

# Tails Waggin'



A Newsletter for BOTC Members and Friends

August/September 2009

## BOTC Officers 2009-2010 Installed

Officers for 2009-2010 were installed at the annual Awards and Installation Dinner held at LaCabana on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the new officers

President **JoAnne Rowles**  
Vice President **Joan Payton**  
Secretary **Samantha Williams**  
Treasurer **Margaret Throne**  
Board Members **Rhelda Hughes, Betty Ogan & Gail Walston**



It was a wonderful event with great food, great friends, games & lots of awards. A complete list of awards is listed later in the newsletter. Based on the number of awards and number of members and their dogs competing – **WE ARE A VERY ACTIVE CLUB**. We also take time to work in the community evidenced by an award announced at the dinner.

BOTC was selected as an AKC Community Achievement Award honoree for 2009. In addition to the certificate we received a check for \$1,000 to support our continued public education and legislation programs and activities.



## Trophy Donations

The deadline for sponsoring specific trophies for our Back to Back Trials in October has come and gone. And... the premium is printed. You can still make a donation to the general fund. You will be acknowledged in the catalog. Make checks out to BOTC and give to Treasurer **Margaret Throne** or 93380-2522.

## Back to Back Obedience & Rally Trials

Don't forget to mail your entries for our trials coming up October 10 & 11 at Bakersfield College. Entries close Sep 23<sup>th</sup>. Everything is on schedule. We are looking for stewards for both obedience and rally. If you can help give **Martha A.** a call @ 747 0869

Be sure and get the word out to all your friends who compete. This year we have two non regular classes in Rally Obedience with Rally Team Novice on Saturday and Rally Novice Pairs on Sunday. A rally team consists of 4 dogs with scores and times combined. Get your team together. We were one of the first clubs to offer this class and it was a big hit last year. We will have all the regular obedience and rally classes. We are offering Pre-Novice (Contd)



**Meeting Notice**  
**Tuesday Sep 1 @ 7:30pm**  
**Norris Veterans Hall 400 Norris Rd**  
**Plan to attend as we finalize RDO Day and our Trials.**

and Veterans and Grad Novice and Grad Open in obedience.

BOTC trials are famous for the hospitality, grounds, judges and overall trial operations. We have known they were great trials for a long time – now everyone else is finding out.

### Raffle Items

Your help is needed to collect fun and useful items for the raffle held at BOTC Trial on Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Dog related or non-dog related items are needed. Books, gift certificates, toys, treats are always welcome. Small items can be combined with others to make baskets. Funds generated by raffle help defray cost of lunch that day for judges, exhibitors and workers. Bring items to BOTC Meeting, practice or call 833 1647 for pick up.



### The Scoop on the Ice Cream Social



The **ice cream social** was well attended. Everyone had their fill of ice cream with all kinds of toppings. A big thank you to **Kathy** and **Greg Honegger** for the use of their beautiful backyard for our event. The weather cooperated and it was a very pleasant evening. Everyone had an opportunity to visit and talk about what else - their dogs and their surgeries. Both **Hazel** and **Linda Cribbs** were recovering from recent surgeries.

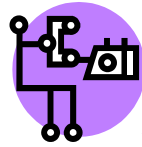
## Club Practice

**Obedience:** Club practice for obedience is currently at Windsor Park on Tuesdays other than meeting nights at 7:00pm. Come on out, bring your dog and join the fun. See you there! Bring water – it's hot.

**Agility:** Practice times – Thursdays 4:30pm and Saturdays at 9:00am at the agility field. It is best to call to verify times. For info call **Kathy** @ 399-0161.

*The agility field is for club members only. Dogs must be obedience trained, under*

*control and with waivers & evaluations completed before using the field.*



### Membership Roster

Please make corrections in your roster to keep it current. You never know when you are going to need it.

