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Newsletter



GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.Committee for 1988/89

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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.NEWSLETTER NO. 25

Welcome to all the newer members of the Club, may your continued association with us be rewarding both in the further understanding of your dog and in the friendships you make within the Club.

This Newsletter is produced every two months and distributed on the last training day of that month. This one is bulkier due to the reports from the Annual General Meeting but should provide you with some holiday reading.

The statement "Man's best friend is the dog" was coined many years ago but the strength of that statement continues to grow. What our club is essentially about is training our dogs to a behavioural standard that makes them acceptable house mates, play mates and companions. To achieve this both we and the dog must learn about each other and what the expectations of each are. As our knowledge grows, so does our dogs, and together it can be a life long learning experience with each partner of the team going from strength to strength.

Enough of the philosophy. Most of what I could comment on is already more than adequately covered in other sections of this Newsletter.

Contained within is a list of the 1988/89 Committee which were elected at our October Annual General Meeting. It would be a good idea to keep it on hand and should you have any queries about the Club or training you can contact the appropriate person direct. A list of Instructors appears also for your benefit.

However, I would remind members that 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. Should your dog be bitten ring your vet. immediately to ascertain whether they carry antivenin and if necessary, they will advise you as to what clinic to go to if they don't have such stock themselves.

We have had snakes in the outside exercise paddock and on our grounds in the past years so do 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 (even with treatment) - SO IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU.

Do come along on the last training night and stay for the presentations and have a convivial drink with your classmates. Bring along some meat/fish or whatever and toss it on the Club BBQ and save a snag for Santa on Christmas Eve.

May you all have a merry and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year and may Santa fulfill your wishes. Remember to include your training companion/s in all your festivities and to fill up their stocking too.

Remember too that training shouldn't stop at home during this break, but be sure when you do train that you do it early morning or in the evening and not in the heat of the day.

My special thanks to Anton and Dick who ably do the printing of this Newsletter each time, and to my various collaters who have helped over the year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4TH OCTOBER, 1988

I would like to say that I have been very proud to be President of such a great Club for the past 12 months. I believe we are a very progressive Club and have shown our leadership qualities in many areas, particularly in Agility and Community Service, such as our various programs on Responsible Dog Ownership. It is essential that we continue to grow in all areas, the days of being just a "dog training school" are well behind us. I believe that we have the best facilities of any Obedience Club in Victoria and our wonderful grounds are second to none, and the praise we receive on Trial days are testimony to this.

Our Club is financially sound with total accumulated members funds amounting to \$89,990. This of course is tied up in our various Assets. Our total income for the year amounted to \$16,504 with outgoings (expenditure) totalling \$13,731, leaving us a net profit of \$2,773. In addition to this we received a Capital Grant of \$2,916 from the City of South Barwon to enable the completion of our storeroom extension. (These figures relate to the financial year 1st July, 1987 to 30th June, 1988.)

This success does not just happen, and comes about because of the many dedicated people who make it happen. To be successful all areas must work together as a team and there must be communication between everyone. The most important people in this club are the members who come to train their dogs each week and they are the ones who will suffer if there is a communication breakdown. I believe the last 12 months have seen a close-knit group working together for the betterment of the club.

I must first of all thank the Committee for their support and for their efforts during the year. To our Vice President Graham, thanks for being there when there was a problem to discuss and for supporting me as President; to Anton, who has the most difficult job of all as Secretary, - again a job very well done and who gave me another shoulder to lean on; to Lisa who did a great job as Trial Secretary, thank you also to you and your helpers. Our three trials ran very smoothly thanks to the efficient way they were run.

The loss of Elaine Jones as Treasurer, due to work load, in February left us with a big problem, however we were fortunate to have Ingrid Soeterboek step into this position. She has done a terrific job as Treasurer and my thanks go to her for her capable handling of this demanding position.

Thank you also to Brian and Dick, Training Supervisors, Chris as Canteen Manager, Stuart as Publicity Officer, David our Hall Manager and Robert our Social co-ordinator. Thank you all for a job well done.

There is one person I haven't mentioned and that is our Ground Manager, Len Richards. As I mentioned previously our grounds are second to none and this is due to the hours and hours of work put in by our Ground Managers and of course, their helpers over many years. I know that Len puts in many hours on our grounds when no-one else is around and his efforts, as one of our more senior members who doesn't always enjoy the luxury of good health, is to be applauded. Thank you Lenny.

Thank you also to our Instructors who have one of the more difficult tasks. One of our biggest problems is a shortage of Instructors and these people are often asked to assist at a moments notice. It is good to see a few new assistant instructors coming up, however we must look to building on this if we are to give our members a high standard of training. I trust that all Instructors will get

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behind our new training supervisor, Jan Boeyen and give her the support she needs.

There are many people who do not have an official position but who give many hours to the club and are always willing to help and I would like especially to thank Phyl Bergin, our librarian; Audrey Bartolo, our Shop Manageress and Elaine Longshaw for producing our newsletters, for the wonderful jobs they do in these areas. Also thanks to Dennis for assisting Audrey on training days. To the many other people I haven't mentioned, but who give their time to attend working bees and to assist on training days, at Trials, etc. thank you all very much. To our Display team, also thank you all. The work they do is wonderful advertising for the Club and their efforts are very much appreciated.

There is one last thank you and that is to Dick Spurr for giving his time to audit our books and the financial statements.

To the Committee members who are not standing again, I know we are not losing you and you will remain valued members, - to the new Committee members, welcome and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Lesley Gayland
President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As my rather lengthy report from the Annual General Meeting is printed above in this Newsletter, I will make this a short one. I think that report conveys my feelings to you all.

As our year draws to an end I hope you have all enjoyed your training and have been successful with it. As you have no doubt discovered Obedience is a very rewarding, and essential hobby, even if at times very frustrating.

