

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO.15

Firstly, welcome to all the new members for whom this Newsletter is their first. You are wished every success with your training and are invited to be a part of all our Club activities. If you don't know something or can't understand something please feel free to approach any Committee member or Instructor and if they themselves can't be of direct service they will certainly point you towards the right person. Further on there is a list of Committee and Instructors to help make it a little easier for you to know who to approach.

These Newsletters are published bi-monthly and the next one will be distributed at the last training session in MAY.

The three major projects on the Club calendar at present are - the changeover to the new training schedule; the April Trial and the activities involved with the extensions to the Club house.

The changeover in training should prove to be more efficient and will bring us into line with many of the other Obedience Clubs who operate under a similar system. The scheme is designed to give members a goal to work towards each four week period and with that changeover operating with smaller classes it should enable more individual contact being maintained. Here's to your success in its success.

CLUB CALENDAR

DISPLAY TEAM TODAY 29.3.87 , - WHERE?

MERCY FAMILY CARE

OSBORNE PARK

CORIO

(Opposite Kentucky Fried Chicken)

4.4.87	POKIES TRIP(Bookings Closed)
7.4.87	GENERAL MEETING
11.4.87	WORKING BEE
17.4.87	FISH BBQ
25.4.87	WORKING BEE
26.4.87	GEELONG TRIAL
5.5.87	COMMITTEE MEETING

Since our Club changed its name last year by general consensus a competition was run for members to provide a drawing for a new Club logo. This competition has now finished and our congratulations go to Mrs. Maria Elliott for her winning design. These will be sew on emblems and are currently being made up. Car transfers are also being produced and will be available for members to purchase at some time in the near future.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am happy to report that our planned building extensions have finally been approved. It is also encouraging to hear that the City Of South Barwon have agreed to funding our club with a grant to the tune of \$2916:00. This will assist us, but we still need to plan some fund raising activities. The estimated ^{cost} will be approximately \$8000:00. If you have any suggestions, do not hesitate to put your ideas to either myself or members of your committee.

May is going to be the month to implement our new training programme. There has been a great deal of work in the preparation of this programme. I thank all concerned for their individual and collective efforts, especially your training supervisor Colin Humphreys. This will entail a more comprehensive training programme. It will require you to work harder for your achievements. (Life was not meant to be easy.)

Congratulations to the display team for their recent efforts, and making themselves available for displays and training. Thanks to Jan for her assistance. Do not forget next display 12:30pm Sunday 29/March Osborne park. In aid of Mercy Family Care. Any member wishing to know more about display team see me.

New members wanting to know more about open obedience trials, do not forget ours is on Sunday 26/April commencing 12noon.

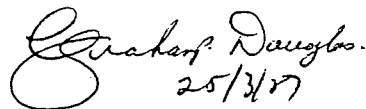
If you have any points you wish to raise about our club, we offer you the opportunity to attend bi monthly general meetings. This gives you the members the forum to air your views, good or not so good. There are no bad views.

New club emblem and badges will be available soon. Currently being manufactured.

Remember we still have some of our limited edition CHAMPAGNE, ask your friendly bar manager. He may reduce the price just for you.

I thank all who have contributed to presenting this news letter. To Elaine Longshaw for typing and to the shadow cabinet for stapling together.

Finally, I urge you all to assist where possible in future fund raising activities, attend working bees where possible. Be an active member of your club. All help and assistance is greatly appreciated.


25/3/87

PRESIDENT
GRAHAM.P.DOUGLAS.
25/march/1987.

sign in an Albert Park pet shop: "to rid your pet of fleas, rub alcohol into the fur then sprinkle it with sand. When the fleas get drunk they will stone each other to death".

TRIAL RESULTS

WARRINGAL

Alan Kennedy	Goldie (Kelpie Cross)	ASSOC. ENCOUR. 3rd Place
Elaine Kennedy	Matilda (Border Collie)	ASSOC. NOVICE 2nd PASS

and HIGHEST SCORING ASSOCIATE DOG IN TRIAL.

