



Top Dog

News about agility in Prince George

August 2010

Past Events

Clear Sailing Trial was July 10 and 11 in Quesnel. Sherry Taylor and Jeanne Shaw judged that trial.

I am listing the teams and their Qs and titles. Of course, there were far more things to celebrate than just Qs. Success in agility is a personal thing and there are always many great runs that are so very pleasing but fall just short of the perfection required for a Q.

Erin and Twig.....two Qs

June and Benson six Qs

Mike and Dazzle..... six Qs

Sheldon and Ablefour Qs

Roxanne and Cynder three Qs

Janice and Pearl four Qs

Joy and Chase three Qs

Maria and Teigs six Qs

Robbie and Nova two Qs

Kim and Peak 2 Qs

Pat and Spryte two Qs

Kay and Trip one Q

Dirk and Rextwo Qs

Phil and Sankafour Qs and MSCDC

Denise and Keeper1 Q

Nancy and Geordie2 Qs

Laura and Chimefour Qs and MGDC and MSDC and MJDC

David and Zivathree Qs and MGDC

Dorothy and Jenna 2 Qs

Lorraine and Badger one Q

Susan and Harley one Q

Christy and Sadie two Qs

Georgina and Remmytwo Qs

Doris and Mikeytwo Qs

Jane and Scooter Jones five Qs

Naomi and Dylis one Q

Marilou and Angel2 Qs

Paula and Quick2 Qs and SGDC

Yvonne and Denim 4 Qs

Denise and Jake2 Qs

Erin and Ruger1 Q

Maria and Strutt9 Qs

Roxanne and Eve2 Qs

Connie and Vida 1 Q

Joy and Zest2 Qs

Kay and Scot2 Qs

Glen and Alee1 Q

Doug and Christie3 Qs

Jane and Maxie Jones 8 Qs and EXJ Gold

Paula and Kelly6 Qs

Joy and Hannah1 Q

Penny and Amigo4 Qs and EXJ Silver
Erin and Nestle1 Q and MSDC*
Naomi and Tegwen 2 Qs
Dirk and Jack4 Qs, MGDC and ATChC
Laura and Parker1 Q
Karen and Roch1 Q
Karen and Kiri2 Qs and SGDC
Mary and Brie3 Qs
Barbara and Tyson4 Qs
Diana and Mason1 Q and EXG Bronze
David and Cassie 9 Qs

* Last season Erin thought perhaps Nestle would retire one Q short of her steeplechase title. Yay Nestle!

Pawsitive Steps Trial was also held at Robert's Roost in Quesnel. The dates were July 17 and 18 and the judges were Deborah Rhodes and Rob Struthers. Here are the results:

Lenore and Jordie 1 Q
Marc and Jasper 2 Qs
Janice and Pearl.....5 Qs
Sylvie and Dizzy6 Qs, EXG Bronze and Gold!
Joy and Chase1 Q
Terri and BeeJay2 Qs

Maria and Teigs 5 Qs
Kim and Bounce4 Qs
Pat and Spryte1 Q
Lis and Marshall 1 Q
Donna and Rayn3 Qs
Shauney and Cruise1 Q
Shauney and Hush1 Q
Michelle and Zap 2 Qs and EXG Bronze
Lynda and Favor2 Qs
Ken and Blitz5 Qs
Michelle and Rook4 Qs
Myrna and Tag 2 Qs
Geoff and Terri and Poggi2Qs and MJDC
Donna and Coal1 Q
Claudia and Beckham3 Qs and ADC and SGDC
Jeanne and Naia 1 Q
Jane and Scooter Jones3 Qs and MJDC
Naomi and Dylis1 Q
Terri and Kite2 Qs
Paula and Quick 1 Q
Michelle and Halo1 Q
Roger and Spy2 Qs
Laura and d'Lyla 3 Qs
Richard and Suzi-Q1 Q
Maria and Strutt 7 Qs and MADC and MGDC

