

# Dulles Scoop



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

*March 2007*

## DGOTC Meeting on 7 February

The next meeting of the DGOTC will begin promptly at 8:00 PM on **7 March** 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

Awards Banquet February 25, 2007

### Directions: From the East:

Rt. 7 west to traffic light  
at center of Leesburg (by Courthouse) –right turn  
on to 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 directions above.

## DGOTC Website

[www.dgotc.org](http://www.dgotc.org)

## DGOTC Discussion List

Members sign on and enjoy !

[www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com)

Post messages: [DGOTC@yahogroups.com](mailto:DGOTC@yahogroups.com)

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## 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](mailto:mpatty@erols.com)

# 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 – Amisville VA 20106 (email [av8orken@adelphia.net](mailto: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**

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

## DGOTC Monthly Membership Meeting - February 7, 2007

**In attendance:** Erich Rutscheidt, Marion Lee, Maureen Taylor, Monica Patte, Elaine Maher, Ken Ring, Jill Branton, Jeff Gilhool, and Nancy Liebhauser.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the January 3 meeting were read and discussed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine presented the treasurer's report orally.

**Obedience Committee:** Bobbie Lutz reported via Maureen that there were approximately 35 entries each day for the Catoctin UKC Obedience Trial on February 10 and 11, 2007.

**Membership:** Jill Branton, Jeff Gilhool, Nancy Liebhauser, Julie Conner, and Virginia Eller were presented for the first reading. Jill, Jeff, and Nancy were in attendance at the meeting. Virginia attended a meeting previously. Monica asked Ken for a list of members who haven't renewed and for a list of new members.

### **Old Business:**

**By-laws:** Erich and Maureen initiated a discussion as to whether business meetings might be more effectively run by the Board of Directors. It was noted that it would not be necessary to have member meetings if prospective members were not required to attend a meeting. Maureen said she would work on a list of changes to the by-laws. Ken said that Susan Dickinson had a copy of suggested changes to the constitution, and Erich said he would contact her. Other members of the committee to assess possible changes to the constitution are Ken, Monica, Holly Hammerle, and Joan Wilson.

### **New Business:**

**DGOTC Telephone:** Maureen asked if we could eliminate the DGOTC telephone, since answering phone calls is one of the most time-consuming jobs of the Field Secretaries. Elaine said she would make sure that all pertinent class information is on the DGOTC website.

**Member of the Year:** Erich requested more nominations.

Elaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Monica. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20. Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee

## DGOTC In General

### UKC Obedience Trials

I want to thank everyone who helped out this past weekend at the DGOTC UKC Obedience Trial. You all did a super job. In case anyone didn't know it, we also had some help from the Loudoun County 4H'ers (where our Loudoun group trains). They dispelled any rumors that kids can't do it. And they're ready to help at our agility trials. Their supervisor, Brenda Shaver, can be reached at: [accounts@mcmse.vacoxmail.com](mailto:accounts@mcmse.vacoxmail.com).

Both judges told me over dinner how much they appreciated all our stewards and how it was such a pleasure to work with good, attentive, always smiling (i.e. Holly) stewards. An extra thank you also for the stewards who helped out both days. I know that's tiring. And of course everyone loved the lunch that Maria Swezey & Clarissa Bergeman served both days.

And I want to give a special thanks to Marti Patchel who has been the Trial Secretary every single trial since the first one we ever held in the year 2000. I even missed one (Barbara Harding substituted for me on one). In the earlier years we even had 2 weekends of trials a year. Marti and I both decided before this trial that we need a much needed break. I believe a couple of folks are considering taking over the Trial Secretary job, and maybe one is thinking about the Trial Chair.

At any rate, a decision about that will need to be made by this summer as the end of August is the deadline for judge selections and trial applications to be sent to UKC. So think about it.....  
Again, thanks everyone. Bobbie Lutz

## UKC Agility Trials

### Please Mark Your Calendars !

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.

