

THE GEELONG GERMAN SHEPHERD & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB LTD.
NEWSLETTER NO.10

Once again we have held another successful trial despite the number of entries being down. To the members who competed and weren't so lucky on the day, cheer up the JULY trial is just around the corner. To the successful folk, congratulations from us all and keep up the good work. (Results further on in Newsletter.)

As always despite written notice and verbal notice the help at working bees and on the day of the trial, was carried out mainly by the same dedicated workers. Some members did some work and yet another lot (not competing) did no work. Which ones were you? To the Committee AND their dedicated helpers - thank you for your sustained continuity. The profit made through the cake stall and general kitchen was approximately \$80.00 which was a good effort.

The July trial is on before the next edition of this Newsletter, so think about the following and where you fit in.

ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time there were four men who belonged to the same club. Their names were Joe Somebody Jack Everybody George Anybody and Sam Nobody.

Everybody thought he'd like to go to the meeting but then he figured Somebody wouldn't be friendly with Anybody so Nobody went to the meeting.

Everybody was asked to attend the meetings to work on Committees, to give his suggestions and ideas but he thought surely Anybody would want to attend to contribute and work.

Well at least Somebody would do it but Nobody did.

Whenever there is a job to be done Everybody agrees with Anybody that Somebody will do it but Nobody always did it.

Precious memories - these four men belonged to the same organization and guess who got all the benefits from it?

You're right - NOBODY.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due on 1ST JULY payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. Dot Tilley. Fees MUST be paid by the end of JULY otherwise a rejoining fee will be charged.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00
JOINING FEE \$10.00

Fees can be paid on training days or by post to P.O. Box 186, Geelong

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CHOCOLATE DRIVE made a profit of \$510.00 for the Club.

Many thanks to those committee members who took the orders and then made up the orders ready for distribution as obviously it was no mean task and involved a lot of hours toil.

To the members who ordered - thank you sweet tooths!

MEMBERS please note -

We will no longer have the class for specialised German Shepherd show training on these grounds. This training will be now undertaken at an alternative venue.

NOTICES PERTAINING TO THE CLUB ARE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC NOTICES OF THE GEELONG ADVERTISER. Members are requested to peruse this column as if training is to be relocated due to flooding at any stage, we will let you know via this avenue. Don't ring the Secretary at home or anyone not residing in Geelong as they don't know at what level the river is likely to be rising and if it is still coming up. The State Emergency Service Regional Office takes readings and monitors the river when rising and this information is passed on to 3GL who broadcast the updated levels as they become available. So listen to your radio when in doubt.

TRIAL RESULTS

BALLARAT

Mitzi Clarke	Ormslee Proud Ingrid(Asta) Rottweiller	ENCOURAGEMENT 3rd Place
Carol Gingham	Jatine Belle Amour (Sophie) Min Poodle	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
Elaine Janes	Jess Labrador	NOVICE 2nd Place 1st PASS

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Linda Reimer	Dingerra Bold Casper(Gus) Rottweiller	ENCOURAGEMENT 3rd Place
Roger Nation *	Koredia Gemara (Gemara) German Shepherd	NOVICE 2nd Place 1st PASS & <u>FIRST TRIAL</u>
Maria Elliott	Shepholme Storm Song (Kelly) German Shepherd	OPEN 3rd PASS <u>C.D.X.</u>
Thelma Barwick	Tiddles	ASSOC.OPEN 1st Place NQ

*Roger Nation also won the Perpetual Trophy for Highest Scoring Novice dog.

MEMBERS did you know?

- The Club has a shop providing dog leads, correction chains, flea powders, stickers and grooming aids, chocolate drops and even more goodies?
- The Club has windcheaters and t/shirts for sale?

MEMBERS did you know?(Cont)

- c) There is a Club raffle weach week?
- d) We sell coffee tea soft drinks and sweets during and after training?
- e) We have a Liquor Licence that goes with our bar?
- f) Our Club rooms can be hired out?
- g) We have an extremely comprehensive Library on all aspects of select- ing purchasing feeding grooming and basic and advanced obedience training together with dog and animal psychology? AND the yearly subscription costs only \$1.00?

to encourage you to visit our library. I am sure you will find it very interesting. IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW one or any of these things, how about coming into the Clubrooms and avail yourself of some of these things. remember your club membership gives you equal rights in all things.

Let me know if you need any help. I will be happy to help you. *****

SOCIAL SCENE

COMING SOON - WINE & CHEESE TASTING evening.

For more details listen to the announcements or see LISA McPHEE the Club's Social Secretary.

LIBRARY NEWS

LEISURE READING

For members who enjoy relaxing reading which gives an insight into dog behaviour under various circumstances there is a good selection of books - both fact and fiction. Many of these have been so popular over the years that they have been made into films. *Denotes FILMS.

*Armstrong W.H. SOUNDER:- a story of racial prejudice, and the courage and determination of a young negro boy and his bulldog X hound.

*Atkinson E. GREYFRIARS BOBBY:- a true story of a Skye terrier, who, for 14 years returned to spend every night at his shepherd master's grave in Greyfriars church yard Edinburgh.