Our final training session for 1988 is on 14th December, followed by our presentation night and a barbecue. We resume for 1989 on Wednesday, 1st February.

Your social committee have organized several functions and I hope that you will all participate to make them successful.

On 26th November a Warehouse Shopping trip has been organized at a cost of \$12.00 per person, including lunch - this will be a good chance to do some Christmas shopping. (By the time you received this Newsletter we will have spent our money!)

Other dates to remember - Sunday 11th December - Children's Christmas Party - 2.30pm - please let us have the names of children participating - all parents to supply a gift to the value of \$5.00, wrapped and labelled with the child's name.

Saturday, 10th December is our Christmas Dinner Dance - 8pm to 1am - music and dinner provided - \$13 per head - B.Y.O. DRINKS. Please come along and support this and make it a great night - book a table early and bring your friends and family along. This will also be our farewell night to Graham and Lennis Douglas and family, so come and give them a great send off before they leave us to live in Ballarat. Graham, of course is a Past President, a long-standing Committee member and a Life-member of our Club and we are very sorry to be losing him and his family. Our loss will be Ballarat's gain.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT..

A timely reminder to you all with the hot weather approaching - please remember your best friend - make sure they have somewhere to keep cool with plenty of water available, and remember not to leave them in the car for any length of time, if they should be left in the car leave the windows down enough so that air can circulate. Dogs very soon become dehydrated in a hot car.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Take care on the roads during the holiday period and I will look forward to seeing everyone back with us on 1st February, 1989.

With best wishes,

Lesley Gaylard
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT 4TH OCTOBER, 1988

Once again we have had quite a successful year and it has been good to work with the Committee. During the year we have purchased a duplicator and scanner to do our printing of Newsletters etc. And whilst on Newsletters, thanks to E. Longshaw for compiling and typing of the Newsletters.

Also we have conducted some successful fund raising activities, such as the pie drive, raffles and social evenings. The profits of the activities will go towards the lawnmower fund and we have raised so far the amount of \$2805.99.

We have had successful Obedience Trials and a Public Awareness Night for "Responsible Dog Ownership". Thanks to the members who helped with the activities.

As raffle steward I wish to report that the raffles conducted during the year raised a nett profit of \$722.99. I would like to thank the members who donated prizes for the raffles, it made things much easier for me. Also I like to thank the members who supported and helped me running the raffles and not to forget the boys and girls for drawing the winning tickets.

Thank you.

Anton Pape
Secretary

TJTBOT CORNER

The Halson's have been at it again and are proud to announce the arrival of a new daughter 'Jessica Lee' who weighed in at 8lbs.1½ozs. Congratulations from us all Colin and Sue, and Sarah.

CANTEEN REPORT 87/88

I took over the job of Canteen Manager in October last year. My first task was to clean and familiarize myself with the kitchen, not a big job I thought, but after four and a half hours of solid work I decided maybe I had under estimated.

Six weeks later our November Trial came around. My first trial. Quite a frightening job when you don't even know where to start, but thanks to Judy Cook, our then retiring Canteen Manager who pulled most of the strings, the day went off well.

Some three months later we had our Agility Trial, not quite as much work as an Obedience Trial but I was able to gain some well needed practice. The July Trial, I am pleased to say, went off without any major hitches.

Thanks to Lesley the Canteen has it's own food processor making the preparation on trial days a lot less work.

More recently the purchase of a "Dust Buster" has made the job of keeping the kitchen clean less tedious.

The Executive Committee, after my suggestion, allowed me to open a Cheque account for the Canteen. Thanks to them for that, it has made my life a lot easier.

Thanks to Lesley and Lisa for their moral support through the year, and to my ladies and occasional gentlemen who help with the washing up on training days. To the people that never fail to turn up for working bees and those who are always there to help on trial days, without your help my job would be nearly impossible. THANK YOU.

Christine Linguey
Canteen Manager

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT 87/88

During the past 12 months I have tried to fulfill the Club's role as Training Supervisor which may or may not have been done in the eyes of others. I may not have satisfied everybody's wishes but hopefully I have catered for the majority of the Club's members. Sometimes I feel it is forgotten about the average people who arrive on training days with their dogs, for they are the ones we are trying to help. On a few occasions I have heard the words "I WANT", meaning they are thinking only about themselves and are forgetting this is a club for all people and not just a select few.

I wish to give many thanks to Dick Wiltink, Assistant Training Supervisor, Colin Humphreys our previous Training Supervisor, the instructors and others who have helped me and the club these past 12 months. It is very satisfying and appreciated when you ask someone for help on the spur of the moment and if they are able to help they are more than willing to oblige.

Thank you to all who have helped and have been involved in the club and may we all be able to work together in the future because respect for others and their opinions whether we may or may not agree with them, helps the future of the club grow and prosper.

Brian Moore
Training Supervisor

LIBRARY REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1988

The grant of \$400.00 this financial year has enabled me to replace some of the original and dated material with more recent publications.

I believe that with the exception of detailed information on some very rare breeds of dogs, no-one should leave the library without the information they are seeking. Should there be such an occasion, I will always endeavour to obtain the information from other sources.

My thanks to Lesley our President and the committee for the generous support I have received, to Eileen Tomkin for her assistance, and to those instructors who continually direct new handlers to the library. There is so much they need to know apart from the mechanics of dog training, and instructors have such limited time to supply it. Many of our most interested readers come from Marj Wright's puppy class, anxious to become responsible owners, and they continue to seek information throughout their training period.

Phyl Bergin
Librarian
4.10.88

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 1987/88

As Trial Secretary for 1987/88 I found that most events went off without any major hitches, only reporting one incident to the Kennel Control Council.

