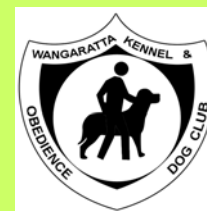


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Members who have any concerns or are in need of information on the activities of our club please don't hesitate to come and talk to any one listed.

We are always looking for interested members to volunteer, helping steward, canteen workers, cooks, people to help set up rings, helpers to move equipment for our shows & trials. To help with club working bees, which are an ongoing activity. All members are welcome to stay for the Kennel club meetings the last Wednesday of the month @ 8pm in the clubrooms.

the office alone. Rhonda & Ruby have been a great support for our club, keeping the obedience & show's going over the years, working whenever needed.

Welcome to all the new members willing to pitch in becoming actively involved in the running of our club. I would also like to thank all those who have supported me, particularly Russell & Claire making our agility equipment in the past and in the future & the people keeping the grounds maintained for us to train on and run shows & trials making it a pleasing place for exhibitors to want to come back to in the futureWell done to all new & old. Our future for obedience & the club as a whole looks bright & exciting welcome again to Kevin.....Happy Training



Happy Easter!

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OBEDIENCE — Maree (out-going Chief Instructor)

Hi everyone. The AGM was on the 24th of February, we now have a new Chief Instructor, **Kevin Felmingham** who will be working with the current instructors to re structure and enhance the classes for obedience.

I have stepped down, but will be still instructing. I have decided my dogs need a bit more attention in the training ring than I have been able to give them in the past, as well as taking on more study. Kevin along with the team of instructors will continue to take classes & are available to help with any difficulties you may be having.

Rhonda (puppy instructor & club Vol) & **Ruby** (office & long time club vol) have decided to retire from instructing & the office, I would like to thank them for their support over the years when Rhonda & I were the only instructors & Ruby ran



A SMALL SNIPPET about RUBY EGGELTON

Ruby's association with the Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club started in the mid 1960's when Ruby moved from Melbourne to Wangaratta as a visiting nurse for the Tuberculosis Branch of the Department of Health in Victoria. At that time she had an elderly Cocker Spaniel who after a couple of years after being in Wangaratta passed away. So a distraught Ruby contacted Marg Wasan the then Secretary of the Wangaratta Club to ask about finding a new pup. After buying a male Labrador Retriever from Mooroopna one of the areas she used to visit with her job, & on route home with her new pup she was perturbed at the howling the pup was making, she found & stopped at a pet shop in Shepparton to buy something to distract & comfort him & ended up buying a lab/collie X pup they had on display in the pet shop. Needless to say she didn't hear a sound from either of them the rest of the way home. After a few months she again contacted the club and inquired about obedience and was referred to Joyce Asquith who was training her own dog amongst others on a Sunday morning and so her association with the club began, going to meetings & helping out at shows & trials, eventually buying another male Labrador, a daughter of one of Joyce's male dog and began showing him, then buying a bitch with Joyce and began breeding under the prefix NABOLA. Over the years Ruby became involved in most aspects of the club. In later years she was the one who was always the first at the club to open it up, every Wednesday night, meeting and greeting people coming to the window & meeting the dogs which she loved, She maintained the office every week and if any of us needed to know rules or club info she was there with the answer, & if she didn't know would find out, being a great support. Over her time with the club Ruby has gained the respect of all the members & competitors who have known her. She will be very much missed by all of us. I hope she stays well and enjoys her retirement visiting us when she likes.



Appropriate Clothing & footwear for training & exhibiting

This seemed to be a no brainer, but it has been observed that some people are coming to the club to train their dogs wearing thongs or slip-on sandals. This has caused some concern amongst other trainers & instructors because of the danger it puts the handler & their dog in if something was to happen, and believe me it can & has happened, which is why these rules were applied in the first place. Like for e.g tripping out of a pair of thongs or sandals, while at the same time trying to control or work a dog. Falling on top of the dog or falling and breaking a limb or at best an ankle, not to mention the scare it puts into your dog, thereby creating a negative behavior (then having to re-train the dog to walk close to the handler again without fear).

