**VALLEY HILLS OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**

# **Annual Awards**

The VHOC Annual Awards Banquet, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2015, is a singular event at which we welcome new members, recognize outstanding service to the club, honor members' special accomplishments during the previous year (heretofore, the “current year”), become "well-socialized," and share our common link: our love of dogs.

**Terms of Eligibility, Rules and Regulations:**

* All VHOC members whose dog(s) completed a title in the current year are eligible to receive title plaques.
* Awards #4-22 are open only to those VHOC members who have attended at least FIVE VHOC events in the current year, where “event” is meant to include general membership or board meetings, the Annual Awards Banquet of the previous year, the Holiday Party, and the VHOC match and/or trials. Members who *work* an approved VHOC event (e.g., a match or trial) will be given credit for attending *two* events per day. Contact the Membership Director (Carole at chills37@aol.com) if you would like to verify your event attendance.
* In the spirit of equity and to encourage a wider range of award recipients, we ask that VHOC instructors not apply for awards in the sport that they teach.
* Perpetual awards will be kept by the recipient for one year and returned to VHOC by January 10 of the following year. If for any reason the recipient should cease to be a member in good standing of VHOC, it is expected that s/he return the award to the club at that time.
* All awards are for the American Kennel Club (AKC) registry, unless otherwise specified (e.g., *"any registry"*).

**General Awards:**

1. Title Plaques

 VHOC offers a plaque to all members whose dog(s) completed a title in any performance sport from any registry, the final leg of which must have been earned during the current year.

2. A-Team Award

 In recognition of first-time achievement, VHOC offers an award to all members who earned a Novice A title in obedience, rally or agility (any registry), the final leg of which must have been earned during the current year.

3. American Breed Championship Medallion

 VHOC offers an award to all members whose dog(s) completed a breed championship, the finishing points of which must have been earned during the current year.

4. Outstanding Junior Handler Awards

 In recognition of outstanding performance, Andy and Idelle Tyzbir, in memory of Minna Mott, offer an award to all junior handlers competing at licensed trials in any performance sport, in any registry. Junior handlers are asked to submit a brief paragraph summarizing their accomplishments achieved during the current year.

***Special Obedience Awards:***

5. George Giswein Memorial Trophy

 A perpetual trophy to be presented to the member whose CDX or UD dog has the highest aggregate score for 5 separate shows during the current year, in either Open or Utility work. The purpose of this award is to encourage the continued exhibition of dogs that have earned obedience titles. No scores earned before a competing dog earned his/her title will be acceptable toward the total scores for this trophy. Both CDX and UD dogs are eligible to compete, but the scores used must be in either Open or Utility, not a combination of the two. If a dog is shown in more than five shows, only the five highest scores will apply.

6. 200 Award

 An award for a score of 200 earned at a licensed obedience trial of any registry during the current year.

7. Ch. Maveric of Varagon. CDX Memorial Trophy in Memory of Minna Mott

 A perpetual award offered by Val and Ray Gonsor in memory of Minna Mott will be presented to the member whose dog completed a CD, CDX or UD title in any registry with the highest total score for three legs, as follows:

1. Owner must be a member in good standing at the time each leg is earned. Date of membership will be the date on which the Club approved the application.
2. Handler must be the owner or a member of the owner’s immediate family.
3. Final leg must be earned during the current year.
4. No failures permitted before or between qualifying legs.

8. Greenberg-Hochman Memorial Trophy

 A perpetual trophy offered by Ira and Loretta Greenberg and Ken and Susie Hochman in memory of Ch. Iralor’s Bit of Gold, CD, Ch. Sebastian of Bel-Air, Golden Pride of Iralor CD and Rusnel’s Joshua CD to the member whose dog has the highest combined scores in any regular obedience class from AKC licensed trials, as follows:

1. Owner must be a member of VHOC in good standing and for at least six months.
2. Scores used may be a combination of any regular classes and must be qualifying scores.
3. All scores must be earned between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.
4. A maximum of 7 scores will be considered (with no minimum number).

9. Highest Scoring VHOC Member Okman-Tyzbir Perpetual Trophy

 Andy and Idelle Tyzbir offer a perpetual trophy to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores among AKC qualifying or non-qualifying obedience scores from any regular or non-regular class and who does not qualify for any other award in the current year, with the exception of a title plaque, A-Team Award or Ch. Medallion. There is a minimum of 2 scores and no maximum; in the event of a tie, more weight will be given to scores from the regular classes.

