



Top Dog

News about agility in Prince George

June 2010

Past Events

I think when the last newsletter went out we had just finished our March trial. Since then we have had all sorts of activities.

In April we returned to Rosinol's for another fun match. We had a fine turn out including handlers and dogs from Quesnel, William's Lake and 100 Mile House.

We began May with our annual demonstration at the 24 hour relay for Cancer research. The middle weekend in May was when we had our "Gamble-til-You-Drop" event where we practiced a lot of masters level gambles. Then, on the long weekend we had our spring trial. This was the trial that started out as the Regional Handler's Fund Raiser but morphed into a regular Top Dog Trial. We all enjoyed the

challenging courses Lee Ann Carr brought from Calgary.

The following Sunday Ken demonstrated some of the courses he ran in Britain when he was there representing Canada at the World Championships. Man, those were tough ones! There were only a few of us out at Henke's for that event but we had a good time and Ken raised some money for the team.

June 5 and 6 saw many of us return to the farm for the Pawsitive Steps trial with Rob Struthers and Rob Chipman as judges. The highlight of this trial was Rob Watterston and Timber getting a successful gamble for their Masters Gamble title and their AtchC!. Yay!

As soon as we packed up from that trial we got ourselves ready to head south for the BC/Yukon Regional Championships in Abbotsford. What a great time we

all had! Weather was, shall we say, "varied." Prince George dogs did very well with almost all getting enough points to qualify for Nationals.

Results:

Here are the Qs and titles from the Top Dog May trial:

Erin and Twig... 1 Q

June and Benson... 4 Qs, ExSt Silver and Silver Award of Merit

Mike and Dazzle... 7 Qs

Sheldon and Able... 1 Q

Roger and Biscuit ... 1 Q

Joy and Chase...6 Qs

Maria and Teigs... 4 Qs

Robbi and Nova... 2 Qs an AGDC and MADC

Pat and Spryte... 3 Qs

Donna and Rayn... 2 Qs

Dirk and Rex... 2 Qs and MADC

Al and Bud... 4 Qs and MSCDC
Shauney and Hush... 2 Qs
Lee Ann and Spree... 3 Qs and MSCDC
Michelle and Zap... 2 Qs
Denise and Keeper... 3 Qs and MSCDC and MADC
Laura and Chime... 5 Qs and AADC
Brenda and Soleil 3 Qs
Michelle and Rook... 4 Qs and AGDC
Angel and Sunny... 1 Q
Angel and Vicki... 1 Q
June and Beaumont... 3 Qs and AADC
David and Ziva ... 1 Q
Susan and Harlie... 1 Q
Christy and Sadie... 1 Q
Roger and Risk... 1 Q
Michelle and Halo... 4 Qs
Roger and Spy... 6 Qs and ADC
Laura and d'Lyla... 3 Qs and ADC
Maria and Strutt... 9 Qs and SGDC and ADC
Joy and Zest... 1 Q
Glen and Alee... 3 Qs
Denise and Christie... 1 Q
Rob and Timber... 7 Qs and MSCDC
Donna and Warjac... 2 Qs

Michelle and Pepper... 5 Qs
Shannon and MArty... 1 Q
Lorna and Rayla... 5 Qs
Mike and Shenia... 1 Q
Carolyn and Levi... 2 Qs
Joy and Hannah... 2 Qs
Roger and Zeus... 5 Qs
Denise and Sunshine... 1 Q
Dirk and Jack... 5 Qs
David and Cassie 4 Qs and EXJ Silver
I do not yet have results from the Pawsitive steps trial; I will have them for next time.
Here are some obedience results sent to me from Karen Beeler:
Karin Beeler's dogs did well at a recent CKC rally obedience trial in Chilliwack (organized by the Bernese mountain dog club of Canada).
Leo (Newfoundland) earned his CKC novice rally title (RN) and a high qualifying Newfoundland prize. He also got his first leg in advanced with a class placement.
Penny (cavalier king charles spaniel) earned her advanced rally title (RA) and her first leg in excellent with a second class placement.
She was also best altered cavalier in the regional conformation specialty and will have her name engraved on a trophy.