We had two Open Obedience trials, one inter-club and one changeover fun day and not forgetting our Agility Trials. Details of trials are minuted in previous meetings. Unfortunately we didn't win the shield from Altona, but maybe next year. Judges did comment about the high standard of the entries, so that's one for our instructors.

Congratulations to all those members who received passes and titles. Remember, to hand in your trial results and title details to the Secretary to receive your title medals and to be eligible for the aggregate trial trophy.

Unfortunately it is with regret that I must step down as Trial Secretary due to a heavy work commitment and preparation for my coming wedding. I feel I cannot spend the time the position needs and deserves.

Thank you to Carol Gillham, Lesley Gaylard and Ingrid Soeterbock for their support during the year and also thank you to everyone else who helped me.

Good luck to my successor and I hope they will get the same support and help from the Club that I have had.

Lisa McPhee
Trial Secretary

DISPLAY REPORT - 1988

We have "displayed" at more functions this year and although the weather hasn't been kind on some occasions, it has been quite a successful year.

Some "hosts" were very organised and provided the team with assistance, cuppas and snacks - these are always appreciated after setting up, taking down etc. Some "hosts" weren't quite as organised and this makes it difficult to "display" at our best.

I would like to see more "members" in the team as work/family and commitments (such as trials etc.) SHOULD take precedence over displays and if we have a large "team" to call on, we should always be able to have at least 8 - 10 dogs (of different breeds) at any one display. More MEN would be nice - the agility equipment is very heavy! (Michael Blunt has taken on the job of hammer-man, weight-lifter at the last few displays - THANK YOU MICHAEL).

So, if you are reliable, know your left foot from your right, your dog is calm in a crowd (we don't want to make dogs timid or aggressive if they are not used to loud bangs etc) -- Please see your instructor and he/she will advise if you are eligible to become a team member and what steps to take.

I am VERY PROUD of our Club, and the display team "shows" our wares, so the most important thing to remember is that you are "displaying this Club" and any feedback - be it good or bad is a reflection on ALL members. The DOGS love to be applauded too!!!!

To all who helped at the various functions - thank you - it was/is greatly appreciated - more hands make light work and my "brain" can cope with taking the team through the display, but not always if I have to plan where to put equipment etc. at the last minute.

To Stuart Innes - thanks for commentating - you're a good "speaker".
To Lisa McPhee - thanks for "standing in" when Stuart had other commitments.

To my "Display Ladies" and "Gents" of this year, a big THANK YOU for putting so much time and effort into showing the General Public that there is no such thing as a "bad dog" - just having a responsible, caring owner is the main ingredient for a "good dog".

Our last display for the year is on the 11th December, at the Road Construction Authority, Norlane. It's a Children's Xmas party, for employees' families so I can't invite you along. (Aren't you glad, as that's the day after our Xmas function, and, I believe, our own Xmas party for the kids and I'D like to be at ours too.) Thanks to Ian Templeton for arranging for us to display to such a large (170 +) audience. The more who see, the more just might be "converted".

Jan Boeyen
Display Team Leader

FOOTNOTE: Any errors in typing, it was this stupid machine's fault. It "speaks", meeps and beeps and does funny things.
- In other words it's Jan's lack of typing experience.

Jan Boeyen

INSTRUCTORS

It is requested 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.

Bernie Barret	75 3688
Charlie Bartolo	43 8753
Phyl Bergin	48 4746
John Boeyen	78 2148
Jan Boeyen	78 2148
Meinhard Breiberg	78 2296
Bruce Cairns	43 4707
Cath Davies	21 6819
Desma Dickeson	78 9585
Maureen Friars	75 2993
Carol Gillham	9 4119
Nevi Gorup	82 3012
Colin Humphreys	50 2104
Stuart Innes	75 7778
Brian Kerr	77 0135
Chris Lingucy	75 7592
Elaine Longshaw	55 4603
Angela Moore	-
Brian Moore	-
Lisa McPhee	78 3036
Roma Roscoe	43 7464
Dick Wiltink	75 2595
Eleonore Wiltink	75 2595
Marj Wright	43 5791

Any of these folk may be your Instructor from time to time as the need dictates.

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1988

What a "whirlwind" it's been!!!! (My workload for the first 6 weeks would scare the pants off Superman - whoops - sorry - Superperson). The Geelong Fun Day, October Obedience Trial, Daylight Savings change-over, new 12 weekly training schedule for classes 2 & 3, lots of PASSES at BEGINNERS LEVEL and 2 at BASIC OBEDIENCE LEVEL - CONGRATULATIONS to all - It really is worth the long hard haul??? I too have been coping with a new "Family Member" and 8 - 12 week old puppies need lots of love and attention (lots of guidance & "routine" - it pays off in the long run). Xmas "is coming" too and we all know how hectic that is. I'm not complaining though - I thrive on hard yakka/organised chaos.

I had planned to write a short report(don't want to bore you), but as there is so much to "report", I'll try to cover each item briefly.

First of all, I'd like to remind "older" members and inform "newer" members of one of the objectives, some of the rules and the reasons for these rules, that we (Committee/Instructors/Members) abide by - "General" Rules of the "Club".