This goes for exhibiting as well, probably more so because clubs do not wish anyone to get hurt and Endeavour to have the trial or show run without accidents happening to people, not wearing the appropriate clobber, even bare feet are frowned upon for obvious reasons.

As for Clothes . If you attend a confirmation show you will see a certain standard of dress & footwear this is mostly etiquette and exhibitors dress a certain way so as to enhance the colour and type of dog they are exhibiting, but people are expected to comply with dress etiquette all the same which is set down by the VCA. Same applies to Trials although the standard mode of dress is neat casual, exhibitors still must wear good supportive shoes, again to protect the handler from accident as different paces and quick turns are expected when being judged..

* Please be aware that our club expects everyone to have good supportive shoes when training such as runners, boots for winter, but definitely not thongs or sandals. It is also a good idea that if using food reward for training wear an old pair of pants with pockets to house the treats or a bait bag that can be easily assessable & attached to your belt. For timing of giving rewards, either of these are acceptable, but plastic bags where you have to manipulate or use with two hands just to get a bit of food out of it is no good , because by the time you get a bit of food out of the plastic bag the behavior has long gone, unless the dog has been clicker trained and has an already established a mark action or word, so the food can be given a few seconds after the behavior has been marked. More on that topic in the next issue of the newsletter.

RETIREMENT DINNER

FOR



Ruby Eggleton

VENUE:

Clubroom of

**Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club
Inc**

Date: 21st May **Time:** 6.30pm

Please bring a hot meal or sweet to share

BYO: drinks & nibbles

Tea & coffee provided

- ◆ A list for members to add the dish they intend to make will be in the Office so we don't double up on one type of food.
- ◆ May need to bring a chair.



RSVP—

OBEDIENCE REPORT- incoming Chief Instructor

I would firstly like to say thanks to Maree who for a number of years has been our Chief Instructor running our Obedience classes and Trials with great dedication, I must admit her shoes will be hard to fill, but Maree has decided she needs to spend time on her studies and take a little time out to get her health back on track. So thanks Maree for your hard work and I know your continued support is there with us as we move the club further forward in a new direction with the introduction of positive reinforcement training in the future

Our Instructors are meeting monthly at the moment to look at our training policies and to continue moving forward keeping our methods up to date and introducing new techniques of dog training. We have a great team of Instructors all volunteering their time to help you as handlers.

Obedience classes have been running smoothly for the last couple of months, with classes growing month after month. Our beginners class this month has had a large intake. Grahame has done a great job with them . I must pass on my thanks to Grahame and Welcome him to Wangaratta his knowledge and experience in dog training world is a great benefit to our club. I would like to welcome all the Instructors we currently have, and to Rhonda who has decided not to continue instructing at our club, your input and assistance has being very much appreciated and I thank you for all your hard work over the years. I must say we will miss Ruby on Wednesday nights as she has decided to retire from being an active club member and we thank her for everything she has done over the many years helping and promoting the club.

Our Instructors team at the moment is Kevin, Maree, Grahame, Sheridan, & Sara if you have any problems at training you can stay and chat to any Instructor to get extra help if required. Also thanks to our new counter staff (Sara & Liz) who have taken over from Ruby and doing a great job, well done. This job is not an easy task as it is the first contact point for new members and first impressions last a life time, great customer service at the counter is so important for the continued growth of our club.

