

Dog Bytes

WVESA Newsletter

February 2006

2005 Awards and Titles

by Carol Callahan

American Championship

- Donahan's Domino Designer
Owners: Bruce Elgort,
Don & Carol Callahan
- Gretelyn 'n Donahans Lahdedah
Owners: Don & Carol Callahan,
Gretchen Patterson
- Hijinks Trick or Treat, NA
Owner: Martha Mullis
- Marcur's I Feel Fine
Owners: Curt & Marsha Caldwell
- Marcur's Love Me Do
Owners: Curt & Marsha Caldwell,
Jason & Lori Caldwell
- Oxbow's Silver Lining
Owners: Dave & Janee' Kemp
- Oxbow's My Traveling Star
Owners: Dave & Janee' Kemp
- Pawmarc's Northern Lights
Owners: Pat Wilaby & Bobbie Daniel
- Tiffany's ESSpecial Shoshone
Owners: Gary & Jan Sturm,
Monica Bowers
- Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise
Owners: Lawrence & Elizabeth
Schwartz, Cynthia Wheeler &
Ashlie Whitmore

Canadian Championship

- Pawmarc's Northern Lights
Owners: Pat Wilaby &
Bobbie Daniel
- Ch Pawmarc's Marquee Lights
Owners: Pat Wilaby &
Bobbie Daniel

Companion Dog

- CH English's Spectacular Dream,
NA, NAJ
Owners: Cathy English &
Debbie Fong

Companion Dog Excellent

- CH Donahan's Definitely in Style, CD
Owners: Don & Carol Callahan

Novice Agility

- Cascadian's Touch the Sky
Owner: Carol Jansen
- Donahan's Searching for You,
CD, NAJ, TD
Owner: Linda Coffel

Open Agility Jumper

- Donahan's Searching for You,
CD, NAJ, TD
Owner: Linda Coffel
- CH Hijinks Jack of Hearts,
OA, NAJ, CGC
Owners: Elaine Resner & Anna Gilles

Agility Excellent

- CH Hijinks Jack of Hearts,
OA, NAJ, CGC
Owners: Elaine Resner & Anna Gilles

Excellent Agility Jumper

- CH Hijinks Jack of Hearts,
OA, NAJ, CGC
Owners: Elaine Resner & Anna Gilles

Versatile Companion Dog

- Donahan's Searching for You,
CD, NAJ, TD
Owner: Linda Coffel

2005 WVESA Award Winners

Bench Springer of the Year

- Ch Salilyn's Turbulance;
Owners: Art & Sharon Stewart

Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year

- CH Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise
Owners: Lawrence & Elizabeth
Schwartz, Cynthia

Obedience Springer of the Year

- CH Donahan's Definitely in Style,
CDX
Owners: Don & Carol Callahan

Agility Springer of the Year

- Ch. Hijinks Jack of Hearts,
AX, AXJ, CGC
Owners: Elaine Resner & Anna Gilles

Junior Handler of the Year

- Anna Gilles

Future Meetings

The February meeting will be on Saturday the 11th, 12:00 noon at Wyatt's in Albany.

Directions

From the Linn Co. Fairgrounds turn onto Knox Butte Rd and merge onto Hwy 20 west. Take the Albany City Center/Corvallis exit (also Hwy 20). Turn left on 1st. Wyatt's is approximately 2 blocks on the right.