- To help people train their dogs so that they become HAPPY USEFUL PETS.
- Membership cards must be displayed during "official" training hours -
 - if you leave yours at home or lose it - please go to the Secretary's office and obtain a "Day Pass" sticker.
- Have the correct training equipment - correction chain (not rusty), that fits comfortably over the dogs head (with no more than approx. 2" "play".)
- If you are asked to leave class because your instructor feels your dog is too ill/in pain to train, please do so. A dog associates pain with the activity happening at the same time. On returning to your class after your dogs recuperation, you MUST produce a Vet's certificate stating that "THE DOG IS FIT TO RETURN TO WORK/SCHOOL".
THIS APPLIES TO ANY DOG ON THE GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB Inc. TRAINING GROUND. ANY ELECTED/DESIGNATED, COMMITTEE PERSON OR INSTRUCTOR WILL REPORT TO THE TRAINING SUPERVISOR, WHO CONFERS WITH AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE ACTUALLY ASKING YOU TO LEAVE, ADVISING YOU TO TAKE YOUR PET FOR VETINARIAN ADVICE.
- Wear correct shoes/clothing when training (how would you like to be trodden on by size ?? hob nail boots or have floppy thongs banging in your ear while you're trying to listen to commands). Flapping coats tend to make a dog heel wide (he/she doesn't want a "slap in the face".)
- UNNECESSARY HITTING OR MANHANDLING OF ANY DOG IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.
- You have the right to refuse an instructor taking/teaching your dog - if you think his/her methods may intimidate/scare, or even make a placid dog aggressive. We (the instructors) know the right way to correct a problem, but sometimes it does not work in a class situation, so think carefully before turning your "pet" over to some-one else - refer to the first item above - HAPPY USEFUL PETS. ASK advice and try to correct the problem yourself & never, ever, let frustration over-ride your commonsense while training your dog.
- Dogs are to be ON LEAD $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour before and $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after training, not TIED TO VERANDA/OTHER POST & LEFT UNATTENDED. The paddocks to the left and right of the Club-house ARE INCLUDED IN THIS.

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Training Supervisor's Report cont'd

- DO NOT TIE your DOG/DOGS TO your CAR or IN YOUR UTE and leave UNATTENDED. We have had several nasty incidents lately where dogs have been attacked.
 - What if a CHILD was leading a PUP around??????? - It is a FAMILY CLUB!Once again, COMMONSENSE should prevail - and lets face it, the dogs are only protecting YOUR property - HANDS UP those who PRAISED the PUP for doing just that when you used to take him/her on "trips".
- If you are unhappy/aggrieved about any training method, rule or with an Instructor or Committee Person please see either the Training Supervisor (or Assistant Training Supervisor - Colin Humphreys), President - Lesley Gaylard or one of the Vice Presidents, John Boeyen or Dick Wiltink.
 - We are human!!!! and will try to solve your problem/grievance.
- New classes start on the 1st of every month and it is only then that new members or members who have been away for some time may "join in a class". Consideration must be given to the Instructor (who has to repeat his previous week/weeks instructions) and also to the class members (who have to listen to it all over again). Put yourself in either position and you will see it can be confusing and boring repetition - something we would really like to avoid for the sake of all members and their dogs. It's very hard for Anton too - he has to chase me all over the ground!!! Dick Wiltink is holding a class on Sunday at 9.30 for those who can't attend Wednesday night training. Perhaps this could help untill a new month/class begins - please see Dick though before "joining in".

GEELONG FUN DAY 23/10/88.

What a terrific day - beautiful weather, great competitors and dogs. My thanks must go to all who assisted me, the list is too long to mention everyone, but outside of Instructors/Committee, special thanks to Colin Mitchell, Charlie Friggin and Tom Arnott.

We raised a wonderful total - as follows

\$149.00 in entries obedience/agility
\$ 27.40 novelty events
\$ 4.00 donations

\$180.40

To those who entered and paid prior, but did not arrive - you missed a great day.

To those who entered, didn't pay and didn't arrive (only 9 altogether) you missed a great day (if no valid "apology") only deprived the Guide Dogs of much needed funds. - Every dollar helps.

Rolls were still marked by Instructors for the day as it was a normal training session with a difference.

ABSENT FROM CLASS?

If you are absent from your class, please 'phone and inform your Instructor. If you think you will be absent for more than 3 weeks, ask your Instructor to note on their roll and inform the Training Supervisor. - The Committee/Instructors of this Club value your membership and become concerned when a member does not re-appear after a week or two:- Are you ill? Is your dog ill? Does the time not suit? Do you think you're "just not getting anywhere"??? or have we "scared you away"? Please let us know, as we "do care" about your non-attendance.

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Training Supervisor's Report cont'd

Week to week month to month changes and coming events/dates.

Will be placed on the A Frame Notice Board on the Verandah - PLEASE LOOK AT/ READ IT - This will save unnecessary confusion and queries. PLEASE ALSO LISTEN to your Instructor regarding announcements if you ABSOLUTELY, DEFINATELY (no excuses) CAN'T MAKE IT INTO THE CLUB HOUSE AFTER TRAINING.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH - LOOK, LISTEN AND COMMUNICATE.

SOCIAL SIDE

There are "some good times a-coming". - Let's socialize more than ever and get to know other members - not just your class - there are a lot of nice people around and when "schools out", members tend to relax, "have a beer" and chat about interesting things (besides dogs - even Instructors/Committee have families, work and lead pretty interesting lives just like you.).

Last Training Night for 1988 - 14/12/88

1. Fun things in class - come on Instructors - think of all those fun? egg and spoon races and other games with your dog at heel.
2. Announcements - presentations
3. B.B.Q. Lets "finish on a good note".

First Training Night for 1989 - 1/2/89

- Please come back, we'd love to see you - relaxed after a nice break.

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

("Take care" of yourselves over the holidays.)

JAN BOEYEN
TRAINING SUPERVISOR.

INSTRUCTORS - Meetings are on 28/11/88 and 23/1/89
- Please come along and contribute towards "the betterment and progress of the club".

FOOTNOTES:

Please don't blame Elaine for spelling errors!!!!
Please do thank Bernie for "taking over" typing!!!!
Lastly, I'd really like to thank Johnny for all those sleepless nights???

