

THE GEELONG GERMAN SHEPHERD & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER NO.11

Once again our Newsletter can say we held yet again, another successful Trial. Our entries reached 217 with very few scratchings and the all important weather person arranged a good day for it despite frightening us before and after with the bucket brigade.

A successful Trial is not just determined by the number of successful competitors, but rather by the success of the Trial as a whole, i.e. the way in which it is conducted. The smooth precision with which it is run is made this way by a dedicated team of people called your COMMITTEE, who combine their talents as a team, without which no Club can attain successes like this. Special thanks must go to each member of the Committee in the administration of their roles. At trial times working bees are held to prepare the grounds, rooms and kitchen and to the folk who came along prior to, and on the day of the trial, thanks are extended to you. The catering was extremely well run fulfilling everyone's needs, and the ever popular cake stall was well stocked. I saw some ladies carry in box loads and obviously some had spent all day cooking in preparation for the day, many thanks to all those who helped stock the table with those goodies. The profit made on this stall was approximately \$80.00. Thank you chef persons (yes we do have some able male chefs in this Club too). The raffle did well and made a profit of \$124.00 for the day, so thank you sellers and buyers.

Now as mentioned the Committee are a dedicated team of workers and that's what being on a Committee means, you all pull TOGETHER. Those who want to row separately can place the overall aims of the Club in jeopardy. So to be on the Committee you must have the time to come to meetings, time to be responsible for various delegated work areas, and be prepared to work for the overall good of the Club. Why am I saying all this? Well elections are coming up shortly and nominations for the Committee have to be made in WRITING this time and to this end you will find a Nomination Form on the last page of this Newsletter.

On October 7th it will be the Annual General Meeting and this meeting will be important in that this is when nominations for the positions on the 1986/1987 Committee will be taken and voted on. Some of the existing members are prepared to restand for nomination, and some are stepping down to make way for fresh blood. However ALL positions have to be nominated for whether they be old or new.

Any member who has been a financial member of the Club for OVER THREE MONTHS is eligible to nominate someone and similarly have voting rights. There will be a list placed in the Club rooms listing all members eligible to vote shortly.

So for all those qualified you may nominate any other financial member providing that member so nominated is a financial member of the K.C.C. too!

If you feel you would like to nominate someone for the Committee it is first necessary for you to ask that person whether they wish to stand. As the nominations will all be in written form, members are requested to fill in one or more (if you wish to nominate more than one person) of the slips on the last page of the Newsletter and pass the completed forms to the Secretary no later than 15TH SEPTEMBER.

As you will see you must name the POSITION nominated for if you wish that person to be on the Executive, i.e. PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT(1), VICE PRESIDENT(2), TREASURER, SECRETARY and TRIAL SECRETARY. The other 12 positions on the Committee are delegated amongst that Committee once it is elected. So if you wish to nominate someone for the general Committee just write Committee. Step (2) is for the name of the person you nominate, and (3) is where the person you have nominated has to sign the slip. Step (4) is for you to sign as the Nominator/proposer and Step (5) is for a Seconder to sign.

SO REMEMBER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 7TH.

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## TRIAL RESULTS

### LABRADOR RESTRICTED TRIAL

Trish Coghlan	Kadnook The Blakbeauty(Jessica) (Labrador)	NOVICE 1st Place 1ST PASS
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### WANGARATTA

Trish Coghlan	Kadnook The Blakbeauty(Jessica) (Labrador)	NOVICE 1st Place 2ND PASS
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### ALTONA

Carol Gillham	Jatine Belle Amour (Sophie) (Min.Poodle)	ENCOURAGEMENT 1ST Place
Pauline Holland	Sansouci Dreaming-On (Samantha) (Std.Poodle)	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
Mitzi Clark	Ormslee Proud Ingrid(Asta) (Rottweiler)	NOVICE 2nd Place 1ST PASS
Maureen Friars	Barshep Knight Rider (Boris) (German Shepherd)	NOVICE 2nd Place 3RD PASS C.D.
Trish Coghlan	Kadnook The Blakbeauty(Jessica) (Labrador)	NOVICE 3rd PASS C.D.
Sue Ryan	Bear (Shepherd X)	NOVICE ASSOC. 1st PASS
Neil Wilson	Ben (Collie)	NOVICE ASSOC. 1st PASS
Chris Linguey	Sonny (German Shepherd)	ENCOURAGEMENT ASS. 2nd Place

