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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER NO. 36

Welcome to all new readers of this Newsletter and may your association with our Club be a long and enjoyable one that provides not only a better understanding of your dog, but may it provide you with a greater circle of friends with a mutual interest.

The Newsletter is published every two months and distributed on the last training day of that month. Those people not able to attend that session may obtain their copy from the Secretary the following week. Those who aren't able to make normal training sessions can obtain their copy from the Training Supervisor if they advise her before the issuing date.

MICROCHIPS

Ever lost a pet, or worse had one stolen? I've had the misfortune of having one stolen. It was in fact the first Dobermann puppy I owned. One minute he was sucking a bone on the back verandah; 10 minutes later he was gone forever!

Desperation set in as I searched the property and neighbourhood. I spent many long months on that search and contacted schools, shopping centres, councils, Lost Dogs Homes, radio stations and newspapers, and enquired by phone or in person of any Dobermann found. Searching with me were the breeders, a breed Club of which I was not a member and the police. All to no avail.

It doesn't have to be a pure breed dog/puppy that thieves are after, they will take a variety of crossbreed dogs to inter-breed yet again and hopefully produce a fiercer fighting dog, a more aggressive guard dog, a better kangaroo or pig dog and so on. No-one is safe from this sort of theft as animals can be invited to go with the thieves voluntarily, drugged or mugged. If they want your dog they will get it!

The other problem that can occur is that you actually loose your dog. It may run off in fright, it may run off to chase something, it may go searching for a mate or it may just decide that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence.

Whatever the cause, how can your pet be DEFINITELY identified if found and taken to the Lost Dogs Home or to a vet if the latter becomes necessary?

Now this is possible if you have had your dog silicon chipped.

This system can permanently identify animals and offers a 24 hour, seven day a week traceback. Your council registration tag is only useful (if your dog is wearing it) during normal council hours.

It involves your veterinary surgeon inserting one of these silicon numbered chips under your dogs skin by means of an injection. Your dog does not have to be anaesthetised or have a local injection. It is done as simply as when you have your dog vaccinated, but this one injection of the chip lasts the dog's lifetime. Each chip is individually numbered so there is no way there can be confusion between the registrations.

People buying puppies can have the chip inserted when they go for their final injections. Adult dogs can be done at any stage and any age. When your dog has the chip inserted the vet will obtain the necessary details from you for the initial registration and he/she will submit these documents to the Central Registry in Springvale.

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If found your dog is checked with a hand held scanner and the microchip number is displayed on the scanner's screen.

All veterinarians in the Geelong region are participating and have the necessary chips and registration forms available now, ready to go, and the ONE scanner for the area will be retained at the Lost Dogs Home in Moolap. The scanner itself is the most expensive piece of equipment in this whole operation.

The cost of initial insertion of the chip is \$28.00 and you pay \$7.00 for the first year's registration to be processed. The Central Registry will automatically send you out a renewal of registration request each year. Should you wish you can pay \$30.00 to cover you for five years or \$50.00 for life.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Next TUESDAY, October 2 is our Annual General Meeting that all members should attend. The committee for the 1990/91 period will be elected and this makes it an ideal time for you to meet them all together.

Members eligible to vote are displayed on a list inside the Clubhouse.

Members are reminded that the last regular Sunday training for the year will be on October 28. This day is also daylight saving changeover so remember to adjust your clocks accordingly. The following Sunday, November 4 will be our Two Way Fun Day between our club and Werribee on our home grounds. It doesn't matter whether you have trained for three weeks or three years, there will be a class for everyone. It is just like normal training sessions except that you do it individually against your own class members and those Werribee members in a similar class, AND you have a chance of winning a ribbon or two.

Your instructors will advise you of these prior to the event and you will have to complete and hand in an entry form one week prior to this with a fee of \$1.00. The money covers the cost of ribbons etc. for the day. Bring along your families and stay for lunch. The club barbecue is there for your use. The canteen will be open in the morning for normal sales only.

Normal training then resumes on the following WEDNESDAY evening, November 7.

Yet another date to mark on your calendars is NOVEMBER 11, our next Open Obedience Trial. ALL members should attend to either compete or spectate. EVERYONE should participate in the running of this trial, whether it be in helping prepare the grounds; supplying cakes and other produce for our stall; STEWARDING, food preparation in the kitchen or providing refreshments for the Judges and Stewards. An hour of every member's time shouldn't be too much to ask.

Think about your contribution to making this day a success.

The Schedule for this trial is included in this Newsletter as it will not appear in the K.C.C. Gazette. Remember, if you can help in any way, please see Lisa and she will write your name on her list, (or whoever the Trial Secretary is).

