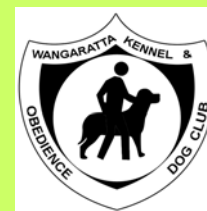


# Newsletter

No 46



WANGARATTA KENNEL & OBEEDIENCE DOG CLUB Inc

**Special points of interest:**

- Obedience Report
- ⇒ **Reminder—Club Membership**  
Renewals are due
- ⇒ Snakes & Heat
- ⇒ Last training day before we breakup Wednesday the 25th November 2009
- ⇒ End of year Dinner 10th December (See Claire Weeks)

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## OBEDIENCE REPORT— Maree (Chief Instructor)

Hi everyone. Well it's the end of the year and very close to Christmas. I for one am looking forward to a well earned break. It has been a busy year for all of us. Great team effort!!!!

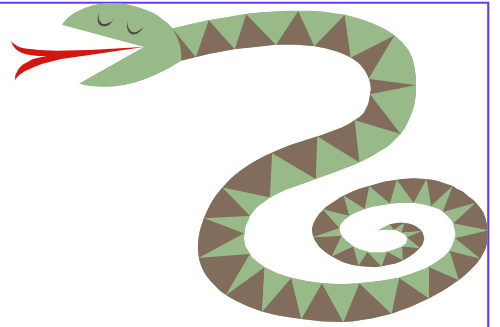
I would like to thank all Instructors both new and experienced for supporting the Wangaratta Obedience. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the upkeep and maintenance

of our club facilities over the year. A lot of hard work has gone on behind the scenes and there are planned activities for the forth coming year as well. This will be ongoing so as to keep the club up to standard. Help from members over the year have been fantastic. Lastly to those who have contributed to helping to run the show and trial.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and safe New Year and look forward to seeing you on the 1st Wednesday of February 2010. Don't forget to keep training over the holidays



# SNAKES & HEAT



## WATCH OUT!!!

Now the hot weather has arrived it is inevitable that those dreaded moving sticks are about and a danger to our pets. Hopefully most areas you may walk are pretty safe, but be alert at all times, by thinking about when and where you walk with your dog in the summer months.

It can be a pleasant walk if you keep in mind a few simple strategies. To only walk your dog in the cool of the mornings before the snakes are out and about. Be careful when walking around near the river. Have the dogs on lead in these places, that way you have control if a snake should appear. Clear rubbish from around your house, snakes love to hide in places where they can get warm and be hidden, until a curious dog comes sniffing around and that's when trouble begins.

If your dog does get bitten by a snake, try to keep calm and the dog as well, and get to a vet as soon as possible. The vet will want to know what kind of snake it was, so if you saw the bugger, describe it to your vet so as the right antivenin can be administered. It is a serious event and your dog may or may not survive, so it pays to be vigilant and take the time to walk in safer places.

The other danger in the summer is "THE HEAT". I cannot believe how many people still take their dogs to the shops and leave them in the car after all the publicity surrounding the deaths in cars that occur from over-heating even, for a short time on a mildly warm day. Leave your dog at home with shade and plenty of water.

### Some tips for keeping cool are you could:

- ⇒ put ice cubes in the dogs water, this helps to keep your dog cool & its fun for the dog.
- ⇒ Freeze pieces of meat in water ice block and the dog will have fun licking the ice to get to the meat. Freezing balls of minced meat is another way of amusing your dog while it stays cool.
- ⇒ Cool coats are a good idea for people trialing or showing in the heat
- ⇒ If you have to take your dog somewhere invest in a grill for the back of the car or a crate so you don't have to leave your dog in the car without maximum airflow.
- ⇒ If it's extremely hot outside allow your dog to come in for the benefit of the air-conditioner. If your hot so will your dog be hot.
- ⇒ Watch for your dog overheating, Please don't walk your dog on the hot pavement in the middle of the heat of the day. How would you like to walk in bare feet on burning pavement. If you see signs your dog is panting very vigorously and looks like their going to collapse, they probably are. Wet a towel and hang the cool wet towel over their back, or get the hose and wet your dog all over, starting at the feet until they are cooler, then let them rest in a shady cool spot. **Remember if you feel the heat, So do they.....Be Safe**

# VALE



**CLARWEN BIGGS**

**1943-2009**

Passed away on Friday 13th November 2009 after a long and painful illness at the Benalla Hospital.

Clarwen was a member of the Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club for many years.

With her Working Kelpie (Sadie Biggs) who achieved Tracking champion, CDX level in Obedience and ADX & JDX in Agility and Jumping. Clarwen and Sadie also entered herding trials gaining HIT, ( herding instinct test ) HDs. (Herding dog with sheep). In later years Sadie became an assistance dog to Clarwen after a hip operation, picking up things that couldn't be reached, to even climbing into the clothes dryer to retrieve the clothes after they had been dried, so they could be folded. They were an inseparable pair, wherever Clarwen was Sadie was beside her.



Clarwen attended at all club events. She was a shy and unobtrusive person working away in a quiet manner for the good of the club, maintaining the equipment manning the office with Ruby, and helping out at trials. Always there to lend a helping hand

She will be sadly missed by the Wangaratta club members and her friends and trialing buddies.

.TCH Sadie Biggs CDX ADX JDX HIT HDs ET

Sadie is now living her days out with a friend.