Until my next report ... Keep up the great training

Kevin Felmingham

Chief instructor



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Shannon Lovell's CH Shirvin Magnolia Lady (Bull Terrier)

Challenge Bitch BOB, Best Intermediate Group2

Yarrowonga/Mulwala KC

Shannon Lovell's CH Shirvin Magnolia Lady (Bull Terrier)

Challenge Bitch BOB

Bega Valley K&O club

Shannon Lovell's CH Shirvin Magnolia Lady (Bull Terrier)

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Albury & Border KC—Sat

Maree McCabe's TCH Giday Rip Curl Girl CD ET (Poodle Standard)

Passed - Open 170 points - 2/3 passes towards CDX

C&R Weeks & Taylor's Trihound Artemis (Beagle)

Passed— CCD 83 points - 2/3 passes towards CCD



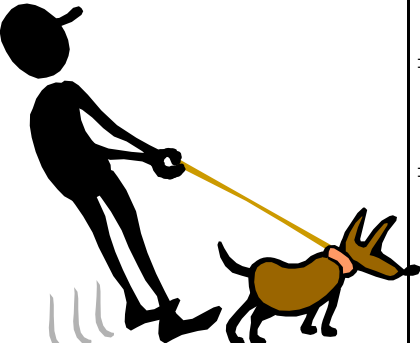
Billie Louwrier 's CH Horton Park Royal Spirit (Shetland Sheepdog)

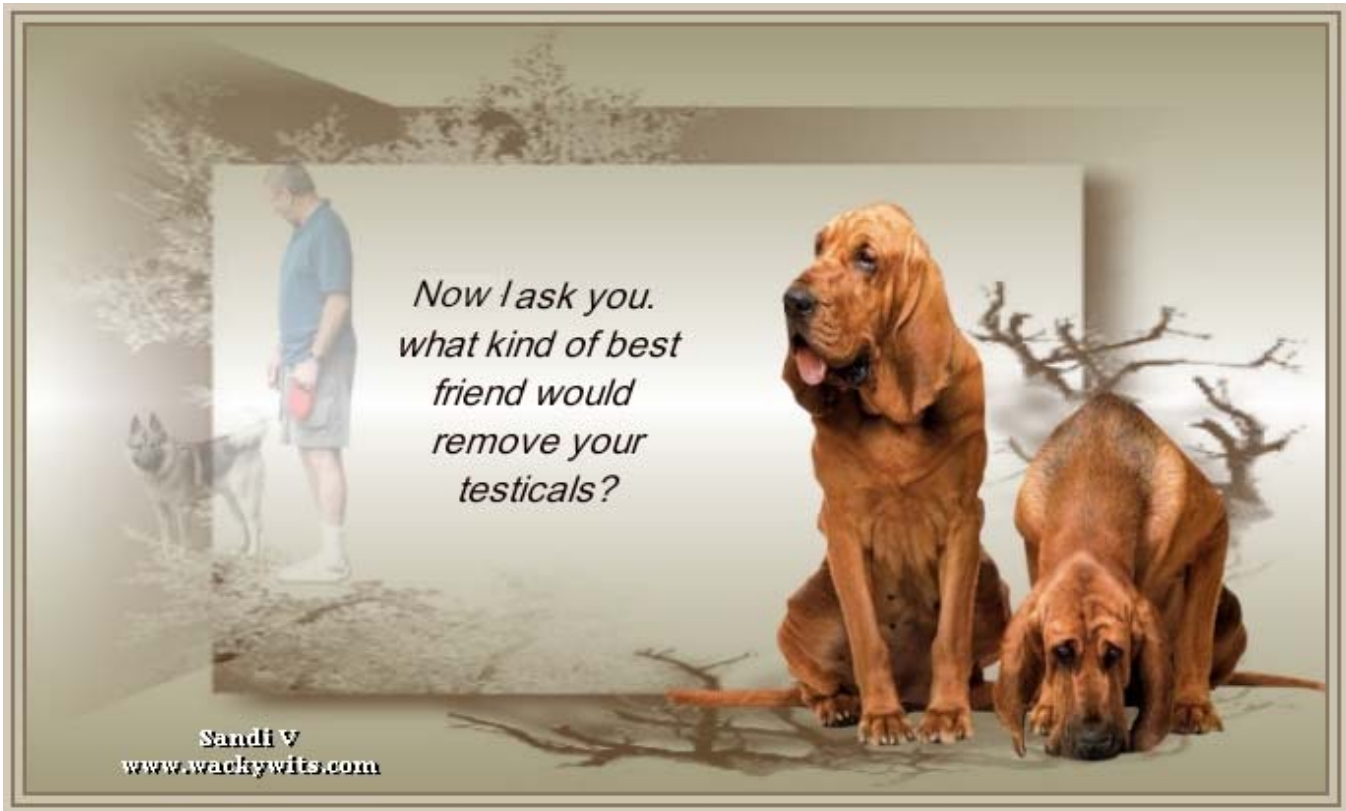
Passed - CCD 95 points - 1/3 passes towards CCD

