

GELLONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO.18

Welcome to our first time readers. This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and distributed on the last training day of that month. The exception to that rule being this issue due to our recent annual 3-way Fun Day which took place at Altona in lieu of normal training. (Results of this day's activities appear further on in the Newsletter.)

All articles written by your Committee have that person's name at the end of the article. All other opinions expressed in this Newsletter may not necessarily be those of the Club or Committee.

There are several matters of importance to be raised in this introduction, namely, Election of 1987/88 Committee; our Agility Trial; Pit Bull Terriers, and helping your Club.

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6TH is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and it is on that night that elections are held for the 1987/88 Committee. I believe that every member should attend at least one Club meeting and I consider this one is the most important if you are at all interested in WHO is running the Club, WHO organizes your training; and it permits you also to learn WHO the members are who make up the backbone of the Club.

Meetings are also where you as a member can have your say if you have a special idea to put forward, or if you have any grievances this is where you should make them. The meeting is scheduled for 8.00p.m. and attending members are requested to bring a plate for a combined supper after the meeting has officially closed.

Special thanks and congratulations must be extended to the outgoing Committee for their presentation and running of the first Victorian Agility Trial which was a giant stride taken by a country club for the benefit of all other Victorian clubs. (Results of this trial appear later in the Newsletter.)

Now on a serious subject that all members should treat with concern is the great amount of adverse publicity seen on television and in newspapers in respect to Pit Bull Fighting dogs.

My reason for bringing this to your attention is that on one of our Induction days recently a member was heard to say to another prospective member to keep their dog away from a Bull Terrier (who was standing passively in the same queue) because they are savage and will kill another dog.

If we as dog owners and obviously "doggie people" are biased, can we blame the general public for reacting adversely to a breed.

It is a known fact that it is not just the newly recognized breed of Pit Bull Terrier that is being ostracized, but the breed of Bull Terriers and their owners are being injudiciously slated as a whole.

These breeds are certainly renowned for their tenaciousness but other breeds are known for characteristics which are equally strong.

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The public as a whole over the years has labelled other breeds as being untrustworthy, among them the German Shepherd, Dobermann, Rottweiler and the Queensland Healer (now known as an Australian Cattle Dog).

NO breed of dog is any more savage than another at birth, it is what we as people make them become.

In the past, normally well balanced Bull Terriers have been stolen by unscrupulous people who go to great lengths to mistreat them and, therefore, make them savage. One of the methods used is by tossing a dog in aessian sack and beating the daylights out of it, but still leaving it alive. When the poor dog is released he is so physically hurt and mentally distraught that he will attack the first thing he sees whether it be another dog or a person. Would you yourself not feel antagonistic if you were similarly mistreated?

If you have any doubt that these things do go on I suggest you look thru the LOST columns in the daily newspapers to see just what breeds regularly appear there as missing, and contact your local Animal Welfare Society and Shire Rangers (By-Laws Officers) who have photographic evidence to substantiate these crimes.

The R.S.P.C.A. will not solve the problem by trying to ban importation of Pit Bull Terriers as that will only affect the people who genuinely like the dog and are prepared to pay the high cost of importation. Many people cross a variety of middle range and large dogs to supposedly create a more savage monster that people want to acquire for all the wrong reasons, and in particular blood sports - dog against dog or dog against MAN. There are always unscrupulous people who will breed them (or anything else) when they feel they can make money from so doing. There is always a demand chain for any prohibited item.

What we as responsible owners should do is not make false judgments on ANY breed; but attempt to help educate the public on the assets of the respective breeds and show them that with love, care and something to fill their lives, these dogs have proven they are not the aggressors they are so often labelled as.

Remember it is NOT the puppy that kills, it is the dog we neglect that is the potential killer.

I did confer with one of the reporters involved in this subject and he gave me permission to copy the articles into our Newsletter. However, as there is one with a picture involved, I have elected to put them on the Club Noticeboard instead.

Finally, from time to time I print poems about WHC does what in Clubs and accordingly receive flak for so doing. It is my belief that there are always a percentage of "doers" and "wonters" in all Clubs as evidenced by the diversity of magazines which contain these same messages.