Address Change:

Jan Robertson Bittle  
8300 Kern Canyon Rd Sp 80  
Bakersfield CA 93306

## Tail Waggin' Brags



### Agility

**Sunbreak Jack Be Nimble CD RA NA OAJ NGC CGC** qualified in his first run in Excellent Jumpers with Weaves at the So. Cal. Collie Club all breed agility trial June 27. Jackson received 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his efforts and ran the course in 35.29 seconds, nearly 15 seconds under course time!! ZOOM!

### Canine Good Citizen S.T.A.R. Puppy

**Shan Stubbs'** border terrier puppy "Makanna" was certified a S.T.A.R puppy.

### Conformation

**Kathy Honegger's** English Cocker **Sunbreak O Lady Be Good "Maddy"** was awarded Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for a 5 point major to finish her breed championship at the English Cocker Spaniel Club of So. Cal's specialty at Summerfest July 2nd. **Maddy** was also awarded an Award of Merit the next 2 days at the supported entries of the Channel City KC and Santa Maria KC shows July 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Herding

**(Correction) Eddy Aldridge's** Kelpie Deerwoods **Sheila** earned three 1<sup>st</sup> and one 4<sup>th</sup> at Pescadero June 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>, She was HIT in HRD sheep on Saturday & Sunday and **HIT HTAD** goats on Sunday.

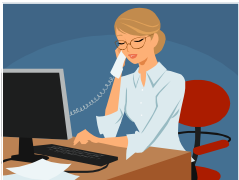
**Sheila** has been invited to come compete at the 27th Annual Mid- State Fair Invitational Sheep Dog Trial July 26th 2009 She is the first Kelpie ever invited and only 15 dogs are invited

### **Obedience**

On Aug 8th at Southwest Obedience Club's trial in Gardena, **Buddy** finished his CDX. He is now **Cantebriar Johnny Be Good CDX RAE HT. Buddy** is owned by **Samantha Williams**. All three of his Open legs have been 1st placements. He also won High Scoring Pembroke, and Highest Scoring Dog to complete a title from Open A or B.

### **New Puppy**

Puppy Breath Alert!!! Samantha & Tim have a new Pembroke Welsh Corgi puppy, **"Diva" Golden Road's A Capella**.



### **BOTC is on the Web**

Thanks to Samantha Williams we are on the internet. Visit our website!! You can download the premium for our trials from this

site. [www.bakersfieldotc.com](http://www.bakersfieldotc.com)

### **For all you bargain hunters**

VARI-Kennel  
(Medium 27"L x 20"W x 19" H  
\$15.00 OBO

Midwest Home for Pets Portable  
Kennel for large dog  
42"Lx26"W x 28"H  
\$25.00 OBO

Kennel is a corner drop pin construction making it portable. Manufacturer says this is the last of the kennels of this type they made in the USA and of superior construction. Current one are made in China and are not of the corner drop pin construction.

Call Ed @661 323 0365 or email  
edshst39@yahoo.com



## ***In Memoriam***

### **"BETH"**

Owned and loved by Tim & Samantha Williams. She lived 15 years, 5 months and 3 weeks. She was a wonderful loving dog. She had degenerative myelopathy that was advancing, taking away her motor skills.

### **American Kennel Club Honors Bakersfield Obedience Training Club With A Community Achievement Award**

*[Friday, July 17, 2009]*

**New York, NY** – The Bakersfield Obedience Training Club (BOTC) of Bakersfield, Calif. has been named a recipient of the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) Community Achievement Award for its work with legislators to promote effective canine legislation and collaborate with local shelters.

The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership.

Serving the southern Joaquin Valley since 1961, the Bakersfield Obedience Training Club was instrumental in preventing the passage of mandatory spay/neuter legislation when it was given serious consideration by Kern County and municipal lawmakers.

BOTC action at the city, county, and state levels would not have been possible without a concerted effort from every club member.