CLUB CALENDAR

28TH DECEMBER, 1988	INSTRUCTORS' MEETING
6TH DECEMBER, 1988	GENERAL MEETING (CLUBROOMS) 8.00 P.M.
10TH DECEMBER, 1988	DINNER DANCE & FAREWELL TO GRAHAM DOUGLAS & FAMILY (FURTHER DETAILS ELSEWHERE)
11TH DECEMBER, 1988	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (APPROX. 2.30 P.M.)
11TH DECEMBER, 1988	DISPLAY TEAM (FOR R.C.A.)
14TH DECEMBER, 1988	LAST TRAINING NITE FOR 1988 & PRESENTATION NIGHT. CLUB BBQ AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS TO USE. BRING ALONG SOME SNAGS & WISH YOUR FELLOW CLASS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THE BEST FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.
23RD JANUARY, 1989	INSTRUCTORS' MEETING
1ST FEBRUARY, 1989	TRAINING RESUMES
7TH FEBRUARY, 1989	GENERAL MEETING (CLUBROOMS) 8.00 P.M.

OBEDIENCE CALENDAR

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	27.11.88	11.12.88

HAVE YOU PUT YOUR TRIAL SCORES IN YET!!!

If not, why not, apathy wins no prizes. I know a few who currently trial and their scores aren't in! The scores don't have to be qualifying scores, just as long as you GOT a score and you don't necessarily have been to a horde of trials. So how about it, give yourself a break, pull your pen out and get to it!!

These results must be given to the Secretary NOW.

ALSO

ALL members who have received an Obedience title through the calendar year are entitled to receive a Club medallion at the Presentation Night, but YOU must give your name, your dog's name and the title attained to the Secretary NOW. You can not order these awards the week before they finish as it leaves no time to get them engraved, so please don't be disappointed if you forget to hand in these details.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS



* CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY - SUN 1/11TH DEC.

COMMENCING 2.30pm - For children up to 12yrs.

Treasure Hunt, Games, Races.

- Parents please bring present with child's name on it, no later than 7th Dec. To the value of \$5.00 only.

* CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

COST: \$13.00 head - Dinner Incl.

SAT. 10TH DEC. 8pm - 1.00am.

BYO DRINKS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE WED 23RD NOV.

- For any further information, pls. see:

Jo-Anne Hamilton - Social Co-ord.

Lesley Gaylard - President.

TRIAL RESULTSKNOX

John Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River (Qaid) (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 3rd Place
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John Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River (Qaid) (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 2nd Place
Nevi Gorup	Pampard Phizzer (Henry) (Dalmatian)	<u>NOVICE</u> 3rd Place 1ST PASS

WERRIBEE

John Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River (Qaid) (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 2nd Place
Nevi Gorup	Pampard Phizzer (Henry) (Dalmatian)	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS

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John Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River (Qaid) (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 2nd Place
Nevi Gorup	Pampard Phizzer (Henry) (Dalmatian)	<u>NOVICE</u> 1st Place 3RD PASS C.D.

(AND Highest scoring registered novice in Trial and Best scoring registered in trial).

Well done Nevi, patience and hard work paid off!

<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>	<u>GEELONG</u>
Mrs. H. Chesterman	Peppercorn Ebony Boy (Peppe) (Schnauzer mini)	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 3rd Place					

Helen Delange	Freedomlodge Angel Dust (Dusty) (Doberman)	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 1st Place
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(AND Highest scoring registered encouragement dog Perpetual trophy)

Enid Slattery	Glenawly Aro (Arie) (German Shepherd)	<u>NOVICE</u> 2nd Place 3RD PASS C.D.
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(AND Highest scoring novice qualifying registered dog Perpetual trophy)

Eric Baier	Auslese Eloris (Rommel) (Rottweiler)	<u>NOVICE</u> 3rd Place 2ND PASS
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Lynn Ellis	Rokeena Lord Forbes (Joshua) (Gordon Setter)	<u>OPEN</u> 1st Place
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John Boeyen	Glenawly Wild River (Qaid) (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 3rd Place
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Bernie Barrett	Suby	<u>ASSOC. NOVICE</u> 1st Place 1ST PASS
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FUN DAY RESULTSCLASS 1 - PUPPIES UNDER SIX MONTHS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Sharon Corless | King |
| 2. Corey Baensch | Tina |
| 3. Wesley Jennings | Jake (Saadi's son) |

CLASS 2

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Neil Christensen | Oliver |
| 2. Aileen Phillips | Lucky |
| 3. Helen Foitzik | Anna |

CLASS 3

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|----------------------|----------|
| 1. Kerri Love | Brydi |
| 2. Gerry Rock | Ben |
| 3. Lyndal Whitehouse | Jonathon |

CLASS 4A

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. John Pailimaka | Bogie |
| 2. Debra Robinson | Beau |
| 3. Wayne Hewitt | Targo |

CLASS 4B

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|------------------|-------|
| 1. Trish Perrett | Peppa |
| 2. Helena Hedley | Tasha |
| 3. June Rea | Rory |

CLASS 5

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|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. Natalie Varicak | Cassie) | Margaret Harris | Golda) |
| 2. Vicki Plumridge | Ernie) | Sigrid & Michael Hoff | Tess) |
| 3. Anne Stapleton | Barkley) | Marty Smith | Apollo) |

ALL these folk received Beginners Passes

CLASS 6

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| 1. Elaine Longshaw | Saadi (see my photo in this month's K.C.C. Gazette, my man is so proud of me) |
| 2. Steven Pallet | Gemma |
| 3. Chris Young | Nardi |

CLASS 7

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Debbie Hume | Floyd |
| 2. Charlie Friggen | Tasha |
| 3. George Gray | Vicki |

CLASS 8

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Elaine Longshaw | King |
| 2. Chris Linguey | Sonny |
| 3. Nevi Gorup | Henry |

FUN DAY RESULTS CONT..CLASS 9.

