

Dulles Scoop



**The official newsletter of the Dulles Gateway
Obedience Training Club**

January 2007

DGOTC Meeting on 3 January

The next meeting of the DGOTC will begin promptly at 8:00 PM on **3 January** at the Sterling Annex, an old school building. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Directions:

From Leesburg: take Rt. 7 East, Take Rte. 28 South Exit; Go right on 625 (Church Road) Exit towards STERLING; Go right at Traffic light (Davis Drive); Take 1st Right onto Shaw Road; at stop sign, go right on Shaw road; at stop sign, go Left (Shaw Road)...Shaw road curves around in front of our building, take first left into our parking lot.

From the Chantilly/Dulles Airport area: take Rte. 28 North past Dulles Airport, Past Sterling Blvd (846) and continue on and make a Right onto Cedar Green, a left at the 4-way stop onto Shaw Road, travel past the Belfort Furniture store and make a right into our gravel parking lot..

From Route 7 East: turn Right onto Sterling Blvd. Turn Right onto West Church Road. Turn left onto Davis Drive. Take the first right onto Tippet Hill Way. Turn right at the stop sign onto Cedar Green. Continue to the end of Cedar Green to the stop sign. Turn left onto old West Church Road. We are on the corner of Shaw and Church Rd. (in an old one-level brick school building).

DGOTC Calendar

UKC Obedience Trial February 10 - 11, 2007

Awards Banquet February 25, 2007

DGOTC Website

www.dgotc.org.

DGOTC List

Members sign on and enjoy !

www.yahoogle.com

Post messages: DGOTC@yahoo.com

Subscribe: DGOTC-subscribe@yahoo.com

Publication Deadlines

Articles/event notices for the **Dulles Scoop** must be received by the editors on or before the 15th of each month. Send items to Monica Patty at mpatty@erols.com

DGOTC Monthly Membership Meeting - December 6, 2006

In attendance: Erich Rutscheidt, Ken Ring, Marion Lee, Maureen Taylor, Monica Patty, Barbara Lewis, Bobbie Lutz, Holly Hammerle, Julie Stegeman, Karen Zelonis, and Virginia Eller.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October 4 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed.

Obedience Committee: Bobbie reported the status for the Catoctin UKC Obedience Trial on February 10 and 11, 2007, and solicited volunteer help for the trial. She said that Maria Swezey will provide lunch for everyone at the show.

Membership: Ken presented Jane Lantz's membership application for the first reading. He also presented Virginia and Brian Eller for first readings. Virginia needs to take one more class above Basic before her membership can be considered.

Old Business:

Committee to Change By-laws: Ken said that there were differences in the incorporation papers, by-laws, and the way DGOTC currently does business. A meeting was held with Joan Wilson, Ken, and Holly. Susan Dickerson is in charge of the committee. Current by-laws are on the DGOTC web site.

Nominating Committee: Maureen reported that we need a candidate to replace Marie DeGeneste as Frying Pan Park Field Secretary. Elaine Maher has agreed to replace Karen Zelonis as Treasurer. Karen will be a new Member at Large for FPP. Erich, Maureen, Marion, and Clarissa Bergman will continue in their current jobs.

Awards Banquet: The annual DGOTC banquet will be held on Sunday, February 25, at the VFW Hall in Leesburg from 1 - 5 p.m. Admission will be \$10.00 per person and must be paid in advance. Bobbie said she wants to find someone else to do the awards.

Equipment Storage: Erich said we could not replace the current storage box at Frying Pan Park with something larger. Holly said there are lighter A-frames and ones that break down to a 4 x 4'.

New Business:

Newsletter: Marion asked if the newsletter could be sent as an email attachment as well as putting it on the web site, since members are emailed when the newsletter is available. Monica said she would see how much work that would involve.

Recognizing Instructors: Maureen made a motion that a \$25 gift coupon be given to instructors for each class taught during the year to a maximum of \$125. The motion was accepted.