10. The Red Nadauld Family Trophy

 A perpetual trophy awarded to the member with the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Utility A title. The final leg must be earned during the current year.

11. UDX Award

 An award offered to the member with the ten highest combined qualifying scores in Open B and Utility B.

12. Non-AKC Award

 An award offered to the member with the five highest aggregate scores in any obedience class from any combination of non-AKC obedience registries, e.g.: UKC, ASCA, SCDOC (Top Dog), etc.

***Multiple Sport Award:***

13. Multiple Sport Title Acknowledgment

 Laurie Burnam offers a perpetual trophy to all members who obtain 2 or more titles from different sports (i.e., obedience, agility, conformation, herding, lure coursing, field, tracking, carting or hunting), in any registry. All qualifiers’ names will be listed by year; the trophy will be held for one year by the member with titles in the most performance sports. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded to the handler with the most titles earned.

***Rally Awards:***

14. High Scoring Rally Novice Award

 Sandy Walton offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Novice title. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

15. High Scoring Rally Advanced Award

 Carole Raschella offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Advanced title. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

16. High Scoring Rally Excellent Award

 Sarah Sykes offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Excellent title. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

***Agility Awards:***

17. High Scoring AKC Agility Novice Award

 VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of an AKC Novice Standard title and three legs of a Novice Jumpers titles (six titling scores in total). The final leg (from either the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Titles may be earned from the Regular or Preferred, A or B classes. In the event of a tie, handlers may be asked to submit additional data, such as Yards Per Second, or Course Yardage & Dog’s Course Time.

18. High Scoring AKC Agility Open Award

 VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of an AKC Open Standard title and the three legs of an Open Jumpers title (six titling scores in total). The final leg (from either the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Titles may be earned from the Regular or Preferred, A or B classes. In the event of a tie, handlers may be asked to submit additional data, such as Yards Per Second, or Course Yardage & Dog’s Course Time.

19. High Scoring AKC Agility Excellent A Award

 VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of an AKC Excellent A Standard title and the three legs of an Excellent A Jumpers title (six titling scores in total). The final leg (from the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Titles may be earned from the Regular or Preferred classes. In the event of a tie, handlers may be asked to submit additional data, such as Yards Per Second, or Course Yardage & Dog’s Course Time.

20. High Scoring NADAC/ASCA Agility Novice Award

 Carole Hills offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Novice Standard title (NAC/RS-N) and the *first two* legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Novice Jumpers title (NJC/JS-N). Legs may come from the Proficient or Skilled category (NADAC) and the A or B class (ASCA). The final leg (from the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Members may submit their five scores for each registry; however, scores from the two registries cannot be combined. In the event of a tie, handlers may be asked to submit additional data, such as Yards Per Second, or Course Yardage & Dog’s Course Time.

21. High Scoring NADAC/ASCA Agility Open Award

 Carole Hills offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of their NADAC or an ASCA Open Standard title (OAC/RS-O) and the *first two* legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Open Jumpers title (OJC/JS-O). Legs may come from Proficient or Skilled category (NADAC) and the A or B class (ASCA). The final leg (from the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Members may submit their five scores for each registry; however, scores from the two registries cannot be combined. In the event of a tie, handlers may be asked to submit additional data, such as Yards Per Second, or Course Yardage & Dog’s Course Time.

22. High Scoring NADAC/ASCA Agility Elite Award

 Deborah Lang offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Elite Standard title (EAC/RS-E) and the *first two* legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Elite Jumpers title (EJC/JS-E). Legs may come from Proficient or Skilled category (NADAC) and the A or B class (ASCA). The final leg (from either the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Members may submit their five scores for each registry; however, scores from the two registries cannot be combined. In the event of a tie, handlers may be asked to submit additional data, such as Yards Per Second, or Course Yardage & Dog’s Course Time.

## VHOC Annual Awards Eligibility Form

(Please use a separate form for each dog)

-- SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016**--

*Please send the following form to Ann Hills at* 13689 De Garmo Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342 or tonkanuki@aol.com. If you prefer to email, you may attach the form below or simply provide the following information in the body of the email. Please direct any questions about the awards or eligiibility to Ann at the email listed above.

### Handler’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dog’s call name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Below, please record the scores that qualify you for one of the special awards listed above. Information below is NOT required for Title Plaques, Championship Medallions or Junior Handler Awards.

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| Special Award #  | Mo./Yr. | Show | Class | Score | Leg (if applicable) |
| **e.g.***#7,8* | *10/08* | *Pasanita OC*  | *Open B* | *196.5* | *1st* |
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