Sheri and Reggie2 Qs
PAm and Titus1 Q
Kim and Bryn4 Qs
Kay and Scot1 Q and MJDC
Deborah and Molly5 Qs
Michelle and Pepper5 Qs and ExSt Bronze and MSCDC
Jane and Maxi Jones7 Qs
Paula and Kelly7 Qs and MGDC and AtchC and Bronze and Silver (Wow!)
Joy and Hannah 2 Qs
Kim and Sierra1 Q
Naomi and Tegwen1 Q
Deborah and Britt5 Qs
Karen and Roch 2 Qs
Karen and Kiri1 Q
Candace and Tinsel 1 Q
Barbara and Tyson1 Q
Leilahni and Taxi2 Qs
Diana and Mason 3 Qs and MSCDC
Top Dog Trial: The August long weekend was when we had our own "Fun in the Sun" trial. Donna judged the starters. Susan McIntyre returned to Prince George from Saskatoon to judge the Advanced and MAsters courses.
June and Benson 3 Qs

Mike and Dazzle4 Qs
Mandi and Zen2 Qs
Marc and Jasper3 Qs
Sheldon and Able 2 Qs and
MGDC and ATChC
Joy and Chase2 Qs and EXJ
Silver
Maria and Teigs 5 Qs.
Dirk and Rex 2 Qs
Al and Bud2 Qs.
Michelle and Zap1 Q
Laura and Applejack 1 Q
Ken and Blitz2 Qs and EXJ
Silver
Michelle and Rook1 Q
David and Ziva5 Qs
Susan and Harley1 Q
Christy and Sadie 1 Q
Sheldon and Roxi2 Qs
Shannon and Jorja3 Qs
Shannon and Sobe1 Q
Roger and Risk3 Qs
Michelle and Halo 1 Q
Roger and Spy 1 Q
Laura and d'Lyla4 Qs
Maria and Strutt5 Qs and
AGDC
Alyssa and Envy 1 Q
Michelle and Pepper2 Qs and
MSDC and ATChC and Bronze !!
Donna and Warjac1 Q

Lorna and Rayla 2 Qs
Joy and Hannah1 Q
Dirk and Jack4 Qs
Shannon and Cai1 Q
Diana and Mason1 Q
David and Cassie8 Qs.

So, in addition to many Qs and titles we had some major milestones reached:

Paula and Kelly, Michelle and Pepper, Sheldon and Able and Dirk and Jack all are new agility champions. Paula and Kelly reached both Silver and Gold, and Sylvie and Dizzy also got to the Gold level.

PGX Demonstration: The rides were open, the scent of mini donuts filled the air and our dogs put on a great show on Saturday, August 14. Thanks to Gys for arranging the venue and the passes and to Sheri for hauling our equipment and lending us her weave bases. We had about twenty dogs doing showing the public what agility is all about. We ran two steeplechase courses and then had some head-to-head races. Even little Star showed what puppies can do!

Coming Events

Cariboo Agility Trial: August 28 and 29th in 100 Mile House.

This was a great trial last year and we look forward to their second annual trial. Judges will be: Patti Wilson, Phil Zacharatos, Roxanne Ziefflie, and Mary Zacharatos. Let's hope the smoke clears!

Clear Sailing Trial: September 11 and 12. Judges will be Rob Struthers and Patti Wilson.

Paws for a Cause: If you are not going to Clear Sailing, you might want to participate in this year's SPCA Paws for a Cause. If you go to http://bcspca.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1131&pg=entry

you can read all about it. Follow the links to the Top Dog team. Sandra has kindly set that up for us.

Fun Match and general meeting: We are obliged to hold one more general meeting before our AGM in December. So, we have planned a fun match and meeting for Saturday, September 25. The meeting is at 9:00 am at the farm. Any top dog member who attends the meeting may run their dogs free. All others pay \$15 per dog.

Top Dog Fall Trial: November 6 and 7. Rob Struthers and Yvonne Babji are the judges. The entry form is attached to this newsletter, and should be available soon at Top Dog, Pawsitive Steps, Quackers Canine Cuisine and at the 100 Mile House Trial.

