

Woofs and Waggers

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Club Calendar

December	No Members' Match	
Dec 16 (Sun)	Holiday Party	5 PM, Sue Harvey's home
Dec 29&30 (Sat&Sun)	VST Test	CSEB, Hayward
Jan 26 (Sat)	Members' Match	9 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Feb 9-10	Bauman Seminar	Fetch Sam, San Jose, CA
Feb 10	AOCNC Workshop	Cow Palace, Daly City
Feb 24 (Sun)	Members' Match	9 AM, CSEB, Hayward
Mar 31 (Sun)	Members' Match	9 AM, CSEB, Hayward

President's Message – Jack McCredie

Important Upcoming ODTc Events:

Annual Holiday Party and Member Meeting - A highlight of the ODTc calendar is the annual holiday party and short member meeting at the home of Sue Harvey. This year's festive event will be on Sunday, December 16 beginning at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 and the member meeting scheduled for 7:15. The cost of dinner is \$12 per person - please send your check (made out to Sue) to 6676 Estates Drive, Oakland, CA 94611. Members, potential members, and significant others are invited; reservations are requested by December 10.



Variable Surface Tracking Test (VST) - Our VST will be held on Sunday, December 30 at Cal State University East Bay (Hayward).

<https://tinyurl.com/VST-ODTC>

Plotting Day (planning of the tracks) will occur on Saturday, Dec. 29, and Test Day will take place on Sunday, Dec. 30. Observers are invited. Lizanne Kaiser is the event chair and if you would like to

volunteer to help, please contact her at: mrfiacra@yahoo.com Debra Dove is hospitality chair:
albanyclan@comcast.net

Diane Bauman Seminar - ODTc is sponsoring a seminar with Diane Bauman on Feb 9-10, 2019 -
"Training the Thinking Dog and The Gap between Training & Trial Performances."

<https://tinyurl.com/ODT-Bauman>

The seminar will be held at **FetchSam**, 342 Race Street San Jose CA. from 9-5 each day. Registration Fee: \$260 for both days. Diane welcomes everyone attending to bring their dog. The fee includes lunch, snacks, and beverages both days. The maximum number of attendees is 40.

Seminar format is lecture, demonstration, and some audience participation. There will be opportunities to work with dogs on problem-solving and mastering new skills. Dogs will be worked, but not every dog will do every exercise. On Saturday after dinner, we will meet again for an informal gathering to ask questions, etc. Details provided a few weeks prior to the seminar.

The club extends a very special **thank you** to Nancy Mahaffey, the coordinator of this seminar-
nmah@comcast.net

AOCNC ANNUAL WINTER WORKSHOP: The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California (AOCNC) will be hosting its annual winter workshop on Sunday, February 10 at the Cow Palace in Daly City. As I was writing this article I discovered that unfortunately, this date conflicts with the last day of the Diane Bauman seminar. Our club is responsible for coordinating and staffing one of the utility rings at this workshop so we are extending a special appeal to those who are not participating in the seminar to volunteer for one of the 2 hour shifts at the workshop. Please contact Harriet Tucker if you are able to help: hafpas@comcast.net

Happy Holidays to all!!

Editor and Training Director's Notes – Hazel Olbrich

I just finished my last judging assignment for 2018 (Chicago, nice dogs, clear air, good hospitality by the club – and two of the best classic grilled cheese sandwiches I have eaten in a long time). I had a very large Open B class (about 30 dogs) and it was bittersweet to judge the command discrimination exercise, over and over, one that I associate so strongly with Lori Drouin.

One of the items that has made my life so crazy these last few months is a cousin who passed away unexpectedly and without a will (I'm still looking). The chore I have is to complete the inventory of her

estate by the end of the year --- wish me luck! Please, please, if you haven't done so yet, do something kind for your friends and family and leave a document outlining your wishes (and for heaven's sake, keep a copy of it outside your safe deposit box).

Private Lessons to Continue – Hazel Olbrich

As you know, Barbara Henry is retiring from offering private lessons for ODTC at the end of 2018. The club and her students owe her so much, and I hesitate to offer myself in her place. But I'm going to give it a whirl.

The ground rules for the new private lessons are changing. As you read them, you will see that I am not willing to devote much time to scheduling, so the ground rules are designed to minimize my scheduling activities. The goal for me is to set the schedule for an upcoming quarter and then not do any scheduling until the next quarter. Here are the ground rules.

1. In general, private lessons will be offered twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.
2. Lessons will be for ½ hour, first lesson at 10:30, last lesson at 1:00 (that is, six lessons on any given Monday). The times are set to minimize driving through traffic for everyone.
3. Cost for instruction is \$35 per half hour lesson.
4. The schedule of lessons will be set up quarterly in the month before the quarter (for example, the schedule for 1st quarter 2019 will be set by about December 15, 2018).
5. Once a person has been assigned a lesson slot, that student is responsible for assuring that ODTC gets paid for that slot. If a student can't make it, they can find a substitute if they wish. They will inform Hazel of the substitute or paid absence. Missing payment for an agreed-on lesson slot may result in that student not being assigned lesson slots in future.
6. The schedule for an upcoming quarter will be opened via an email to the official club list early in the month proceeding a new quarter. If the number of people wanting private lessons exceeds the number of slots, they will be assigned by lottery (I don't think first come first served is fair to all). A student can specify a date and time, but they agree to accept that date and time if selected and to pay for that lesson.

I'm looking forward to this new adventure in training.

Membership Report – Nancy Mahaffey (Membership Chair: nmah@comcast.net)

4 members recently asked to be removed, but we have approved 2 New Members since last report: We currently have 2 other requests for memberships in the works.

2 New Members – Welcome

*Jess Taylor is from Berkeley and sponsored by Lynn Kosmakos. Jess has a Welsh Springer Spaniel.

*Rhoda Paul is from Oakland and sponsored by Zanna Knight. Rhoda has a Black Russian Terrier.

Membership Totals	
Regular Membership	122
Family Membership	5
Honorary Membership	3
Total Membership	130

Hall Care and Maintenance

No news is good news.

Business Plan and Updates – Lizanne Kaiser

Space holder for semi-annual printing.

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. If you email your brag, please put "BRAG" in the title; it makes it easier for me to find.)

Saco (Bernese Mt. Dog) placed 3rd in Open Dogs at the Kennel Club of Salinas on Friday November 9. On Saturday at the Wine Country Kennel Club Saco went Best of Winners for a 3 point major! Good boy Saco! – Pet Hickox

Curry (Magicgold's Most Valuable Player) as in Steph Curry, earned her Senior Hunter title on April 23, 2018, her CD on July 21st and her CDX on August 23rd. She earned both the CD and CDX with no NQs. She is 2 1/2 but for 8 months she was on "vacation" while I was recovering from health problems. She didn't forget a thing! Thank you Barbara Henry and my field training friends. Now on to Master Hunter and a UD. – Sue Stauffer

On October 20, GCH Covy Tucker Hill's Fireworks of Showboat (GSD) was in his first AKC Scent Work Trial sponsored by The Portuguese Water Dog Club in Pleasanton. Magnum was entered in Novice A Containers and Exteriors. In Containers, he took 1st place finding the hide in 5.18 seconds and in Exteriors, he took 2nd place finding the hide in 11.78 seconds. This earned him High In Trial for both Novice A & Novice B combined. -- Kay Springer

UDX6 was our goal by year end and Quimby delivered! -- Kathy Miller