		Cookie Murphy-Petee
2012		
May		Lizanne Kaiser
July	Cookie Murphy-Petee	Hazel Olbrich
Sept		Debra Dove
Nov	Helen Marie Capps	Leslie Halliday

The 2017 Dog Show Calendar will be available the end of November.
Order yours from Debbi Hankins email Deborah_Hankins@comcast.net
Cost \$7, pickup at hall or Holiday Party or can be mailed for postage of \$3
This year features ODTTC new UD dog Sky Lemon on cover.

Lastly, I posted a request on the club's yahoogroups list asking for a referral to therapy dog organizations in the area to pass along to a recent adopter of a rescue Saint. This is the information that Jack McCredie forwarded on to me, which was useful to the new Saint owner. Its information too good not to pass along, so here it is.

I have been involved with TherapyPets, in Oakland, for several years. Bingo and I received their training and evaluation and chose to work with young children in the Alameda City Library version of "Paws to Read." TherapyPets has many organizations on its approved list (insurance coverage, approved organization contacts, introductions, etc.) It is on the AKC approved therapy organizations so that Bingo earned the THD Title for his good work. I recommend them highly and plan to have Uno certified next year.

<http://www.therapypets.org>
510-287-9042

Jack

Membership Report – Jasen Duncan

We have added two new members in October. – Welcome!

Nancy Mahaffey
137 Clover Hill Ct.
Danville, CA 94526
nmah@comcast.net
925-519-4712

Dog: Afghan Hound
Sponsor: Sue Harvey

Want's to join because “ Training!! - need to training at various places for distractions”

Julie Lee
3700 Harbor View Ave.
Oakland, CA 94619
julieplee22@gmail.com
949-443-0584

Dog: Chocolate Labrador Retriever
Sponsor: Lora Cox

“My Dog needs to be properly trained”

Training Hall Maintenance – Barbara Henry

Club members have been extremely conscientious about looking after the hall. Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness. Just a few reminders.

1. RAINY SEASON—Be sure all the windows are closed, especially the sliding window behind the window fan, if rain is occurring or anticipated. If you are in the hall during a particularly hard rain storm and you notice leaks (ceiling or in the hallway) please contact Barbara Henry or Debbi Hankins so we can take action to alleviate damage. If there is a leak you can contain with a bucket or pan or something, please do so. If there is some sort of ‘major’ flooding event (water is pouring in the side or front door or there is a serious roof leak), please contact STG Management—their emergency phone number is on the bulletin board above the table at the back of the hall.
2. MAT MAINTENANCE
 - The hall mats have two major weaknesses—they show dirt/stains and they are subject to indentations from dumbbells, dogs’ nails, and chairs. Anything that applies heavy pressure on

the mats (such as chairs with a warm body sitting in them, sharp edges of dumbbells) creates gouges; some go away; most do not.

- **DIRT/STAINS**
 - Most of the dirt is tracked into the hall because we don't have an entry system that alleviates the dirt before humans/dogs enter the hall. PLEASE—enter the hall using the side hallway entrance, rather than the front door. This allows some of the dirt on human/dog feet to be deposited there, rather than on the mats. You can exit the hall using the front door.
 - AWARENESS: If you or your dog drip, drop or create some sort of liquid on the mats, please mop it up with a paper towel and go over it with a Lysol swipe (both are located on the shelf on the door to the left of the little storage room). If you see a stain, even if you did not cause it, please do not hesitate to take a Lysol towel and give it a swipe to clean it up.
- **INDENTATIONS**
 - If you use a chair on a regular basis, please bring a towel or mat and place the chair on it. The legs of chairs really cause deep indentations on the mat which do not recuperate from the pressure.
 - Dogs' Nails—wow! This is a great reminder to clip or grind your dog's nails so they are not so sharp.
 - Dumbbells—practice backspin/rolling the dumbbell to reduce the 'nicks' of the dumbbell when thrown with force into the mats. Rolling the dumbbell also helps control the lively 'hops' that occur when it comes down in an arc.

3. STORAGE RACKS

- Two wire racks have been placed in the corner of the training hall. The thought was to provide a place to store people's training equipment (bags, articles, purses, coolers, etc.) while they are training, especially during classes, rather than on the benches or on the floor. This would make the benches available for seating of human beings rather than 'stuff'. Please store your training items there while you work your dog.

4. WATER: Remember to fill the big water bottles on top of the refrigerator if you empty them.

5. Please put all training equipment back where it was located before you used it.

Highlights from the Web – Lori Drouin

(Ed Note: Lori has agreed to share her finds on the web.. Thank you, Lori!)

