

Tails Waggin'

A Newsletter for BOTC Members and Friends

November 2010

President's Message JoAnne Rowles

I can't believe our Back to Back Obedience & Rally trials are over. They were a huge success thanks to all of you who pitched in and worked so hard. As usual if I miss your name please remember I have senior moments and it has been nearly a month. Thanks to **Samantha** who got it started with publishing the premium and getting it posted on our website and SCDOC's. The premiums were sent out to those who had competed with us before and flyers were sent to an email list. Then the entries started to come in and in and in.



We had a record number of dogs entered on Saturday (113) or at least a record number since I have

belonged to BOTC. On Saturday we had ten teams of four dogs for rally team novice.

Our catalog was published by **Karen Anderson**. She did an excellent job considering all the entries. You can't imagine what a difficult job this is until you are involved with the process.

Merl Rasmusson measured out the rings on Friday and he and his grounds crew worked together to set up rings, tables and shade both Saturday and Sunday. I know



there was lots of help with the setup but unfortunately I neglected to take note of who it was except for **John Reynolds**. You know who you are and we really appreciate your work. My grandson **Trey** helped with setting the rally courses each day.

This year we rented a large U-Haul truck that was loaded on Friday and taken to BC. **Merl, John, Gail Walston, Joan Payton** helped with the loading. We were able to store the equipment in the truck Saturday. This was easier than hauling it by hand to a classroom.

Thanks to Greg Honegger who chauffeured **Judge Carolyn Wray** to and from the airport and her motel. **Kathy Honegger** and **Kim Thompson** provided hospitality with coffee, juice, fruit and donuts for all both days. **Betty Ogan** provided the table decorations again this year.

Betty provided our excitement for the trial when 911 was called for her. She was experiencing chest pains and with her recent pacemaker implant it was prudent to call. She gave her best parade wave as the gurney was pushed down the sidewalk through the trial. Thanks to **Kim** who monitored her until paramedics & firemen arrived. Happy to report **Betty** is doing fine and was back on Sunday to help with trophies.

November General Meeting

Tuesday Nov 2nd @ 7:30pm

Ellis Island Pizza Company

3611 Stockdale at Real Rd

In Wild West Shopping Center

Where Hwy 58 ends

Executive Board 6:30pm





Thanks to **Rhelda Hughes** our disaster coordinator who made sure we had no disasters.

Trial Secretary **Ann Thomas** arrived early and stayed late. Her granddaughter **Danielle** helped to make sure all the forms



were in order for the judges and scores posted. They stayed busy handing out placement toys and title medallions. On Sunday they had

help from my granddaughter **Kiki**. **Ann** does a lot of work behind the scenes to make our trials look seamless. Work on next year's trial began right after the conclusion of this trial.



This year our trial began with the

beautiful voices of the **Golden Valley High School Choir** under the direction of **Samantha Williams**. The choir sang the National Anthem – an inspiring way to start the trials. **Samantha** was responsible for our judges and they were excellent. They were friendly, helpful and knowledgeable. **Larry Libeu** and **Carolyn Wray** judged obedience and **Karla Spitzer** judged rally.

Our stewards were also friendly, helpful and knowledgeable and made the trial run very smoothly. Here is where I know I may

have missed several someones. **Connie Hoffman** was Chief Ring Steward and our stewards were **Merl Rasmusson, Anita Boone, Becky (Chevron), Terri Logan, Linda Fussel, Diane Campbell, Dianne Bryant, Staci Stearns, Rhelda Hughes and Kirsten's Mom Margie**.



Lunch on Saturday was prepared by Bakersfield College and was as delicious as ever. **Susan Girado** and **Margaret & John Throne** set up the huge raffle. It was a big hit. Thanks to everyone who donated items. Thanks to **Joan** who sent out many letter soliciting donations. The raffle proceeds help in a big way to pay for the lunches for the exhibitors, judges and workers. Thanks to everyone who remembered to bring desserts or salads on Sunday to go along with the pizza.

Joan Payton and **Betty Ogan** were responsible for trophies, awards and ribbons. They did an outstanding job. It's not an easy job but they made it look that way. This year we were able to award some trophies that have been unclaimed for years.



