

# Woofs and Waggers

Winter 2009



## A Tribute to Oliver



*by Zanna Knight.  
Story on page 3.*

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### Upcoming Events

**March 8** - ODTTC All Breed Obedience and Rally match, CSU East Bay, Hayward, [click here](#)

**March 15** - Members' Practice Match, 9:00 - 11:00, CSU East Bay, Hayward, see page 6 for additional match dates

**March 15** - General member meeting after practice match, 11:00, CSU East Bay, Hayward

**April 12** - TD/TDX Test, Morgan Territory

**May 1** - ODTTC Sanction A Agility Match, Santa Rosa, [click here](#)

**May 17** - ODTTC Obedience and Rally Trials, CSU East Bay, Hayward

**June 7** - AOCNC Annual Interclub Competition, CSU East Bay, Hayward, [click here](#)

**Early June** - Annual meeting of the ODTTC, date and place to be determined

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### Useful Web Sites

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

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

**ATTRIBUTE TO OLIVER** *by Zanna Knight*

Oliver, a denizen of Oakland Dog Training Club for nearly the entire 10 years of his life, died in late November from congestive heart failure. He had been doing extremely well on his medications, but finally they could not help. The good news is that he lived fully and happily until the last moment, training and eating and just being his joyful self.

Oliver was a charismatic and charming character whose mission in life was to train people to feed dogs, especially him. Anybody who was in a class with him learned quickly as he was a patient and persistent teacher. He didn't mind working for treats (indeed, he was delighted to) and earned his fair share of obedience and rally titles and honors with a lot of style. He was very patient with his inexperienced handler, and embodied the sweetness of the Cavalier temperament. He was recruited early for therapy work and brought joy to people less fortunate than himself.

His expansive view of the world made him a bit unpredictable in the ring. Once, as he was retrieving a dumbbell, it landed near a chair outside the ring that looked like a chair on which there had been a large box of cookies. Before he came back with the dumbbell, he stood gazing at the chair longingly but then got back to business. Another time, he was having difficulty finding the dumbbell but worked at it for what seemed like forever. He finally found it and came back into the ring, but was just at the side of the jump. Although to the world I was

just standing there, I was icy with anxiety and wondered what he would do. He looked at me, thought about it, went to the far side of the



jump and over he went. I don't think I could have been prouder.

But the best part about Oliver is that he introduced me to worlds I didn't know existed and brought me so many friends. I couldn't have gotten any luckier than to stumble upon ODTC when I was looking for puppy training. At first I went for him. After a while, I realized I was going for me. My timing was lucky: I trained with Lori Drouin for years and now Hazel Olbrich. I don't see how it could get any better. At the risk of sounding corny, the many gifts he brought me will keep on giving.

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*IN MEMORIAM*

Lois Seibak  
Honorary ODTC Member  
Licensed Obedience Judge

Victoria Taylor  
ODTC Director  
Border Collie Lover

Lorraine Tobie Tauber  
ODTC Director  
Basenji Lover

**CLUB NEWS** by Jack McCredie

**Upcoming Events** - The ODTC competition season is entering high gear as we prepare for the all breed obedience and rally match on March 8, the tracking (TD/TDX) test on April 12, the agility match on May 1, and the obedience and rally trial on May 17. Each of these activities requires a great deal of time and effort from many club members. We encourage each of you to come out to compete and to volunteer so that these events will be even more successful than in previous years.

**AOCNC Workshop** - On February 1 (before the start of one of the most exciting Super Bowls in history - way to go Steelers!) the Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California ([AOCNC](#)) sponsored its annual all breed obedience and rally workshop at the Cow Palace. Our club's participation was coordinated by Kathy Gibson, Noelle Pilat, and Harriet Tucket, who are our AOCNC representatives. ODTC's responsibility was to coordinate and manage one of the open rings, in other words to provide the equipment, judges, and stewards for the workshop. Thanks to all of the members who volunteered to help with these tasks and to make the day an excellent one. Everyone with whom I spoke had a great time and learned a lot.

