

NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is for you the MEMBERS of the Club - it can be as big or as small as you make it! :

Annual subscriptions are due on January 1st, and must be paid before training commences each year.

You may pay your fees any time after October 1st, for the following year. Remember if you will not be coming to Wednesday night training you may post your fees to:

POST OFFICE BOX 186
GEELONG

to reach us before February 28th, or a re-joining fee will be charged.

If you didn't attend the Inter-Club FUN DAY at Altona you missed out. It was indeed a FUN DAY with classes for EVERYONE. While the weather was kind to us all; victory certainly wasn't ours, as we again received the wooden spoon after obtaining only 19 points. Werribee was 2nd with 25 and Altona won with 28 points. However, those competitors who gained points for the Club are to be congratulated.

Our successes were:-

Class 1	Sue Halson	DUCHESS	2ND
1a	Colin Halson	GYPSY	2ND
4	Jim Ball	BLAZE	3RD
5	Jim Smith	SHEP	1ST
5	Rob Dickinson	FUNTROSE FUNT	3RD
5a	Neil Wilson	BEN	3RD
5b	Werner	LISA	1ST
5b	Chris Linguey	KAY CEE	2ND
6	Craig Walters	SHARMA	1ST
8	Ken Friars	BARON	3RD

A special award of 4th place was made to the day's youngest competitor, 6 year old TARA from Geelong.

THE SEEING HAND

(The writer Helen Keller became deaf and blind in infancy)

I have just touched my dog. He was rolling on the grass with pleasure in every muscle and limb. I wanted to catch a picture of him in my fingers, and I touched him as lightly as I would cobwebs; but his fat body revolved, stiffened and solidified into an upright position and his tongue gave my hand a lick. He pressed close to me, as if he were fain to crowd himself into my hand. He loved it with his tail, his paw, with his tongue. If he could speak I believe he would say with me that paradise is attained by touch; for in touch is all love and intelligence.

From comments overheard around the ground at the Northern Trial on 9/9/34, Geelong Club can be proud of their club house, grounds, facilities and polite attitude.

Well done Geelong members and remember your conduct at and away from the grounds reflects on the club as a whole.

"A dog teaches fidelity, perseverance and to turn around three times before lying down."

It would be a great help if all members would notify change of address to the Treasurer, so that the Club files can be kept up to date.

Please note that any notices regarding training, or change of venue for training, will be inserted in the LIVESTOCK COLUMN of the Geelong Advertiser.(i.e. in times of flooding, etc.)

Man's best friend has been labelled one of his worst enemies by a new study in Britain.

The Times said a Manchester University investigation found dogs were responsible for more than 60,000 infections and 210,000 bites needing hospital treatment in the United Kingdom each year.

The survey found dog-related injuries added up to a 40 million stg. (\$A62 million) health bill.

The university's doctors who conducted the survey slammed what they called "pollution on a scale to impair human health".

They estimated dogs dropped almost a million tonnes of urine and 1000 tonnes of faeces each day in the UK, mainly outdoors.

Illnesses blamed on dogs included about 30,000 infected bite wounds, stomach disorders and skin complaints ranging to worm disorders leading to eye damage, blindness, kidney failure and occasional death.

The survey report said children were particularly at risk from infection by apparently healthy animals sleeping on beds and contaminating soil.

(Extract from The Geelong Advertiser)

GAMES NIGHT

A Games Night will be held on Saturday 20TH OCTOBER at the Club-rooms commencing at 7.30p.m. (Neat casual dress)
This is a fun night and ANYONE can learn to play. There will be many diversified prizes for the lucky ticket holders.
The cost is \$10.00 per head and this includes a sit-down spit roast supper(meal) and initial spending money for the tables.
ALL MEMBERS with or without their friends are welcome. Please see Barry Elliott for tickets. (B.Y.O.G.)

There will be a Dinner-Dance held on the evening of the Geelong 30th Anniversary trial. This will be the FINAL adult members' social event for the year. So come along to commiserate, celebrate, associate, after your day of trial. (neat casual dress) B.Y.O.G. Cost \$10.00 per head - Tickets from Barry Elliott.
WHEN: 1st December WHERE: Clubrooms TIME: 6.30P.M.
Remember there is no training the next day so you can sleep in.

ELSA DAHL AWARD

This award was created by Graham Douglas in honour of Mrs. Elsa Dahl (deceased) who was a hard and dedicated worker and a life member of the Club.

The award is perpetual and can be won by any member who has made significant contributions of any sort to the Club throughout the year.

So if you know of a club member who in your eyes has made such a contribution or an outstanding achievement, please submit his or her name in writing together with your name as nominator, to the Secretary.

An Award Panel has been established and the winner will be announced on the evening of December 19. (This is the first year in which this trophy will be presented.)

Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club (28/10/84)	October 14
Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club (4/11/84)	October 21
Sherbrooke Obedience dog Club (18/11/84)	Not yet known
Southern Obedience Dog Club (24/11/84)	" " "
German Shepherd Dog Club (25/11/84)	" " "
Geelong German Shepherd & Obedience	17th November

GEELONG TRIAL

Entries close - 17th November

CHECK IN TIME: Between 10.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

JUDGING: Commences at 11.00a.m.

If you aren't competing that day, why not become a steward (no pre-requisites for the job) as the more stewards the easier it is for the Judges and this facilitates the length of time each ring goes.

THIS IS THE CLUB'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY SO THE TRIAL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DINNER DANCE

In preparation for the trial there will be a working bee on -

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	} COME FOR AN HOUR, SEVERAL OR THE DAY
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER	

Ladies who are not directly involved in trialling or stewarding for the day if you could spare an hour or so, the kitchen Management would appreciate any assistance you can give. All donations of cakes, pastries, biscuits, sweets, etc. for sale on the tables are gladly welcomed. (This is the only item the club can make any profit from on the day of the trial.) If you can't cook and don't know someone who does, buy something you could donate from a pastry shop.

CLUB CALENDAR

OCTOBER 20	- GAMES NIGHT
OCTOBER 28	- LAST SUNDAY TRAINING FOR YEAR (CLUB FUN DAY)
OCTOBER 31ST	- DAYLIGHT SAVING TRAINING COMMENCES (WEDNESDAY EVENINGS)
NOVEMBER 17TH	- GEELONG TRIAL CLOSING DATE.
NOVEMBER 17TH	- WORKING BEE FROM 8.30A.M. ONWARDS
NOVEMBER 30TH	- WORKING BEE (SEE A COMMITTEE MEMBER REGARDING TIMES)
DECEMBER 1ST	- GEELONG 30TH ANNIVERSARY TRIAL
DECEMBER 1ST	- DINNER DANCE - 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
DECEMBER 9TH	- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 19TH	- LAST 1984 TRAINING EVENING. THIS IS THE EVENING WHEN CLUB PRESENTATIONS ARE MADE TO VARIOUS MEMBERS FOR THEIR ATTAINMENTS DURING THE YEAR. IT IS TIME TO SPEND SOCIALIZ- ING WITH FELLOW CLASS MEMBERS, TRAINERS & COMMITTEE. (THE USUAL PRACTICE IS TO BRING SOMETHING TO COOK ON THE BBQ).
JANUARY 30TH	- NIGHT TRAINING RESUMES.