#### REMINDERS

If for any reason you are unable to attend training the next week, please advise your Instructor beforehand. If for any unforeseen circumstances you are unable to attend at short notice, please advise the Training Supervisor, Mrs Jan Boeyen on 78 2148.

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The mosquito population appears to be alive and well yet again in the coastal areas and at the Club, so it is in your dog's best interests to give them the protection of Heart Worm tablets. REMEMBER, that before you start your dog on this lifetime regime you MUST have your dog blood tested by your veterinarian first. Most of your dogs will appreciate your sharing the Aeroguard with them too from now on. For those sensitive to aerosols you can either rub it on your hands first, or use one of the roll-on varieties. Even the heavier coated dogs can be bitten around the face and on the feet.

Elaine

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#### PRESIDENT & GROUND MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to all our new members, may your dog training be an enjoyable experience as you form friendships. Please join us in the Clubhouse and join in on all the activities held throughout the year. The Club offers much more than just on hours training per week.

Congratulations to all who passed beginners and basic obedience tests. To members who gained titles very well done. Don't forget to hand in your trial results for the end of the year presentations, trophies and medallions.

Once again I would like to thank the members who have assisted me during the year at working bees.

Break-ins have been a problem this year, but this is now well in hand with improvements to our security system and a few diligent members keeping an eye on the grounds. You will also see we are installing arc-mesh panels in front of the roller doors. This will also add to our security. As for the grounds, they are in splendid condition so please don't throw bottles or cans under the trees. Please assist if you see any rubbish laying around by placing it in a rubbish bin.

By the time you receive this Newsletter we will have a letter from the Council stating the extra land we put in for has been passed and approved at their last Council meeting. I intend to ask for help during the Christmas break so we can shift and install a new gateway and fence line. If you would like to help please let me know.

One more thin, be very careful out in the side paddock as the hot weather approaches so do snakes, so keep your eyes open.

As this is my last report for 1989/90 Season I would like to thank all the instructors for their time and efforts throughout the year. Once again you must be giving very good instruction as indicated by the Certificates handed out throughout the year. To my wife, Jan Boeyen, who was unanimously voted in as Training Supervisor for yet another year, very well done. Not only am I proud of you, but the whole Club thanks you. To Lesley Gaylard, thanks very much for your help and support. To Stuart Innes great work. Publicity Officer is a job of great demand for very little reward. Stuart from me and the Club thank you. To the committee persons who are not standing this year, thank you very much for the fantastic job throughout the year.

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PRESIDENT & GROUND MANAGER'S REPORT Cont..

To the members who will be given Life Memberships congratulations. These memberships are not given out merely because we can, but because they are earned.

If I am re-elected President again this year 1990/91 I will look forward to once again representing this great Club and its members. Once again thank you one and all.

JOHN BOEYEN  
PRESIDENT

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TRIAL RESULTS...TRIAL RESULTS...TRIAL RESULTS

There seem to be two problems here. Either our members are not hot on the trail, OR members are failing to hand in their results to either the Secretary or President!

I attended the Ballarat Trial so I got the one and only result first hand.

BALLARAT

J. Convery

Sasha Convery  
(Border Collie Cross)

ASSOC. ENCOURAGEMENT  
1st Place

Congratulations!

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TITBIT CORNER

A large contingent of triallers went to that Ballarat Trial recently and it proved to be just that for all of us, a TRIAL!

Conditions outside the rings and around the ground were spongy, to say the least, and I for one filled in the day by towing people out INCLUDING a Geelong member! Mind you it took the female of this team to steer the vehicle out whilst being towed!

One dog, not known to excel in her ring talents, did excel outside the ring however. Her owner has secretly been training her to become a search dog for the Customs office with her speciality being handbags. This dog searched and found a packet of chewing gum AND a packet of biscuits which she deftly scooped! The gum hadn't quite gone through her system as she failed the start of the recall by not waiting! (Joanne this is your life!) Stick with it Bella, you'll get your just DESSERTS with a little more perseverance!

