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FIRST OBEDIENCE TRIAL FOR 1960 SEASON

Sunday February 28th marked the occasion of yet another Obedience Dog Trial by our Club.

The hot conditions of last Sunday did not prevent an entry of over 40 dogs, mostly travelling from Melbourne, it was gratifying to note that another four of our Members have gained a 'leg in' towards their C.D.

Trophy winners were :-

Novice Bitch :

Dave Carnegie's "Hillberg Gay Beaty" (Geelong Club) with 95 points.

Novice Dog :

Mr. L. Day's "Glentarna Garion" with 94 points.

Open :

Golin Mitchell's "Princess Zoe" CD CDX (Geelong Club) with 247 points.

Utility :

Mr. A. Holmes' "Prince Sarki" CD CDX UD (Possible) with 200 points

Novice Class 85 points & over:-

Dogs :

Mr. L. Day's "Glentarna Garion" 94.
Mr. R. Scott's "Captain Lyn" 90
Mr. A. Granich's "Armando Brumbear" 90
Mr. A. Nathan's "King Rio" 89.
Mr. I. Sirca's "Yullbars" 85

Bitches :

Mr. D. Carnegie's "Hillberg Gay Beaty" 95
Mr. Simunitsch's "Asta Princess" 92
Miss A. Vanstan's "Tallara Princess Tanya" 89
Mr. I. McKenzie's "Princess Teena" 89.

Open Class :

Mr. C. Mitchell's "Princess Zoe" CD CDX 247.

Utility :

Mr. A. Holmes "Prince Sarki" CD CDX UD 200
Mr. H. Bellott's "Prince Rintee" CD CDX 198
Mr. McKercher's "Tske Hyrde Karl" CDX 183.

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"BLANKA THE WONDER DOG"

At the conclusion of the war Blanka returned to her home. Then started the second chapter of Blanka's heroic life.

With the plundering mobs roving about the town no one was safe from being mobbed or assaulted. So the people of Einbeck took the law into their own hands - calling upon Blanka for assistance.

Soon she was to become a terror to these marauders. Her action started with the stealing of a liver wurst from her master's home. Naturally she took the scent and so tracked down the culprit.

Friends and neighbours would then come to her for help when robberies took place, she never failed them.

Her biggest Peacetime achievement was the solving of a horrible murder case.

At a lonely Flour Mill the bodies of the Miller, his wife and daughter were found brutally murdered.

At the request of the town-folk the police put Blanka on the case. She was taken to the Mill where she took up scent and followed it to a camp for Displaced Persons in the District.

The Military Police were then called in and all the occupants of the camp had to take part in an identity "Line Up".

While the Police stood guard Blanka was led along the rows - she singled out no less than eleven men, who were consequently arrested.

At their trial it was proved that they were the mob who attacked and savagely killed the Miller and his family. Three were sentenced to death - the rest to long terms of imprisonment.

As Blanka became older she liked to lie by the fire or out in the warm sun - just dozing, or maybe dreaming of the many adventures she had shared with her Master.

Dog lovers who had never seen her were interested in her comfort. Letters, parcels of food and requests for for her photo came to Mr. Kellermann. Many people travelled long distances to see her. Classes from school would come to visit Blanka and hear of many exploits.

The President of the German Animal Welfare Society, offered to look after her if ever her Master was unable to. But naturally Mr. Kellermann refused the offer, nothing but death could have parted him from his faithful friend.

Blanka reached the age of 15 years when she left to romp in the Happy Hunting Grounds and was cared for and spoiled to the last.

For the rich American who offered 20,000 Marks (\$2,000) for her after the war, Mr. Kellermann only had a refusing smile, for money couldn't buy the love of a man for his dog.

- DEMONSTRATIONS -

The demonstration by the Club Dogs at the recent Lara Demonstration was marred by the extremely heavy rain that set in during the late afternoon, making working conditions very hard for the dogs, although the crowd enjoyed their performance.

There has been a certain amount of dissatisfaction shown by the Members taking part in this demonstration, resulting from the admittance charged; the Club feels that the dissatisfaction is justified.

At all future demonstrations, a definite arrangement will be made with the organizers, to either allot tickets or arrange a "no charge" entrance.

For the forthcoming demo. at the "Back to Winchelsea" celebrations of March 13th, the organizers have contacted our Secretary enquiring the number of dogs taking part, to enable tickets to be issued.

It is essential for this reason, for Members wishing to participate, to make a definite promise of their attendance and so prevent any embarrassment to our Club arising from Members dropping out at the last moment.

The dogs will be performing at 2.00 pm in the Main Arena and Members are requested to assemble 15 minutes before to receive any necessary instructions.

There has been a very big programme of entertainment arranged and the Club-members have an opportunity of a really enjoyable day out together.

- RAFFLE RESULT -

The Travelling Rug which has been raffled on Feb. 28th to aid our Club Trophy Fund raised £16.0.0. which is a very good effort. The winner was: Mr. Wagner, 72-74 Edwards St. Reservoir.

- SHOW SUCCESS -

Mrs. Reid one of our more Show minded members has had further success with her "Armando Brunhide".

On January 9th at the Non-Sporting Sheep and Cattle Dog Club of Geelong she won Best Exhibit -

At the Croydon Agricultural Show held on February 13th she won Best Opposite Sex in Group 5 under Judge Badman of South Australia and added another feather to her cap by outplacing the winner of the 1959 Royal Show.

"Congratulations to Mrs. Reid & her dog."

- DOGS IN THE NEWS -

Uncle Bluey, a true sea dog, retired on a pension of biscuits after 19 years' service with the Navy.

Blue is a cattle dog and veteran of several Philippines and New Guinea naval battles.

Since 1946 he has been "attached" to Garden Island Navy dockyards in Sydney and is well known to the 3000 employees.

He arrived for work at 7.30 am every day with his master, Mr. R. Eeles, of Kings Cross.

Mr. Eeles said he decided to retire Bluey because he was getting too old to come to work and was no longer quick enough to avoid Garden Island traffic.

Although retired, Uncle Bluey still will be allowed his regular two beers a day and a swim.

- SCHOOL DAYS -

For the past 6 years a Labrador has attended school, listening to the children at singing lessons and as they chanted their arithmetic tables; playing with them at recess. He is just as enthusiastic when the home time bell rings, for then he guides the teacher - his blind mistress - home.

- DATES TO NOTE -

Mar. 9 - Committee Meeting at
Four Square Club Rooms.
Mar. 13 - Winchelsea Demonstration.

- Shows & Trial Dates -

*Parade : Heidelberg Kennel Club	10th
C/Ship : Pakenham A & H Soc.	12th
Parade : Lillydale A & H Soc.	14th
C/Ship : Ballarat Dog Club.	14th
*Parade : Non-Sporting Dog Club of Vic.	17th
Parade : German Shepherd Dog Club of Vic.	19th
C/Ship : Yarra Glen A & H Soc.	19th
Trial : Vic. Obedience Dog Club	20th
*C/Ship : Classic Dog Show	23/24/25th
Parade : Kerang District Agr. Soc	26th
Parade : Healesville & Dist. Kennel Club	26th
C/Ship : Croydon Show Soc.	26th

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