### KEILOR

Brian Gardner	Ormslee Proud Chieftan (Strider) (Rottweiler)	NOVICE 1st PASS
Sue Halson	Gallelong Gipsy Mist(Dutchess) (Dobermann)	NOVICE 1st PASS <u>FIRST TRIAL</u>
	Highest Scoring Dobermann Sash	
Charlie Bartolo	Maltacha White Angel (Samoyed)	OPEN 1st PASS
	Highest Scoring Samoyed Sash	

TRIAL RESULTS (Cont..d)

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Elaine Janes	Jess (Labrador)	NOVICE ASSOC. 1st Place 3RD PASS <u>G.D.</u>
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Pauline Holland	Sansouci Dreaming-On (Samantha) (Std.Poodle)	ENCOURAGEMENT 3rd Place
Elaine Nelson	CHIPS (Border Collie)	ENCOURAGEMENT ASS. 2nd Place
Chris Linguey	Sonny (German Shepherd)	ENCOURAGEMENT ASS. 3rd Place
Brian Gardner	Ormslee Proud Chieftan (Strider) (Rottweiler)	NOVICE 2nd PASS
Roger Nation	Koreida Gemara (Gemara) (German Shepherd)	NOVICE 2nd Place 2ND PASS
Helen Read	Ch.Ormslee Proud Hope (Rottweiler)	NOVICE 3rd Place 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>

ROGER NATION and Gemara had the Highest Scoring Registered Geelong Novice Perpetual Trophy for the second time in succession. Congratulations to you both.

Sue Cavill	Tara Blue (Qld.Healer)	NOVICE ASSOC. 1st Place 1ST PASS
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Special mention must be made here regarding nervous competitors. This young lady was so nervous and excited when she was told she passed she didn't know whether or not she got placed, and was over awed when they made the presentations and she found she had come first!

VIC.OBEDIENCE

Pauline Holland	Sansouci Dreaming-on (Samantha) (Std.Poodle)	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
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Mention must be made here that the conditions for the last mentioned trial were extremely muddy and held on a football ground that was used by footballers the previous day so the rest of the Geelong contingent had dogs that were not able to cope with those conditions, and some did some remarkable things.

Makes you proud when you look at the way our own Club grounds are always presented. Thanks to those gentlemen and ladies who help to maintain it that way.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE TRIALERS, THIS IS THE BEST COMPLIMENT OF RESULTS WE HAVE HAD FOR SOME TIME. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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FEES must be paid by July 27th, otherwise a rejoining fee WILL BE payable!

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LOVE IS - Sitting on the floor vacuuming under cupboards, being totally absorbed, when suddenly without being sighted or heard, one's ear is washed out and a cold nose presses against your face.

### SUGGESTION BOX

For the newer members, and perhaps some of the older ones who tend to forget, there is a Suggestion Box mounted on the wall beside the Club room door. If any one has some constructive ideas please feel free to put them forward that way if you are unable to attend meetings. If you have a good idea it does help if you sign it, because you may well be able to help in implementing your idea should the Committee accept it. For those of you who have something derogatory to say please refrain from using the Box for that purpose. Remember you have channels to voice your opinions through whether they be about the general running of the Club, or in respect to training. Training matters may be taken up through your Instructor or directly to the Training Supervisor, Mr. Colin Humphreys and general matters may be raised at General Meetings or through the Executive members. A list of the Committee and their status can be found on the Notice Board.

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Our next General Meeting will be held on AUGUST 5TH commencing at 7.30p.m. Our guest speaker will be a Solicitor who will discuss the Club's standing and legal liabilities should a canine bite a person whilst in training on the Club grounds. This of course covers the mandatory half an hour before, and half an hour after training, at which time ALL dogs are required to be on lead.