WARRNAMBOOL

Chris Linguey	Sonny (German Shepherd)	ASSOC. ENCOUR. 1st Place
Margaret Lowe	Isartal Aiden (Marcus) (German Shepherd)	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place

ATTENTION

GEELONG OPEN TRIAL

APRIL, 26TH 1987

Closing date for entries is 12th April and entries must be marked Geelong at top.

This rule also applies to all other Trials Club members enter as there will be SASHES handed out for HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED DOG and HIGHEST SCORING ASSOCIATE DOG at the next ALTONA, BALLARAT and NORTHERN TRIALS. (These need not be Qualifying scores either!)

GEELONG HOLDS THREE TRIALS PER YEAR AND THE DATES FOR THE OTHER TWO ARE

12.7.87 and 15.11.87

so keep those dates free if you can. If you are not actually trial-ing on these days you can still come along and watch, and more importantly you can help YOUR CLUB. There are so many things that people can help with on the day, i.e. being a Steward, helping in the kitchen, helping set up the grounds; with additional maintenance of the grounds on the day and in the weeks preceding; bring along cakes, sweets and biscuits to be sold at our stall. The profits from this cake stall go direct to the Club and are not absorbed in the trial running costs. So the more you bring to sell the more profit there is for the Club to spend on facilities for you!

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Get to know your Committee and learn who can help you best with your enquiries.

President	Mr. Graham Douglas	50 2483	Public Officer
Vice President 1	Miss Lesley Gayland	21 1038	Special Projects Officer
Vice President 2	Mr. Barry Elliott	43 5340	
Secretary	Mr. Anton Pape	55 1618	
Ass & Trial Sec.	Mr. Jim Ball	48 3482	Club Nominee
Treasurer	Mrs. Elaine Janes	55 4520	
Committee	Mr. Gordon Tilley	78 3396	Funds Co-Ordinator
	Mrs. Dot Tilley	78 3396	Shop Manager
	Mrs. Jan Boeyen	78 2148	Hall Manager
	Mrs. Judy Cook	88 7313	Canteen Manager
	Mrs. Nancye Ball	48 3482	Ass. Canteen Mgr.
	Mr. Colin Humphreys	50 2104	Training Supervisor
	Mr. Robert Beckingham	48 5472	Ass. Training Supervisor
	Mr. Len Richards	48 3050	Ground Manager
	Mrs. Thelma Barwick	50 3013	Social Secretary
	Miss Lisa McPhee	78 3036	Ass. Social Secretary
	Mr. Stuart Innes	75 7778	Promotion & Publicity Off.
	Mrs. Phyl Bergen	48 4746	Librarian

THE SHOP

A range of leads, correction chains, shampoo's, brushes, calcium worming tablets etc. are kept at our "Shop". Also any other items needed for your pets can be obtained on request, including items for birds etc.

RAFFLE...RAFFLE...RAFFLE...RAFFLE...RAFFLE...RAFFLE...RAFFLE...

A raffle is run weekly after each training session. This raffle is drawn at the finish of the announcements. Tickets are 20¢ or 6 for \$1.00. Proceeds go towards the general running of your Club. MORE SUPPORT IS NEEDED BY YOU!

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If you are available to steward on the day please let our Trial Secretary, Mr. Jim Ball know now. You don't have to be experienced, and it is a great opportunity for you to learn how dogs are judged, and what the different judges are looking for in their markings. Newcomers are put with experienced Stewards and even if you are too nervous to trial yet that doesn't mean you aren't capable of being a Steward.

Geelong will be holding a "GRADUATE" CLASS at the JULY trial.

CLOSING DATES FOR FORTHCOMING OBEDIENCE TRIALS

Remember these are always 14 days prior to the Obedience Trial.

Sherbrooke	22.3.87
Northern	28.3.87
Moorabbin & District	29.3.87
Red Cliffs (Sat.)	11.4.87
Red Cliffs (Sun.)	11.4.87

GEEELONG	12.4.87
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Broadmeadows	19.4.87
Altona	26.4.87
Ovens Valley	2.5.87
Wangaratta	3.5.87
Croydon & District	10.5.87
Keilor	17.5.87

All entries must be on the K.C.C. Official Entry Form (and no photocopies allowed) and for any one needing such they can be obtained from the Treasurer or Secretary at the cost of 0.5¢. On the following page we have printed a copy of one of those forms with an example of how to complete them properly.

SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

The total membership of the Club at the moment stands at 407 members. Consisting of 228 single and 175 family memberships.

A reminder to all members, that we have a continuous bottle drive to raise funds. The Bottle Compound is at rear of the grounds. The Club has just received a cheque for \$60.90 from the bottle merchant and that was for the bottles collected from January to March. So as you can see it is well worth the trouble.

The Club will commence building the new storeroom and ladies toilet shortly. The concrete floor will be poured in about two weeks' time and once that is done there will be plenty of working bees to complete the project. Anyone who can help will be very welcome and if there are any building tradesmen (bricklayers/carpenters) among the members the Committee would like to hear from them if they can help.

NEW FORMAT FOR CLASS RESTRUCTURING COMMENCING
FIRST TRAINING SESSION IN MAY

PUPPY CLASS - Under SIX MONTHS when joining up. Will formally run from 10.00a.m., the time from 9.30a.m. being induction time for all new members. Those already in class to use that time slot for supervised socialization within their own class.

THERE WILL BE NO HOLDING CLASS FOR DOGS OVER SIX MONTHS. THEREFORE, THESE DOGS WILL ONLY BE ADMITTED TO A NEW CLASS AS ONE COMMENCES AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH.

CLASS 1 - HEEL ON LEAD INCLUDING SITS AND STANDS ON LEAD.
(Tested every 4 weeks by Class 2 Instructor.)

CLASS 2 - COMPLETE HEEL ON LEAD INCLUDING SITS, STANDS & DOWNS,
STAND FOR EXAMINATION
STAND STAY
1 MIN.SIT
3 MIN.DOWN
(Tested every 4 weeks by Class 3 Instructor.)

PLUS Introduction to 1st part of Recall, Finish of Recall
(Not (return to your dog only) AND Introduction to retrieving
tested) article.

CLASS 3 - COMPLETE HEEL ON LEAD
STAND FOR EXAMINATION
*HEEL FREE
*STAND STAY
*RECALL * DENOTES EXERCISES OFF LEAD
*1 MIN.SIT
*3 MIN.DOWN
(Tested every 4 weeks on full Novice work, i.e. Pass of 170 points whilst being tested, or 1 Pass obtained in an Open Trial towards G.D. or C.D. title).

PLUS Introduction to retrieving dumbbell on flat.
(NOT Introduction to High jump.
tested)

CLASS 4 - FULL NOVICE WORK
BROAD JUMP
RETRIEVING ON FLAT
*3 MIN.SIT
*5 MIN.DOWN * DENOTES OUT OF SIGHT OPTIONAL
(MUST HAVE C.D. or G.D. to ADVANCE)

CLASS 5 - FULL OPEN WORK - PLUS SELECTED U.D./P.D. EXERCISES

CLASS 6 - FOR C.D.X. OR G.D.X. DOGS ONLY - FULL U.D./P.D. WORK

CLASS 7 - FOR DOGS FROM CLASS 4 ONWARDS.
AGILITY.

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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. With our new training format to be introduced in May where you will only have each Instructor for four weeks it is essential that you do learn their names.

Charlies Bartolo	43 8753
Robert Beckingham	48 5472
Phyl Bergin	48 4746
Jan Boeyen	78 2148
Meinhard Brieberg	78 2296
Cath Davies	21 6819
Marree Elliott	43 5340
Carol Gillham	9 4119
Maureen Friars	75 2993
Colin Humphreys	50 2104
Stuart Innes	75 7778
Brian Kerr	77 0135
Lisa McPhee	78 3036
Brian Moore	-
Roma Roscoe	43 7464
Manj. Wright	43 5791

BOOK REVIEW

OLD WORKING DOGS by David Hancock

The working breeds which emerged in Britain over past centuries are held in high regard throughout the world.

