

AOCNC, a positive force in the world of dogs, is a non profit organization working to further the work of its members.

The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California (AOCNC) was formed in 1951 and has been a non-profit organization since the 1980's. It is composed of members who represent 16 obedience clubs in Northern California. It began with regular meetings where problems and activities could be discussed.

Today AOCNC hosts an annual seminar and workshops in which all the clubs work together, helping to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and camaraderie. Quarterly meetings are held in which ideas are shared and plans are made for yearly events.

AOCNC has always promoted good sportsmanship and the sport of dog obedience, while fostering mutual respect and cooperation among exhibitors and between clubs. AOCNC advocates the humane treatment of dogs, opposes dog fighting and other abuses, opposes breed specific legislation, as well as legislation that negatively affects responsible breeders and responsible dog owners.

AOCNC believes in animal welfare, rather than animal rights and advocates public education to better inform the public about the advantages of good breeding, reduced cost and early neutering and spaying where appropriate. Members at the Golden Gate KC Winter Show set up an Education Table to distribute literature and answer questions regarding dog training and behavior, even dispensing suggestions as to what breed of dog would be best in people's homes.



Member Clubs of the Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California

County-Wide DTC
www.cwdtc.com

Napa Valley DTC
www.napadogtraining.org

Davis DTC
www.davisdtc.org

Oakland DTC
www.oaklanddogtraining.org

Deep Peninsula DTC
www.dpdtc.org

Sacramento DTC
www.sacramentodtc.org

DTC of Salinas Valley
www.salinasdog.com

San Lorenzo DTC
www.sanlorenzodogtraining.org

Fremont DTC
www.fremontdogtrainingclub.com

San Mateo DTC
www.smdtc.com

Fresno DTC
www.fresnodogtrainingclub.org
(559) 255-2960

Santa Clara DTC
www.santaclaradog.org

Monterey Bay DTC
www.montereybaydog.org

Truckee Meadows DTC
www.tmdtc.org

Mt. Diablo DTC
www.mddtc.org

Vallejo DTC
www.vallejodogtraining.org

**You are invited to participate in
AOCNC's Events:**

**Biannual
Obedience/Rally Workshop**

Annual Seminar

**Dates and details are posted on
www.aocnc.org**

**You can get in touch with
any of the clubs who belong to
the Associated Obedience Clubs of
Northern California by visiting
www.aocnc.org where website links
and/or phone numbers are listed.**

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**A unifying source to the specialty
Obedience Clubs of
Northern California.**

**AOCNC members belong to
licensed/member AKC Obedience
clubs in Northern California and
represent their clubs.**

AOCNC dates back to 1951.



Members meet quarterly, in or around the Bay Area during the months of January, April, July, and October. We use these meetings to share information pertinent to the Fancy, to familiarize ourselves with the various activities the clubs offer, to have an opportunity to get to know each other and to become friends.

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The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California began to emerge in April of 1945,

when the Mt Diablo Obedience and Training Club challenged the San Francisco Dog Training Club to an obedience match, in which five dogs from each club not having their C.D. titles were to compete against each other. This first match was to take place on November 4, 1945 in Walnut Creek. This first match was the beginning of a competition known as the Inter-club Competition which then evolved into an annual Inter-club Workshop.

As the years passed, the event evolved. In 1946 the first trophies were offered as prizes. In 1947 the first dinner was held in conjunction with the competition. The following year, it was agreed to open the competition to other organized clubs and on October 3, 1948, the Inter-club competition was born.

Until 1950 the Mt Diablo club and San Francisco club had alternated hosting the new competition, but at this point it was suggested that other clubs could share in the hosting duties and in November of 1950 the Oakland Dog Training Club volunteered to host the 1951 meeting. At that competition, finally held in January of 1951, seven clubs were represented.

In May of 1951 it was suggested that three delegates from each club be invited to meet to discuss various problems. THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST MEETING OF AOCNC, although it was not named that until several years later. These delegates elected to continue meeting four times a year, which has continued through today. In the years that followed, a Board of Directors was established and the organization became more formal with Bylaws and Regulations.

More and more clubs joined the affiliation over the years.

Eventually another challenge took place, this time between the Southern California Dog Obedience Council and AOCNC. This brought about a change in the function of the Inter-club competition, which became a means of selecting the team that would represent AOCNC at this challenge match, which became known as CSOC (California State Obedience Competition). This competition usually took place in the fall hosted alternate years by the north and the south. The Inter-Club competition is no longer being held.

One final challenge match took place some time later. This challenge was extended from California to all the other western states (Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Montana, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho) and Canada. The resulting competition became known as WIOC (Western International Obedience Competition). All states picked their team in a manner they determined and in the case of California, two teams competed; one from Northern California and one from Southern California. The states alternated hosting this competition. This competition too has faded and is no longer held.

AOCNC is an organization dedicated to the promotion of the sport of dog obedience training and the association of dog people.



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