

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

NEWSLETTER NO.13

History repeats itself each time we have a trial. Why? Because each time it is a success and this is due to the Committee and their dedication to work as a team to perfect the whole; and to YOU 'the members' who help make up the rest of the team.

Firstly to the people who competed - thank you; if your day was a success congratulations, or if you missed out remember you get another chance on your home ground in April. (Trial results further on).

To the members who helped stock the cake stall, thank you. I believe our Club is well renowned for this feature of our trials and the cooks of our Club are a united front. The success is reflected in the profits and this time the 'Cook' was smiling. Thanks are extended to the ladies who work tirelessly in the kitchen to feed competitors and officials alike. To those people who stewarded thanks are extended; and of course the Trial Secretary and his team of jolly green elves. Not to be left out, thanks must be extended to Maria Elliott who types up the catalogues for the trials; and then to those very important crew who attended the two working bees, thanks are given to you. The Raffle prize went to a Geelong member and the profit from this was \$133.00.

It's good to be able to start of a Newsletter like that, for that success has flowed fluently through the year with the help of the retiring Committee and your newly elected Committee is now following through.

The President's report as presented to the Annual General Meeting elaborates on the 1985/86 year (further on) and is followed by a report on progress since that time, and may well be the start of these newsletters in the future.

At the Annual General Meeting not only did we usher in a new Committee but we now have another LIFE member. This member being JIM BALL who has been a great contributor to our Club over many years in many facets.

As this is the final Newsletter for the year, the next one being due end of January, please take notice of the dates contained herein.

Once again the Club has had a successful Chocolate Drive despite the fact that many Clubs and Organizations are now using the same chocolates in their fund raising ventures. The profit is well over that of the last drive and this will be used to purchase a new motor mower for the Club.

Our own Club Fun Day went off successfully and we had good participation. Congratulations to all those people who gained places in their classes. Fortunately the rain held off for most stayers to get their lunches cooked and for those stayers, there were a few more fun classes run mid afternoon.

Seems Santa Claus gets some strange requests, but one I heard of recently was from a little boy requesting ONE OF THOSE RIDE-ON TOYS! Good on you Johnny, get right onto that MOWER power. (Now you know why we had to have a Chocolate Drive.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT as tabled at the A.G.M. for 85/86

At the outset it would be appropriate to say that this has been one of the most significant years in the club's operation.

Our Club's aim is to provide the community at large with the opportunity to be able to learn dog care and responsibility and to have an obedience trained dog, without bias towards particular breeds.

Keeping in line with this policy, I suggest the most significant change this year was the change of the Club name. This has been an issue for many years, so the Committee accepted their responsibility and elected to give you the members an opportunity to voice your view. This was by means of a vote. A Special General Meeting was held, a vote cast, with a result of 85% in favour of a name change, 14% against. Though the Club name has changed, we will be operating as before.

Membership ending June 85 totalled 347, dipping slightly during the year, ending up at 347 ending May 86. Currently at 350 members and rising. It is pleasing to note, that not are we only gaining new members, but retaining present members.

The Club's assets totalling \$82,626 have been itemised into the various areas as shown on balance sheets distributed at the meeting. It should be recognised that these assets have only arisen out of the sheer dedication and hard work of past and present members. There have been many people in past years who have given their time and energy to make this Club what it is today. For without their efforts we would not be in such a viable position. I thank those people for that dedication.

I am aware some members are upset at the name change, and feel disappointment in a sense, the Club has let them down. Though this may feel quite real to the individual, it should be recognised that life and times change. If we as a Club do not move with change and keep abreast of community needs, we could possibly deny ourselves of the opportunity to maintain this Club's standing within the community. I feel sure with the name change we will only promote our image with local Councils, Shires and the community as a whole.

In the past 15 months, we have completed various projects costing in excess of \$3000. The largest single expenditure however, related to the purchase and installation of three gas heaters. Other expenditure was the installation of a new septic tank drain, restoration of chain ring, picnic tables and a microwave oven. There have been other ground improvements.

To keep up with training development, we embarked on the provisioning of material and then assembly of Agility equipment. This Club is one of the leaders in this field.

So, what are our objects for the next 12 months? Primarily it is to continue with the Club aims, in promoting dog ownership responsibility, training and to be the dog club people want to be a part of. Improvement wise we are currently planning building extensions. Once plans have been approved by Council details will be discussed. We have also purchased lights for night training. This will only cover the chain ring, cost prohibits any other area at this stage. There will be other less expensive developments throughout the year.

The success of any club depends on the enthusiasm and support from you the members and Committee. It has been with this Committee through their contribution and good management that we have seen our Club prosper during the past 15 months.

I thank each and everyone of you for your support and efforts throughout this term of office.

To the new Committee I urge you to work together, do not be afraid to put your point of view, but accept the descisions made.