If these poems manage to cause only a few members to question their involvement or contribution to their Club, then we have gained by that printing.

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If every member gave ½ hour of help to their Club at some stage throughout the year then the work of the Committee would be much easier and the bulk of the workload wouldn't fall on the shoulders of so few. There are many ways in which you can help on any training day, or at our Open Trials and other functions.

There are members within this Club who have served the Club dutifully for many years in a variety of ways. For those people the Club has recognized, they have been made Life Members, and the following is a list of those people having received that recognition since the Club's formation. (Be nice to have a list permanently attached to the wall one day.)

T. ATKINSON
R. BOSELY (Deceased)
W. STEPHENS
F. LEHRMANN
K. HEINZ
B. THOMAS (MRS.)
M. ERIEBERG
M. BRIEBERG (MRS.) (Deceased)
D. TILLEY (MRS.)
G. TILLEY
T. LEHRMANN (MRS.)
L. GAYLARD (MISS)
H. DAHL
M. WRIGHT
E. DAHL (Deceased)
B. CAIRNS
G. DOUGLAS
P. BERGIN
J. BALL

PIE DRIVE

I would like to thank everyone who supported our Pie Drive held during August. The response from members was terrific, with our total sales amounting to \$2,600. This resulted in a profit to the Club of \$636 which went towards our Building extensions.

A special thank you goes to Cath Davies, Anton Pape, Mary Atkin and Elaine Jones for their help in packing the individual orders, which in itself was a mammoth task.

Lesley Gaylard
Vice President

NEW PRODUCT

As seen on T.V. Zero have produced a new SNAIL PELLET that is supposed to be dog repellent and it has the support of the Australian Veterinary association. If you really need to use pellets these may well be worth a try, but remember it is more often that a dog seeks out the packets, so make sure you store these in completely inaccessible places.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Once again we come to the end of a most successful year for our Club. The past year's achievements were made possible by the Committee setting goals early in the year.

The most significant being our Public Awareness programme, the building extension and the running of the first K.C.C. sanctioned Agility Trial in Victoria. None of these activities would have been possible without the support and dedication of Committee, Instructors and general members. It is with this team effort that goals are achieved.

I firmly believe that for any Club or organisation to continue to develop and grow it needs a change of management every two years or so. For this reason I planned to stand down as President on completion of my term. It is vitally important to seek some new members for Committee and an experienced Committee person for next President. This allows for new ideas and initiatives to be suggested and implemented. It does not really matter if what you try does not work, at least have a go and modify to suit. There is always something to remember. If what you are doing doesn't work, try something else, you have nothing to lose. The Club has to be prepared to take a risk.

There is one area that has concerned me for some years though, and as President failed to resolve to my satisfaction. The concern is the gap between Committee and Instructors, though some members are part of both sections. There is the view that without instructors there is no Club; that to me is short sighted because without someone to administer Club affairs and do all the out of time light work it could be also said there would not be a Club. The point I make, is no individual can run this Club on their own, it requires a dedicated team effort, and for the sake of the new President and the Club as a whole I urge the two groups plus members to work together and more closely.

Even with that comment I sincerely thank the Instructors for their support and the time that each puts in. To the Committee, we have had our differences, but I have enjoyed working with you to help make this Club the top obedience club it is today. We are a leading Dog Club in this State as shown by our past achievements. We do not discriminate against registered or associate members and I would expect this to continue. This was displayed by the changing of the Club Constitution and the change of name.

I thank all Committee members for what you have achieved as individuals and as a group. Without your support my role would not have been as easy. I believe you have to delegate some responsibilities to your Committee and let them control that area of responsibility. That you all did in your own way with the desired results. Also thanks to the many members who offered their services and support throughout the year.

I ask all members to get behind your new Committee and help when you can. That help may be in various forms, but only you know what you have to offer.

Finally, thanks for a most enjoyable, busy two and a half years as President. I may now have some time to get back into training "Shilo" for that elusive third pass for U.D.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM DOUGLAS

MOTION SICKNESS

A pet with motion sickness is a very common complaint of dog owners, especially those who have acquired a new puppy.

