

NEWSLETTER NO.8

Welcome to our 1986 training year members. May the aspirations of each handler be fulfilled over the year and may we see lots of happy dogs gladly giving their devotion and loyalty to their respective handlers.

To the more experienced handlers and their dogs, it is hoped that the period of revelry, rest and recuperation see you eager and rearing to start off fresh. To the newer members we hope you used your time wisely and maintained a regular training regime. Remember to succeed you must do a little each day.

The first special training day we are having this year is on 2ND FEBRUARY. This is to be in the form of a "DOG MATCH" and our competitors come from the Victorian Shepherd Club.

There are conformation classes strictly for registered Shepherds and then there is the OPEN Obedience section.

As stated in our last Newsletter the entries for the Obedience Section closed in mid January. So if you haven't entered please free to come along and support the members who have!

We would hope that this year's resolution for ALL members of our Club is to take time out to attend at least ONE social function and ONE meeting. Show the Committee that YOU care what they do for you throughout the year to keep the Club functioning. Dates for the Social Functions will be advised throughout the year, and the General Meetings are held every second month on the first Tuesday of the month, i.e. February 4, April 8, June 3 and so on. Meetings commence at 8.00p.m. unless advised otherwise and members are requested to bring a plate of food for a communal supper afterwards.

To anyone who stayed home on New Year's Eve alone, you really missed out on a fun evening here in the Clubrooms. This was an informal function and cost participants nothing other than providing their own food and drink.

It was not a large gathering but numbers were raised with the attendance of a group of Northern Obedience Dog Club members.

The old saying "We danced the night away" was more than appropriate with the Melbourne crew having their feet still working up until 5.30a.m. New Year's day.

Several members elected to stay overnite so as not to run foul of the constabulary. Four members decided it wasn't worth bedding down after the Melbourne crew headed off, so we watched the early morning cartoon sessions on television before rousing those that were slumbering around 10.00a.m. Thanks to Lisa for organising the evening/day.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due and payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. Dot Tilley and late payment could incur a rejoining fee.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$5.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$7.50
PLUS \$1.00 IF YOU WISH TO HAVE LIBRARY PRIVILEGES.

THIS FEE WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, AND NOT OCTOBER AS ADVISED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER.

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To those members who have been placed or passed in trials may I apologize for not always having got your dog's common name correct. To make sure this doesn't re occur please advise me on the spelling of your dog's name.

APOLOGY(yes, another)

To MAUREEN FRIARS and her dog BORIS who attained another C.D.pass. Congratulations for you both.

Well the last Obedience trial for 1985 was at Croydon which was held the day after our Christmas dinner dance here.

Congratulations go to -

Johnny Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River(Qaid)	OPEN	
	German Shepherd	3rd PASS	<u>C.D.X.</u>
		3rd Place	

RATE NOTICE VOUCHERS

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

It was good to see the number of members who stayed back on the last 1985 training session for the presentations and the barbeque that followed.

The winner of the trophy for the Highest Scoring Associate handler and dog went to CHRIS LINGUEY.

The winner of the trophy for the Highest Scoring Registered handler and dog went to BRIAN KERR.

AND last, but certainly not least, the winner of the Elsa Dahl award went to LESLEY GAYLARD for her work for the Club throughout the year.

Congratulations to all three from all of us. Keep up the good work.

HEATSTROKE

Remember this occurs if your dog is left shut up in a house or car without shade, ventilation or water. It can happen as a result of over-excitement as well as the dog being under stress, i.e. dog shows. Signs are panting, slobbering, vomiting and diarrhoea, raised temperature and ultimately collapse and coma. The treatment is the same as for humans so afflicted. Put the casualty in a cool or shady spot. Soak the dog with cold water from a hose or if possible immerse in an ice bath. Maintain this treatment until the body temperature drops or your casualty can be taken to the Vet. If the dog is conscious small amounts of water can be given. If the dog is having respiratory problems artificial respiration may be necessary.

Remember during the (supposed) summer months it is best to exercise your dog early morning or of an evening as it can be too hot during the middle of the day.

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