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# The Shepherd News

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## - CLUB'S ANNUAL PICNIC -

A combination of blue skies, warm sunshine, happy people - children - dogs, and lots of fun for everyone made the Annual Picnic at Breamlea Beach another really enjoyable event on our calendar.

A very vigorous cricket match started the afternoon's proceedings, followed by races for the children and grownups, a treasure hunt for the toddlers, and a bathing beauty competition.

The results were as follows:-

Single Ladies Race	: Janice Thompson.
Married " "	: -
Sack Race	: Janice Thompson.
Single Men's Race	: Graham McDonald.
Married " "	: Reg Boseley.
Sack Race	: Graham McDonald.
Bathing Beauty	- Ladies ;
	Janice Thompson.
	- Men :
	Graham Thompson.
Tiny Tots	- Cheryl Carnegie.

Mr. Boseley very kindly donated a lovely Handbag to the Lady a Liqueur Set to the Gent and a little Hoola Dancing Doll to the Tiny Tot.

To round off the day, fires were built and we all enjoyed a well earned barbeque tea.

The highlight of the day came a little late - unfortunately for those who had to leave early as they missed the loading of the "Stephens Gypsy Caravan".

This came about by Marie Ven Roy and her 2 girl friends having to be loaded into Bill's trailer. Off we all bumped down the track and the girl's yells of fright soon became yells of delight as they started to enjoy their rather unusual ride - and soon were singing merrily. But we wondered just what some folk thought as they saw us driving into Geelong.

But everyone went home tired, sunburnt and happy - and we all agreed that it was a "Beaut Picnic".

"BEAU THE PATHFINDER"

Time and experience has brought about a oneness which is the objective of every master and dog. Through the rigid U-shaped handle which is attached to the harness on the dog's shoulders I can feel whether he is looking to the right or left, when he is hesitant or when he has reached a decision, as well as the normal routine of his guiding work.

He knows when I am undecided about crossing because of an idling engine I cannot hear beyond and gives an extra pull as much as to say "I know all is clear".

When he is wondering whether I am going to turn a corner or go straight ahead he makes a soft sniffing sound when we are working in the suburbs as otherwise it is drowned in the city noises.

Over the years we have built up a vocabulary of at least 60 words and sentences. I never ask him to find a place until we are nearing it and this way we can go anywhere with confidence.

His memory for places is amazing. Once he has visited a certain house or office, he can usually be depended upon to find it again even after a lapse of 12 months or more.

He makes mistakes occasionally of course, and he has certain idiosyncrasies which I have learnt to know. For some reason I have not fathomed, he will often avoid going into a building with steps leading up or down from the footpath yet he is quite willing to find the stairs once inside.

Because I was one of the first to receive a dog I had been warned of the possible publicity I would receive but this had no fears for me. Many blind people dislike publicity, and the committee of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association has always stated definitely that a guide-dog owner is not called upon to demonstrate or speak unless willing to do so.

Personally, I thrive on an audience and thoroughly enjoy the work, I am doing in the Association. My enjoyment stems from pride in my dog, in knowing that he looks as if he is aware of the important job he is doing as he steps along with his tail up and his head held high.

Beau has opened endless avenues of new activities for me. Without him I could never have attempted to work as Public Relations Officer for the Association.

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A Fine Performance for a Beginner

In the four months that Graham McDonald has had his pup "Castlewood Prince" he has won 12 Firsts, 5 Seconds 3 Thirds also 3 Ribbons and 3 Trophy Sashes.

These are the results of Princes' last three shows:-

Noorat A. & P. Championship Show:-

- 1st Junior Dog
- 1st Novice "
- 1st Limit "
- 2nd. Puppy Dog.

Daylesford A. & P. C'ship Show:-

- 1st Puppy Dog
- 1st Novice "
- 1st Limit "
- 2nd Junior
- Best Puppy in Group
- Last 8 in Guineas in field of 49.

Lower Heytesbury A & P Societies Show:-

- 1st & Ribbon - Best Shep. Dog.
- 1st & Ribbon - Best Puppy Dog in Group
- Sash for Best Exhibit in Group.

This must be one of the finest records for a Novice & his Dog since the Club's formation.

- DECEMBER TRIAL -

Some time ago the Melbourne entrants to our Trials had no trouble in 'taking home the bacon' but it is a little more difficult for them now. For in recent trials our Geelong dogs have been well to the fore in winning trophies.

At our last trial "Tiger" added another trophy to his growing collection and "Goldy" won her first trophy.

The Trophy Winners were :-

Novice Bitch : G. Bruenjes'  
"Goldy"

Novice Dog : Mrs. G. Ibbott's  
"Gaivalian Valore"

Open : H. Paulus'  
"Tiger" C.D. C.D.X.