The most common signs can range from excitement to lethargy, agitation, excessive salivating (slobbering) and vomiting (emesis).

Two distinct syndromes occur, although in most circumstances, they may overlap and it may be difficult to differentiate which syndrome predominates in any particular case.

The syndromes are: 1) Anxiety and Fear
2) True Motion Sickness

In either syndrome the brain is directly affected (stimulated) to cause vomiting, slobbering etc.

This stimulation can be directly to the part of the brain known as the VOMITING CENTER (V.C.) or through the area of the brain known as the CHEMORECEPTOR TRIGGER ZONE (C.R.T.), which then stimulates the VOMITING CENTER.

Nerves from the VOMITING CENTER pass to the muscles of the abdomen and stomach to cause vomiting.

Anxiety and fear causes stimulation of the SYMPATHETIC NERVES (a specialised part of the Nervous System) in the brain which then stimulates the VOMITING CENTER. By the same mechanism, through the sympathetic nerves, fear and anxiety can also cause defecation and urination.

True Motion sickness is initiated in the inner ear, which contains fluid-filled chambers, that act like spirit levels, to tell the brain where in relation to the ground the head is.

Excessive motion overstimulates these nerves which then stimulate the Chemoreceptor Trigger Zone - Vomiting Center - Vomiting

TREATMENT

Prevention is preferable to continual treatment in either syndrome.

Animals must be given time to adapt to moving vehicles and be allowed to get used to being in a very strange and different environment.

If you have an animal that is having problems be prepared to spend about four weeks getting the animal used to the car. Start by putting your animal in a stationary car, whilst in the driveway or somewhere the animal would normally feel comfortable. Daily increase the period of time spent in the car for up to about 30 minutes. If the animal is happy (and the pup hasn't chewed the upholstery) then start to drive increasing distances, e.g. start with up and down the driveway, around the block etc.

Don't expect too much too quickly and try to avoid "having to take the dog" if it is not going to feel comfortable. Only progress to the next stage when you are satisfied that the dog is relaxed. Most times this will result in a dog which will travel happily and relaxed.

If medication is necessary, there are a few options available. Those most commonly used at the Bellarine Veterinary Practice are ACP and Maxolon.

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MOTION SICKNESS(Cont..d)

1) A.C.P. (Acetyl promazine). Its mode of action is to inhibit the SYMPATHETIC nerves. It works on the C.R.T. and V.C. It is very effective at preventing vomiting. It is also a sedative which helps to prevent fear and anxiety. However, because of its sedative effect, it may not be appropriate for dogs if they are to be shown or undergo obedience work.

A.C.P. also lowers the blood pressure, so should be used with caution in elderly or ill animals.

2) Maxolon - This is a human preparation, used frequently by Veterinarians. It has effects similar to A.C.P. but is not as much as a sedative. It prevents abnormal stomach activity and has some effects in the brain by stopping vomiting.

In humans, it apparently has little effect in motion sickness, but seems to work in dogs.

HUMAN MOTION SICKNESS TABLETS

Should be used with caution as their safety and side effects are not well documented in dogs.

A commonly used product, Dramamine, is an antihistamine, and functions in the middle ear to prevent motion sickness. Perhaps with time this type of drug will be used in the treatment of motion sickness in dogs!

J.W.KENNEDY, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.

The above article was written specifically for our Newsletter, so special thanks to Dr.Kennedy for providing it.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that my dog was first in his class at the Royal Melbourne Show and then judged the Best Male and Best Exhibit Dobermann.

ELSHADDAI JOSHUA
(SAADI)

Special thanks go to my handler Frank Mooney who is also one of our Club members.

His breeder Chris Bliss(Pinner) is another of our Club members.

GET TO KNOW AN INSTRUCTOR

COLIN HUMPHREYS - is the current Training Supervisor and has held this demanding, and at times frustrating position, for the past two years.