Thanks to Dick Spurr for his valuable time and assistance in providing such a detailed account of our monies received and expended, and to all who maintain ed bookkeeping for their term.

Finally but by no means least to all members, support your Club by attending bi-monthly General Meetings and having your say. It is with your ideas and suggestions that will assist the Committee in administering your Club.

Thank you all for a pleasant and enjoyable term as President.

GRAHAM PETER DOUGLAS, President

PRESIDENT'S CURRENT REPORT

Firstly I must congratulate all members who assisted in any way with our Open Obedience Trial held on 16/11/86. The whole running and organising was of a professional nature and a credit to all. It was pleasing from my point of view for us to show that professional image with our guests the Mayor and Mayoress of the City of South Barwon in attendance. I thought the Mayor, Harry Blackley showed genuine concern during the presentation of Specialist Trophies.

This coming year 86/87 will be an exciting year for our Club. Your Committee intends to improve our communication amongst members, and the first method will be by providing reports in the Newsletter. It is intended these reports will be brief but still keep you informed of the Club's activities.

Our No.1 project next year is to commence the building extensions. This will improve our Club rooms significantly. It is intended to relocate existing storage areas plus provide extra toilets.

Our other major community project is to provide dog awareness classes. These classes will be conducted in our Club rooms and will have guest speakers, relating to dog ownership and dog responsibility. This project has full Council support which is most encouraging. More on this later.

For the members who go trialling and see what other Obedience Dog Clubs have in the way of grounds and Club rooms, they can easily recognise the assets this club has. For members who are not aware of other Clubs' conditions, believe me, we are lucky to have the grounds and Clubrooms. So I urge you all to support your Club in any way that you are able. This may be by giving your support to social activities, attending working bees or giving up two hours every second month to attend General Meetings. You may be able to make a valuable contribution.

This will probably be the last Newsletter this year, so I wish you all, on behalf of the Committee and myself, a happy and safe Christmas and hope the New Year brings what you are looking for.

GRAHAM DOUGLAS, President

TRIAL RESULTSLABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

Mitzi Clarke	Ormslee Proud Ingrid (Asta) (Rottweiler)	NOVICE 2nd Place 3rd PASS <u>C.D.</u>
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Sue Halson	Gallelong Gipsy Mist (Dutchess) (Dobermann)	NOVICE 1st Place 3rd PASS <u>C.D.</u>
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Elaine Nelson	Chips (Border Collie)	ASSOC. NOVICE 2nd PASS
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Chris Linguey	Sonny (German Shepherd)	ASSOC. ENCOURAGEMENT 3rd Place
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Bernie Barrett	Suby (Kelpie X)	ASSOC. ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
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Carol Gillham	Jatine Belle Amour (Sophie) (Min. Poodle)	NOVICE 2nd Place 1st PASS
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Pauline Holland	Sansouci Dreaming On (Sam) (Std. Poodle)	NOVICE 1st PASS
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Craig Walters	Torlum Dunira C.D. (Sharma) Flat Coated Retriever	OPEN 1st PASS
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ROSEBUD

Bernie Barrett	Suby (Kelpie X)	ASSOC. ENCOURAGEMENT 1st Place
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EASTERN SUBURBS

Pauline Holland	Sansouci Dreaming On (Sam) (Std. Poodle)	NOVICE 2nd PASS
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Enid Slattery	Glenawly Aro (Aree) (German Shepherd)	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
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Tracey Jones	Goldright Kristiane (Molly) (Golden Retriever)	ENCOURAGEMENT 1st Place
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Chris Linguey	Sonny (German Shepherd)	ASSOC. ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
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Len Richards	Kelly Jodie (German Shepherd)	ASSOC. ENCOURAGEMENT 1st Place
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TRIAL RESULTS Cont...d

Helen Read	Ch.Ormslee Proud Herald(Sabu) (Rottweiler)	NOVICE 2nd PASS
Carol Gillham	Jatine Belle Amour(Sophie) (Min.Poodle)	NOVICE 2nd Place 2ND PASS
Roger Nation	Gemnee Amber(Amber) (German Shepherd)	NOVICE 3rd Place 1ST PASS
Anne Lineen	Minus (Curley Coated Retriever)	ASSOC.NOVICE 1st PASS
Elaine Nelson	Chips (Border Collie)	ASSOC.NOVICE 3rd PASS <u>G.D.</u>

Congratulations to all those people who had success, and a special mention to the following three for their awards -

HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED GEELONG ENCOURAGEMENT MEMBER	Tracey Jones
HIGHEST SCORING ASSOCIATE GEELONG ENCOURAGEMENT MEMBER	Len Richards
HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED GEELONG NOVICE MEMBER(QUALIFYING ONLY)	Carol Gillham

BOOK REVIEW

ONE MAN & HIS DOG by Anthony Richardson

War, adventure, comradeship, and pathos combine to make this true story a good read - not only to German Shepherd owners, but to all those fortunate enough to have experienced true companionship with a very special dog.