## RAFFLE FOR THE END OF YEAR DINNER - "DONATIONS!!!!"

Donations for the **RAFFLE** for the end of year dinner would be appreciated. All donations can be left at the office where a box is provided.

If anyone is able to sell some raffle tickets to their family and friends please take a book, but be sure to return them on the night of the dinner or they won't count.

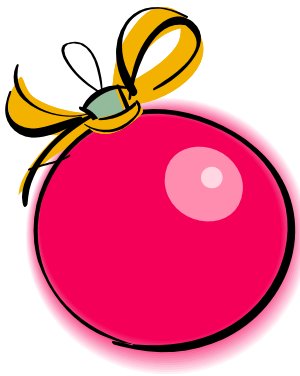
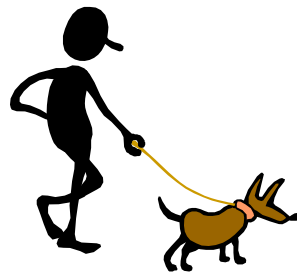
This is our last fundraiser so be generous and dig deep. All monies go to the ongoing up keep and

maintenance of our club. We strive to provide members with facilities that are up to standard for safety and food standards.

Because we are a not for profit organization and rely on volunteers to provide a service to the Wangaratta and surrounding region, we are always looking for ways to fundraise, & applying for grants to upgrade our club facilities, so anyone interested in helping with the work parties, volunteering to help out at our trials and shows, ideas for fundraising that can be

bought up at the meetings and discussed are very welcome.

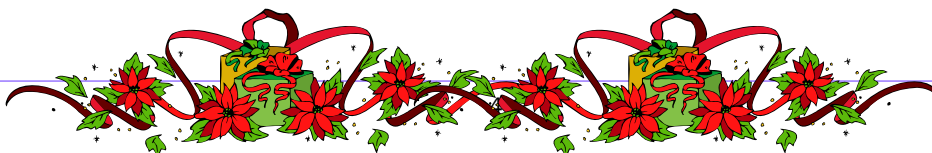
If we all pull together for the good of the club, we will be helping to keep our dogs in our community safe and happy, well trained and behaved and a joy to own.



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"...and I also want the giblets of the Christmas turkey..."



**REMINDER FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IS DUE!!!**

Don't forget Club Memberships are due in November.

Those who joined this year do not have to renew.

Those who joined last year are required to renew membership. If the

fee's are not paid by the end of year dinner 10th Dec

Full membership is applicable, including joining fee.

The club will be breaking up on the last week of November . Followed by the

breakup dinner on the 10th December at TREAD, in faithful street Wang. Those who have gained a title during the year please let maree know for title gifts before the dinner on the 10th Dec

The club resumes again on the 1st Wednesday in February 2010 !

Tickets for the Xmas Hamper will be on sale starting next week, and if you are able to take some books of tickets home to sell it would be appreciated. It is the last fund-



*On Behalf of the Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club May you*

*have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!! See you in 2010*





# **End of Year Dinner**

**At TREAD**

**(Restaurant & Bar)**

**Faithful Street, Wangaratta**

**10th Dec, At 6.30pm**

**All those who gained**

**Titles over the year**

**will be presented with a**

**title gift**



**Xmas Hamper Raffle to be drawn on the night.**

Billie Louwrier

gaining Utility Dog  
Title with

TCH Pastoroleman

Baronesa UD

(German Shepherd)

Sheridan Hicks

Gaining CCD & Novice titles for  
her 3 Dobermans

Truganini Dreamtime CCD

Sunniva Beautiful Vision CCD

Becagem Hot Asset CCD

Vicki Wickenden

Gaining

Australian Champion Title

With her Weimaraner

Aust Ch Ghostwind Latin Lover

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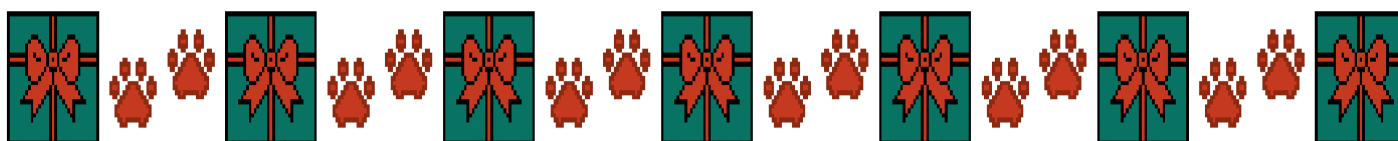
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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**





### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>25th NOVEMBER 2009</p> <p><u>Club Break up for Xmas</u></p>	<p>⇒ Last training night for classes. No 8pm classes</p> <p>⇒ Kennel club meeting 8pm in club rooms.</p> <p>⇒ <i>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all</i></p>
<p>DECEMBER 2009</p>	<p>⇒ Club breakup dinner @ TREAD Restaurant &amp; Bar, Faithful St Wangaratta 6.30pm</p> <p>⇒ Donations towards the Xmas Hamper Raffle which will be drawn on the night of the dinner</p>
<p>FEBURARY 2010</p>	<p>⇒ Club Resumes back for training on Wednesday the 3rd Februry 2010</p>
<p>MARCH 2010</p>	<p>⇒ Albury &amp; Border Kennel Club obedience and Agility trials are on the 20th &amp; 21st March</p> <p>⇒ Entries close Friday 26th February. Cost \$9 per</p>