Our trial photographer was **Steve Southard**. He took 100's of pictures. Be sure to check out his website and order some photos. His website is www.southardphoto.net. Photos from our trials won't be up until the 1st week in November.

Everyone helped with taking down each day. Thanks to **Merl, Gail, John Reynolds, Sherry Kelly** and **Greg** who helped store equipment back in the shed.

Mark your calendars for next year's trials.

Dues are Due

BOTC dues were due and payable July 1, 2010. If you haven't paid lease take the time to write a check payable to BOTC and mail to PO Box 82522, Bakersfield CA 93380-2522 Individual dues are \$20.00 - Family dues are \$25.00.

Dues money helps pay for club activities . They are a bargain.



Agility

Sandy Baker's border collie **Jenny** placed 1st in Standard, 1st in Jumpers and 1st in Pairs with **Sherry Kelly & Bo** at USDAA Happy Dog Agility Oct 3rd.

Kathy Honegger's dogs have been busy. On June 5th 2010 at the Pasadena KC all-breed agility trial, **Ch Sunbreak O Lady Be Good RN NA NAJ "Maddy"**, got her first qualifying score in Open Jumpers with Weaves placing second. At the Papillion Club of So. Cal all-breed agility trial July 18, **Maddy** got her second Open Jumpers Q with a clean run and 1st. place. She finished her OAJ at the Santa Maria KC agility trial August 8th with another 1st. **Maddy** was also the #1 English Cocker Spaniel in Novice Jumpers in the nation for the first half of 2010 and #3 in Novice Standard!!

Jackson aka Sunbreak Jack Be Nimble CDX RE NA OAJ, got his first qualifying score in Open Standard and a 1st place at the Papillion Club of So Cal agility trial July 18th . A huge triumph after retrain #2 on the A Frame!!

Sherry Kelly's border collie **B/S Bo Jangles** placed 2nd in jumpers, 2nd in standard and 1st in pairs with **Sandy Baker & Jenny** at the USDAA Happy Dog Agility trial Oct 3rd.

Staci Stearns and her American Eskimo **Teddy** went to Lake View Terrace on August 1st and **Teddy** earned the title of NAJ and he placed first!



Canine Good Citizen

Jan Bittle's Australian Shepherd, **Cereza Hills Wakaluta** of Fly By Nite passed his CGC on Friday July 23rd.

Herding

Sept 5th at Scottish Games in Pleasanton Sheila got DQ'd, but Eddy looked good.



Musical Freestyle

Margaret Throne's lab **Tasha** earned her Sassy Senior Novice Musical Freestyle title at Northwest Barkin' Boogie WCFO titling event in Tukwila Washington. She placed 1st on Sat and 2nd on Sun. She performed to "Rubberband Man".



Obedience



Samantha

Williams' corgi "Pippin" finished his Graduate Open title Aug 14th at Southwest Obedience Club in Gardena. He won the class with a 189.5 and was also High Scoring Pembroke Welsh Corgi.

Rally Obedience

Remy finished his UKC Rally obedience Level 2 at the SLODOG trial in Santa Maria. He placed 4th at the first trial, 3rd at the second trial and 2nd at the third trial. **Remy** is a soft coated wheaten owned by **Linda Fussel**.

Shan Stubbs' dog, Katylee, earned her first leg in Rally Advanced on Sept 25th at Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club placing 2nd.

Believe, a chocolate lab owned by **Margaret Throne** earned her Rally Obedience Level 1 at the UKC trials in Santa Maria on Sept 25th. She placed 2nd on Sat and 3rd on Sun (for her extra leg.)



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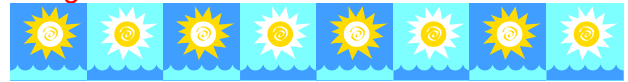
Club Practice

Obedience: Club practice for obedience and rally is at Jastro Park on Tuesdays other than meeting nights at 7:00pm. Come on out, bring your dog and join the fun. See you there!

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.



Rhelda Hughes is our Sunshine chair. If you know of a member who is ill or needs a little "sunshine" please contact Rhelda @ 661 322 7652 or email rheldoo@pacbell.net.