Jan, A Czech refugee, during the Second World War, joined the French Air Force as an air gunner, and was shot down over Germany. While sheltering in a deserted farm house, he befriended an abandoned Alsatian pup(as the German Shepherd was then called). Little did he know, that this miserable little specimen would one day be the first non-British dog to be awarded the Dickens Medal - the animal V.C.

Jan's dog, Antis is buried in the pet cemetery at Ilford, England. The inscription on his grave reads -

*There is an old belief,
That on some solemn shore
Beyond the sphere of grief,
Dear friends shall meet once more.*

Jan never owned another dog.

NOTE *My thanks to Robert Beckingham who donated this book to the Library.*

*Phyl Bergin
(Librarian)*

EXTRA - Geelong Trial

Craig Walter	Torlum Dinira(Sharma) (Flat Coated Retriever)	OPEN 1st Place
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President	Mr. Graham Douglas	Ph. 50 2483	Public Officer
Vice President 1	Miss Lesley Gaylard	Ph. 21 1038	Special Projects Officer
Vice President 2	Mr. Barry Elliott	Ph. 43 5340	
Secretary	Mr. Anton Pape	Ph. 55 1618	
Ass. & Trial Sec.	Mr. Jim Ball	Ph. 48 3482	Club Nominee
Treasurer	Mrs. Elaine Janes	Ph. 55 4520	
Committee	Mr. Gordon Tilley	Ph. 78 3396	Funds Co-Ordinator
	Mrs. Dot Tilley	Ph. 78 3396	Shop Manager
	Mrs. Jan Boeyen	Ph. 78 2148	Hall Manager
	Mrs. Judy Cook	Ph. 88 7313	Canteen Manager
	Mrs. Nancye Ball	Ph. 48 3482	Ass. Canteen Manager
	Mr. Colin Humphreys	Ph. 50 2104	Training Supervisor
	Mr. Robert Beckingham	Ph. 48 5472	Ass. Training Supervisor
	Mr. Len Richards	Ph. 48 3050	Ground Manager
	Mrs. Thelma Barwick	Ph.	Social Secretary
	Miss Lisa McPhee	Ph. 78 3036	Ass. Social Secretary
	Mr. Stuart Innes	Ph. 75 7778	Promotion & Publicity Off.
	Mrs. Phyl Bergen	Ph. 48 4746	Librarian

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29/11	DISPLAY TEAM DEMONSTRATION
2/12	GENERAL MEETING
13/12	CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE
17/12	LAST TRAINING NITE FOR 1986 & ANNUAL PRESENTATION NITE.
31/1&1/1	NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH
28/1	TRAINING RESUMES
2/2	GENERAL MEETING

(More details on all of these dates further on.)

WARNING

SNAKES ARE AROUND AND LIVELY AGAIN. REMEMBER SNAKES VENOM IS MUCH MORE LETHAL AT THE START OF THE SEASON AS THEY HAVE JUST COME OUT OF HIBERNATION WITH A FULL STORE. IF YOU ARE BITTEN HEAD FOR A HOSPITAL. IF YOUR DOG IS BITTEN RUN TO THE NEAREST VET, AND HE/SHE WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE SURGERY THAT HAS THE ANTI VENENE. THE VETS. HANDLE THIS ON A ROSTERED SYSTEM AS THEY CAN'T ALL AFFORD TO CARRY STOCKS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SURGERIES. IF YOU RUN YOUR DOGS

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SNAKES (CONT.)

IN OPEN PADDOCKS OR BUSH AREAS DO IT EITHER EARLY MORNING OR EVENING TO TRY AND AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF ENCOUNTERING SNAKES. THIS IS ALSO A FAR BETTER TIME TO RUN AND TRAIN YOUR DOGS RATHER THAN IN THE HEAT OF THE DAY.

TIP

Short coated dogs are very prone to insect bites especially mosquitoes, so put some AEROGUARD on them too. If they don't like the sound of pressure pack sprays, use the roll on type. Long Coated dogs appreciate having their faces rubbed with this too as this is an area in which they are vulnerable. If your dog can't handle Aeroguard, use some Citronella.

AGILITY CLASSES

Those members interested in Agility training are reminded that this is conducted on SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10.00a.m.

To be eligible for this you MUST have your Basic Obedience Certificate.

INSTRUCTORS

Your Instructor keeps a roll so it is courtesy if you advise them of your inability to attend classes at any time. Learn your Instructors' name, they like you, wear a membership badge.

