



Gladys this Rosette is for You!

The Great Falls Dog Training Club is greatly honored to have Gladys Silva as a long-time member. We would like to show our gratitude, respect and admiration, by honoring her in dedicating our 2015 Obedience and Rally trials to her.



Gladys has served in almost every aspect of our Club; President, Vice-President, Trial Chair, Hospitality Chair, and Club Awards Chair, holding each position more than once over the years! Perhaps her most valuable contribution was teaching training classes for the Club. For many years she was an instructor, teaching beginning obedience, polishing and open classes.

Gladys taught the club's first Beginner Obedience class in 1984. Gladys continued to teach until her teaching retirement a few years ago. As an instructor her involvement with her students went far beyond the classroom. She wanted everyone to succeed and become a good trainer. Always just a phone call away, Gladys would rush right out to provide additional help between classes. Fellow club members could always count on Gladys to spend extra time helping with training problems. And she was always there to volunteer for the many club duties and activities. Gladys does know how to throw a great party!

Anyone looking at our trial catalog from year to year would notice that the sponsor for Novice A has always been Gladys, such is her love for the beginner and their success. You would also see that her name was listed for year upon year as hospitality chair!

Over the course of her dog show career, she showed Westies, Dachshunds, and a Cocker Spaniel, obtaining Companion Dog Excellent titles (CDX) on most of them. She exhibited at shows throughout the northwest and also in Canada. The hobby became a family affair when daughter Kimberly started showing



Basenjis, Poodles and dachshunds (standard long and mini smooth). They had a lot of fun training and traveling together.

Gladys has toned down her involvement with dog shows but remains an active and valuable club member. In 2014, the Club honored her with lifetime member status.

The only thing missing from the photos, is her cup of tea . . . True to her English heritage!



Gladys and Whiskey