

GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER NO.14

There being no Committee reports, this Newsletter is brief and essentially serves the purpose of welcoming you into the 1987 training year. Hopefully handlers and trainers are well rested and ready for a full and rewarding year ahead.

To those people just starting out you are wished every success and a good thing to remember is that there are NO perfect dogs just as there are NO perfect handlers; everyone makes mistakes but practice helps to alleviate a lot of them.

Our last 1986 Training evening was the one at which the Club's Annual Presentations were made.

The HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED DOG Trophy went to Charlie Bartolo and his dog "Maltacha White Angel".

The HIGHEST SCORING UNREGISTERED DOG Trophy went to Elaine Janes and "Jessica Sue".

The much coveted ELSA DAHL award went to Phyl. Bergin who trains our senior class and is one of our Agility trainers as well as being our tireless Librarian; also Phyl. has implemented a new format for trainers to complete when taking their classes which will help in better evaluating how best to help individuals within the classes. Phyl. is already one of our Club's Life Members.

Congratulations to the three of you on an excellent year's work.

V A L E

It is with deep regret that Margaret Purnell passed away in early January this year. Margaret and her husband Don were both dedicated Club members. Margaret helped in both the kitchen and shop areas and put up a valiant effort knowing that she had Parkinsons Disease. Our deepest sympathy goes to Don in this difficult period of his life.

Our CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE proved to be a successful evening and one which made a profit of \$94.00.

The meal though slightly different than previous years was more than adequate, and the continual supply to tables of entrees/ taste starters was a welcome new addition.

Thanks to those members who did the behind the scene work for this function and to those who helped on the night.

TRIALS

Members are reminded that CLOSING DATES for Obedience Trials are now listed in the K.C.C.Gazette. This year the Club has an additional Perpetual Trophy to offer for Unregistered dogs. This has generously been donated by the Breakwater Hotel.

BOOK REVIEW

A BLACK FOX RUNNING a novel by Brian Carter. (Fiction)

Set in Dartmoor, England, this story is one of a fox who experiences fear, grief and joy as he struggles daily to survive against nature and man, friend and foe. The story shows a remarkable knowledge of the habits of foxes and other lessor wild creatures.

Remember to write fiction you have to have a factual knowledge and understanding of your subject. Much can be learned from these type of stories that you may not necessarily pick up in books written specifically about a breed. So don't dismiss them as fairy tales.

Elaine L.

(NEW MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT FOR ONLY \$1.00 PER YEAR THEY CAN AVAIL THEMSELVES OF BOOKS FROM OUR EXTENSIVE LIBRARY COLLECTION.)

TRIAL RESULTS

SOUTHERN

Helen Read	Aust.Ch.Ormslee Proud Herald(Sabu) (Rottweiller)	NOVICE 3rd PASS <u>C.D.</u>
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BALLARAT

Enid slattery	Glenawly Aro (Aree) (German Shepherd)	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
Anne Lineen	Minus (Curly Coated Retriever)	ASSOC.NOVICE 2nd Place

CROYDON

Carol Gillham	Jatine Belle Amour(sophie) (Min.Poodle)	NOVICE 1st Place <u>C.D.</u> Third Pas
Elaine Kennedy	Matilda (Border Collie)	ASSOC.NOVICE 1st PASS

Congratulations to all, especially those having gained their titles.

REMINDER

GENERAL MEETINGS are held bi-monthly and the first for this year is NEXT TUESDAY, February 3rd. This meeting will commence at 7.30p.m. as there will be a guest speaker from the Bellbrae Health Management Resort.

Members are requested to bring a plate.

The next Newsletter is due on the last training day of March.