Braggs & Wags

- Donahan's Searching for You received her third leg for her Agility Excellent title. Echo is owned by Linda Coffel.
- CH Salilyn's Turbulance received the first Award of Merit at the American Spaniel Club in Philadelphia the first weekend in January. Stuey was handled by his best pal Randy Schepper. Stuey is owned by Art and Sharon Stewart.
- Marcur's Paperback writer was WD and BOW at the PSESSA supported entry in Puyallup for a 4-point major and finished his championship. Paul is owned by Curt and Marsha Caldwell.
- Ariel's Trust Your Heart was WB at the Sammamish KC show for a 4-point major. Frannie is owned by Jan Martin and David Brattin.
- CH Oxbow's Silver Lining was BOS on Sunday, January 15 at the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers Show which was a PSESSA supported entry. Piper was also BOS on Sunday, January 22 at the Tualatin Kennel Club Show during the Rose City Classic. Piper's owners are Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- CH Gretelyn 'n Donahans Lahdedah passed OFA on her hips and elbows. Lahde is owned by Don & Carol Callahan, and Gretchen Patterson

Show Results

Whidbey Island KC, 11/19

BIS/GPI/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BS/BW/WB Ramblewood Paper Moon
WD Tri-Ste's Dusted With Gold II
RWD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
RWB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake

Whidbey Island IC, 11/20

GPI/ BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS CH Ramblewood Paper Moon
BOW/WD Quail Lane's Midnight
Light JH
RWD Pawmarc Darkover Firelight
WB Ramblewood Unchain My Heart
RWB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake

Tacoma Kennel Club, 1/13

BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High
BOS CH Woodridge's Chantilly Lace
BOW/WD Gleneire's Elvis Presley Vic
RWD Marcur's Paperback Writer
WB Darkover Georgianna Moon
RWB Majic Wilbec American Dream

Sammamish Kennel Club, 1/14

BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High
BOS CH Woodridge's Chantilly Lace
BOW/WD Ramblewood Hippy Hippy
Shakes
RWD Gleneire's Elvis Presley Vic
WB Ariel's Trust Your Heart
RWB Ramblewood Unchain My Heart

Puyallup Valley DF/PSESSA, 1/15

GP2/BOB CH Pawmarc's Northern
Lights
BOS CH Oxbow's Silver Lining
BOW/WD Marcur's Paperback Writer
RWD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
WB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake
RWB Majic Wilbec American Dream

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

February 11-12, 2006

Linn County Kennel Club
Albany, OR
Saturday: Roger D. Orton
Sunday: Lowell K. Davis

March 11-12, 2006

Seattle Kennel Club
Seattle, WA
Saturday: Carl Gene Liepmann
Sunday: Mrs. Edeltraud Laurin

March 25-26, 2006

Peninsula Dog Fanciers
Bremerton, WA
Saturday: Dr. Daniel W. Dowling
Sunday: Clay Coady

April 1-2, 2006

Chintimini Kennel Club
Albany, OR
Saturday: Lester R. Mapes
Sunday: Robert J. Moore

April 8-9, 2006

Timberland Valley DFA
Centralia, WA
Saturday: Joan V. Savage
Sunday: Christine Pollender-Calcinari

April 15-16, 2006

Ephrata-Moses Lake KC
Moses Lake, WA
Saturday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons
Sunday: Robert H. Slay

April 21-24, 2006

Nez Perce Cluster
Lewiston, ID
Friday: Valerie J. Brown
Saturday: Terry Stacy
Sunday: Charles E. Hunt
Monday: Joseph E. Gregory

April 29-30, 2006

Walla Walla Kennel Club
Walla Walla, WA
Saturday: Judi Shurb
Sunday: Harold N. Engel, DVM

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May 6-7, 2006

Olympia Dog Fanciers
Elma, WA

Saturday: Valerie Gervais
Sunday: Lowell K. Davis

May 13-14, 2006

Klamath Dog Fanciers
Klamath Falls, OR

Saturday: Arlene Davis
Sunday: Sandra Goose Allen

May 20-21, 2006

Rouge Valley Kennel Club
Merlin, OR

Saturday: Dorothy O. Hutchinson
Sunday: Noreen C. Cartwright

May 20-21, 2006

Mt. Baker Kennel Club
Lynden, WA

Saturday: William R. Russell
Sunday: Anne D Bolus

May 27-28, 2006

Spokane Kennel Club
Spokane, WA

Saturday: Carl Gene Liepmann
Sunday: Lawrence J. Sinclair

May 29-30, 2006

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Monday: Charles Francis
Tuesday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons

AKC Agility

February 18-19, 2006

Elma, WA

February 24-26, 2006

Lynden, WA

March 11-12, 2006

Seattle, WA

March 17-19, 2006

Caldwell, ID

March 25-26, 2006

McMinville, OR
Auburn, WA

March 31-April 2, 2006

Moses Lake, WA

April 7-9, 2006

Sequim, WA

April 29-30, 2006

Auburn, WA

Tracking

March 19, 2006

Palisades, WA
TR, TX

March 19, 2006

Portland, OR
VST

March 19, 2006

Palisades, WA
TR, TX

April 2, 2006

White City, OR
TR, TX, VST

April 16, 2006

Eugene, OR
TR

April 23, 2006

Yelm, WA
TX

April 30, 2006

Sprague, WA
TR

Hunt Tests

March 11-12, 2006

Rochester, WA

Field Trials

February 11, 2006

Fort Lewis, WA

February 11, 2006

White City, OR

April 1, 2006

Payette, ID

Miscellaneous

Drop-In Conformation Classes

Pup-A-Razzi, Beaverton, OR

Every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information: www.pup-a-razzi.com or (503) 259-8978

Drop-In Handling Classes

7:00 - 8:00 Tuesdays

Vancouver, WA

Contact Penny King at 360-600-1849
or www.pennyking.com

Competition Obedience Classes

6:30 - 9:30 Mondays

Vancouver, WA

Contact joana@zoiedog.com

Novice, Open and Utility

Drop-In Agility Classes

7:00 - 9:00 Tuesdays

Gresham, OR

Contact Barbara Stewart at

503-256-1779 for directions.

Raffle Updates

Raffle items are needed for the
2006 WVESSA Specialty
Please contact Susan Crane.

The 2007 Calendar Page Raffle Tickets
go on sale at the February Meeting.
The drawing for the pages will
occur at the March meeting.

Getting Started in Rally

What is Rally?

AKC Rally is the new dog sport that is taking the nation by storm, a successful stepping stone from the AKC Canine Good Citizen® program to the world of obedience or agility. Rally offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is fun and energizing. The canine team moves at their own pace, very similar to rally-style auto racing. Rally was designed with the traditional pet owner in mind, but it can still be very challenging for those who enjoy higher levels of competition.

A rally course includes 10 to 20 stations, depending on the level. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and perfect heel position is not required, but there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler. The main objective of rally is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.

Am I Eligible?

To be eligible to compete in AKC Rally trials, a dog must be:

- Registered with the AKC or listed with the AKC ILP program, or a Foundation Stock Service recorded breed that meets the eligibility requirements for competition.
- 6 months of age or older.

How a Rally Trial Works:

The official announcement of a club's event is called a premium list. It contains all relevant information regarding the trial, including date, location, classes offered, and judges — rally trial, the owner of the dog must submit an official AKC entry

form, which can be found in the premium list or on the AKC website. The entry form should be sent to the trial secretary or superintendent of the trial. You may find rally trials in the AKC Event and Results Search. After the entries have closed, a program showing the schedule for the judging of each class will be mailed to you along with all relevant information about the trial.

Rally Signs

The signs may be any color and they include descriptions as well as directional arrows of exercises. Signs are numbered to make it easy to find the next station when navigating the course.

All signs are placed to the handler's right side. The signs are large enough to be easily recognized when going through a course. The exercises designated on the signs will be performed in close proximity to the sign itself, either in front, back of, or beside the sign.

Role of the Judge

The judge must arrive one hour before judging in order to set up the course for the class. Judges are open to questions that the handlers may have regarding the course during the walk-through period. They must post a copy of the course at ringside so that the exhibitors know what to expect and where to go once they are in the ring. The judge must evaluate the performance of each exercise and the sense of teamwork between the dog and handler between the stations as stated in the AKC Rally Regulations.

