

THE GEELONG GERMAN SHEPHERD & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO.7

Well December 1, 1985 will be remembered as being one of the most efficient trial and public relations days the Club has run.

For those members who did not compete or take part in any other capacity on the day, the outright success of the day was obtained by YOUR COMMITTEE having spent many weeks and hours in planning this most important function combined with their dedicated work prior to and on the day in and around the Clubhouse and grounds.

To arrive at the grounds on a sunny, although somewhat windy day and turn the corner to enter the clubrooms or check in was a pleasing sight for anyone with the usual thriving cake stalls on the veranda together with extra stalls of assorted clothing and oddments set up for the earliest arrivals. Then to enter the Clubrooms and see the many Christmas decorations adorning the main room and the eye pleasing tables set up for the judges and stewards repasts must have cheered all visitors no matter how far they came. The tables set up resplendently behind the secretariats suite and the fresh greenery gracing the bar area for our V.I.P.'s was yet another job so efficiently performed by the team of kitchen ladies and decorators. These same ladies performed their duties with a friendliness and expertise that any professional caterer would like to see on his/her own team.

The V.I.P.'s were asked specifically to the trial to show them how we utilise the grounds, the Clubrooms and to show them what Obedience is all about and how we play an important role in the community educating YOU, a member of the public and now a member of our Club; in being responsible citizens. Obviously if the various Councils and Shires which the Club reaches out to, could see for themselves what we were really all about it must surely mean we should have earned not only their respect for our abilities, but hopefully promote this knowledge within their own municipalities and support us in future expansion for the public benefit.

Presentation was the key word for the day in this goal and full marks go to the Committee for the wonderful job they did in preparing for and entertaining the visiting dignitaries.

Our visitors comprised:

Mr. Hayden Shell. M.L.A.
Mr. Harley Dickinson M.L.A.
Mr. David Henshaw, M.L.C.
Cr Ian Hopper Mayor of the City of South Barwon
Cr Jack Deppeler, President of the Shire of Corio
Cr Barry Gregory from the Shire of Winchelsea
Rangers Bill Kelly and Sue Henton from Bannockburn Shire
Cr Pat Denham from the Shire of Barrabool
Cr Mick Robinson from Bellarine Shire

and the invitation was extended to their respective partners.

The trial itself was run smoothly with the co-operation of the Judges, Stewards and competitors and by the efficiency of the Trial Secretary and his dedicated workers. The time elapsed between the end of the day's competition and the presentations was done in what surely must have been one of the fastest times recorded: and the presentations were capably performed by the City of South Barwon Mayor, Cr. Hopper. Cr. Hopper was duly rewarded for his efforts by a grateful peck on the cheek by one of our lady Judges.

Thanks must be extended to all those ordinary members who helped in the working bees prior to, and on the day in the kitchen, selling at the tables, in the rings, and to all members and their families who donated cakes and other saleable items.

I am sure all members of the Club would like to thank the Committee for a job well done.

TRIAL NEWS

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Omitted from the Newsletter was the fact that LISA McPHEE & EMMA received their 1st Pass for C.D. at the Sebastopol Trial.

WARRINGAL

Ms Lisa McPhee	Greathart Rapture(Emma) German Shepherd	NOVICE 3rd Place
Johnny Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River(Qaid) German Shepherd	OPEN 3rd Place

ALTONA

Ms.Lisa McPhee	Greathart Rapture(Emma) German Shepherd	NOVICE 2nd PASS
Ms.Gaye Buchter	Cherbeau Ellyna(Schondi) German Shepherd	NOVICE 3rd Place 1st PASS

VIC.OBEDIENCE

Mrs.Marie Elliott	Shepholme Storm Song(Kelly) German Shepherd	OPEN 2nd Place
Brian Kerr	Koredia Glendora (Jassy) German Shepherd	NOVICE 2nd Place

EASTERN SUBURBS

Ms.Lisa McPhee	Greathart Rapture(Emma) German Shepherd	NOVICE 3rd PASS <u>C.D.</u>
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SOUTHERN

Johnny Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River(Qaid) German Shepherd	OPEN 1st Place 2nd PASS
Brian Kerr	Koredia Glendora(Jassy) German Shepherd	3rd PASS <u>C.D.</u> NOVICE

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Mrs.Mitzi Clarke	Ormslee Proud Ingrid(Asta) Rottweiller	ENCOURAGEMENT 3rd Place
Brian Kerr	Koredia Glendora(Jassy) German Shepherd	NOVICE 4th PASS
Mrs.Marie Elliott	Shepholme Storm Song(Kelly) German Shepherd	OPEN 3rd Place
Graham Douglas	Pandow Justus (Shilo) German Shepherd	U.D. 3rd Place

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED.

RATE NOTICE VOUCHERS

South

To all members who are Ratepayers in the Shire of Barwon please remember to nominate our Club on the subsidy Vouchers and encourage your neighbours to do the same.

⌘ DOG MATCH ⌘

2nd February, 1986(Sunday)

This 'Dog Match' comprises both Conformation and Obedience sections. The Conformation is only for REGISTERED GERMAN SHEPHERDS while the Obedience Section is open to ALL dogs whether they be registered or associate dogs.

For further information regarding this event please contact:-
NORBET STERZENBACH (the Show: Instructor).

We hope to have further details in the next Newsletter but as there will only be a few days in between distribution and the date, please take note now.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Librarian would appreciate the return of ALL Library books as soon as possible. There will be no further borrowing for 1985.

REMEMBER the Club makes money out of empty bottles and cans(aluminium) so please recycle them through us. This is the time of year when everyone imbibes in some way. Bottles or cans may be deposited at our holding pen at any time, so don't think that just because the dogs are resting you need to. The grounds are always accessable.

If any members are holidaying around the Omeo district, it would be worth taking time out to visit COBUNGRA STATION and seeking out 'THE DOG'S GRAVE'. This is a tribute to one of the early cattle dogs owned by a drover called Peter Meehan. The monument since placed at the site bears testimony to the early pioneers of that area and equals that of the monument at Gundagi of the 'Dog on the Tuckerbox'.

MEMBERS are reminded that snakes are around and active in all areas now. Should your dog get bitten on a limb the bandaging you would apply to humans is the same that can be applied to dogs. Nevertheless the most important factor is to keep the dog as quite as possible so that the poison is not rapidly distributed through their system. If possible ring your Vet. before you go rushing in, as he/she may not be the Vet. that is rostered to carry anti-veneme during that time period. If you remain calm there is a good chance your dog will survive as we have some dogs in the Club who have survived not one, but two bites!
