



Top Dog

News about agility in Prince George

April 2010

Past Events

Since our last newsletter we have had two sanctioned trials and one fun match. The January trial was our first mid-winter trial in a very long time. Thanks to Gys Koops we are able to get the agriplex for a one day trial in the middle of January. Because the weather and the roads were both good we got many of our out-of-town friends to come play with us.

Because it was a one day trial we did not fly a judge in from far, far away; rather, we used three of the five local judges. We squeezed in a lot of runs, the trial went well and a good time was had by all. Here are the Qs and titles:

June and Benson: 5 Qs

Mike and Dazzle: 2 Qs

Marc and Jasper: 1 Q

Roger and Biscuit: 2 Qs

Joy and Chase: 3 Qs and MSCDC

Maria and Teigs: 3 Qs and EXJ Silver

Pat and Spryte: 1 Q

Donna and Rayn: 1 Q

Al and Bud: 3 Qs and MJDC

Shauney and Cruise: 1 Q

Shauney and Hush: 1 Q

Michelle and Zap: 1 Q

Denise and Keeper 2 Qs

Laura and Chime 2 Qs

Ken and Blitz: 4 Qs

Michelle and Rook: 2 Qs and MADC

Marie-Josee and Sampson: SGDC

David and Ziva: 1 Q

Dorothy and Jenna: 2 Qs

Susan and Harley: 1 Q

Naomi and Dylis: 2 Qs

Shannon and Jorja: 2 Qs

Glen and Alee: 2 Qs

Rob and Timer: 2 Qs

Donna and Warjac: 1 Q

Michelle and Pepper: 2 Qs

Mike and Shenia: 1 Q

Carolyn and Levi: 2 Qs

Joy and Hannah: 3 Qs

Roger and Zeus: 2 Qs

Denise and Sunshine: 1 Q

Naomi and Tegwen: 2 Qs

Maureen and Mr.: 2 Qs

Shannon and Cai: 1 Q, MADC and ATChC

David and Cassie 2 Qs.

It has been a long time since we have had a chance to run our dogs at Rosinol Equestrian Centre. Thanks to Mike for making arrangements for our return. We went in February for a fun match. Although the surface proved to be a bit dusty for some of the handlers, for the most part we found the place to be very suitable. The footing was firm and the venue was comfortable. We had quite a few dogs, ranging from starters to masters and I think we all had a good outing. We return to Rosinol this coming weekend for another fun match.

Every March we begin our agility season with an indoor trial at the Agriplex and this year was no exception. A booking mix-up had us scrambling. In the end we had to cancel the SPCA "Strut-Your-Mutt" and we had to move our equipment out Saturday night and set up again Sunday morning. Thanks to

everyone who pitched in to help with that extra work.

Jeanne Shaw was one of our judges. This was her Masters Exam trial and France Jackson flew up from Victoria to mentor Jeanne and to judge the rest of the trail.

Here are your results:

