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FEATURES

Scores & Brags...Upcoming Events...Important Dates...and much more!

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Nancy Maher, Carole Raschella and Sandy Walton, has submitted the following nominations to date:

OFFICERS:

President: Moira Cornell
1st Vice President: Sally Elliott, Ann Hills
2nd Vice President:
Corresponding Secretary: Ann Hills, Carole Rachella
Recording Secretary: Allison Pobirs
Treasurer: Carole Hills

DIRECTORS:

Matches: Sandy Walton
Membership: Linda Brooks
Newsette: Carole Hills
Publicity: Christy Tattersall
Training: Beginning Obedience/Rally: Laurie Burnam;
Advanced Obedience: Moira Cornell;
Agility: Kim Simons

TRIAL COMMITTEES:

Agility Trial Chairs: Moira Cornell, Kim Simons
Catalog: Carole Raschella
Hospitality: Moira Cornell, Nancy Maher, Jan Racey (Judges')
Lunches: Nancy Maher
Obedience Trial Chair: Laurie Burnam
Raffle Committee: Cindi Malchose, Christy Tattersall
Trophies: Sarah Sykes

The Committee will be accepting additional nominations for all positions through December 31, 2005. You may nominate yourself or other club members, with their prior consent. Call Laurie Burnam at 818-784-8440 or bellaluna@pacbell.net for information about the positions and/or to submit nominations.

TO ALL MEMBERS

Don't miss our

Golden
Anniversary

50th Annual Obedience,
Agility and Rally Trials
on
December 10-11, 2005

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



QUIZ'S FIRST BRAG!

On Thursday, October 13th, Quiz and I participated in California's first-ever Working Trial, sanctioned by the Association of American Working Trial Societies. Working Trials are popular in other countries, but are rarely held in the United States. I'm hopeful that will change, as it was great fun! The requirements at the novice level are on and off-leash heeling, recall, retrieve on the flat, search square, 20-50 yard go-out, 2-minute out-of-sight sit stay, 10-minute out-of-sight down stay and the jumps--which include a 6-foot scale jump, 3-foot clear jump and 9-foot broad jump.

One of the exciting things about working trials is that no two are ever the same--even if you continue to trial at the same level. The judge decides at each trial how he chooses to handle things in terms of order of exercises and how he wishes to set them up. No pattern training in Working Trials! As an example, the first part of our off-leash heeling was judged after we finished the search square. The judge asked us to heel around the 15x15 yard square and pick up each corner pole along the way and heel them back to the steward. A section of the on-leash heeling was done with the steward walking next to the dog (very close, I might add!) and we were instructed to keep pace with

her. Adding to the challenge, she kicked her legs out in front of her with each step as though she was some kind of soldier! Once we heeled with the steward to a certain point, we were told to heel at a fast pace for a distance of about 70 yards--out around a designated tree and back!



Quiz scales the 6-foot jump

I'm pleased to report that we qualified! A qualifying score is 70-100 to earn the WCD. Dogs that qualify with 80 or better earn a WCDex (excellent).

Quiz made me very proud, earning his WCDex with a score of 97 for first place!

He's one of only four dogs in the U.S. to hold a Working Trial title, is the first Golden Retriever in the U.S. to earn a Working Trial title and currently holds the record for the highest score! (The previous high-score was 92 on a Malinois in Texas.)

If we decide to continue in the sport, we move up to the WUD/WUDex stake, which is similar to the WCD, but includes tracking and steadiness to gunshot. As you move up through the different levels (there are four), the exercises themselves don't change too much (a couple exercises are added and existing ones get harder - longer go-out and with re-direction, etc.), but the judging gets increasingly harder and the way the judge sets up the trial gets much more challenging. It's not uncommon in the upper levels for a judge to heel an exhibitor purposefully through a crowd of spectators, or even start the heeling right out of the crate without any warm up! No way to know what the judge will ask you to do, but it sure makes training fun to try and "proof" against a small number of the possibilities!

—Stephanie Colman



Tired of training outside? Preparing for that big, noisy, indoor show? Need to do some fine tuning in front of a big mirror? Come enjoy climate controlled comfort at the J9'sK9s Training Facility! Located in the west San Fernando Valley, at 21720 Sherman Way in Canoga Park, California. It's 1/2 block west of Owensmouth Street - upstairs from "C & C Pet Food". Our immaculate, carpeted facility with over 1600 square feet and 35 feet of mirror is available for rent to individuals and their canine partners for \$10 an hour. We have competitive obedience equipment, baby gates, crates and some agility equipment too, just waiting for you and your dog to come and play with! Also available for pre-approved events and small groups at an additional cost. Call (818) 832-9906 for more information.