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|----------------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 1. Margaret Thompson | Zoe) | Helen Delange | Dusty) |
| 2. Tom Arnott | Danny) | | |
| 3. Joyce McKay | Connie) | | |

ALL these folk received Basic Obedience Passes

CLASS 10

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Edwina Brown | Bess |
| 2. Lesley Gaylard | Tammy |
| 3. Maria Elliott | Jenna |

CLASS 11

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Jan Boeyen | Sharma |
| 2. Lisa McPhee | Emma |
| 3. Mitzi Clarke | Astra |

CLASS 12A

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|------------------|--------|
| 1. Carol Gillham | Sophie |
| 2. Brian Moore | Faust |
| 3. Nevi Gorup | Henry |

CLASS 12B

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Anthea Baier | Mishka |
| 2. Desma Dickeson | Sultan |
| 3. John Van Den Berg | Klaus |

Congratulations to all those winners. Was a different type of Fun Day this year as we had a lot of Dobermanns being seen not just heard!

NOVELTY EVENTSINSTRUCTORS CLASS

1. Maureen Friars
2. Eleonore Wiltink
3. Dick Wiltink

FASTEST GOODO EATER

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| 1. Chris Young | Zoe |
| 2. Michael Woods | Cassie |
| 3. Dean Linguey | Sonny |

FASTEST RECALL

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| 1. Danielle Linguey | Sonny |
| 2. Nevi Gorup | Henry |
| 3. Johanna Soeterboek | Robbie |

DROP ON SPOT

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| 1. Carol Gillham | Sophie |
| 2. Meinhard Breiberg | Mindy |
| 3. Wayne Feldman | Josie |

FUN DAY RESULTS CONT.

NOVELTY EVENTS

BEST DRESSED DOG

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| 1. Colin Brice | Oscar (baby) |
| 2. Dean Pierce | Joel (Essendon Footballer) |
| 3. Margaret Getsom | Emma (Santa) |

MOST LOOK ALIKE DOG & HANDLER

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| 1. Neil Christensen | Oliver (gentlemen) |
| 2. Selina Murphy | Ernie (Cute Kids) |
| 3. Chris Young | Zoe(as pregnant ones) (otherwise known as Puff the Magic Dragon) |
| 3. Ingrid Soeterboek | Faust (as furry ones) |

MINI OBSTACLE

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Joanne Hamilton | Bella |
| 1. Chris Young | Ronnie |
| 2. Wayne Feldman | Josie |
| 3. Desma Dickeson | Sultan |

CHILD HANDLER Under 11

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| 1. Natalie Hinchcliffe | T.J. |
| 2. Hanna Christensen | Oliver |
| 3. Simon Woods | Cassie |

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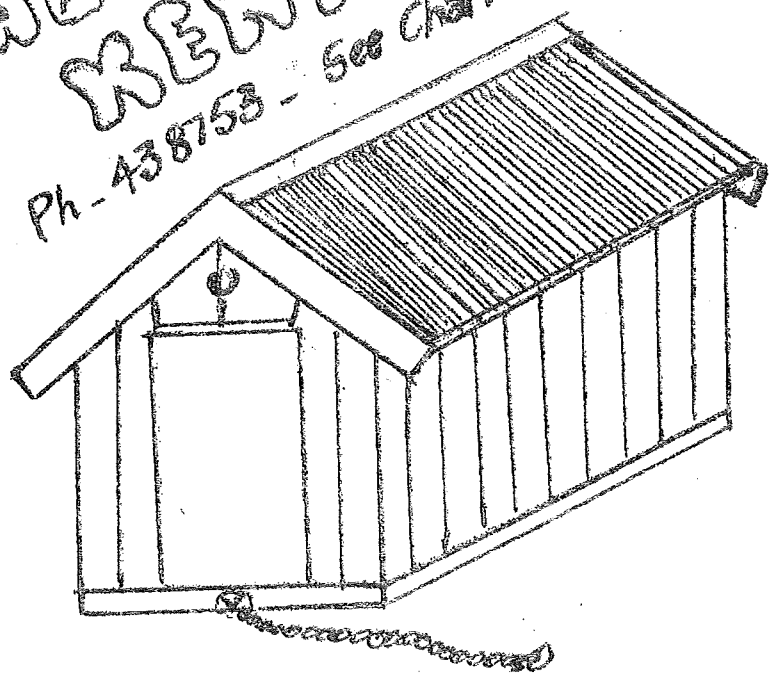
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| 1. Corey Baensch | Hope |
| 2. Dean Pierce | Joel |
| 3. Colin Brice | Oscar |

Congratulations to each of those teams.

ELSA DAHL AWARD

This award 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 skills associated with owning and training dogs, or it may be for administrative and functional achievements over the year. A judging Panel selects 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.)

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PART FOUR. HAPPINESS IS AN OBEDIENCE TRAINED DOG

So far we have looked at the Heel on lead - Stand for Examination - Heel off lead - Stand Stay exercises in a Novice trial.

So there is only one individual exercise left and that is the Recall. But before we start let me explain what a Recall is.

Remember when you bought your pet as a puppy? You probably called it to come to you even before it had a name. So if you called out for instance "Here puppy" and if the puppy did come to you, then you and your puppy at that time performed your first recall. However, now that your puppy has grown and has been to Obedience School you would have noticed that the recall has "grown up" too.

We will, therefore, have a look at what is required from the handler and his dog performing a recall in a Novice trial.

You are still in the ring and have just finished the Stand Stay exercise. The Judge has explained to you that the next exercise is the recall and gives you the choice on where to leave your dog. Meaning you may leave your dog at the starting post end or the other end of the ring. Before you make your choice you have to consider several important things, the sun, the wind, and rain are the most important ones. I would never leave my dog facing the sun for instance, but I would leave him facing the wind so when I called him I'd be sure that he would hear me. If it was windy and raining, I'd still leave my dog facing the wind. Something else which I find very interesting is this; not all the grounds are perfectly flat, and if you strike a ground with a definite slope you have to do some quick thinking about the personality of your dog. To explain this, put yourself in the place of the dog. An average dog's eye height measured from the ground is about 18 inches while the average handler is about 5'8". I may have missed a few inches here or there, but let us just stick to these numbers for the sake of the exercise, okay?