Albury & Border KC—Sun

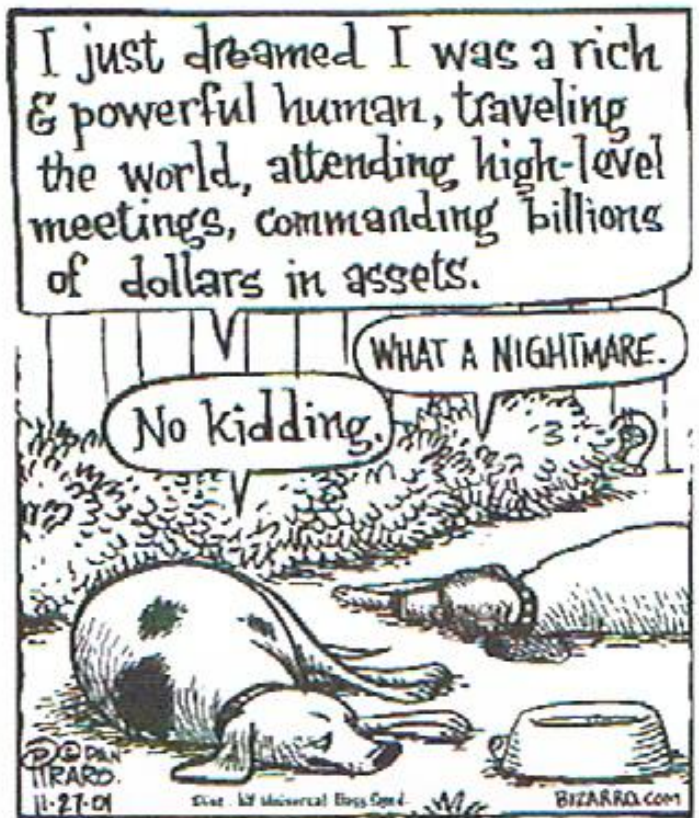
Billie Louwrier's CH Horton Park Royal Spirit (Shetland Sheepdog)

Passed - CCD 88 points - 2/3 passes towards CCD

<p>April 2010</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Happy Easter for the 2nd 3rd & 4th April ⇒ 2nd April—Entries close for Albury May Trial/Show ⇒ Intake of beginners class 7th April with lecture night 7pm ⇒ Easter Raffle Drawn Wednesday 31st, last training night, before Easter - Good luck! ⇒ Tracking Club of Victoria's Tracking Workshop in Shepparton Fri 16th, 17th & 18th April from 4pm Fri to - 3pm Sun 18th ⇒ Corowa KC— Champ Show 16th April ⇒ Deniliquin & District KC Champ Show 17th & 18th April ⇒ Wangaratta KC meeting 28th @ 8pm, no advanced classes that night
<p>MAY 2010</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Corowa & Albury & Border Kennel Club obedience & CH Show 1st & 2nd May 2010 ⇒ Intake of beginners class 5th May 7pm ⇒ Ruby Eggleton's retirement dinner 21st @ 6.30pm in the clubrooms - refer to page 3 in newsletter ⇒ Wangaratta KC meeting 26th May 8pm, no advanced classes that night
<p>JUNE 2010</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Intake of beginners class 2nd June, with lecture night 7pm ⇒ Wangaratta KC meeting 30th June 8pm, no advanced classes that night. ⇒ Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Champ Show—27th June



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DOGS AND BALL WARNING—Reprinted from Border Bark, A&BKC

Anyone who owns a dog and especially those of us that train dogs for a hobby has heard the horror stories of a dog swallowing a tennis ball.