RALLY UPDATE

Want a better way to train with your dog doing the "doodling" exercises required for obedience competition? Right turns, sits, downs, about turns etc., help your dog keep its brain sharp and attentive. Come take the VHOC Rally class with Sarah Sykes & Laurie Burnam at the school on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Don't miss out on this fun new AKC class and start earning titles on your dog. It is a great way to get familiar with the ring procedures to help ease the nerves for both you and your dog. The next 6-week series begins on November 29th & December 1st and will repeat in another 8 weeks. If interested, please contact Laurie Burnam at 818-784-8440 or bellaluna@pacbell.net

SCORES & BRAGS

RALLY

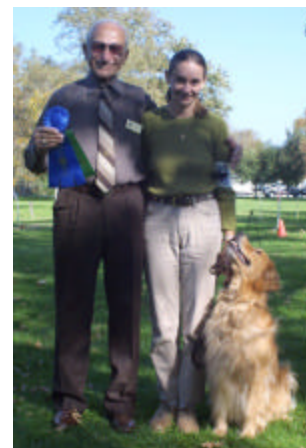
October 15-16, 2005 OC of San Diego Co., San Diego, CA

Sarah Sykes & Rupert	Rally Exc B	91	2nd Place	
Sarah Sykes & Rupert	Rally Adv B	95	4th Place	8th RAE Leg
Sarah Sykes & Rupert	Rally Exc B	88	—	
Sarah Sykes & Rupert	Rally Adv B	90	4th Place	9th RAE Leg

October 29, 2005 German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Anaheim, CA

Sarah Sykes & Rupert	Rally Exc B	99	1st Place	
Sarah Sykes & Rupert	Rally Adv B	90	—	RAE Title!!

Editors Note: Sarah & Rupert should be very proud of their RAE title, which they earned in 10 straight shows, with no failures! (They may be the first VHOC members to earn the title). Sarah tells us they will now retire from the rally ring and get ready to enter Open, then Utility. We will miss watching both of you at future rally trials.



October 30, 2005 Pasanita Obedience Club, Pasadena, CA

Laurie Burnam & Scout	Rally Adv B	100	1st Place	1st Leg
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AGILITY

October 29-30, 2005 GS Rottweiler Club, Van Nuys CA

Susan Jackson & Keno	Exc A Jumpers	2nd Place	100	1st Leg
Nancy Maher & Boo	Nov A Std	1st Place	95	1st Leg
Nancy Maher & Boo	Nov A Std	2nd Place	90	1st Leg

October 29-30, 2005 NADAC/ASCA WLAOTC, Los Angeles, CA

Laurie Burnam & Scout	Nov Weavers	1st Place	Q	1st Leg
Laurie Burnam & Scout	Open Tunnelers	2nd Place	Q	2nd Leg
Ann Hills & Tonka	Open Std	1st Place	Q	1st Leg
Ann Hills & Tonka	Open Std	1st Place	Q	2nd Leg
Ann Hills & Tonka	Open Jumpers	1st Place	Q	3rd Leg— OJC Title!
Ann Hills & Tonka	Open Tunnelers	2nd Place	Q	1st Leg
Ann Hills & Tonka	Open Std	3rd Place	Q	3rd Leg
Ann Hills & Tonka	Elite Jumpers	1st Place	Q	1st Leg
Ann Hills & Tonka	Open Tunnelers	1st Place	Q	2nd Leg
Carole Hills & Tucker	Nov Jumpers	1st Place	Q	3rd Leg— NJC Title
Carole Hills & Tucker	Nov Gamblers	2nd Place	Q	3rd Leg— NGC Title
Carole Hills & Tucker	Nov Weavers	1st Place	Q	1st Leg
Carole Hills & Tucker	Open Gamblers	3rd Place	Q	1st Leg
Carole Hills & Tucker	Open Jumpers	1st Place	Q	1st Leg
Carole Hills & Tucker	Nov Tunnelers	2nd Place	Q	1st Leg