Yahoo Lists: Erich brought up the recent email discussion on whether DGOTC should have more than one email list. Holly moved that we have only one list. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee

DGOTC, In General

HELP NEEDED!! HELP NEEDED!! HELP NEEDED!!

Our President Erich needs your help. The **Frying Pan Park training group needs a Field Secretary and Training Director starting in January 2007**. Anyone who is interested in either of these positions should contact Maureen Taylor at 703-327-6815 ASAP.

Our club is only as strong and vibrant as the members that are willing to volunteer their time on the club's behalf. As members we have free classes and along with this perk comes the obligation to support the many club activities. It was a requirement for acceptance into the club and I'm asking members to step forward to volunteer for either Field Secretary or Training Director.

DGOTC cannot survive without a strong volunteer base. The club has 90+ members but only a small group of volunteers performs most of the jobs that support the mission of the club. It's time to give these hardworking members a break and share these duties with nonworking members.

Hope I'm not stepping on anyone's toes but we have reached a critical need at Frying Pan Park.

Vice-President: Maureen Taylor

PREVIOUS DGOTC MEMBER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARDEES

2005 - Maria Swezey

1999 - Ken Ring

1993 – Claudia Bailey

2004 - Barbara Lewis

1998 - Monica Patty

1992 – Erich Rutscheidt

2003 - Joan Wilson

1997 – Michelle Jackson

1991 – Gay Swofford

2002 - Erich Rutscheidt

1996 - Maureen Taylor

1990 - Troy
Collingsworth

2001 - Erich Rutscheidt

1995 - Monica Patty

2000 – Bobbie Lutz

1994 – Elaine O'Carroll

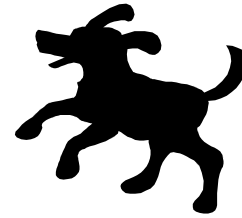
Please Mark your Calenders!

The fun and fabulous Mattaponi Kennel Club - Dulles Gateway Obedience Training Club UKC agility trials will be held on June 9th and 10th, 2007.

Our trial site is changing to the Mattaponi Kennel Club agility training area at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Please start thinking good weather thoughts. The DGOTC trials on Sunday will again feature free food for volunteers and the enormously popular "I didn't Q" prize raffle for competitors in each trial.

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**ONCE AGAIN IT'S TIME TO GATHER TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE THOSE
HARD-WORKING CLUB MEMBERS THAT HAVE PUT TITLES ON DOGS IN 2006 !**

WHERE: VFW Hall, Leesburg, Virginia

WHEN: February 25, 2007

TIME: 1 - 5 pm

COST: \$10.00 per person

CATERED BY: Comfort Caterers

DIRECTIONS:

From the East: Rt. 7 west to traffic light at center of Leesburg (by Courthouse) –right turn onto King St., (Rt. 15 North)-- **Left turn on North Street (by small yellow house)—follow North street to VFW Hall on left side of road across from Leesburg Library.

From the West:

Rt. 7 east to King St., (Rt. 15 North.) Follow direction at ** above.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following awards banquet registration form:

Attendee Name(s): _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Include with the registration form a check for the total amount due and mail by February 12th to:

Maureen Taylor
21903 Foxden Lane
Leesburg, VA 20175



REGISTER FOR AWARDS

Each year at our Awards Banquet, Dulles Gateway Obedience Training Club recognizes those club members whose dogs have earned obedience, tracking, or agility titles during the previous calendar year. Additionally, an award is presented to the highest scoring dog in the Novice, Open, and Utility classes (average of legs 1,2,&3) of AKC and/or UKC venues, as well as the Challenge Trophy to the overall highest scoring dog.

There will be **separate AKC and UKC** Highest Scoring Dog plaques in Novice, Open, & Utility. These **Highest Scoring** plaques, as well as the **Challenge Trophy**, are open to those dogs that have not previously earned a title at this level or higher in any other organization. For example, you won't be eligible for the Highest Scoring AKC Open plaque (& ultimately the Challenge Trophy) if you previously earned a CDX or UD in UKC. However, you would be eligible for the HS AKC Open if you only had a CD with UKC &/or AKC. If, for example, you were lucky enough to have your dog earn both CDX's in '04, the 1st title earned will be eligible.