News

Equipment: We sold one set of older contact equipment and some out of date weave poles at our July / August trial. We made about half the cost of all new equipment. At our next trial the dogs should be happily playing on new, rubberized contacts and using new 24 " weave poles.

Regionals:

Just as I expected, I did forget a team, Rob and Timber finished 14th with 463.63 points.

Nationals: There were many great teams from BC this year and some of the best came from here in the north. The folks in Calgary put on a great event in every way. We had an interesting variety of weather there. Spruce Meadows was quite a sight to see and quite a site to play on. There was a fine selection of vendors, the volunteers and judges did a superb job and the whole event ran smoothly. The dogs were crated in an enormous stable. It was cool and airy in there and the dogs were safe, secure and comfortable. I do believe that a good time was had by all and that every one of us had moments of which we could be pleased and proud.

I will list the teams from around here and their results. Once

again, I hope I do not forget any teams.

Team	Points	Place
Ken and Blitz	502.10	1 st
Naomi and Tegwen	470.19	4th
Michelle and Zap	446.06	20th
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Michelle and Rook	386.78	43rd
Michelle and Halo	255.00	67th
Kim and Bounce	453.95	26th
Donna and Rayn	377.49	66th
David and Ziva	346.91	81st
Mike and Dazzle	480.16	14th
Joy and Chase	405.84	31st
Dirk and Rex	320.13	53rd
Rob and Peak	410.42	16th
Roger and Biscuit	382.27	21st
David and Cassie	381.77	22nd
Diana and Mason	377.85	24th
Pat and Spryte	375.30	25th
Shannon and Toque	216.00	49th
Laura and d'Lyla	567.80	1st
Maria and Teigs	484.58	1st

Mike and Shenia	338.92	18th
June and Benson	406.54	30th
Kim and Bryn	558.04	8th
Al and Bud	380.33	34th
Carolyn and Levi	pulled from competition	
Tom and Pepper	407.46	14th
Lorna and Rayla	503.64	13th
Denise and Christie	450.72	28th
Roxanne and Cynder	444.71	29th
Shannon and Cai	398.43	37th
Glen and Alee	342.95	49th

In addition we had three dogs who made it to the steeplechase finals.

Pat and Spryte finished 5th and David and Cassie were 2nd. Kim and Bryn ran 10th.

So, I hope you noticed in that results chart that we had three class champions from Northern BC. We are all so very pleased and proud of Ken and Blitz, Maria and Teigs and Laura and d'Lyla who all climbed to the very top step of the podium. Ken is going to need to build an addition to his house to display all of his trophies, medals and ribbons. Way to go you three! By the way, for those of you who went to Calgary, the

official photographer has posted video clips of some of our runs. They are available for \$5 each.

Transitions: I do not know of any new puppies in our community just yet (hold on for a little while.....). Sadly, I must report that Shannon lost her Molly, Michelle and Roger's Zeus has also passed on, as has Tracy's Mila. Also, we wish Shannon well as she prepares to move to Washington. She has passed her exams and received her RN license.

Book Reviews: Over the summer I have read a few dog books and I want to tell you about two of them.

"The Seven Ages of Man's Best Friend" by Jan Fennell took an interesting approach to living with dogs. She analyses a dog's life broken into life stages and she goes beyond simply dividing the topics into "puppy" "adult" and "Geriatric." Among the various descriptions of ages and stages Fennell throws in training, grooming and health care tips.

Unfortunately, she is firmly rooted in the "treat your dog like a wolf, be the alpha dog of your pack" camp.

From the editors of the BARK (a dog park gazette started in

Berkeley, California) comes "Dog is My Co-Pilot....Great Writers on the World's Oldest Friendship. This is a collection of stories, articles and essays about dogs. There are many pieces in the collection, all of them quite short. They range from humorous to touching and they include many "How I met my dog" type as well as some fairly instructive articles. The nice thing about this kind of collection is that if you do not like one story you can just move on to the next. "A Woman's Best Friend" by Eric Jong and God is Dog spelled Properly by Lama Surya Das were among my favorites. This is an excellent book and well worth the time it takes to read it.

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