Utility : E. Paxman's  
"Reinzucht Challenge"  
C.D. C.D.X.

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- A W A R D S -

To clear up a point of doubt among members of our club - those who are not local members, I would like to explain the conditions by which we award our title medals.

1. The dog MUST be trained by our Club Trainers at our Geelong Club Training Grounds.
2. The dog MUST be in training at our Club throughout the WHOLE of its Trial career.

For example : An owner who has one or two trial passes behind him and who then joins our club for his 3rd pass, even if he trains at our club will not be eligible for an award medal.

These awards were originated to encourage our local members to attend our training with the ultimate purpose of entering trials and qualifying. This has proved very successful.

CRITICISM OF OUR TRAINING METHODS

Dear Members,

It has been brought to my notice that our training methods have been criticised - on what grounds I'm at a loss to know.

Since being elected to the chair I've attended almost all of the training sessions and they have gone off without a hitch.

I will not have anyone trying to throw us off balance. I think the results of our dogs in Obedience Trials during the year speak for themselves.

I've got great faith in our head trainer, being a Trial Judge himself, if he doesn't know what is required of a dog then nobody does, and those who help with the training under his direction - both male and female are doing a good job.

No one has the right to ridicule another person's dog - if the owner himself is in doubt of his dog's capabilities Mr. Stephens is the one to consult and he is only too willing to advise and help.

If anything happens at the Training Ground in the future I would like to hear about it so that it can be investigated and rectified.

"Good Training Everyone".

Your President,  
Reg. Boseley.

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## NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS

I wonder how many dogs saw the Old Year out and the New Year in - I know of at least two - Beauty and Princess Carnegie.

While the revellers at Dave's party danced wildly round them and heralded the New Year in with "Auld-lang-Syne" Beauty and Princess were the centre of attraction as they sat there in the middle of the ring.

Then they gave everyone and each other a New Year kiss.

"What a Swell Party It Was".

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### - WATCH THOSE EARS -

The flies at this time of the year will really make a mess of your dog's ears if you are not careful to protect them with some insect repellent - DIMP is quite good. Just dab it on the backs of his ears.

The constant oozing of blood from the ears causes the dog much discomfort and often unsightly loss of hair occurs and at times is very hard to grow again.

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## Where were the Committee Members?

At the first Committee Meeting of the year held on Tuesday 10th January there were only 6 members in attendance.

The Secretary & Asst. Secretary travelled from Ballarat to attend and the Treasurer and Editor hurried back from Barwon Heads - alas there were only two other Committee Members present - where were the others?

It shouldn't be necessary to remind you all that the Committee Meetings take place on the Second Tuesday in each month at the Four Square Club Rooms, Malop Street - commencing at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

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### "FOR THE LADIES"

The monthly get together at the Palms early in December brought to light some more very attractive items for our Fete Stall, but I'm afraid we will need the help of many more ladies to supply the stock which will be needed to make it a success.

The ingenuity of some of our ladies in making little things which cost very little has been evident in the past two competitions.

For example, Mrs. Simmons' String Holder was really a pet - made from a milk tin and covered with black cloth for a mummy face and a check bonnet - very little material was required and it was what I call a real novelty.

Some of you must have some bright ideas along those lines - so don't be backward in coming forward - many hands make light work you know!

The next meeting will be held at the Palms Coffee Lounge on Feb. 7th at 8.00 p.m. and the competition item is a "Child's Apron".

"See You at the Palms"

*Bruce*

- GEELONG GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB -

January 1961.

Dear Members,

Firstly I wish to extend to Members and their families the Season's Greetings - "A Happy and Prosperous New Year" for 1961.

The New Year has a message for each of us - that we strive to enrol at least one new member with a German Shepherd Dog, thus assuring this Club's position in the Dog World.

In the past years the club has held a proud record of service to the Dog World and Public and it is my wish that we continue with the good work of helping all members and their four-legged companions. My appeal is that every member play his or her part in this great organization and I feel sure that 1961 will be our greatest year.

The G.G.S.D.C. may be likened to a Chain that is "only as strong as its weakest link" - in other words, its strength is proportional to its membership and if only one person fails to be a member again, the strength of the chain is weakened.

We are fortunate in having a great President in Mr. Reg Bosoley, if there is a job to be done, we can rely on Reg to be there. Recently he has been on the sick list so it is up to us all to pitch in and make his job much easier and help him on the way to a speedy recovery.

Our Weekly Training Session is from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. Sunday Mornings at the Ford Ground. We hope to see all members attend these classes regularly and pass on their ability to new comers. This assures bigger success in the future.

Best of luck for your New Year Mission.

Yours sincerely,

W.J. Stephens (Bill)  
Secretary.