Colin first joined the Club in June 1979 having had an assortment of bitzers sharing his life. His first registered dog was one of those clever, but exasperating Dobermanns. From here he stepped into the world of Weimaraners. Colin and his wife set out to train a pair of these dogs then concentrated all efforts on Saxon the male. Saxon with the help of Colin went on to obtain, C.D. & C.D.X. Colin became an Instructor in 1981 and has continued to train an ever increasing population since then whilst at the same time training his current Weimaraner, Spike. At this stage Spike has taken Colin through to his C.D. Title and they participate in tracking, agility and other exploits.

Apart from that Colin together with Stuart Innes, another of our Instructors, has gone to Bacchus Marsh obedience Club to lend a hand with training for the past three years. Bacchus Marsh were short of experienced Instructors and had approached Geelong, Melton & Broadmeadows Clubs for voluntary assistance.

This past year has seen Colin and Stuart continue their involvement on every fourth week and the time spent by Colin has been solely in class testing. It is a valuable contribution of time given to help other Clubs become as self sufficient as ourselves.

Colin also has a Hungarian Vizsla at home but she has decided she does not want to be just another pretty face on our wall of Fortune.

Thanks Colin for two years of leadership and you are wished every success in future training.

MORE ABOUT OTHER INSTRUCTORS IN SUBSEQUENT ISSUES.

DON'T BECOME A BACKYARD JUNKIE

Don't forget to bring in your aluminium cans and all glass bottles or jars and fill our holding pen. Remember the Club makes money from these collections and every little bit counts to help improve the Club facilities for your use.

BUY A BRICK

Have you? Why not? Can't afford it or just forgot? In order to further improve the Club's facilities we need some loot in our building fund. People (not just members) may buy a brick for the price of \$5.00 and ultimately their name will be on the wall as donors with all the other previous buyers. If you can't afford a brick, try for half a brick, even a quarter OR even 0.50¢ for sand!

About the building extensions - everyone by now should have seen and admired the new storeroom which took many man hours to complete by a dedicated few members.

First plans were for the footings to be dug by hand, but along came the Ground Manager's son with his bob-cat and he expeditiously removed the unrequired earth, thus saving hours of pick and shovel yakka.

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Thanks go to Len's son, and if any member needs work done requiring a Bob-Cat let Len's son give you a quote first.

P. & J. RICHARDS, TRUCK & BOB-CAT HIRE - 48 1909

SNAKE SEASON

Once again snakes are out and about. Early in the season, like now, after having slept for the winter their venom is at its highest peak.

Snakebite treatment for dogs is exactly the same treatment as applicable to humans, except you cannot rush your dog to the nearest hospital, nor the nearest Vet. Because of the cost of antivenom the Vets. share in the supply on a rostered basis. So first contact your own Vet. by phone and he/she will advise you of which Clinic you should go to.

We have had snakes in the outside exercise paddock and on our grounds in past years so take care. A good thing to remember from now on if you take your dogs in bushland or in farming areas or near inland waterways, it is best done in the early morning or at dusk when it is not really warm enough for sunbaking snakes.

We have Club members who have lost dogs as a result of snake bites - SO IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU.

BOOK REVIEW

ALL ABOUT the DOBERMANN By Jan Irvén, Published by Pehlham Books Ltd.

I was delighted to see a Dobermann book had joined the other books in our Club Library.

It is a book written not just for Dobermann owners or prospective owners; it is a fairly simply written book that could be read by owners of other breeds just wishing to further their knowledge of this breed as a whole.

The book contains lots of general information and the section on Veterinary Care and First Aid are practical for all sorts of owners. There are even some good recipes for dog biscuits to be found there too. In comparison with other breed books, the chapter sequence in this book seems to be all over the place. However, most of what you want to know IS there, just be patient.

An interesting observation was made by a renowned American Breeder and author - Joanna Walker "that the popularity of the Dobermann has not been in the best interests of the breed and she believes that Pit Bull Terriers and Dobermanns are probably the most abused dogs of any breed, mainly because people get them for the wrong reasons, such as dog fighting, which is illegal, or to enhance the owner's macho image".

