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OBEEDIENCE TRIAL - DECEMBER 6TH '59.

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One of the most successful Obedience Trials held by our Club was conducted under ideal conditions at the Norlane Training Ground, attracting a record entry of 60 dogs.

Two more "C.D." awards were gained by our members with Bill Stephens' "Lindy Lou" and Col Kitchen-master's "Norville Ricardo".

A very gratifying feature was the entry of some of our newer members, who gave a very creditable performance in their very first Trial - "Keep up the good work and you will go a long way".

Trophy winners were as follows:-

Novice Bitch : Miss Vanstan's
"Tallara Princess Tanya"
91 points.

Novice Dog : Mr. Schweikert's
"Goldroign Czarus"
94 points.

Open Class : Mr. Ebert's
"Bernelore Dusty" CD
249 points.

Utility Class: Mr. Holme's
"Prince Sarki" CD CDX UD
187 Points.

Present indications are that this Trial will be a success financially and a statement of results are expected to be forthcoming in the next issue of "Shepherd News".

For points results see page 4.

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- Dates to Note -

Jan. 10. : Training commences at both
Norlane & Belmont Grounds.
10.00 am Norlane 2.30 pm
Belmont.

Jan. 17. : As above.

Jan. 19. : Committee Meeting at the home
of President - Col Mitchell.

Jan. 24. :: Training as above.

Jan. 31. : " " "

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by January 24th.

"BLANKA" THE WONDER DOG

A True Story, translated from
German by : Fred Lehrman.

Recently in the lower Saxonian town of Einbeck, a dog died - a wonder dog - who without any training accomplished unbelievable tasks, her name was "Blanka", a German Shepherd Bitch.

A reporter visited Blanka's owner Andreas Kellermann who told stories of his dead friend whose adventures will soon be filmed. A daughter of Blanka "Dixi" will take the part of her mother in the film.

She saved the lives of many people trapped under ruins during air raids, and in the years following the war Blanka was held in fear by thieves and plunderers.

The story begins, when, at the age of six weeks this puppy bitch named "Blanka vom Krahengraben" came to the family of Andreas Kellermann.

War had already begun but fortunately the Kellermanns could still afford to keep and spoil the young pup, and so with good food and loving care she grew into a strong and beautiful animal.

Blanka's master didn't bother to teach her any tricks and only gave her very moderate training. He was very proud that she obeyed instantly at the first command - it was at the age of nearly 12 months that Blanka first showed her remarkable intelligence.

It happened one day when walking through the Public Gardens, and Blanka was as always roaming off lead, that suddenly she charged at a young man with wild barking, and circled him growling and snarling -

The young man was horrified at the sight of this large dog with such vicious snapping jaws. Mr. Kellermann rushed to help, as much worried as the young man.

He gave the order for Blanka to come to 'Heel', but for the first time in her life she would not obey - she would not leave the stranger.

The situation was only solved when the young man took from his pocket a handkerchief which he had picked up shortly before - one that Mr. Kellermann must have dropped while walking.

Blanka, without teaching, had taken the scent of her master from the handkerchief carried by the young man and acted instantly.

Mr. Kellermann took the handkerchief from the young man and Blanka wagged her tail and turned away, no longer interested.

But Mr. Kellermann returned home from his walk with a thought of his own - he realized that Blanka was an extremely intelligent dog -

In fact a "Wonder Dog".

. . . (Continued . . .)

Read next month where Blanka saves the lives of seven soldiers.

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K.C.C. Conference & Dinner

The President Col Mitchell and Secretary Bill Stephens attended the Annual K.C.C. Dinner and Conference held on Friday December 4th, as representatives of our Club.

Points for discussion raised by the Geelong German Shepherd Club were :

1. Why are the Specialist Clubs in the Provincial Cities not granted Championship Shows; and
2. Can there be a uniform system of deducting points in Obedience Trials.

There was favourable discussion on the first question and it was Moved - "That the Provincial Cities of Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo be granted Championship Shows" the voting was unanimous. The Motion will now go before the K.C.C. Committee for approval.

The second point raised was commented on by Judge Mitchell who explained that there had been some revisions, taking effect on January 1st, but that deduction of points are at the discretion of Judges. * * *

Trial Judging Appointment

We take this opportunity of congratulating Bill Stephens on his recent appointment as an Obedience Trial Judge and wish him every success in that field.

An invitation has been received from Southern Obedience Club for him to Judge at their Trial to be held on April 3rd. * * *

- Decorated Cake Raffle -

The winner was Mr. A. Granich Stodard Street, West Geelong. The raffle brought in the sum of £9.2.6. towards the Club Trophy Fund. * * *

- Training Notes -

Belmont :-

On the commencement of Training at the Belmont Training Centre in the New Year, Fred Lehrman will be in charge of Training on the nomination of the Supervisor, Col Kitchenmaster, to allow the President to visit both Training Grounds and attend to various other duties.