## DGOTC Fairfax Site

**Classes now ongoing in the equestrian barn at Frying Pan Park (began Jan 11).**

**8-week obedience session. 6-week agility session.** Visit our website at [www.dgotc.org](http://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
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### 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 for FPP:

#### Winter Session Indoors - (12 dates)

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

FPP Spring Session begins 4/12/07 Outdoors:

7pm - Sandee Szabo's Puppy Class, Cheryl O'Connor's Basic Class

8pm - Michelle Jackson's Basic Class

(Dates we have FPP: April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 June 7, 14, 21)

FPP Summer Session begins 7/12/07 Outdoors:

7pm - Sandee Szabo's Puppy Class

8pm - Michelle Jackson's Basic Class, Joan Wilson's Class

(Dates we have FPP: July 12, 19, 26 Aug 9, 16, 23, 30 Sept 6, 13, 20, 27)

FPP Fall Session begins 10/07 Inside the Equestrian Barn:

7pm - Sandee Szabo's Puppy Class, Cheryl O'Connor's Basic Class

8pm - Joan Wilson's Class

## DGOTC Leesburg Site

### **Nested Novice/Excellent Agility runs**

When? Tuesday night March 6th 2007

Where? 4-H Fairgrounds on Dry Mill Rd in Leesburg, VA

What time? 6:30 PM first walk through and runs until 8:30 PM

Cost? \$7.00 first run \$6.00 additional runs for the same dog

Pre Entries are recommended and can be sent with dog's name, breed, and jump height with number of runs to:

Barbara Lewis

PO Box 2157

Middleburg, VA 20118

[Starun@peoplepc.com](mailto:Starun@peoplepc.com)

One free run will be offered to Loudoun class members who have just taken the Beginner or Advanced agility session and those who help set up or take down.

### **DGOTC Board and Key Contacts**

President	Erich Rutscheidt	703-759-3337
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### *Wags and Brags*

All I can say is WOW, or maybe AWESOME. But definitely UNBELIEVABLE. Sara really found her niche in life. I always knew the dog I loved, trained and handled in the backyard would one day make me the proudest dog mom ever. For those of you who know her as "spastic pants lab" she put her barking, growling, twirling uncontrollable tendencies away for this weekend and came out to shine like the true athlete she is. After much hesitation on my part I signed her up for her first NADAC trial ever, only after viewing it for one short morning only two days earlier. I was only going to do tunnelers with her thinking that the rest would be too much for her. Well, much to my surprise she showed me she can be focused, fast, and certainly trusted to do what I ask and with as much enthusiasm as any dog ever had. She came home with 7 qualifying scores out of 12 with 6 1st

place wins and 1 2nd place win. The 8th would-be qualifier was my fault as I took her into the wrong set of weaves on Saturday pulling her off course. She had 8 perfect runs, but the 8th was a time fault of only .83 of a second. She earned 4 Tunnelers legs to earn her title and 40 points toward her Tunnelers Outstanding title. Also, earned 2 legs toward her Touch and Go title and 1 leg toward her weavers title.

Like I said - WOW-AWESOME-UNBELIEVABLE. She is a true testament of faith.

Suzi Dodson and the new AGII UCD NT Bonnie Miss Sara CD RN NAP NJP CGC TDI

## **Seminar**

### **2007 Sylvia Bishop Seminar, Presented by The Potomac Valley Irish Water Spaniel Fanciers, March 31 and April 1, 2007**

Come join us for this valuable opportunity to work with Sylvia Bishop. World-renowned dog trainer Sylvia Bishop has been training, instructing and exhibiting in dog obedience for more than 35 years. She is the only trainer to have been invited to the prestigious Crufts Dog Show 30 consecutive years with 10 different dogs. She has won the event twice and was a member of the winning 2004 Obedience World Cup team. Sylvia Bishop is highly acclaimed in Great Britain for the competing style of her many champions, as well as her amazing ability to "read" all types of dogs' temperaments. Sylvia's unyielding passion and energy in her work with dogs AND people is simply brilliant. Sylvia's delightful presentation will demonstrate her highly motivational, common sense approach to training drive and attention. You can enhance your dog's training using Sylvia's unprecedented combination of fun and motivation using just a simple buckle collar and YOU. If you are interested in a dynamic, thought-provoking seminar to stimulate your training program, don't miss this chance to work with "The Bishop!" This will be a small group experience. Working students should expect to spend time and energy out on the training floor with their dogs. Auditors are encouraged to ask questions. Sylvia tailors each seminar to the participants, with an emphasis on building and improving the relationship between dog and handler.

When: Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, 2007

Where: Breakaway Action Dogs training facility

900 East Patrick St Frederick, MD 21701

(directions on [www.actiondogs.org](http://www.actiondogs.org))

Cost: \$235. Working student; \$125. Auditors

Mail seminar fee checks and completed registration/release forms to:

Betty Wathne, PVIWSF Treasurer, 7070 Fairplay Road, Sharpsburg, Maryland 31782

Please contact Betty immediately for working spot availability. She can be reached at (301)432-4381, or via email at [Irishwatne@aol.com](mailto:Irishwatne@aol.com).