This same lady runs a Rescue Service, as many of our own State Breed Clubs do, and it is interesting that six Dobermanns that she rescued after maltreatment and neglect have graduated as Guide Dogs under a scheme called Pilot Dogs. So it shows how good the Dobermann heart and temperament is in the right hands; and that these dogs were just waiting for that one special person to serve and love.

TITBIT CORNER

We already have four members in training for the NEXT Agility Trial as they all headed off to a Health Farm that same day. One man and three females, and who said it was a "woman's world?"

THE BABY BOOM - Congratulations are extended to Carol and Peter Gillham on the birth of their daughter.

At the time of writing ANJIE & BRIAN MOORE and also ASTRID & FRANK MOONEY still had babies in the oven, but by the time you read this they will both be cooked, so congratulations to those four also.

INSTRUCTORS

It is essential that members receiving instruction learn the names of their respective Instructors and that you extend them the courtesy of notifying them if you are unable to attend for any reason. If your dog is ill you can still come along and listen to and watch what is happening in your class.

Thelma Barwick	50 3013
Charlie Bartolo	43 8753
Robert Beckingham	48 5472
Tammy Beckingham	48 5472
Phyl Bergin	48 4746
Jan Bocyer	78 2148
Bruce Cairns	43 4707
Desma Dickenson	78 9586
Marge Elliott	43 5340
Brian Gardner	-
Carol Gillham	9 4119
Maurcen Friars	75 2993
Colin Humphreys	50 2104
Stuart Innes	75 7778
Brian Kerr	77 0135
Lisa McPhee	78 3036
Brian Moore	-
Dick Wiltink	75 2595
Marj. Wright	43 5791

SOCIAL SCENEGOLF DAY REPORT

Twenty-three members attended the Golf Day which was held on a very blowy Sunday afternoon. There was a mixture of those who could play and those who had very little knowledge of the game. However, our team looked most professional in their golfing gear and assortment of sticks and buggies!

The more professional players were champing at the bit to show their style and arranged themselves into lots of four and went ahead - some without cards because Barry was late. One can only assume that the reason for lateness was the grand entrance by the Elliots who really looked most elegant in

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SOCIAL SCENE(Cont..d)

their matching ensembles - it was well worth a photo. Pauline Holland who was playing for the first time controlled her buggy quite well whilst Lisa found it difficult to make her buggy heel properly.

I watched some of the members "T-off" but then had to go (much to my regret) and so the rest of this report has been written by Lisa McPhee who acted as the roving journalist.

"Brian Gardner played some beautiful shots, it was just a pity we couldn't see him or hear him yell "4". Good on ya! We weren't sure if Maria Elliott and Lisa McPhee were playing golf or "budding" botanists. David Blackwell's golf balls spent more time birdwatching than on the green. Our novice golfer, Pauline Holland, played the straightest shots we've ever seen, even though there were several double and quadruple bogies. I can talk, I spent more time rearranging the landscape of the course. We won't ask Bronco Ivoc what his card was like - I believe his wife Nella came close to beating him: well done Nella.

Overall, it was a lovely afternoon and great to see newer members becoming involved with the Club. Congratulations to you! But whoever said golf was relaxing must have been NUTS."

I concur with Lisa that it is nice to see the newer members joining us in our various activities - keep up the good work.

Thelma Barwick & Lisa McPhee

WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOUR

The "Warehouse Shopping Tour" was held on Saturday, 19th September. The pick-up was from various points along the way starting at Ocean Grove. There were four people who joined the coach at the Melbourne end and so a total of 36 people enjoyed the day's outing.

We began the tour by going to various warehouses which supplied all sorts of goodies to catch the eye! There were shoes galore, knitwear, fabrics and of course the visit to a dress warehouse where only a sheet suspended from a sort of framework acted as the dressing room. It was here that many of us jammed in to try on frocks (bargains at \$12 - \$20) - you can just imagine six or seven trying to get into all sorts of frocks and get a peep in the mirror. As one member put it - all boobs and bottoms! It was a very good description of that scene.