The **agility** organizations we currently recognize with plaques are: AKC, UKC, NADAC, USDAA, and ASCA. We accept **obedience** titles from **any Natl' or Internatl'** organization (i.e., rare breed clubs, Canadian clubs, etc., but sorry not Schutzhund titles). Obedience titles from organizations other than AKC or UKC are not eligible for the High Scoring awards, however. **Rally** titles from any organization are also accepted.

Those dogs earning multiple titles in 2004 will receive a single (slightly larger) plaque instead of separate plaques for each title.

In order to receive your award, the form provided below **must be received by Sandy Martin no later than Sat., 27 January 2007**. Please submit separate forms for each dog earning title(s). **You must be a DGOTC member at the time your dog (that you own or co-own) earned the title**. Please be sure to fill in all the pertinent information requested and mail to: **Sandy Martin, 24 Barnswallow Ct., Sterling, VA 20164** or email: Bedlngtn2@aol.com. Her phone number for questions is: (703) 430-4392

DGOTC 2006 TITLE

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Daytime: _____

Eve: _____

Dog's Name -- as you would like it to appear on the plaque (pls. print clearly) & incl. new title:

BREED _____

OBEDIENCE Title Earned: **AKC** _____ **UKC** _____ **Other-list below**

LEG	Date	Score	Trial-Giving Club
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1	_____	_____	_____
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2	_____	_____	_____
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3	_____	_____	_____
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IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOUR DOG EARNED AN OBED. TITLE AT THIS LEVEL?

AKC TRACKING TITLE(S) EARNED: (Pls. include date)

RALLY Title(s) earned (scores not needed) (indicate date and pertinent organization)

AGILITY TITLES EARNED: (scores not needed):

(Pls. include date; and circle pertinent organization(s): **AKC, UKC, NADAC, USDAA, &/or ASCA**)

Member-of-the-Year Award

The Member of the Year will be selected by the Board from the nominees submitted by club members. A form is provided below for your nomination; please complete it (while you're thinking about it) and mail to:

Erich Rutscheidt, 10112 Sanders Court, Great Falls, VA 22066; or e-mail your nomination to erutscheidt@COX.NET

I select _____ to be Member of the Year because:

Signed _____

Nominating Committee – Board Candidates

The Board election takes place at the meeting on 3 January. The following are the committee's nominees for the 2007 DGOTC Board:

President	Erich Rutscheidt
Vice President	Maureen Taylor
Secretary	Marion Lee
Treasurer	Elaine Maher
Members at Large	Karen Zelonis
	Clarissa Bergeman
Field Secretaries	(FPP)
	Ann Hereford (Leesburg)

DGOTC Board and Key Contacts

President	Erich Rutscheidt	703-759-3337
Vice President	Maureen Taylor	703-327-6815
Secretary	Marion Lee	703-669-2920
Treasurer	Karen Zelonis	703-378-5647
Members at Large	Holly Hammerle	703-830-3275
	Clarissa Bergeman	540-554-8738
Field Secretaries	Marie DeGeneste (FPP)	703-478-0144
	Ann Hereford (Leesburg)	540-338-5602
Training Directors	Michelle Jackson (FPP)	703-802-7979
	Leslie McLean (Leesburg)	540-837-1444
	Suzi Dodson (Leesburg)	304-229-0748
Agility Coordinator	Barbara Lewis	540-364-3916
Equipment Chairman	Erich Rutscheidt	703-759-3337
Publicity	Elaine Maher	703-421-3149
Newsletter Editors	Monica Patty	703-327-4860
	Maureen Taylor	703-327-6815
Membership	Ken Ring	540-937-5805
Librarian	Barbara Harding	703-938-7143
Webmaster	Averill Ring aring@irisweb.net	540-937-5805

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR DGOTC MEMBERSHIP!