Burnford Sheila (1) BEL RIA, DOG OF WAR:- an authentic war story of the loyalty of a small terrier; his survival during the horrors of World War II, including the evacuation of Dunkirk, and the London blitz.

(2) THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY:- Three animal friends - a Golden Labrador; a half blind bull terrier, and a Siamese cat set out on a journey, during which they face incredible hardships in harsh environments, but the homing instinct remains strong.

*Davison, F.D. DUSTY:- Sired by a Kelpie and born to a wild dingo bitch, Dusty faces the conflict between his skill and devotion to his master, and his inherited instinctive behavior.

George, J. JULIE OF THE WOLVES:- A young Eskimo girl lost in the wilderness of Alaska, realizes that her survival depends on her observation of the behavior of a wolf pack and their acceptance or tolerance of her.

*London Jack CALL OF THE WILD:- An outstanding action packed story of the gold rush at the Klondike Alaska and the St. Bernard X Scottish sheep dog caught in the conflict between heredity and environment.

McCaig, D. NOP'S TRIALS:- The kidnapping of a champion Border Collie by a rival competitor

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LEISURE READING Cont d

Hocken Sheila EMMA AND I:- Sheila the author of a number of books including one on dog training shares with us the wonderful relationship she had with the Labrador dog which was "her eyes" for the years of her blindness and a delightful companion when her sight was restored.

Walker F. JACK:- A splendid story of a Belgian Sheepdog obedience champion his upbringing, training, joys and fears and ultimate vulnerability. A moving story without sentimentality.

Also available are approximately 30 picture and story books for tots to teenagers.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

These are held every two months on the first Tuesday of the month, the next being JUNE 3RD. All members ARE WELCOME. There will be a guest Speaker from the Coastguard to give help with boating safety for those who play on our waterways.

Because of the Guest Speaker, the meeting will commence at 7.30p.m. sharp instead of the usual 8.00p.m. time. MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE FOR COMBINED SUPPER AFTERWARDS.

MEMBERSHIP

Are you an active member the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home and criticise and knock?
Or do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?
Do you push the cause along and make things really tick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the 'clique'?
Think this over member - you know right from wrong
Are you an active member or do you just belong?!

OUR JULY 6TH TRIAL

This is our mid year trial and the entries close for this on JUNE 22nd.

To enter, members must have registered their purebreed dog with the K.C.C. and be a current financial member or be on the Associate register, again being a currently financial member. If you don't understand this, please ask your Instructor or one of the Committee members.

Members with short coated dogs can enter the trial with their dog coated providing the coat is left on for the duration of the trial. So try it members, and don't hibernate with your dog just because it's cold and wet this time. Remember both we and our dogs should be able to work together as a team in all kinds of weather.

There will be WORKING BEES prior to this trial. The dates to remember are JUNE 21ST and JULY 5TH.

IF YOU PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AS BEING AVAILABLE FOR STEWARDING AT OUR CLUB TRIALS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRIAL SECRETARY B E F O R E the day if you find you have other commitments. Failing to notify your intentions of this leaves the Trial Secretary trying to perform a juggling act at the last minute, all of which could be avoided if common courtesy was applied.

Similarly if you commit yourself to a WORKING BEE or to help in the kitchen the same courtesies should be extended.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Seems an enterprising male Jack Russell Terrier was enamoured of a Great Dane bitch. Like they say if at first you don't succeed try, try again and HE DID. There is now a litter of JACK'S GREATS or RUS TE DANES.

THE PADDOCK

This paddock is not a part of our leasehold it is under direct control of the Shire. so don't abuse this privilege by letting your dogs run willy nilly all over the place. If you aren't able to do the recall, i.e. have your dog return to you when you call it PLEASE keep your dog on the lead. Dogs playing or running free don't always watch their owners and other people and with the amount of dogs using this area prior to training, it wouldn't take much to have children or adults bowled over in the twinkling of an eye. Apart from that, dogs running freely together constitute a pack, and their social attitude changes. The well mannere? dog at home can change personalities when running in a pack where there will be a leader calling the shots (other than yourself who is, or should be, the pack leader on all other occasions).

So remember your own safety and that of other people's when exercising in that paddock. The Club is not responsible for any accidents in the paddock.

DOGS are not to be tied to the veranda after training. If you want to come into the Clubrooms, please put them into, or tie them up beside, your car. This rule applies for two reasons, one the dogs can get themselves tangled up very quickly and it is best to avoid unnecessary stress, and secondly some dogs can't seem to keep their mouths shut when they are tied up there. This makes it very difficult for the President to be heard when making announcements as at times there is a cacophony within to contend with without extra's externally.

BOTTLE "O"

Don't give them to the local collector give them to us, as the Club collects same and gains a small cash return for them. Aluminium cans are welcome too. Members may leave these in the holding pen which is situated in the corner directly opposite to the main entrance gate. These can be deposited there at any time as despite its looks the front gate is NOT padlocked but we like it closed when we are not in official attendance. Please remember that.

NEXT issue of this Newsletter will be the last training day in JULY. If members are not in attendance on that day, their respective trainers should have a copy kept aside for you.