We stopped for lunch at Ollies, where a snack box followed by the most glorious "Fluffy Duckies" and other icecream extravaganzas were consumed. If you did not feel sick prior to this, then you certainly did afterwards - I think a lot of us had eyes bigger than our bellies! What gutzes!

After this we toured more warehouses and all had many lovely things to show at the end of the trip. At the final warehouse they served coffee or tea (free of charge) and it was certainly appreciated.

We dropped our Melbourne passengers and then departed for home. It was great to see how many new members attended and of course the man of the

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SOCIAL SCENE(Cont..d)

moment, Dennis MacGill, who came with his wife and joined in the day made himself useful! Dennis made us all feel like "Queen Anne" with his arm to help us down the steps at every stop.

It was a very successful day and the sum of money spent was \$3,267.60. We received \$66.00 for our Club. It was really worthwhile.

We will be running another little jaunt - possibly around the end of March next year - so if you missed out on this trip then catch us on the second. Look forward to seeing you all again!

Thelma Barwick

COMING EVENTS

There will be a Golf Day on the 22nd November and a barbeque to follow - Thelma Barwick has details. Notices will be handed out shortly.

Christmas Break Up

and

12th December, 1987

DINNER DANCE

Spit roast.

At our Club House.

D.J.

Bring yourself - don't forget your friends.

B.Y.O.

\$15.00 per head

I would like to sincerely thank all the Instructors and Assistants for their dedication to training over the past year and especially for their co-operation with the changeover to the new training programme which was implemented this year. Hopefully we've ironed out most bugs as they have arisen.

Our successful Public Awareness night greatly enhanced our enrolment numbers and each month's new intake seems to increase. On the average per training session dogs and handlers in attendance number 132.

As with all Clubs the availability of trainers fluctuates and at times we experience last minute reorganizations of helpers, and to these people who are available on the day I extend my sincere thanks.

I would especially like to thank Phyl Bergin and Stuart Innes for their help in the setting up and running of our Agility training and for their progress in this area in that Geelong was the first Victorian Club to hold an official Agility Trial. This latter exercise proved a most successful venture.

COLIN HUMPHREYS
TRAINING SUPERVISOR

TRIAL RESULTSLABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUE

Lynn Ellis	<i>Rokeena Lord Forge (Joshua)</i> (Gordon Setter)	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS
Maree Elliott	<i>Shepholme Mantilla (Jenna)</i> (German Shepherd)	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS
Christie Douglas	<i>Xeon Clarissa (Shannon)</i> (German Shepherd)	<u>U.D.</u> 3rd Place

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Joe Pleuko	<i>Liege Masy (Obc)</i> (Rottweiler)	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 3rd Place
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BENDIGO

Elaine Janes	<i>Jessica Sue</i> (Labrador)	<u>U.D. ASSOCIATE</u> 2nd Place
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NORTHERN

Colin Halson	<i>Schaden Orien (Rien)</i> (Rottweiler)	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS
Elaine Janes	<i>Jessica Sue</i> (Labrador)	<u>U.D. ASSOCIATE</u> 3rd Place

EALLARAT

John Van DenBerg	<i>Schyndel Ima Winnerto (Klaus)</i> (Rottweiler)	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 3rd Place
Elaine Janes	<i>Jessica Sue</i> (Labrador)	<u>U.D. ASSOCIATE</u> 2nd Place

AGILITY TRIAL RESULTS

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TWO MEMBERS -

Johnny Boeyen	<i>Glenawly Wild River (Qaid) C.D.X.</i> (German Shepherd)	<u>CUTRIGHT SECOND</u> <u>TWO CLEAR ROUNDS</u> QUALIFYING CERT.
Helen Read	<i>Ormslee Proud Herald (Sabu) A/CH. C.D.</i> (Rottweiler)	QUALIFYING CERT.

JOHNNY AND QAID WERE THE ONLY TWO COMPETITORS WHO HAD TWO CLEAR ROUNDS!!!

For those members not in the audience, top marks for originality must go to a dog that looked like a red yo-yo with ears, who amongst other things jumped the chains supporting the A-frame before actually going over the frame itself and delighted the crowd by jumping several jumps both ways. This dog was later identified as an IRISH Water Spaniel!!