The club attended the monthly meetings of the county animal-control commission, and urged other area clubs to attend meetings and espouse the position of responsible breeders and owners. The members drew up a legislative agenda and talking points, and engaged the county supervisors individually. BOTC also forged new alliances with other groups concerned with animal welfare, most notably the Kern County Animal Shelter and the local humane society. Club members and shelter workers didn't agree on everything, but both groups shared common goals they could achieve together.

The Bakersfield Obedience Training Club helped the shelter implement new programs for fund-raising and boosting adoption rates. This involvement included club members setting up a grooming program to make shelter dogs more presentable to potential owners, collecting warm bedding for the shelters and helping fund a spay/neuter voucher program for the pets of low-income families.

In the midst of all these time-consuming events, the BOTC continued to raise its community profile and educate pet owners with an AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, Canine Ambassador visits to schools and libraries, and support for military K-9 workers.

"The help of local club members and their grassroots efforts are critical in our efforts to prevent restrictive legislation in our communities," said Ron Rella, AKC's Director, Project Administration. "The Bakersfield Obedience Training Club demonstrates how important it is for people to be involved in their local, state, and national legislatures so that we can be invited to the table when dog legislation is being considered in a community."

## Legislative News

**SB 250 was moved out of appropriations Aug 27<sup>th</sup>.** There are no exemptions for

Law enforcement dogs  
Cadaver dogs  
Service dogs  
Bomb detection dogs  
Guide dogs  
Movie and television dogs  
Performance dogs  
Show dogs

Any dog attending any event without wearing a license tag is in violation. This is a one strike bill. Without a doubt the single most destructive piece of legislation for dog owners in California. This is not about solving any problem.

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SB 250 is without a doubt the most destructive law ever for dog owners. Any dog at a show without a license on his collar, or off leash is in violation. The fact that obedience doesn't allow tags in the ring, the fact that show dogs don't wear tags in the ring, means NOTHING. You only get one chance. Once you've been cited, your dog is spayed or neutered and SO ARE ANY OTHER DOGS YOU OWN. You think they won't come after you at a show? Just check around and see what they're already doing.

The Burbank shows are September 26 and 27. SB 250 could be on the books by then. Maybe it's not likely, but what if? What if AC decides to make an example of us at that show? You could lose your entire breeding stock. If not Burbank, how about Riverside, San Gabriel, any show, anywhere in California? Every time you enter, you'll be putting your dogs at risk, all of them.

And if you're one of those who flies under the radar and doesn't license – and you get

caught – you won't need to commit a leash violation or anything else. You'll be cited, dogs sterilized and you won't be allowed to own an intact dog ever again.

If you don't show but you compete in obedience or agility, chances are you already spay/neuter your dogs and think none of this applies to you. Dogs get old, they retire, time for a new puppy. Where will you get that puppy? From a breeder? Yeah, right.

We have eleven days to make the biggest stink Sacramento has ever seen. Remind them that this bill will cost the state a fortune. Call, write, fax, email. Then do it again. Tell everyone you know to do the same. Every Democrat in the Assembly needs to hear from you.

**Check out the following websites for more information –** [www.cdoca.org](http://www.cdoca.org); [www.petpac.net](http://www.petpac.net); [www.naiatrust.org](http://www.naiatrust.org); [www.saveourdogs.net](http://www.saveourdogs.net), [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and click on government relations.

**These sites have sample letters and some will send a letter for you if you contact them.**

# Welcome

**Lynn Howe**

Please introduce yourself and welcome her into our club

**“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.”**

**Helen Keller**

## Join the Fun!

### Responsible Dog Ownership Day

**Sat Sept. 12, 2009**

**10am to 3pm**

**Yokuts Park @ Kern River Parkway**

**- take Empire off Truxtun**

**Extension**

The American Kennel Club is committed to helping dog owners raise happy, healthy dogs that can be kept for the pet's entire lifetime. Among companion animals, dogs are unmatched in their devotion, loyalty and friendship to humankind, but owning a dog is a responsibility as well as a privilege.



Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about your dog and celebrate the human canine relationship with AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. BOTC will have a booth at this event again this year. Many other clubs and dog-related organizations will be on hand. There will be agility, obedience, rally, flyball, tracking and handling demonstrations, Canine Good Citizen Testing, a fashion show, low cost micro-chipping and much, much more.

Plan to come out and spend some time at the event. We need you to work in our booth please call **JoAnne** @ 833 1647 or sign up at the meeting Sept 1st.

## **BOTC STARS & their AWARDS AKC**

**S.T.A. R. Puppy** My Gold Nugget & Keepsake's Cheviot Dreaming **Canine Good Citizen** Mazee, Marsan My Glory's Jesse Stone CDX, Ariel, Maxx, Ch Betmals Little Munchkin, Leafs Hot Pursuit RN, Layney's Chardon Sleigh Bells, Ch Stardom's Some 'um Special CD RA, and Ch Stardom's Stick'em Up **Champion** Nordic's Right on Target and Lndi's Magical Pegasus **Novice Agility Jumpers** BoJangles RA **Novice Agility Jumpers** BoJangles RA NA **Open Agility Jumpers** Jenny NA **Open Agility Jumpers** Sunbreak Jack Be Nimble CD RN NA NAJ **Herding Tested** Cantebriar Johnny Be Good CD RAE **Graduate Novice** Peregrine Fool of a Took CD RAE **Companion Dog Excellent** Marsan Meet Harry Bosch CD RE, Ch Clannad's All That Jazz Allure CD RE & Peregrine Fool of a Took CD GN RAE **Rally Novice** Marsan My Glory's Jesse Stone CDX, Ebontide's Love Her Madly, BoJangles, Maxx, Wedigit Robert Burns ,Pyles of Smiles Stormin Sherman, Layney's Chardon Sleigh Bells, Harley **Rally Advanced** Marsan My Glory's Jesse Stone CDX RN, Jenny OA OAJ RN, Sunbreak Jack Be Nimble CD NA OAJ RN, Kelly's Ted RN, Pyles of Smiles Stormin Sherman RN and Ch Stardom's Some 'Um Special CD RN **Rally Excellent** Marsan Meet Harry Bosch CD RA, Marsan My Glory's Jesse Stone CDX RA, Jenny OA OAJ RA. Shaina Belle Starr RA, Kelly's Ted RA, and Ch Clannad's All That Jazz Allure CD RA **Rally Advanced Excellent 2** Telstar's Sunshine Daisy CD RAE

**APDT - Rally Level 1 Championship 2**  
Telstar's Sunshine Daisy RL2 RL1X

**AHBA -Herding Trial Arena Dog Level 1 Goats** Deerwoods Sheila  
**Herding Trial Dog Level 2 Sheep**  
Deerwoods Sheila  
**Herding Champion** Deerwoods Sheila

**ASCA - Companion Dog** Marsan Meet Harry Bosch

**Dockdogs - Senior Big Air** River Kern  
Runs Through it

**U- FLI - Top Flight & Top Flight 1**  
Jenny

**UKC - Companion Dog Excellent** Marsan Meet Harry Bosch U-CD

**TDI Int'l - Therapy Dog** Ariel, Maxx and Boogie Woogie Beagle Boy

**WCFO - Freestyle Dog** Telstar's Sunshine Daisy & Tasha Ebony Rose

**Freestyle Dog Sassy Seniors** Sunshine Daisy W-FD/MF and Tasha Ebony Rose W-FD/MF

### **Breed Clubs**

**Herding Instinct Certificate** Telstar's Sunshine Daisy - BCSFV

**Herding Instinct Tested**  
Cantebriar Johnny Be Good CD RAE -  
GGWCF

**Top Novice Dog 2008** Deerwoods Sheila  
- SJVBC