Now through your dog's eyes you are "towering" over him, but what happens if you walk away from him? From the dog's point of view you are not only walking away but your stature is getting smaller too, and depending on how far you walk away you could finish up just a dot in the distance. We can notice this on the dog, everytime you walk away from him as his ears come up, that means he is concentrating.

If there is a definite slope on the ground then all of this changes somewhat. If you leave your dog at the bottom and walk away from him up the slope, then your stature stays more or less the same but if you leave your dog at the top end, then when you walk away down the slope your stature may through the dog's eyes, get smaller twice the rate as on level ground. And here is where the dog's personality comes in. If your dog is excitable and nearly runs you off your feet on a flat ground after you have called him, then leave him at the bottom of the "hill" in a recall. If your dog is rather slow in the recall, then leave him at the top. Get the picture?

This was just something I thought to throw in, it is very unlikely that you would strike a ground like the one I described, but this may help you in training your dog for the recall.

There are a lot of things to consider when you are given the choice on where to leave your dog in a recall exercise. There are always people with dogs waiting outside the ring, or your family may be watching you. There may be trees or bushes. I have seen dogs run straight past their handlers in a recall to relieve themselves at a tree. Your ring may be close to a highway, or you may have been able to park your car close to the ring.

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These are only some of the things you have to consider when you get the choice on where to leave your dog in this exercise.

The recall is judged over eight points so let's have a look at them.

You have decided where you should leave your dog and take that spot. The Judge asks you "Are you ready?" and judging will commence when you answer "yes". So again, be careful and look to see if your dog is in the right position. That is point one. Point two is when the order "Forward" is given. Here the Judge looks for anticipation on the part of the dog as he may get up before you can say "Heel". Then there is the "walk up" that is the few metres that you walk forward before the order "halt" is given. Some dogs lag here because they already know that pretty soon they will stop again. That is point three. Next is the Sit. You'd be surprised how many dogs fail this part of the exercise. That is point 4.

It may be assumed that dogs who lag or fail to sit on this part of the exercise have in many cases been "over trained" on the Stand for Examination and the Stand Stay exercises.

Then comes the part where you leave your dog. At the Judge's orders "Leave your dog" you must give a proper hand signal and command, like "stay or wait", then walk away in a straight line and at a brisk pace until the Judge orders you "About turn". Here is where a lot of handlers go wrong; they do the "about turn" and stand still. For this the Judge will deduct points from the handler for anticipating a command. He should not have stopped and after he turned commenced walking back to his dog until the Judge ordered him to "Halt". That is point five.

In the meantime one can see some dogs getting restless because their masters have left them and some Judges may deduct points for fidgeting. After the Judge has positioned himself at about 45° behind the handler and the dog is watching the handler he will order "Call your dog" and that in many cases is the moment of truth. The "do or die" bit of the recall because a lot of things can go wrong from that moment. And they come all under point six e.g.

1. Dog fails to come at first command. 2. Dog comes at a brisk pace but slows down half way. 3. Dog comes in at a brisk pace but with a bow (on windy days Judges will allow for this to some degree). 4. Dog has come but fails to sit in front of handler. 5. Dog has come but sits crooked in front of handler. 6. Dog has come but sits beside handler (facing him). 7. Dog has come and sits straight in front of handler but just out of reach. 8. Dog has come but runs around the handler and stands at heel position. 9. Dog has come but circles handler and sits in front of him. 10. Dog has come but runs past handler. 11. Dog has come but runs around handler and sits at heel position. 12. Dog has come before handler called. 13. Dog has followed handler when he walked off, etc, etc. There are many more and for most of them you'll get a zero score. I am sure that some of you are very familiar with these faults or some of them.

Now for judging point seven. The dog has come in nice and straight and at a brisk pace; it halts and sits dead straight in front of the handler. From here the dog can: 1. Anticipate the finish by walking around the handler without any command. 2. Fail to move on the first command to finish. 3. Walk wide around the handler when he gives command to "Heel". 4. Slow response to handlers' command to heel. 5. On the command to "heel" dog circles handler completely. 6. Dog will not sit at the heel position, etc. etc.

Judging point number eight is the anticipation of the order "Exercise finished". So there you are who said that the recall is easy.

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It is all very well to write about all the things that can go wrong in a recall exercise. Let us, therefore, now have a look how to avoid these problems.

The recall in my book is THE most important exercise to teach a dog and one should teach it to perfection.

So where do we start?

I said that most people will call a puppy to come even before it has a proper name. Unbeknown to most of them, they at that moment perform the most important part of the recall, to get the puppy to come when it was called.

In my earlier reports I have stated that whatever a puppy is taught at about 12 weeks of age, will be with him for the rest of its life. This does not mean that nothing can be taught before that. Just look at house training; this is usually done as soon as the puppy comes to its new home and in most cases this should take no longer than a week or ten days.

It also does not mean that we can teach a puppy of twelve weeks of age anything that comes into our mind, in other words don't go berserk at it.

However, things like walking on the lead or playing with the toys, YOU want it to play with instead of ripping the good things apart, and of course the recall can be taught. When started at an early age these exercises become a "piece of cake". Many people wait until their pet enters an Obedience school before they start teaching them anything and exercises like the recall have suddenly become an "obstacle".

I have instructed and lectured at different Obedience schools and have always urged them to start the recall exercise in the puppy classes. Those who did, have benefited from this, others have more difficulties in this exercise.