Sometimes, if you are lucky, the dog swallows the ball and an operation is required to remove the ball. If you are unlucky, the ball sticks in the dogs' throat and unless you have luck and God on your side, the result is the death of your beloved pet.

We have never allowed our dogs to play with tennis balls for this reason. When we first started using a Chuck-It we were concerned that the tennis size ball used in the Chuck-It could be a problem. However having used the Chuck-it daily for several years without any problems what so

ever we got complacent and figured that it was safe to use. We never used a tennis ball and always paid a bit extra for the top quality balls made especially for the Chuck-It.

About a year ago Dixie, one of our dogs, started "collecting" the balls and would often run around with two in her mouth. A few months ago this gave us a pretty bad scare when she got one of them

stuck in her throat. Dixie was choking and couldn't breathe but luckily the ball could be seen and we

managed to pry it out. No damage done and a lesson learned. Since then it has been a strictly one ball one dog rule. Until today.....

I was out on our field throwing the chuck-it for all four of our dogs. We were about played out and I was collecting the balls when I noticed that Dixie was lying down chomping on one ball with two others lying between her front legs. She had mugged two of the other dogs and nicked their balls. As I approached her to take the balls away she grabbed a second one in the mouth and then tried to take the third as well, which she managed to do, but only by forcing the first ball to the back of her

mouth and down her throat. She dropped the first two balls but was obviously choking on the third ball. I opened her mouth but the ball was out of sight. She couldn't breathe so she obviously hadn't swallowed it. It was stuck in her throat but beyond reach. I forced my hand into her throat and could touch the ball with the tip of my finger but could get a finger hooked around it. She was staggering about but still walking so I ran to the house to call for help. One of our staff, Luke, was walking past and came to help. Dixie then started to gag and vomit, but no ball came out. I thought (actually I hoped) that she had swallowed the ball. But she hadn't. I forced open her mouth again and could see the ball but it was still "out of reach". Dixie promptly, (but by accident), bit both me and Luke when she closed her jaws with unbelievable force.

Dixie then collapsed. She couldn't breath and we couldn't get the ball out. As she went into unconsciousness we forced open her jaws again and we could just see a hole in the ball. I asked Luke to hold her jaws open and put my hand right down



her throat and with unbelievable luck managed to get one finger into the hole. Using brute force I managed to get the ball out. Dixie wasn't conscious and maybe not even breathing; I couldn't tell. I gave her some thumps on her rib cage and after a few seconds (which seemed like hours) she regained consciousness. She lay on the ground in the snow for a few minutes completely disorientated and then slowly came back to compos mentis. I couldn't tell whether or not she had stopped breathing, probably not, but I just don't know. Both Luke and I got bitten and my wrist is sore where her back molars gripped in reflex. That is how far down my hand had gone.

What I do know is that the look of utter confusion in her eyes while this was going on is something that I will never forget.

Within 5 minutes she was back to normal. We took her to the vets to get her checked over. She seemed fine but after having my hand down her throat we wanted to make sure that I hadn't caused any damage.

Quote!

“Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.”

(Franklin P. Jones, author)

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We have thrown thousands of balls

for all our dogs for more years that I care to remember. We had heard all the stories and preached to everyone about the danger of tennis balls, but this wasn't a

tennis ball. It was the special Chuck-it rubber balls. The biggest mistake we made was ever allowing Dixie

than one ball. starting doing it huge joke. Well into one of the ences of my life. any balls will be

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