**New Directors and Officer** - The sudden deaths of Vikki Taylor and Tobie Tauber created two vacant seats on our board of directors. The club's bylaws state that the remaining members of the board should elect new directors as soon as practical to fill unexpired terms when vacancies occur. At its February 19 meeting, the board elected Amy Cook to the position of director of membership to replace Vikki Taylor and Lizanne Kaiser to fill Tobie Tauber's position as director and liaison to the training committee. Janice Tan has also stepped in to fill the unassigned position of vice president until the elections in June.

**Nomination of New Officers and Board Members** - The [ODTC bylaws](#) state that officers, board members, and the junior trustee shall be elected at the annual meeting in June. The nominating committee, consisting of Jann Hayes (chair), Sue Harvey and Hazel Olbrich, submits the following slate of candidates to serve from June 2009 until June 2010:

President	Jack McCredie
Vice President	Lora Cox
Treasurer	Debbi Hankins
Secretary	Patricia Minger
Membership	Amy Cook
Director	Lori Drouin
Director	Janice Tan
Director	Beth Sampson
Sr. Trustee	Charmaine Fornoff
Jr. Trustee	Tasha Belfiore

The bylaws also state how members may make additional nominations as follows:

*"Additional nominations may be made at the March membership meeting by any member in attendance, providing that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate."*

**New Members** - At its February 19 meeting, the board accepted the application of three individuals as provisional ODTC members:

Carole Corbett, Oakland  
Carol Wallace, Alameda  
Candy Voelker, Alameda

Each of these new members has been attending Lora Cox's Tuesday agility and obedience classes and each would like to support the ongoing work of our club. Please welcome them to ODTC!

## Club Brags



earned in the first three shows of our career (86, 92, and 99 points). We are off to a good start in Rally Advanced with a first place in our first attempt (96 points).

I've also shown Floyd in conformation at the IABCA and he got four SG-1 ratings (plus a group 2) which has earned him the title of an International Puppy Champion. With two V1 ratings in the adult class (plus a group 3), he is very close to becoming an International Champion as well.

**Floyd** and I did not know anything about Rally until we started training at the ODTCC with Hazel Olbrich last spring. By now, we have the hang of it a little bit, and Floyd has earned his Rally Novice title with two first places and a third place,

But, more important than any points and rankings, I really enjoy working with Floyd in a team. He is a fun dog and people seem to enjoy watching an active Swissy in the ring.

*by Etienne Studer*



### **Riley**

On Saturday, December 27, 2008, Riley, my 10.5 year old Brittany, earned his third leg toward his second Rally RAE title (RAE 2) under Patricia Maynard, with a 94 in Excellent B and a 92 in Advanced B. The next day, under Alvin Eng, he got an 89 in Excellent B and an 88 in Advanced B, thus earning

his fourth leg toward RAE 2. On Sunday, January 18, 2009, under Pauline Andrus, he earned his fifth leg toward RAE 2 with an 86 in Excellent B and a 95 in Advanced B.

### **Banjo**

On Sunday, December 27, 2008, I showed my 2.5 year old Brittany, Gerstdale's Frito Bandito (Banjo). It was his first time in a performance competition. He showed under Alvin Eng in Rally Novice B and scored 98, which tied him for first place in terms of his score, but the other dog was one second faster, earning first

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## **MEMBER MEETING**

Sunday, March 15, 2009

11:00 AM

Cal State University East Bay  
(Hayward)

Immediately after the member practice match  
(9:00 - 11:00 AM)

Meet new members.

Nominations accepted for board and officer positions.

Discuss matches, tests, and trials.

Plan for May 1 agility match.

## **Rent the Training Hall**

It's private, quiet, fun, and inexpensive!

Contact Amy Cook

[amy@palisandra.com](mailto:amy@palisandra.com)

(email preferred)

601-6122

Please check availability in advance.

Reservations take priority.

\$10 per half hour

\$15 per hour

place, and Banjo got second place. Then on Saturday, January 17, 2009, he showed under Dorin J. Ladd and earned his second Rally Novice leg with a score of 99, which again tied him for first place, but this time Banjo was the faster dog, so he got the blue ribbon! I showed him in Rally Novice again on Sunday, January

18, 2009. Judge Larry Andrus gave him a score of 93, thus awarding him his third leg and his Rally Novice title!

It was a great way to end 2008 and an auspicious start to 2009. I'm very proud of my Brittany boys!

*by Harriet Tucker*

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### **Bingo**

Bingo had a great year - in September he earned his AKC conformation title (always a frustrating experience, at least for me, but he seemed to enjoy it all). After taking Lora Cox's rally course in the spring he jumped right into competition earning his RN at Vallejo late in the spring. We were entered in novice the next day, but I was feeling adventurous and we moved up to advanced and he earned his first leg that very day with a great score of 97. Moving outdoors for summer competitions caused some embarrassment and excitement as he got a real case of the zoomies and visited the judges table and many of the other dogs before coming back to a perfect sit at a show in Cleveland. He completed the RA this fall at Stockton and moved up the next day and earned his first leg of RE at Turlock. He finished the year by getting a second leg at San Mateo and completed his RE title with a first place in the A group at Santa Clara in January. Now we are making the transition to CD!

*by Jack McCredie*



This is why they call them Portuguese WATER Dogs!

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### **Dates are set for spring member matches:**

Sunday, March 15 - member meeting to follow  
Saturday, April 4  
Sunday, May 10  
Saturday, June 6

All matches are at Cal State University, East Bay  
Cost is \$15. For more information contact Hazel Olbrich:  
[h\\_olbrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h_olbrich@sbcglobal.net)

### **Dates are set for Lori Drouin's spring classes:**

Friday, March 20  
Friday, April 24  
Friday May 22

No classes in June

Novice, Open and Utility classes are drop in beginning at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$25 per 90 minute session.

For more information contact Lori:  
[goodogs@citlink.net](mailto:goodogs@citlink.net)

**A Great Big Thank You to  
Sue and Scott Harvey  
For Hosting the Wonderful Holiday Party!**



Martha Truitt and Gisela taking the jumps.

Lora Cox has a loyal following in her recreational agility classes on Tuesday mornings. Several class members are continuing with hopes of competing later in the year.



Debbi Hankins judging Open at AOCNÇ workshop.



New member Carol Wallace with Bella.



New member Carole Corbett with Dulcie.

Club members had a wonderful time at the annual holiday dinner and membership meeting at the home of Sue and Scott Harvey.



# Volunteer Opportunities



Our club is powered by volunteers. Members have always responded to calls for help from every corner. The board thanks everyone who has responded to these many requests and we would like to bring to your attention additional opportunities in the coming months.

[Lizanne Kaiser](#) has recruited the corps of stewards and judges

we need for the all breed match on March 8. However, she still needs volunteers to serve as stewards for the May 17 trial.

[Noelle Pilat](#) and [Jack McCredie](#) need volunteers to help with the May 1 agility match in Santa Rosa.

[Janice Tan](#) would like someone to work with her to learn the ropes about how to manage our obedience and rally trial on May 17. Ideally this person would serve as chair next year - volunteers or nominations please!

There will be more requests for help in the coming months so please stay tuned and identify the activities to which you would like to contribute.

## Next Rally Class

Hazel Olbrich is teaching a six week "Introduction to Rally Obedience" class beginning on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 - 7:45 PM. Enrollment is limited to six dogs and the cost is \$135. [h\\_olbrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h_olbrich@sbcglobal.net)

## New Newsletter Editor

Beginning with the next issue of Woofs and Waggers, Zanna Knight will become the editor. Please send her information, brags (and nags), suggestions, and comments. [zanna@zannaknight.com](mailto:zanna@zannaknight.com)

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