November 5-6, 2005 DAC of Ventura, Camarillo, CA

Teri Chang & Jazzie	Exc B JWW	—	100	
Teri Chang & Jazzie	Exc B Std	3rd Place	100	Double Q
Teri Chang & Layla	Exc A Pref JWW	1st Place	100	2nd Leg
Teri Chang & Jazzie	Exc B JWW	—	100	
Teri Chang & Jazzie	Exc B Std	—	100	Double Q
Teri Chang & Layla	Exc A Pref JWW	2nd Place	100	3rd Leg— AJP Title!
Susan Jackson & Keno	Exc A Std	1st Place	100	1st Leg
Nancy Maher & Boo	Nov JWW	1st Place	100	1st Leg

HUNTING

November 6, 2005 GSP Club of So. Cal, Rosamond, CA

Louise Brady & Edge	Junior Hunters		Q	1st Leg
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OBEDIENCE EVENTS

NOVEMBER

19-20 Simi Valley KC. **O only**. College View Park, Moorpark. Carol Parker, Sec. 818-259-9671. Cl. 11/2

DECEMBER

10-11 Valley Hills OC. O only. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Garvin Show Services, Supt. 503-558-1221. Cl. 11/23

16 Shoreline DFA. **S/O**. Orange Co. Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Onofrio Dog Shows, Sup. 405-427-8181. Cl. 11/30

16-19 Long Beach KC. **S/O**. Long Beach Convention Ctr, Long Beach. Bradshaw, Supt. www.jbradshaw.com or 323-727-0136. Cl. 11/30

JANUARY

27-29 Orange Empire DC. **S/O**. Nat'l Orange Showgrounds, San Bernardino. Bradshaw, Supt. www.jbradshaw.com or 323-727-0136.

RALLY EVENTS

DECEMBER

10-11 Valley Hills OC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Garvin Show Services, Supt. 503-558-1221. Cl. 11/23

JANUARY

28-29 Orange Empire DC. **S/O**. Nat'l Orange Showgrounds, San Bernardino. Bradshaw, Supt. www.jbradshaw.com or 323-727-0136.

AGILITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER

19-20 Samoyed Club of America. Johnny Carson Park, Burbank. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@direcway.com. Cl. 11/2

25-27 Contact Point Agility Club. Arroyo Verde Park, Ventura. Kate Moureaux, Sec. 805-524-7900 or drivendogs@yahoo.com. Cl. 11/10

DECEMBER

3-4 KC of Palm Springs. Butterfield Park, Corona. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@direcway.com. Cl. 11/19

3-4 USDAA DART, Etiwanda Creek Park, Rancho Cucamonga. Lisa Dewey, Sec. 818-767-7659 or ldewey@ascentmedia.com. Cl. 11/21

10-11 Valley Hills OC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 818-889-3178 or roguetervs@direcway.com. Cl. 11/23

30-31 High Desert AC. LA Co Fairplex Fairgrounds, Pomona. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-896-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 12/19

JANUARY

7-8 WCCSC. Civic Rec Ind Auth Equist, City of Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 818-889-3178 or roguetervs@direcway.com. Cl. Dec 21

14-15 GS Rottweiler Club. Woodley Ave Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. Dec 28

21-22 Simi Valley KC. Woodley Ave Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. Jan 4

28-29 DAC of Ventura, Un. Prep School, Camarillo. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or lynda@jumpnfunagility.net. Cl. 1/14

HERDING EVENTS

DECEMBER

10-11 Australian Cattle DC. **HRTS/HRTR**. T.A.S.K. Farms, Leona Valley. Barbara Witte, Sec. 402-593-7538 or gaelyncot@aol.com. No Cl. date

JANUARY

28-29 GSDC of San Diego. **HRTS/HRTR**. Tenaja Ranch, Murrieta. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-848-5134 or tervs@mcaninch.net. Cl. 1/26

LURE COURSING EVENTS

JANUARY

1 CA Coursing Assoc. **LCTS/LCTR**. Alamitos Joint Forces Training Ctr, Los Alamitos. Deborah Butler, Sec. 661-823-0820 or borzoigirl2002@yahoo.com. Cl. 11/23

Legend: S=Show (Conformation), O=Obedience Trial, HRTS=Herding Test, HRTR=Herding Trial, LCTS=Lure Coursing Test, LCTR=Lure Coursing Trial, Cl=Entries Close

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Joe & Shirley Indelicato, 2445 Trails End Rd, Acton, CA 93510 Phone: 661-269-2828

(The Indelicatos share their lives with Toy Miniature Poodles and an Australian Shepherd)