So to be fair, let us now have a look on how to teach a grown up dog the recall. To start one should test the dog on respect; respect for its handler, who in most cases is also the owner. To do this let the dog roam around at the end of a loose lead and give him as much freedom as possible. Suddenly you call the dog's name and command him to come at the same time, like "Fido come". At that very instance the dog should forget whatever he was doing and come to you. If your dog does that for you that means that he respects you and sees you as his packleader. To reward him for this, praise him by softly calling him/her a good boy or girl. If you can accomplish that then you are well on your way to the recall.

From here we need to tidy up a bit. That is, we should now get the dog to sit in front after he has come. To do that we must command the dog to sit and at the same time with the right hand pull the lead up vertically and with the left flat hand push on his hind quarters until the dog sits. Then praise him again. This may have to be repeated a few times, but beware never over train a dog on the same exercise. Dogs get bored easily.

Before you attempt that part of the recall where you have to leave your dog you should make sure that your dog is thoroughly trained on the Sit Stay exercise. You should be able to sit your dog and walk away from him without any movement on the part of the dog. After you have mastered that, start the next step and that is the distance that you walk away from the dog. In any trial this distance is at least 12 metres, but in training I would alter that distance all the time, varying from two to twenty metres all the time. Also the time, from the point that you come to a halt after the about turn and the point that you call the dog should be different all the time. This stops a lot of anticipation on the part of the dog. For

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starters I would leave my dog, walk away and do the about turn. Here I would stay and count to myself slowly till three or four and then I would walk back to my dog. If he had not moved then praise him. Then I would go and do some other exercises before I would return to the recall again. Gradually I would then proceed to call the dog to me from a distance, etc. etc. Another point to remember is, when you have left your dog but are still close to him, do not shout for him to come but speak softly. If your dog is naturally excited then go down to a whisper, but no matter how you do it, always make sure that your dog sits straight in front of you after he has come.

The next step in the recall exercise is the "Finish". When your dog has come in and sits straight in front of you, you should praise him "verbally" NO HANDS, then put the lead on him. From here you would step with your RIGHT foot diagonal to the left past your dog and at the same time call your dog to "Heel". As soon as your dog moves you must place your left foot next to your right foot and tell your dog to "sit". This should have to be repeated no more than three or four times and providing you have done this exercise as described above your dog will make a perfect finish 99 out of a 100 times.

I could write another few pages on the recall exercise but I think I have explained the most important parts and this should get you on your way to a near perfect recall. Should you still have problems, then ask your Instructor or come and ask me.

Daylight savings has commenced and that means that we commenced our Wednesday night training sessions. Like last year, I will make myself available to give extra lessons to whoever needs it. In those classes I will look mainly at problems be it the dog or the handler. However, I need to know how many of you are willing to participate well beforehand, so come and talk to me.

BACK to the Novice trial.

The next exercise is a group exercise, the one minute Sit stay. As your catalogue number is called you should proceed into the ring with your dog on the lead and stand in front of a number placed there by the Judge with the help from his Steward. There are never more than 10 dogs in the ring at the same time, and never less than three.

The numbers have been placed 1½ metres apart so you have plenty of room. Next the Judge will tell you to sit your dog and remove your lead, the Steward will walk past to collect these. On orders of the Judge you must leave your dog together with the other competitors. Orders from the Judge "Leave your dog", and from that moment the Steward pushes the button on the stopwatch. From here all sorts of things can go wrong. The competitors are standing in line facing their dogs from at least 12 metres away. But one can see some dogs following their masters when they walked off, or some dogs stay for a little while and then get up to join their masters. Other dogs just lay down or get up to interfere with the dog next door. The "best" ones are those dogs that decide to get up just as the Judge or the Steward is about to order "Return to your dogs". These I call the "time dogs"; one can be assured that these dogs were trained on this exercise for the one minute instead of varying the time. These dogs get to know when that minute is up to the second, and then they just get up because as far as they are concerned, the exercise is finished. As far as the dogs that got up during the exercise or interfered with the other dogs, they need to go back to "Basic Training" for a while. I know that it seems entirely unfair that when a dog gets up because another dog interfered with him, he too loses all the points, but such are the "Rules". To be fair to the other competitors make perfectly sure your dog is ready to do this exercise before you enter a trial.

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In the next exercise the three minute Down Stay; and here too we find similar problems, the answers to these are the same as in the Sit Stay exercise.

This then completes our journey through a Novice Trial. I hope I have been able to help at least some of you by explaining these Novice exercises and their "problems".

This is our last Newsletter for this year and with that, I wish all of you a merry and safe holiday.

Look after your pets and remember that this time of the year is dangerous for your pets especially in the car, so leave plenty of water and ventilation for them.

By for now,

Dick Wiltink

While this may be the last article in this Newsletter it is by no means the least important. Many thanks to Dick for his excellent contributions over the year.

In the next issue of this Newsletter I will endeavour to continue with the series "Get to Know an Instructor" and I'll give you some insight into "War Dogs".

ELAINE LONGSHAW

DON'T FORGET YOUR GLASS & CANS.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING ALL THEIR GLASS CONTAINERS AND ALUMINIUM CANS TO THE CLUB HOLDING BAY SO WE CAN CONVERT YOUR WASTE INTO OUR PROFIT. THIS MONEY GOES TO IMPROVING FACILITIES FOR YOU, SO PLEASE AS YOU GET A BOX LOAD OF EMPTIES BRING THEM TO THE GROUNDS. JUST BECAUSE THERE IS NO TRAINING DOESN'T MEAN WORK STOPS AT THE CLUB. THIS IS AN ONGOING TASK JUST AS MAINTAINING THE GROUNDS IS. THE GATE IS ALWAYS UNLOCKED, JUST REMEMBER TO CLOSE IT WHEN YOU LEAVE THE GROUNDS.

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E.L.