Frieda (Newfoundland) earned a second leg towards her advanced rally title.

Ken and Blitz

I think you all know by now that Ken and Blitz went to England in May to represent Canada at the World Championships and they came home with a Bronze Medal! Congratulations!

Ken could not join us at Regionals because he was having cataract surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Coming Events

Practices: We have regular practice nights planned for Monday and Friday evenings from now until Nationals. As the date grows closer we may also add Wednesday nights too. We practice at 7:00 at Henke's Farm. We will mostly be using past courses from Nationals and Regionals. The focus is on high level courses; however any dog and handler team is welcome to come out to play. If you are not a Top Dog member with paddock privileges paid, please plan to make a donation when you come.

Fun Match We have a fun match planned for the Fourth of July at Henke's farm. We start at 9:00. We will use past championship courses and adapt them for

beginner dogs. Cost is \$10 per dog for members and \$15 for non-members. Around 4:00 in the afternoon we will have a Top Dog general meeting followed by a barbeque. For that, please bring your own main course, something to share and your own drinks.

Clear Sailing Trial: July 10 and 11

Pawsitive Steps Trial: July 17 and 18

Top Dog Trial: July 31 and August 1

PGX Demonstration: August 14

Cariboo Agility Trial: August 28 and 29th

Clear Sailing Trial: September 11 and 12

Top Dog Fall Trial: November 6 and 7.

News

Mike and Veronica have a new Border Collie pup. I think most of you have met "Star."

Joy Miller is retiring from her position with the School District and to fill her time she is buying a new place to live out in the Blackburn area. She is also resigning as Treasurer of Top Dog so in September we need a new person in that role. Any volunteers?

Roxanne Ziefflie from 100 Mile House has passed her exams and is a Starter's Level judge. She will have her practical trial exam this fall. We hope to have her judge for us as soon as possible.

Equipment: Top Dog got a new barbeque so we can now enjoy our regular barbeque dinners without fear of explosions. We also bought two sets of 24 inch weave poles from Dan at Canadian Agility Equipment. We are hoping to get rubberized contact equipment soon. We have a couple of options which we shall discuss at the meeting on July 4. Thank you to Glen for welding the broken supports on our teeter.

Regionals:

I hope I do not forget anyone this year....I usually manage to miss a team or two:

Regional Championship Results:

Naomi and Tegwen	444.97	4th
Maria and Strutt	523.22	3rd
Michelle and Zap	404.89	20th
Michelle and Rook	431.53	10th
Michelle and Halo	406.66	19th
Donna and Rayn	468.64	16th
Kim and Bouce	449.46	22nd

David and Ziva	420.05	34th
Roger and Spy	369.63	41st
Shannon and Jorja	363.21	42nd
Joy and Chase	468.43	10th
Mike and Dazzle	431.90	13th
Dirk and Rex	396.54	21st
Denise and Keeper	371.96	26th
Kim and Peak	465.58	9th
Pat and Spryte	428.48	18th
Roger and Biscuit	416.32	23rd
David and Cassie	413.96	24th
Shannon and Toque	392.11	27th
Diana and Mason	384.83	30th
Laura and d'Lyla	417.59	9th
Maria and Teigs	552.57	1st
Mike and Shenia	387.01	11th
June and Benson	448.17	9th
Dirk and Jack	257.87	24th
Kim and Bryn	659.87	1st
Carolyn and Levi	402.60	14th
Al and Bud	396.52	15th
Donna and Warjac	380.77	19th

Rob and Sierra	275.29	23rd
Roger and Zeus	481.20	12th
Denise and Christie	460.85	14th
Lorna and Rayla	457.24	16th
Shannon and Cai	408.00	18th
Glen and Alee	406.73	19th

Congratulations to all, especially the two champions: Kim and Bryn and Maria and Teigs. It should be noted that Kim and Bryn had the highest total points of any dog in the entire trial! Yay for Kim and Bryn!