A REMINDER TO THOSE ATTENDING MEETINGS, PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR A COMBINED SUPPER AFTERWARDS.

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### MICHAEL TUCKER

Once again the Club was fortunate in having this very experienced professional Trainer/Instructor/Writer attend our Club in June, to show the Instructors, Assistants and Committee how to deal with various types of problem dogs that may be encountered during the course of normal training.

Those members within the Club who had specific behavioural problems with their dogs were invited to attend and paid a nominal fee to do so. When one listens to and watches a man like this in action there is always so much to learn and also a reminder as to how many little things we all tend to forget.

All in attendance there are looking forward to the release of Michael's new book dealing specifically with problem behaviour. In the meantime for the newer Club members we have his comprehensive book on General Training methods on the shelves of our library which is an excellent book.

Many thanks to the Committee ladies and their helpers who organised a very welcome and enjoyable hot lunch for the Committee and Instructors.

Hopefully we will have this gentleman back in the future and it is certainly well worth attending one of his Open training sessions.

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Can you help the LIBRARY?

Yes, by becoming a member. To do so pay \$1.00 per year to the Secretary or Treasurer. This will entitle you to borrow from our range of over 200 books, and your dollar will help the Librarian to enlarge the collection.

Can the Library help YOU?

Yes! During this financial year the aim is to increase the number of breed manuals. Because of the high cost of books, and limited funds, it has been necessary to limit breed manuals to the most popular breeds. If the Library has not been able to supply the required information on the breed of your choice, write your request on the list at the Library table, and you will be notified when information is available.

Phyl. Bergin (Librarian)

*It is a pity that we didn't have the same attitude as our dogs in their relationship towards people. They make no judgements, they don't care if we their owners, are beautiful/handsome, rich or poor or disabled or disfigured. This has been more than demonstrated to us with the love that shines in the eyes of KARA, the German Shepherd owned by KATE NESBIT, the young lady so severely disfigured facially by a shotgun blast. Think about how much honesty and loyalty our dogs offer us.*

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OR THEIR FRIENDS who have a business or a hobby which they wish to advertise -

We are in the process of establishing a Sponsors Board which will enable people (not just members) to advertise at our Club. The advertisements will be run on an annual basis, for a fee, and will be given plenty of exposure at all training sessions and all Club functions. This should prove worthwhile and could attract considerable business for those advertising. The fees raised from this source will be earmarked for the Club's Trophy Fund. Anyone interested - please see LESLEY GAYLARD for further information or telephone her on 21 1038 (A.H.)

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#### AGILITY TRAINING

*This Club now has a set of equipment used for Agility Classes. Thanks go to the gentlemen and ladies who helped plan, make and paint this equipment so that we the members could avail ourselves of this opportunity.*

*There is an explanation on our Notice Board about this class, and it is held every Sunday morning after normal training sessions have finished. Dogs that hold the Basic Obedience Certificate are eligible to try out at it, and those wishing to participate can write their names down on the sheet above the Suggestion Box each week. To enable all eligible dogs to have a go, training may be on alternative weeks as there is a limit on the numbers per morning.*

*The team in charge of the Agility Class comprises, Phyl.Bergin, Colin Humphreys and Stuart Innes, and no equipment is to be used unless one or all of those Supervisors/Instructors are there.*

*It is to be hoped that at future displays presented by the Display Team several objects from the Class can be incorporated into the routine and so show the public that there are many facets of dog training.*

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#### THE PADDOCK

From time to time we have spoken up about the use of the paddock prior to and after training to exercise dogs in. Our major problem has been uncontrolled dogs running loose despite many requests to show some responsibility towards other people. Well as the Council By-Laws state all dogs must be on lead in public places, this is what will be adhered to AT ALL TIMES BY EVERYONE. If you feel it is necessary for your dog to run free do it somewhere else on the way. The paddock is to be used solely to let dogs stretch after a long car journey and to relieve themselves in if necessary.