Charlie Bartolo	75-1958
Robert Beckingham	48 5472
Phyl Bergin	48 4746
Jan Boeyen	78 2148
Meinhard Brieberg	78 2296
Cath Davies	21 6819
Maureen Friars	75 2993
Colin Humphreys	50 2104
Stuart Innes	75 7778
Brian Kerr	77 0135
Brian Moore	-
Roma Roscoe	43 7464
Marj. Wright	43 5791

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAMMY AND ROBERT BECKINGHAM ON THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR SON ON 15TH NOVEMBER.

JUMPING EVENTS

DOGS of varied talents are to be found within our Club and one such dog has done well for itself. The dog is GOLDIE, a Border Collie X owned and trained by Allan Kennedy.

At the Geelong Show 'Goldie' was jumping 6' and won on the Thursday and Friday evenings and came 2nd on the Saturday evening.

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JUMPING EVENTS(Cont..d)

Not to be happy with just that, at WARRNAMBOOL SHOW 'Goldie' jumped 8'11" to get a 2nd. Congratulations to the two of you.

Yes, Allan had a problem keeping 'Goldie' in her run at home until he fenced that top in!!

Don't rush out and start to put your dogs over great heights, remember different size dogs have different capabilities, and the only safe jumper is one that has been taught to do it on command, not of its own whims.

DISPLAY TEAM DEMO. 29/11

This will be at 12.30p.m. at the St. Augustines School situated at Highton.

If you aren't a member of this team and live in the area pop in and support the members who are; and for those of you who have never seen a demonstration now is the time. If you are interested in becoming part of this team please see Graham Douglas and/or Jan Boeyen for further enlightenment.

GENERAL MEETING 2/12

This is the final General Meeting for the year and will commence at 8.00p.m. If you want to see how your Club is run, or to voice your opinion about some aspect of the Club or just for the comraderie, now is the time.

Members are reminded to bring a plate for the combined supper after the meeting has adjourned.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE 13/12

Come along and join in this last social function for the year. Make up a table with some friends or come along by yourself, we really are all friendly. Music will be supplied and your meal is PORK or BEEF spit roasted with accompanying salads and of course CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

Cost of this venue is \$25.00 per double. Bring your own GROG. 7.30P.M. start. For bookings and tickets please see LESLEY GAYLARD.

LAST TRAINING NIGHT FOR YEAR & ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT 17/12

This is the final night's training for the year followed by the Annual Award Presentations. These go to members who have obtained Qualifying Titles throughout the year, and then there are the special presentations to the Highest Scoring Associate Dog and the Highest Scoring Registered Dog. These awards are worked out on your scores at trials home and away throughout the year, and is not necessarily awarded to the person with the highest scores, so if you have not handed in your results to the Secretary you'll miss out.

Then we have the ELSA DAHL AWARD which is made annually in memory of a Life Member of our Club. This award is made to a person who has contributed to/or achieved something within the Club over the year. It may be for skills associated with owning and training dogs, or it may be for administrative and functional achievements over the year. A judging Panel of two people select the winner from Applications submitted IN WRITING prior to that date. If you admire someone for something they have done write their name down, together with your own, and a short paragraph setting out the reason why you have nominated them and hand this to the Secretary. This shouldn't necessarily be related to time spent at the Club, but rather to the achievement itself. (You will see on the feature wall in our Clubrooms this Award with the recipients name thereon.)

LAST TRAINING NIGHT(Extra)

AFTER these awards, please join in with us all and sizzle some goodies on the Club BBQ. (Bring your own food) and (buy your drinks from the bar) and wish your other class members a happy Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH 31/12

This is an uncostly night together to ring in the New Year. Designed for those who have families and for those of us who had no special annual party to go to AND for those who might otherwise be home by themselves. Last year we had a dozen or so members from one of the Melbourne Clubs join us. You bring your BBQ, food and drink. We supply the music. Starting say from 6.00p.m. onwards to whenever. Some of us stayed till 10.30a.m. New Year's day to avoid getting involved with breathalizers. Bring a tent, a caravan or just your sleeping bag if you wish to stay over. Early morning TV is really great!!

TRAINING RESUMES 28/1

Training resumes at 7.00p.m. for existing classes unless told otherwise by your Instructor on our break up night.

GENERAL MEETING 2/2

Commencing at 7.30P.M. as there will be a Guest Speaker, Mr. Raynor from the Bellbrae Health Resort. The normal meeting will follow on from this speaker.

Remember the plate.

A special request from the Doggy Santa comes from SHILO who said, "Santa please fill my stockings, 'cause it is a long time to wait in between Trials to get a decent feed."

Thanks again to ENID for the use of this typewriter, and to JIM for feeding the stencils to the machine.

I reiterate what the President has said, and wish everyone and their dogs a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Enjoy yourselves; for those going away, have a good holiday; drive carefully and considerately and REMEMBER to fill your dogs' Christmas stocking once and his water bowl regularly. We would like to see the total membership back with us when we start into the New Year.