June and Benson: 6 Qs

Mike and Dazzle: 5 Qs

Sheldon and Able: 2 Qs

Roxanne and Cynder 2 Qs

Roger and Biscuit: 4 Qs and EXJ Bronze

Joy and Chase: 3 Qs

Maria and Teigs: 7 Qs and EXTr Bronze

Kim and Peak: 1 Q and EXTr Bronze

Kim and Bounce: 2 Qs

Pat and Spryte: 3 Qs and MADC

Donna and Rayn: 4 Qs

Dirk and Rex: 1 Q

Al and Bud: 4 Qs and MGDC

Carolyn and Wren: 1 q

Shauney and Cruise: 1 Q

Michelle and Zap: 2 Qs, MADC and ATChC

Denise and Keeper: 1 Q

Barb and Pepper: 1 Q

Laura and Chime: 3 Qs

Ken and BLitz: 8 Qs

Michelle and Rook: 3 Qs

Angel and Vicki: 1 Q

June and Beaumont: 3 Qs

Laverne and Meg: 3 Qs and AADC

Naomi and Dylis: 2 Qs

Roger and Risk: 1 Q

Michelle and Halo: 2 Qs

Roger and Spy: 4 Qs

Karen and Coco Crisp: 1 Q

Maria and Strutt: 5 Qs

Roxanne and Eve: 2 Qs

Kim and Bryn: 6 Qs

Glen and Alee: 4 Qs

Denise and Christie: 2 Qs

Rob and Timber 4 Qs

Donna and Warjac: 2 Qs

Michelle and Pepper: 3 Qs

Karen and Belle: 2 Qs

Lorna and Rayla: 3 Qs

Mike and Shenia: 1 Q

Karrin and Tug: 1 Q

Carolyn and Levi: 2 Qs

Joy and Hannah: 3 Qs

Roger and Zeus: 6 Qs

Denise and Sunshine: 1 Q

Naomi and Tegwen: 5 Qs

Dirk and Jack 1 Q

Karen and Roch: 4 Qs and AADC

Karen and Kiri: 5 Qs

Diana and Mason 3 Qs.

Coming Events

Saturday, April 10, from 8:00 til around 4:00 we have a fun match at Rosinol Equestrian. We will run two rounds of jumpers at each level plus

one round of tunnelers and one round of steeplechase.

Saturday, May 8 we will put on our annual demonstration at Masich Place Stadium. This event is a great way to get some practice on grass. It is open to anyone (members or non-members) and there is no cost.

Saturday, May 15 we will have a gamblers clinic at the paddock, assuming the field and weather allow.

Saturday, May 22 and Sunday May 23, is our next sanctioned trial. It will be held at Henke's farm.

Sunday, May 30, Ken will put on an event that will allow your dog to run the same courses he ran at the world championships.

Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 is the Pawsitive Steps trial.

Friday, June 11 through Sunday, June 13 is the Regional Championships.

News

The sad news is that Mike and Veronica have lost their beloved Fozzie. Here are Mike's words: Today I helped Fozzi cross the rainbow bridge peacefully in my arms

He came down with Immune Deficiency and became very weak fast. Fozzi and I started with Top Dog back In 2000 after I found an ad in the paper and it sounded like fun.

We started with Obedience and moved onto agility with Mary Zacharatos. Fozzi caught on fast and had lots of fun but his breathing problem stopped him from finishing an agility course.

We did a few fun matches that he really enjoyed but he got overweight from not being able to exercise, and was told back in 2005 he was to overweight and with his breathing problem, (collapsed

Trachea) he would not live another year .
In four years we managed to bring him
down from 17lbs to 11lbs and competed
in the November Top Dog trial and Q-ed 2
out of 4 runs and was not out of breath.
Fozzi had a good life as my couch
potato , and I will miss him singing for his
food, and nipping at my fingers when I
tried to undue my shoe laces when I
come home from work. Fozzi Introduced
me to agility and the true meaning of just
having fun with your dog.
Mike Shortland.
Missing him greatly will be me and
Veronica, Dazzle, Rusty and Shenia.

There is also good news. Shauney Denis
has a new sheltie puppy named Juno.
Like the award. Like the Roman goddess.
Like when you ask, "Juno what the dog's
name is?"

The other good news is that Ken and Blitz
are soon off to England to represent
Canada at the world championships!

The entry forms and merchandise
order forms are now available on the
Regionals web site: [http://
alphadog.ca/bcyr2010/](http://alphadog.ca/bcyr2010/).

There will be a Susan Garrett
workshop in Vancouver in June. Find
her web site to get more information
and to register.

Our "Grumpy Old Men" are working
to get our contact equipment
rubberized. If you want to learn about
the product they will use, go to:
www.agilegrip.com.

They are also going to get us the
needed new weave pole bases that
have the required 24 inch spaces.

Finally, welcome back home to Laura,
Applejack and D'Lyla!