Kern County Animal Control Commission

The Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. on the First Floor of the Public Health Department, 1800 Mount Vernon. The next meeting is: **Wednesday Nov 17th**. It's important that we continue to watch the work of the commission and to provide input that is important to all dog owners. **Joan** really needs some members to attend the meetings with her. I attended in October and the media was everywhere. It seems **Tia Torres** who stars in the Animal Planet show **Parolees & Pitbulls** was on hand to announce she is moving to Tehachapi and bringing her programs to help pit bull owners with training, support and free spay/neuter to Kern County. Currently the commission is working on dangerous dog ordinances. These can impact any of us. Plan to attend.

*Nothing great was ever
achieved without enthusiasm.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The AKC Government Relations team is working hard to protect the rights of dog owners, breeders, and fanciers throughout the country, but they need your help!

There two funds. What's the difference?

The Canine Legislative Support Fund is used to educate and lobby elected officials on your behalf at the federal, state, and local levels and to ensure your rights as a responsible dog owner are protected. These funds may not be used to contribute to political campaigns. AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) funds are used to contribute to campaigns to help elect dog-friendly leadership in congress and state houses across the nation. PAC funds may not be used to lobby officials once they are in office or to influence legislation. They may only be used in campaigns.



AKC PAC: Help Support Dog-Friendly Government Officials

One of the most important ways to protect your rights is by ensuring that there are dog-friendly elected officials in the state and federal governments. To accomplish this, the AKC has established the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC), where one-hundred percent of the funds go directly to help elect dog-friendly candidates. Contributions may not be earmarked for individual candidates, but donors may make recommendations to the PAC Board about candidates they believe are worthy of support.

Any member of an AKC-affiliated club may contribute. AKC-affiliated clubs may hold fund-raisers for the PAC and may solicit or provide opportunities for their members to make PAC contributions. PAC contributions, as with those to the Canine Legislation Support Fund, are not tax deductible. For more information, call AKC Government Relations at (919) 816-3720.



Marjorie Blake presented a \$750 check from AKC PAC to David Valadao who is dog-friendly at Responsible Dog Ownership Day Oct 23rd.

Individuals may contribute up to \$5,000 per year. The PAC must report to the Federal Elections Commission the name, address and occupation of all persons who donate more than \$200 per year to the fund*. Some states also require us to report the name, address and occupation of PAC contributors. These reports are available to the general public.

There is no minimum contribution, so please consider giving whatever you can to help support candidates who will protect your rights!

**Please note that some states require reporting contributions of amounts less than \$200.*

AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund: Support Responsible Dog Owner Rights



Each year, the AKC

Government Relations team expends significant resources fighting legislation that would institute breed bans, breeding restrictions, mandatory spay/neuter laws, crop and dock laws, excessive licensing fees and other threats to your rights to own

and breed dogs. Still, each year, the threats seem to grow.

Combating negative canine legislation is a costly endeavor, which is why the AKC has established the Canine Legislation Support Fund. Every dollar contributed to this fund goes directly to helping AKC fight legislation that infringes on your rights as a responsible dog owner, and to support legislation that protects your right to own and enjoy dogs.

Who can contribute to the Canine Legislation Support Fund?

Anyone concerned about protecting the rights of responsible dog owners may contribute to this fund. Contributions may be made by dog clubs, by individuals or any other group. These contributions are not tax deductible.

Protecting the rights of dog owners is a multi-faceted effort. One-hundred percent of your donations go to supporting legislation, securing formal representation of our interests in congress and statehouses, and educating legislators about responsible and fair policy for dog breeding and ownership.

Any assistance you or your club chooses to provide will greatly enhance our efforts to defeat the onslaught of repressive legislative initiatives and to ensure your rights, not only today, but for generations to come.

For Thanksgiving lets pray that all the world will get along.



Don't forget to vote Tuesday November 2nd before you come to the meeting at Ellis Island Pizza Company.

Holiday dinner is scheduled for December 15th

Watch for your invitation in the mail. There will be fun, games, holiday food and maybe some singing. As always we will have the gift exchange. **Betty** will be decorating so you never know what crazy singing animal she will bring. Look forward to seeing all of you as we relish the holiday season with good friends. Western Kitchen will be serving turkey, ham, stuffing and lots of great sides. I am still waiting on final cost before we can set a price but it should be close to last year.