Pedigree dog breeding dates only from the late 19th century, but breeding for excellence of function is thousands of years old. The author describes the working breeds of Britain through the ages, highlights changes in their appearance, and mourns the loss of working ability in some breeds.

PHYL. BERGIN
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ATTENTION

Our next General Meeting will be held on April 7th, and our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Rod Blake, Veterinary Surgeon and the topic will be "HEART WORM". Members are reminded to bring a plate (with something on it).

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FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

4TH APRIL, 1987 - POKIES TRIP to New South Wales. The bookings for this function have closed. The cost for this being \$10.00 all up which includes your coach travel, your meal at the Club and companionship.

ANNUAL EVENT - GOOD FRIDAY

FTSH B.B.Q. B.Y.O. everything (you can of course avail yourselves of the Club BBQ(wood) and picnic tables). There is no charge, however, remember to bring some change for the Children's Hospital appeal Club donation. Commencing at 12 NOON. For further details see LISA McPHEE or THELMA BARWICK.

There is an excellent car sticker being displayed on many cars attending dog shows and obviously driving in all areas which is ideal for promoting community awareness in relation to dog ownership.

"A PUPPY IS FOREVER, NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS"

I've approached several suppliers without success so if any member knows where to obtain these stickers I think they could make good sales within our area - please let me know or our Shop Manager.

Elaine L.

ALL Club members who trial are reminded to hand in their trial scores for EVERY trial they enter to the Club Secretary as these points are aggregated for the year in order to present the HIGHEST SCORING ASSOCIATE & REGISTERED TROPHIES. Remember you have to keep these results coming in to have a chance to win!

TRIAL TRAINING

Members who are actually trialling or about to enter their first trial are welcome to come to this class on Wednesday evenings commencing at 4.30p.m. under the guidance of Mrs. Maria Elliott. Upon arrival at the grounds please place your name on the sheet displayed on top of the Suggestion Box as handlers and their dogs are put through in that order.

If your dog is NOT UP TO Trial standard then please don't put your name on the list as this class is not to teach you how to train your dog, but one in which you and your dog are instructed in ring craft.

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DISPLAY TEAM

This year the Display Team will be training on a REGULAR basis and people with an interest in becoming part of this should approach either GRAHAM DOUGLAS or JAN BOEYEN. The requisite for admittance to this group is that you have your BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE which under the new training scheme means you have to be in CLASS 4 at least.

Our most recent display team involvement was at the 1987 WEST COAST DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS on Saturday March 21st with 8 dogs and handlers making up the team.

The following day, the 22nd, the team was at Kardinia Park at the invite of the Geelong Football Club on a family day of getting to know your home base football team, and this time there were 11 dogs and handlers in the team, with three of the group breaking to do our first AGILITY demonstration.

The next display is TODAY. See Club Calendar. So please come along and give the CLUB TEAM your support.

It must be noted here that the organisation that went into the Saturday display was excellent and one of the best planned ventures the Club has been involved with. This was done by a dedicated Committee of the Equestrian Federation of Australia and one of the members of THAT team is one of our CLUB MEMBERS, Marjorie Cowley a lady currently training a Boxer on our grounds. Everything was organized in advance including entry passes, specified parking areas and such like and to top it off all members of the display team and their companions were presented with a gift.

The planning for Sunday's display was however, not well planned and advice as to where to get in etc. were not known until several hours before the display was due. There were other activities to compete with and the audience was limited. The team gave their best for an organization that was lacking in finesse.

* I would like to thank everyone involved with Saturday and *
* Sunday's Display/Agility for their co-operation. For the *
* two days, we had an excellent Commentator; many hands to *
* assist with transporting (at very late notice too) and set- *
* ting up the Agility equipment, 12 terrific dogs and handlers *
* (IT LOOKED GREAT TEAM!). Thank you also to the many members *
* who supported us, offered advice and calmed our nerves. *
* Jan Boeyen *
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AGILITY training will be every second week after normal training, unless advised otherwise and people eligible to enter this class, are advised to have their name and that of their dog entered on the day sheet by 10.00a.m. that day. Late nominations will not be accepted.

GUESS WHAT! the Club has a new typewriter.!!

ENDS