There will be a resumption of Training in Classes at both Grounds to enable all Members with dogs to train for the full period. The supervisor will still give special attention to each dog.

We remind members that training commences at 10.00 am sharp at Norlane and 2.30 pm sharp at Belmont.

Lets get off to a good start in the New Year with a record attendance at Training. * * *

- Demonstrations -

Lara Gymkhana - Feb. 13th.

The organizing Committee of the Lara Gymkhana has requested that we give a demonstration again at this year's Gymkhana.

The Main Arena has been allotted for the event, with no interruption from other activities in order that the dogs may give the public the full benefit of their performance.

Back to Winchelsea - March 12th.

Our Club has been approached by the Secretary of the Back to Winchelsea Organizing Committee to stage a demonstration during the Celebrations.

As we have not taken our dogs to that district before - it is felt that this is a great opportunity to introduce their capabilities.

It is necessary to attend rehearsals on four Sundays prior to demonstrations.

- Khas Outing at Breamlea -

The sand hills at Breamlea echoed to the barking of dogs and joyous shouts of the children as they romped and played at the Club's break-up picnic and barbeque.

There was plenty of fun for all, both young and old - with many amusing side-lights.

The "Cricket Match" resulted in a draw - on an appeal by the girls against the "Wet Wicket".

The 300 yard Championship was a clear victory to Mr. Bosely over his hat - even though it had a 50 yard start. It's a great pity that there can be no official record set owing to the strong tail wind.

As to the fishing competition least said the better!! When Barbra and Shirlee caught a wet tail no fish - forcibly assisted in their effort by Col, Fred and Bill.

The love of a man for his dog was shown when Fred literally shared his last mouthfull of steak with Roland - chew for chew. Roland shamed Fred into it of course by sitting 6" away and drooling at the juicy steak.

It was a delightful outing to wind up the year, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came along. The kiddies went home bulging with ice-cream, soft drinks and lollies - the grown-ups dragged themselves home stiff, sore and sunburnt. Of course the dogs took it all in their stride and everyone was happy.* * *

Trial Points Score

Utility Class:

A. Holme's "Prince Sarki"	187
W. Ebert's "Bernelore Dusty"	183
E. Paxman's "Lyndenfels Wendel"	140
H. Bellott's "Prince Rintee"	109

Trial Points - Cont'd.

Open Class:

W. Ebert's "Bernelore Dusty"	249
E. Paxman's "Lyndenfels Wendel"	241
H. Bellott's "Prince Rintee"	236
D. Mitchell's "Major Flash"	229
A. Holme's "Prince Sarki"	200
P. Quinert's "Yarralyn Prince Darius"	184
T. Faulkner's "Rozavon Owen Glenpower"	171
K. Robinson's "Donald Dhu"	170
J. Caldwell's "Barambah Shah"	141
H. Melvin's "Red Rob Renown"	139
H. Luette's "Regina"	176

Novice Bitch:

A. Vanstan's "Tallara Princess Tanya"	91
W. Stephens' "Lindy Lou"	91
F. Lehrman's "Sparbur Anka"	83
J. Caldwell's "Barambah Sunshine"	86
F. Lehrman's "Pongana Ruth"	82
J. Simunitch's "Asta Princess"	82
D. Mitchell's "Glenrhelyn Lady Julie"	78
T. Donaldson's "Silver Queen"	77
Taunac Kennels' "Taunac Cindy Sue"	70
C. Davidson's "Treves Teona"	69
R. Kelly's "Alhym Bonnie"	69
E. Hull's "Drewdale Marlenna"	65
D. Carnegie's "Lady Gay Beauty"	58
A. Malloy's "Shani"	20

Novice Dog :

Mr. Schweikert's "Goldreign Czarus"	94
E. Paxman's "Reinzucht Challenge"	73
J. Day's "Glentarna Garcon"	92
A. Scott's "Captain Lyn"	91
N. Slater's "Toll Hill Rex"	91
C. Kitchenmaster's "Norville Ricardo"	90
Mr. Middleton's "Lontana Temperler Knight"	90
Mr. Nathan's "King Rio"	90
J. Wagner's "Lesfroy Prince"	90
P. Hume's "Larado Golden Saki"	83
R. McDonald's "Manitobar King Star"	87
P. Rasmussen's "Rocklitz Royal Russ"	85
A. Granich's "Armando Brumbeor"	85
E. Loughran's "Barwenview Prince Roby"	85
I. Rankin's "Duffton Regal Renner"	84
P. Funnell's "Whitlyn Goethanger"	84
I. Sirca's "Yullbars"	81
H. Lascelles' "Winlaton Willing"	73
R. Funnells' "Strathalens Simba"	77
M. Galvin's "Burra Shennendeoro"	70
F. Taylor's "Kanangra Kaunt"	55
L. Hohne's "Crickleberry Peiffer"	43

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