Due January 30, 2007

Please note: **If your membership lapses you will need to re-apply to the club.**
Please complete all 4 parts of this form and sign. You can also download this form at
<http://www.dgotc.org/PDFs/renewal.pdf>

Make check payable to Dulles Gateway Obedience Training Club (DGOTC). If you have not been an active member this past year, we request a club donation. Please mail the membership renewal form and a check to the Membership Chairperson:

Ken Ring – PO Box 36 – Amissville VA 20106 (email av8orken@adelphia.net)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Breed(s): _____

Breed Rescue Affiliation: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP / YEARLY FEE / DESCRIPTION (Check one)

Exempt

Life --\$0 --Corson Jones, Evelyn McCormick, Muriel Ratcliff, Gay Swofford

New --\$0 --New member as of November or December 2006

Those who volunteered in 2006:

Single --\$35 --Teacher/Assistant/Board of Directors/Match Chair/Ring Steward/Committee

Family --\$45 --Two or more family members; each individually meet requirements

Junior --\$17.50 – Age 16 years or younger

Those who did NOT volunteer in 2006:

Single --\$50 --Includes \$35 membership dues plus a donation of \$15 (or more)

Family --\$60 --Includes \$45 membership dues plus a donation of \$15 (or more)

Associate --\$10 – Member receives the newsletter but cannot vote and must pay non-member prices for classes.

ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DURING 2006.

SHOW-AND-GO OR TRIAL WILL YOU BE WILLING TO WORK IN 2007

Fall Match **UKC Obedience Trial** **Agility Trial** **Other (please list):**

SIGNATURE DATE

Club use: Date Received: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

DGOTC Fairfax Site

Winter Training session begins on 11 January in the equestrian barn at Frying Pan Park. **8-week obedience session. 6-week agility session. 6-week agility session.** Mail registrations to: Marie DeGeneste, 1520 Coat Ridge Road, Herndon, VA 20170. *Some classes fill quickly! Please register at least two weeks before classes start!* Visit our website at www.dgotc.org for applications & information.

Obedience Classes:

7:00 – 8:00 PM	Puppy Basic Subnovice/Novice	Sandee Szabo Cheryl O'Connor Mary Denigan-Macauley
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Basic Open	Michelle Jackson Erich Rutscheidt

Agility Class:

7:00 – 8:00 PM	Intermediate JWW	Karen Zelonis
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Intermediate JWW	Karen Zelonis

Agility prerequisites at FPP:

Intermediate JWW agility-advanced JWW agility dogs must have graduated from novice obedience and have good off lead control. Dogs must have taken at least one beginner agility class prior. Dogs must be well behaved, well socialized, and friendly for off lead work.

Agility classes are 6 weeks long for \$70

Dates DGOTC has FPP in 2006/2007:

Winter Session Indoors - (12 dates)

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 5, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22.

Wags and Brags

My Doberman, Bronson, earned his IPO I and IPO II in November, and also passed his WAE (Working Aptitude Evaluation), earning his WAC in November. So his name is now:

Cara's A-List Action Hero, IPO II, CGC, WAC. Laura Grant

On Friday, December 1st, Brez (Spritely Brezza d'Estate RA) earned her first Rally Excellent leg with a score of 89 at the Catoctin KC Rally Obedience Trial in Point of Rocks, MD. Brez did all of the exercises correctly but lost points because she simply HAD to visit the timekeeper and the stewards table (at ringside right after the second jump). This from a dog who's safe place was under a king-size bed when she came to live with me six years ago! You Go Baby Brez!!! Also, in the January 2007 issue of Front and Finish, the Fantastic Miss Lili (UCD UAGI Infiniti Fantasia Spritely Lili CDX RE OA OAJ) was the #1 Italian Greyhound for 2005 according to the Delaney Obedience Rating System. Peny Lang

Hurray! After what seems like an eternity of trying, Merlin completed his third qualifying leg to earn his UD at the Catoctin Kennel Club show in December. He is now **Milestone's Magic Maker, JH, CGC, TDI, UD!!** Lynn Pacenta