



The Happy Heeler

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Visit and Share New Website

Explore and enjoy our new website <https://ocsdc.org> to find important information about joining the club, classes, and the people involved. Find news about Rally, Obedience, and Scent Work trials. Complete membership and class applications online, make secured PayPal payments, access trial premiums, all on a members only portal. Members can now enroll in classes, view our newsletter, general meeting information, member highlights, and best of all, brags.

Club Members Win Titles and Ribbons, Gear Up for Next Rally Trial Nov. 13

It was an exciting weekend of Obedience and Rally on Oct. 23 and 24 at Hidden Valley, and much cooler weather.

Kathy Marmack ran three German Shepherds with great success, and several club members celebrated Titles, qualifying scores in Rally Novice, and Intermediate.



Debbie Vachal and Full Moons Jackson completed their Masters Title the weekend of Oct. 23 and 24 at Hidden Valley. Image: Danielle Richards

The club had two teams, and as Hidden Valley didn't enter a team, everyone was a winner. Congratulations team one and two. Club members are already training for another trial, hosted by OCSDC on Nov. 13, at Hidden Valley.

In Memory of Rita

Celebration of Life Services for club member and trainer Rita Wolkiewicz will be held Nov. 6.

The Club's next rally trial Nov. 13 is named the Rita Rally in her honor.

Read a memorial piece by Kris Eitland [In Memory-Rita Wolkiewicz | Obedience Club of San Diego County \(ocsdc.org\)](#) and find more details.



Halloween Fun Nite a Howling Success



Fun Nite Images: Danielle Richards

Following club tradition, all classes were cancelled during Halloween week so everyone could attend the club's Fun Nite, and it was a very big party on Oct. 28th, with one of the best turn outs ever.

Owners and dogs arrived in costumes worthy of a Hollywood red carpet event. They tested their obedience skills as they greeted each other and competed for prizes.

Some excelled at bobbing for hot dogs, while others were top level in limbo and musical hula hoops. And there was a bubble machine.

Top awards included the Good Witch and her very good dog, and a pair of convicts and their pups.



More awards: Scariest (in the sweetest way), Bat Girl; Best Couple, Groovy Lady and Poodle;
Most Original, Judy Garland; Best Group, Aztec Fans; and Funniest, Tutu Bulldog.







Thank you Fun Nite trainers and organizers: Jane Glickman, Bobbi Prilaman, John Schwartz, Nancy and Rob Asbury, Shelley Bakalis, Sandy Gonzales, and Betty Ribble. And a monster hug to everyone who attended and kept their dogs in line. There are generous people out there who donated irresistible prizes. The club thanks Kahoots of Penaquitos for donating a gift basket with a gift card and many treats.



Canine Good Citizen Tests Begin

Congratulations to Noelle Orsinelli-Rivers with her Goldendoodle, Chai, that passed her CGC test on Oct. 26th. Thank you to Aly Deines-Shartz, evaluator, and volunteers Marilyn Fullen and Catherine Cornell for helping Nany Asbury with the test.

Intermediate Obedience classes will have their CGC tests on Nov. 16 and 18, the last day of classes. Those results will be available for the Dec. newsletter.

Club Award Plaque/Application – Deadline Dec. 1

Our club recognizes members and their dogs who in the past year (since December of the previous year) have achieved new AKC titles. Please review the attached Guidelines of Participation to receive this recognition. Award description

1. The plaque will include the dogs' registered name, new AKC title, and date of award engraved on a plate with a club medallion.
2. All plaques must be picked up by the club member or his representative at the Awards Dinner.
3. Members who have already received an award will submit this form with their plaque to Betty Ribble at training class, club meetings (including Thanksgiving pot luck) or, be delivered to her at 13035 Via Caballo Rojo, San Diego, CA 92129. Please call in advance at 858-484-5240.
4. A brief (50 words or less) story about you and your dog's journey towards this award is requested. This is to accompany the plaque at the time of submission of their plaque and this form.

Award Plaque Options

OPTION #1: An 8"x10" engraved plaque is available for dogs whose owners intend to pursue further competition in AKC events. When the plaque is filled, the owner will receive an additional plaque with new titles engraved on the plaque.

OPTION #2 A 5"x 7" engraved plaque for dogs whose owners do not intend to pursue more than one or two additional AKC titles.

Award Application Form Please print or type clearly. Your Name:

_____ Phone # _____ Email

Address: _____ Your dog's name as you want it engraved
on the plaque & Breed name. Titles & Dates earned:

_____ Club

Participation. Club activity will be verified against records kept by the chairman and supplied to Awards Chairman.

Please include with this submission a brief story about your journey towards the new title(s). This will be read at Award Dinner and published in the club newsletter.

This form may be emailed to Betty Ribble at n2dogs@pacbell.net or mailed to her at 13035 Via Caballo Rojo, San Diego, CA 92129. All information and/or plaques must be received at the above address by: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Busy Sundowns Red Hot Lily



Australian Shepherd, Sundowns Red Hot Lily had a successful Labor Day weekend at the GSDBHC/GSDCSDC rally trials.

She placed first both days, outscoring the entire field of one. She achieved her Rally-Excellent title on Sunday (Sept. 5) and made her mama proud.

She also obtained her ATT title on September 30! Proud Mama is Vicki Brown.

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- Shelley Bakalis
- Randi Boysen-Carl
- Debbie Redondo
- John Schwartz
- Debbie Vachal
- Rita Wolkiewicz - posthumous

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- Nancy Asbury
- Randi Boysen-Carl
- Catherine Cornell
- Alyson Deines-Schartz
- Kris Eitland
- Jane Glickman
- Kathy Marmack
- Bobbi Prilaman
- John Schwartz
- Rita Wolkiewicz – posthumous

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