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### PHANTOM PREGNANCIES

Anyone owning a bitch can well have faced the dilemma of this situation. One such recent case in the Club saw a Dobermann give birth to three puppies, a "bulldog", a "bug" and a "chop". They were all TOYS, but very real and loved and washed babies to the mother!

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### WINE & CHEESE NITE

Well despite some anxious moments because of poor initial response to this Social event, the evening saw some 40 people attend and it proved to be an outstanding success story for Lisa, our very capable Social Secretary. The wines were pleasant. There were no high pressure salespersons as after the Presenters left the Club you ordered only if you wanted to. The cheeses and accompanying Pates and salad presentations were very well done and left as a type of smorgasboard arrangement where you just went around and sampled the wine and food at your leisure whilst able to mingle with everyone. This feature of being able to mingle and walk around without being allocated a specific seat was certainly a great contributing factor in making this evening go off so successfully. To our surprise the evening netted a profit of \$301 for the Club and as social events are run on the basis of covering costs only as a rule, this was an excellent effort. Apart from the delicacies on the table, the supper saw an unending lineup of casserole dishes being brought out, and these were donated and made by our Club members; so many thanks to all those who contributed this way.

Needless to say the next morning after training, lunches were able to be purchased for a nominal charge.

So for our first Social event of the year it was worth waiting for. Lisa extends her thanks to all people who helped make this event a success.

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### 3 WAY FUN DAY      3 WAY FUN DAY      3 WAY FUN DAY      3 WAY FUN DAY

This event is held each year and is run between our Club, the Werribee Club and Altona Club. It is designed as just what the name implies a "FUNDAY". ALL members can participate whether you have been in the Club TWO WEEKS or TWO YEARS as there is a Class designed for everyone.

The Clubs alternate the venue, and this year it will be held at WERRIBEE on SEPTEMBER 28TH. This is an important day so there is no training held at our Club ground on that day. The Club getting the highest score tally for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings, wins a SHIELD and the one with the least gets a WOODEN SPOON. The middle Club feels defeated, but not lost, and aspires to redeem the SHIELD the following year.

Details of the actual Classes have yet to be finalized and when this information becomes available it will be distributed to your Instructors who will suggest which Class you will be eligible to enter. The entries will be filled in in advance and there will be an entry fee of approximately \$1.00 which usually covers the Clubs for ribbons etc. It is a fun day and you can take along the family and barbie or buy food on the spot.

So be a sport and come along as the more entries we have the more chance we have at winning the SHIELD, AND if you get a place you get the opportunity of bringing home a ribbon from each Club.

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*IT is an act of courtesy if members advise their respective trainers when they are unable to attend weekly classes for any reason, be it other commitments or due to ill health on the handlers or dogs part. All trainers wear a name tag the same as you the members of the Club and the Instructors learn your name as well as that of your dog, so please take note of their name.*

ROBERT BECKINGHAM	21 1471
TAMMY BECKINGHAM	21 1471
JAN BOEVEN	78 2148
MEINHARD BRIEBERG	78 2296
PHYL BERGIN	48 4746
CATH. DAVIES	21 6819
MARIA ELLIOTT	45 5340
MAUREEN FRIARS	75 2993
COLIN HUMPHREYS	50 2104
STUART INNES	75 7592
BRIAN MOORE	-
LISA McPHEE	78 3036
WERNER TUMP	9 5392
MARJ. WRIGHT	43 5791

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*AS YOU WILL NOTICE THE TYPING FACE OFFERS MORE VARIETY THIS TIME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER, SO SPECIAL THANKS GO TO ENID FOR THE USE OF HER TYPEWRITER.*

*NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN, THANKS TO JIM BALL WHO RUNS THE NEWSLETTER OFF EACH TIME.*

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*NEXT EDITION would normally have been due on the last training day of September, but as we will be at Werribee it will be handed out the following week, hopefully with lots of nice results in it.*

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*PLEASE REMEMBER THE NOMINATION FORM is on the following page.*

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