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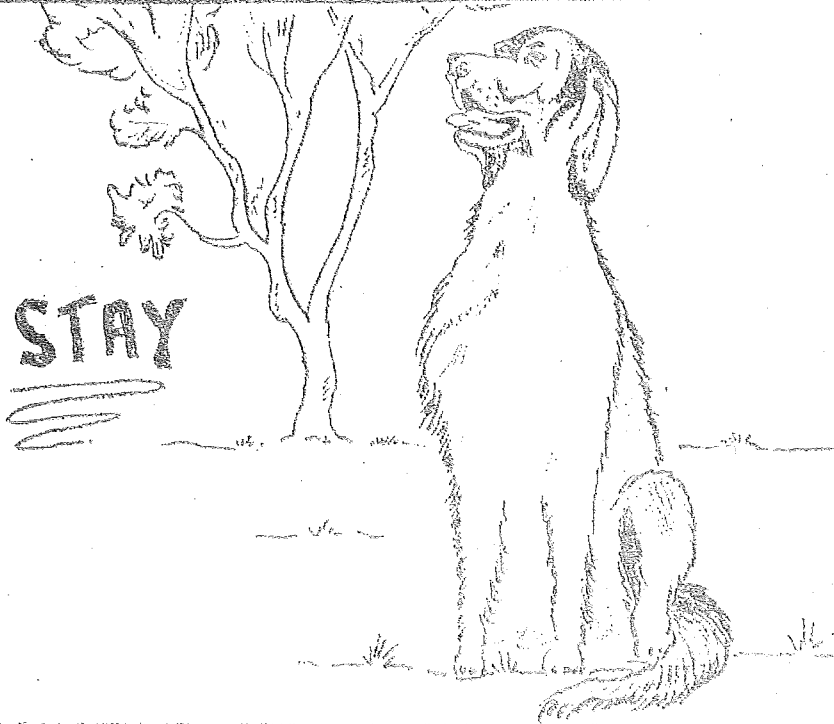
THANK YOU TO ANTON FOR HIS CONTINUED HELP IN RUNNING OFF THIS NEWSLETTER AND THANK YOU TO THE LITTLE BAND OF FOLK WHO HELP IN THE COLLATING AND STAPLING OF THIS NEWSLETTER EACH TIME.

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# PRIVATE OBEDIENCE TRAINING

ANY AGE -  
ANY BREED

**STAY**



BASIC OBEDIENCE  
& PROBLEM DOGS

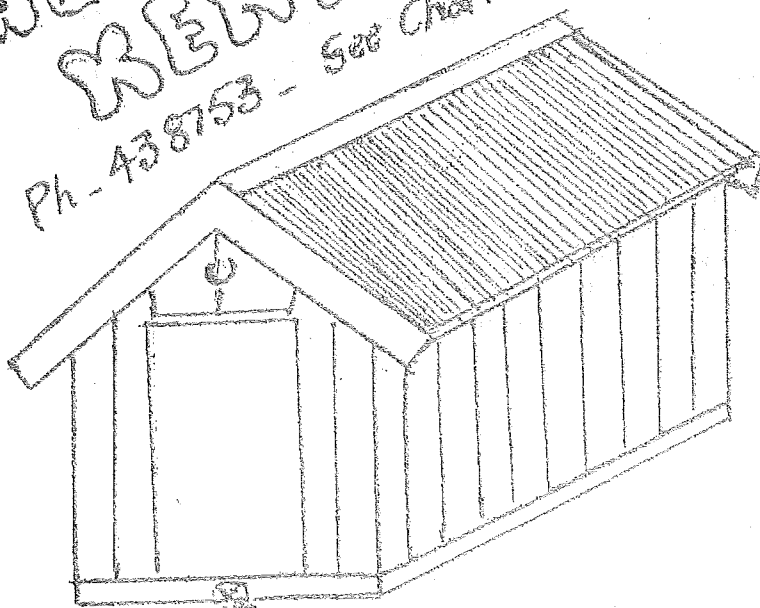
20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE

CHARLIE BARTOLO ring 438753

**MALT-CHA  
KENNELS**

Ph. 438753 - see Charlie !!



Enquires Ph 438753

Your best friend could live in one of our kennels.  
Fabricated from solid timber, raised floor, with rubber matting  
for easy cleaning. Corrugated roof ie (Gator Colour Bond)  
All edges flashed, security chain fixed for your friends protection.  
Inspect our range, we cater for all, big or small.

STRONGHEART - The German Shepherd

How many of you people have heard of STRONGHEART? (Especially those of you having Shepherds?)

STRONGHEART was one of the most remarkable dogs that lived! Imported from Germany as Etzel von Oerengen he was chosen to become a dog movie star playing the leading role. The choice was made because of his outstanding looks, size, background and accomplishments. He excelled in the conformation ring, police work and military work as had done his forefathers. However, none is on record as having the intelligence of this magnificent dog.

After having been in America for just over a year this dog did a personal tour of the nation by popular demand.

Strongheart's owner had to be away for several months and he was left in the care of J.ALLEN BOONE who at that stage knew little about dogs at all, but had the capacity to learn about life and animals in general.

Through this period they grew together. STRONGHEART himself acting more as the Tutor, rather than man training him.

Following this period BOONE wrote a book dealing with 'Kinship' between man and creatures of the universe. In this book he devotes the first 18 chapters to STRONGHEART, and I am sure non-Shepherd owners would enjoy reading of this dog's strengths and tremendous learning ability.