Here's a great suggestion for people who spend lots of time cutting up dog treats of many varieties:

<http://www.springforthdog.com/providence/blog/how-to-chop-dog-treats/> . The bottom line is that the secret is an onion chopper! <http://www.chopwizard.com> The Visalia Chop Wizard. Club member Sharma Gaponoff has one that she loves for preparing vegetables for salads and soups, so it's a useful little tool that is lighter and simpler to use than my Cuisinart processor.

Business Plan Update – Lizanne Kaiser

This report is prepared twice a year in June and December. This is a placeholder in my newsletter template.

2017 Training Tools Classes/Schedule

Instructors: Barbara Henry & Lizanne Kaiser

Description/Schedule: In 2017 Oakland Dog Training Club will continue to offer our **Training Tools** classes—a series of monthly classes addressing various dog training skills. The four-week sessions are held in the even months (February, April, June, August, October, December) on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (occasional conflicts may require slight schedule adjustments). The 2017 topics and start dates are:

- **February 7**—*Heeling With Attention (Eyes on Me, Please!)*. Teach, refine and proof heeling on leash with focused attention. Focused attention is a requisite for successful heeling.
- **April 4**—*Stand (Like a Statue)*. Teach the Novice Stand for Exam and Utility Moving Stand including the kick-back stand, attention during the Judge's exam, and maintaining a stay while in the stand position.
- **June 6**—*Recall/Drop on Recall (Run, Stop, Drop—or Not)*. Teach and proof reliable, speedy recalls and prompt drops.
- **August 1**—*Figure 8 (X's and O's)*. Teach and proof (on and off leash) the shortest, and most difficult, heeling pattern in the obedience ring.
- **October 3**—*Go Outs (Go Where? Do What?)*. Teach and proof the 'send' and the 'call off'—the fundamentals of a solid Utility Go Out.
- **December 5**—*Ring Skills (Smile, You're Next)*. Analyze your dog and develop a warm up routine that enhances its performance success, learn to enter the ring with confidence and set up your canine partner so that it can give 100% effort on the first exercise.

Cost: \$80 pre-paid for the 4-week session; **class size limited.**

Requirements: Dogs must have completed a beginning pet or novice obedience class and must be able to work in a group setting without disrupting other dogs. For the Heeling classes, unless otherwise specified, the work will be done on-leash. However, for the Heeling classes to be useful the dog should have a meaningful knowledge of heel position and basic attention; the fundamentals of heeling will not be covered. The classes are designed to build new skills as well as polish existing ones and will be of use to both novice and advanced handlers.

Class size is limited—enroll early. To enroll, please call ODTTC at 510-339-3276 to confirm that there is an opening in the class; if there is, send a check to ODTTC to hold the space. Questions about the classes? E-mail either of the instructors--BLGKatie@sbcglobal.net (Barbara Henry) or mrfiacra@yahoo.com (Lizanne Kaiser).

What the dogs have taught me –

(Ed. Note: This is a regular series about training topics and our dogs. Contributions are always welcome! Contact me if you are interested in contributing.)

Meet the Members

(Ed Note: this is the feature that we all like to read and none of us like to write. Volunteers welcome!)

Oops!

No goofs to apologize for this month!

Congratulations!

(Brag and stories 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.)

This weekend's loot from the "Harvest Moon Classic Agility Trial"

Saturday 10/22/2016

1st Place Novice FAST, 1st Place Novice Standard & New Agility Title !

Sunday 10/23/2016

1st Place Novice FAST , 1st Place OPEN Standard

Not bad for a 21-month-old baby dog :)

This weekend (Ed Note: Received 11/14) at the San Francisco Bay Weimaraner Club's Agility Trial Fame completed 2 more legs in Novice JWW both coming in 1st Place and earning a new title. Fame is now CH Rockville's SF Giants Hall Of Fame BN, RN, NAP, NJP, CGC, CGCA, CGCU
He is such a good boy and I am extremely proud of my big little boy. Taria Sarkisian

In the last few weeks *(Ed Note: received 11/10/16)* Ladybug has earned an OM4, a UDX2 and an MJS (Master Jumpers with Weaves Silver). But the most exciting thing to me is that she has completed an OTCH for the second time! The AKC doesn't award more than one OTCH, but completing all the requirements for the second time was thrilling. – Laurie Raz-Aztrakhan

At Vallejo DTC on Nov 6, Banshee got 1st place in Utility A with a score of 193.5 which was the highest utility score in that trial and earned her Utility Dog title. – Debbi Hankins

I am glad to report that at last we have some title balance on Titania's registered name. The front-end heavy GCH Red Branch Summer Dream has now completed her Rally Novice title with a score of 99 at Turlock on 11/25/16. – Hazel Olbrich