To the other competitors from our Club, it's your turn next time round.

Class 1A

ROMA ROSCOE	MAGA	2ND
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Class 1B

P. Valdron	chloe	1ST
MARG. HENNIGAN	TARA	2nd

Class 2A

J. McKay	CONNIE	2ND
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Class 2B, 3 and 4 ZERO

Class 5

HEATH GIBSON	SHARMA	1ST
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Class 5B

John Vandenberg	KLAUS	1ST
DESMOND JACKINSON	SULTAN	2ND

Class 6A - ZERO

Class 6B

John Plucko	OBE	2ND
Lesley Gayland	TAMMY	3RD

Class 7

Pauline Holland	SAMANTHA	1ST
Elaine Longshaw	KING	3RD

Class 8

Brian Kerr	JASSY	2ND
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Class 9 - Zero

Class 10 - Renamed the Presidents Class as the three Club Presidents were all placed.

Graham Douglas	SHILO	2ND
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We had 49 entries ; Geelong 80 odd; A. 97

ALTONA WON THE SHIELD and VERRIBEE won the wooden spoon, so thankfully we held the middle position.

It was basically a sound idea that Geelong Members should go to the Fun Day at Altona in a convoy. However, it turned out to be the biggest schmozzle of all time, with the starting time the only thing that was adhered to.

For future reference if you want to go ANYWHERE in a convoy there are basic rules which apply to the Army, Car Clubs and such like, based on common sense.

Obviously to all start from the ONE point is the first essential and if you aren't told exactly, ask, or pull up behind some of the older members who have used the same meeting place.

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CONVOY Cont..d.

- a) The driver at the front AND the driver at the back should know where they are going.
 - b) The SLOWEST vehicle in the convoy dictates the speed, not like some of our lead footed members.
 - c) It is the responsibility of ALL drivers to maintain visual contact with the vehicle behind. Hence, if vehicle 3 slows down to observe the presence of vehicle 4, vehicle 2 should correspondingly slow to maintain sight of vehicle 3. In other words you are responsible for the vehicle behind you at ALL times.
 - d) It is the responsibility of the vehicle in front of you to stop at all major corners or intersections if there is a direction change at all and indicate same whilst waiting with your blinker on. Similarly the favour is returned for the vehicle behind you so that no-one misses a turn or becomes disorientated.
 - e) In the case of a vehicle wanting to stop for any reason, the accepted signal is to flash your headlights to the vehicle in front and this message is relayed forward to the front of the convoy.
 - f) When travelling on major roads travel with several car lengths between vehicles to allow other vehicles to pass through the convoy, When in built up areas, travel much closer together as it is not always possible to remain at intersections indicating a turn as explained above.
- So either go it alone next time or do it properly!

FORTHCOMING TRIALS & CLOSING DATES

10.10.87	WALLAN OBEDIENCE D.C.	(Closed)
11.10.87	KNOX OBEDIENCE D.C.	(Closed)
18.10.87	ALTONA OBEDIENCE D.C.	(Closed) 4.10.87
25.10.87	WARRINGAL OBEDIENCE D.C.	11.10.87
1.11.87	VICTORIAN OBEDIENCE D.C.	18.10.87
8.11.87	EASTERN SUBURBS O.D.C.	25.10.87
15.11.87	GEELONG OBEDIENCE D.C.	1.11.87
22.11.87	SHERBROOKE OBEDIENCE D.C.	8.11.87
28.11.87	SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE D.C.	14.11.87
29.11.87	GERMAN SHEPHERD D.C.	15.11.87

CLUB CALENDAR

25.10.87	DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMENCES LAST DAY OF SUNDAY TRAINING FOR THE YEAR
28.10.87	WEDNESDAY NITE TRAINING COMMENCES AT 7.00P.M.
1.11.87	CLOSING DATE FOR OUR TRIAL
15.11.87	GEELONG OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL
22.11.87	GOLF DAY AND/OR BARBEQUE.
12.12.87	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP
