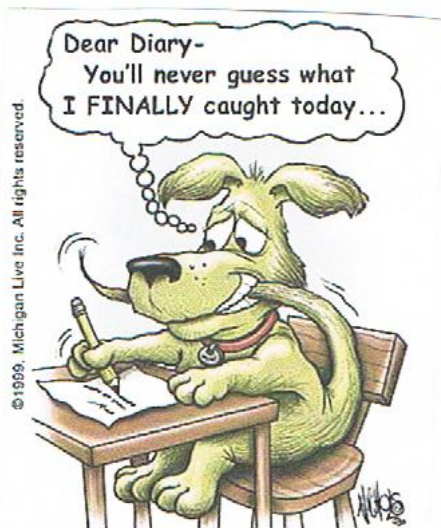


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Next newsletter due out: Wednesday 5th August 2009
Cut off date: Wednesday 29th July 2009

President's Report

Firstly I'd like to congratulate all of our members on their recent success in both Conformation Showing and Obedience trials. Congratulations to Vicky and 'Tango' on achieving his Champion title and Sheridan and 'Holi' on achieving her CCD title. Another special congratulation to Sheridan and Tracie for scoring the most points and taking out 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Corowa & District Kennel Club trial held on the 2nd of May in Albury.

Just a reminder, our Championship Show is coming up fast! 27th and 28th of June. We have received lots of entries and are looking forward to showcasing our club to local dog enthusiasts as we've made some great improvements to the club.

We're seeking Expressions of Interest from members who are able to help out either day – even if for a couple of hours, all help is appreciated. If you're a bit of a cook and can't help out on the day but still want to contribute, we also need donations of soups & cakes to sell in our canteen.

We have organised and booked our fundraising Shopping Trip to Melbourne for the 15th of August – just in time for early Christmas shopping! The day includes the bus trip, lunch and visiting direct shopping outlets (not just another trip to DFO) for only \$55.

This is a great opportunity to raise some needed funds for our club, and we know it's going to be a great day out!

On the 31st of May we held a working bee down at the Clubrooms. Everyone who was able to attend put in a great effort and we were able to get some much needed maintenance

items taken care of including replacing the spouting, repairing sprinklers, installing a new desk in the office and giving the Clubrooms a spring clean before the show.

We tested out the newly plumbed BBQ (and heater!!) with a BBQ lunch which kept everyone's energy levels high.

We also gave the 'Dan Smith Dog Area' shelter a new coat of paint and Ken Smith, Dan Smith's son, has approached the club and offered to donate a new sign which was a fantastic offer.

Thank you for those who contributed at the working bee.

Claire Weeks
Vice President

Are you paying too much for council registration?

Are you paying more than \$22.50 (or \$11.50 for concession card holders) for your council registration? Did you know that if your dog is de-sexed, registered with the VCA (Victorian Canine Association), microchipped, obedience trained, is over 10 years old or is a working dog you're eligible for a reduced registration rate. Speak with the council if you have any further questions.

Obedience Report

Hi all,

Well the weather is turning cooler and this is the time of the year that most dog people relish. Gone are the snakes, those stinking hot days where having to find a shady spot for the dogs was so important (a lot of trials and shows amazingly don't have a lot of shade to offer their exhibitors), so cool coats are used, lots of water has to be carried wherever we go and alternative shade has to be found so both the dogs and ourselves are comfortable.

I personally love the autumn and beginning of winter (not the extreme cold) and can't wait to get out and train and trial being able to sit in the sunshine watching dog shows without the fear of skin cancer or sunburn.....ah lovely.

Don't forget with the colder weather your dog also needs warmer places to sleep and coats to wear to ward off the cold windy weather. Especially the older dog. Maybe a better grade of food with plenty of protein to help keep the layer of fat on your dog (that's not to say to make fatter) to insulate them in winter, and exercise is just as important even if on a frosty or foggy day. So don't forget to get out there and have some fun with your companions.

We are feeling the pressure on Wednesday night training as again we are short of instructors with Kevin away for the month of June. Please be patient and I will be working hard to give everyone and their dogs some training.

Congratulations to the members of beginners classes for April and May. I felt these classes were very impressive and the handlers were working with their dogs well. Very quickly understanding the basic dog behaviour so as to get the best out of their dogs relationship with them and I could see them improving each week and working as a team....Well done to you all. I do hope you all hang around and complete the next level RED class which is where you get to polish up and learn more about your mate

and have the advantage of watching other more experienced handlers and see where you will be heading in the near future. Please stick with it and the results will be tenfold.

Hopefully there will be a tracking workshop this year. At this stage it may be around September for those interested in having a go to see if tracking is something they would like to try. Look out in the coming months for more info from the club newsletter.

There has also been some interest in gundog training for those who have a gundog, and we may be invited to the black range rifle club near Howlong. This has created interest from a few members after I had taken Tia there for a look and some training, because even though she is bred as a gundog and is still working as a retriever in Europe and the USA, Australia do not recognize the standard poodle as a gundog so officially she is not allowed to compete in a retrieving trial for gundogs.

But we had fun and it gave me a taste for more. I was also very impressed how well she took to guns booming around her while she happily retrieved the dummies thrown for her and brought them back to hand well.....Thanks to obedience training and her natural bred instinct.

Again keep an eye on the club newsletter for more info.

Happy training.....Maree

What Is Dog Showing All About?

Just in time for our club's Championship show on 27th and 28th June, I thought I would provide some information about conformation shows for those who aren't sure of their meaning or importance in the canine world.

Dog showing developed in the same way as cattle, horse and poultry shows – they are about selecting the best and soundest breeding stock for the purpose of perpetuating and improving the breed.

Each of the breeds of dog eligible for showing (there are nearly 200 in Australia) has a detailed written standard. The standard sets out the ideal physical appearance, temperament and performance characteristics of the breed. Show judges assess each dog against the standard and against the other dogs entered.

The dogs start off by being judged with other dogs of the same breed, age group and sex. The judge will examine each dog individually, physically examining the dog to feel its structure and check for weaknesses. Each dog will also move around the ring so the judge can study its movements and assess its soundness on the move. The judge will compare the dogs in the class while they are standing and also while they are moving. The judge will then place the dogs, giving first place to the dog which, in the judge's opinion, most closely matches the written standard for that breed. The winning dogs then go on to compete against each other. Eventually the best dog and bitch of each breed is selected, and these dogs compete for the award of Best of Breed.

The Best of Breed winners then compete against the Best of Breed winners of the other groups (there are 7 groups), and the group winners compete for Best in Show.

Which dogs can be shown?

Dogs need to be pure bred dogs from a breed recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) and must have registration papers recognised by the ANKC. They must also have registration papers and be registered with what is called the Main Register.

Do Show Dogs Need Obedience Training?

Showing is not an obedience competition, but it is beneficial to have a dog that is trained to stand still, and to move calmly in the heel position.

Show dogs are also part of the household, so an obedient and well socialised dog makes for happy owners!

Interested in showing?

Our club has many members that are involved in showing. Talk to a committee member to find out more.

Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at our Championship Show on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June. This is a great opportunity to get involved.

TRIAL & SHOW RESULTS

Some wonderful results have been achieved by club members and their dogs since the last newsletter went to print. Congratulations to those who have been successful in their chosen fields, and especially to those who's dogs have received titles!

Specialty Show

NSW Beagle Association Inc (Sydney) Best Baby Puppy in Show – Claire Weeks & Russell Taylor with Langrigg Sparkle in Song 'Sadie'.

Ovens Valley Show Weekend

John Witte & Jean Fullerton - Fuchow Charlie Chan (Pekingese) – Championship

Corowa & District Kennel Club Saturday 2nd May 09

Championship Show

Challenge Dog and Best of Breed (Rottweiler) – Ron & Tracie McIntosh with Allerzeit Ashen Fletcher

Obedience Trials

Utility Dog Trial –

Pass (place and points unknown) - Billie Louwrier with T.Ch.Pastoraleman Baronesa CDX, 'Jackie' (German Shepherd)

Open Trial –

Pass (place and points unknown) - Billie Louwrier with T.Ch.Pastoraleman Baronesa CDX, 'Jackie' (German Shepherd)

Novice Trial –

Pass and 1st place with 183 points – Sheridan Hicks with Becagem Hot Asset 'Sorrow' (Dobermann)

CCD Trial –

Pass and 1st place with 92 points – Sheridan Hicks with Truganini Dreamtime 'Owen' (Dobermann)

Pass and 2nd place with 92 points – Sheridan Hicks with Sunniva Beautiful Vision 'Holi' (Dobermann)

Pass and 3rd place with 86 points – Tracie McIntosh with Allerzeit Enya (Rottweiler)

Pass – Norma Lacey – (Weimeraner)

Albury & Border Kennel Club Inc. Sunday 3rd May 09

Championship Show

Challenge Dog and Best of Breed (Rottweiler) – Ron & Tracie McIntosh with Allerzeit Ashen Fletcher

Challenge Bitch and Runner up Best of Breed (Rottweiler) – Ron & Tracie McIntosh with Allerzeit Ashen Feonix

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Other Results

Vicki Burke – Ghostwind Latin Lover 'Tango' (Weimeraner) – Championship

Bred By John Witte & Jean Fullerton - Fuchow Delaware Boy (Pekingese) – Championship at the Adelong Show

John Witte & Jean Fullerton – Fuchow Portia De Generes (Pekingese) – gained 4 challenges at her last 4 shows, what a great start to her show career!

Sara Reid – Bill (Cattle Dog) – Waggiest tail at the RSPCA Million Paws Walk ☺



Sheridan's Trio – 'Holi', 'Sorrow' & 'Owen'

2009 Sponsors

Are you or someone you know interested in sponsoring our club?

12 Months sponsorship of our club only costs \$60.00, and affords the sponsor advertising in our bi-monthly newsletter, their logo advertised in the catalogues of our shows and trials, and a place on our website.

Alternatively, businesses and individuals can sponsor a ring for our Obedience and Agility Trials in August at a cost of \$50.00. This entitles the sponsor to advertise their logo on our trial catalogue, and be mentioned at our presentations.

Please contact a committee member if you have an interest in either of these sponsorship offers.

We would like to warmly welcome to our sponsorship entourage local photographer and artist Sharon Kohne.



Please support Sharon by visiting her debut exhibition to be held 23rd June til 12th July in the Wangaratta library foyer. Please find details attached to the back of the newsletter.