The orders "Are you ready?" and "Forward" are given to each handler who enters the ring.

Levels of Competition

The three levels of competition in AKC Rally:

Novice — this is the first level for those just getting started in competition.

- All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.
- There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises.
- The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course.
- Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Advanced — this is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course.

- All exercises are performed off-leash.
- There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises.
- Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

Excellent — this third and highest level of AKC Rally is the most challenging.

- Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise.
- There is a requirement of 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
- Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level.
- The Excellent-level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

Qualifying Performance

A qualifying performance indicates that the dog has performed the required exercises according to the AKC Rally Regulations. Each performance is timed, but times are only counted if two dogs earn the same score.

Qualifying Score

All dogs and handlers begin with a perfect 100. A dog and handler team is awarded a qualifying score if it retains at least 70 points after the course has been completed. Once the team has completed the course, their score will be posted ringside.

Awards

The colors for placement rosettes or ribbons are the same in all levels of classes.

How Do I Get Started in Rally?

Many AKC clubs conduct a variety of classes, instructed by experienced trainers who have earned titles and awards in obedience competitions with their own dogs. These people are up-to-date on the latest training techniques. They have experience training different breeds of dogs, mixed breeds and purebreds, and prospective students are usually welcome to observe a class before signing up for a training course.

When you attend a class with your dog, instructors will show you how to train your dog and will expect you to practice at home. The younger the dog, the shorter the practice sessions should be. For the best results, both you and your dog should enjoy frequent short sessions, combined with some play and rewards.

To find AKC clubs in your area that offer training, please visit our Training Resources section.

Tips for the First-time Exhibitor

- Register your dog with the AKC.
- Make sure that your dog is current on all inoculations and health check-ups.
- Visit the AKC website to find a training club.
- Attend training classes with your dog.
- Become familiar with the AKC Rally Regulations.
- Attend a rally trial and become familiar with ring procedures.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions from experienced exhibitors.

Tips for the First-time Spectator

- However tempting, do not pet a dog without first asking for and receiving permission.
- Many rally trials have vendors and an information booth with helpful information for the general public.
- Arrive early and bring a chair! Rally often starts very early in the morning.
- If you have not yet purchased your dog, speak to exhibitors about their breeds to gain knowledge of the best dog for your family. Also, visit the "Future Dog Owners" section of the AKC website.
- If you bring a baby stroller to a rally trial, be careful not run over a dog's tail. Be sure your child respects the dogs and does not grab or poke at them. Some crowded trials forbid strollers.

Rally Titles

The dogs must earn three qualifying scores under two different judges in order to receive a rally title. The titles that can be earned are:

Rally Novice: RN

Rally Advanced: RA

Rally Excellent: RE

Rally Advanced Excellent: RAE

The requirement for the RAE title is that the dog must qualify ten times in both the Advanced B class and the Excellent B class at the same trial.

Glossary

- **Brisk:** Keenly alive, alert, energetic.
- **Course Design:** A set of signs, previously arranged by the judge, that the dog and handler team will navigate for competition. Each class will have a different course design.
- **Crowding:** A dog that is so close to the handler as to interfere with the handler's freedom of motion.
- **Gently:** With kindness, without harshness or roughness.
- **Leg:** A term that is used frequently for a qualifying score.
- **Natural:** Not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places.
- **Qualifying Score:** Minimum of 70 points out of a possible perfect score of 100.
- **Station:** Location of a sign providing instructions regarding the exercise that is to be performed.
- **Timing:** All dogs will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement.
- **Walk-through:** Handlers are permitted to walk the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class to plan their strategy. The walk-through gives handlers an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the signs and the course.

Information about AKC Rally Trials

Contact AKC Customer Service at 919-233-9767 to inquire about rally information.

Information provided by the AKC website: www.akc.org



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