There are other chapters in that book which deal with a variety of other creatures, some which seem realistic and some that raise doubts, but it still is nevertheless a good read. The title of that book is called 'KINSHIP WITH ALL LIFE' and is in our library here at the Club.

Another book which makes a mention of STRONGHEART is called 'PSYCHIC PETS' and this in itself is an excellent book that deals with the depths of perception that animals are capable of and is one which is well worth reading in order to enlarge our own perceptions of the animals we live with. This book is also held in our library and again I highly recommend it to those interested in behavioural studies.

(Originally I had thought that GREATHART Kennels had chosen their prefix after having read about Strongheart. However, imagine my disappointment when I spoke with the owners and was told that Greathart had been a last gasp try for a prefix as everything else they had submitted had been rejected by the R.C.C.)

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## NEW LOCAL FACILITY

We have a ratio of approximately 85% registered and 15% unregistered dogs in our Club.

For those with registered dogs it was probably a simple enough task to find a suitable puppy. However, the actual conception of that puppy may not have been so easy.

Many bitches that are bred have no problems mating and conceiving and their owners are lucky. However, many planned matings require a lot of planning and veterinary visits. Bitches can have the same problems with conception as humans, and it takes just as much care and devotion to get them in whelp as it sometimes does for women to become pregnant.

Up until recently the only clinic in Victoria that was able to do complete testing of bitches and also store frozen dog semen was in LILYDALE and some of this testing required DAILY visits. So it has been a time consuming and expensive cost to many breeders.

Now at last we have a facility able to undertake all these procedures in Geelong which is a fabulous asset for us all. Congratulations must go to BELLARINE VETERINARY PRACTICE on their success in this field.

The services now offered there as a result of extensive research over the last four years into Artificial Breeding and Embryology are:

1. Semen Freezing -

Collection, freezing and storing of semen can be done on the premises. Frozen canine semen can be stored indefinitely.

2. Importation of Frozen Semen from the USA -

Arrangements can be made for quarantine procedures and collection of semen in the USA and subsequent shipment. On arrival the semen can be stored there until the bitch is ready to be inseminated. It is necessary to do progesterone assays to determine the best time to perform artificial insemination with frozen semen.

3. Progesterone Assays -

There are two laboratories that are geared up to measure progesterone levels in the bitches blood. This enables determination of the exact day of ovulation and therefore treat a lot of breeding problems e.g. infertility and small litter size as well as allowing insemination of bitches at the best time with either frozen, chilled or fresh semen.

4. Collection and Shipping of Chilled Semen -

Dog semen can be collected, extended with a special medium and then chilled. It is stored in a specially designed container and can then be transported anywhere in Australia or New Zealand to inseminate bitches. Normal conception rates and litter sizes can be obtained by this method and the semen can be stored for 48 hours.

5. Hormone Implants for Ancestrus (non cycling) Bitches -

They are involved in a research project with a Company that has developed GnRH implants that can be inserted under the bitches skin. Bitches will come into heat 5-7 days later and are then served in the normal manner.

Elaine

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WALKATHON REPORT

On Sunday, July 8, 1990 approximately 40 members and 50 dogs participated in an eight kilometer fund raising walk.

Fortunately, we had fine weather unlike the original scheduled date. The sausage sizzle after the walk proved to be a great success, with 10 kilos of snags being sold at two for \$1.00.

After expenses of \$80.00 and combining the sponsor donations and monies taken from the day's raffle, a grand total of \$834.63 was raised. Thank you to John and Jan Boeyen for donating the raffle prize.

A big thank you to the eight people who helped in the preparation and organisation of the day.

But most of all, thank you to those members, new and old who participated, raised and/or donated for us to achieve this great amount.

I hope you all enjoyed the day.

LISA BLACKWELL, DESMA DICKESON, LEONIE KELLEHER 6.8.90

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TRIAL REPORT - JULY 22, 1990

Firstly, let me say a big thank you to everyone who assisted and supported me prior to and on the day. A special thank you to Bernie Barrett and Carol Gilham for their help and support. Thanks to hall, grounds and kitchen helpers. Once again you did the Club proud.

We had 256 entries on the day with 34 scratchings. Despite heavy flooding two days before the trial, we had 48 qualifying scores. Thank you to John Boeyen, Lesley Gaylard and David Blackwell for worrying with me as we watched the waters rise at 1.30 am on the Friday morning.

As for Geelong exhibits there were 11 encouragement, 14 novice, 8 open and 2 U.D. dogs entered. Well done to those entrants, keep it up.

Financially, fees totalled \$1,536 and costs totalled \$1,175.22. Unlike the Agility Trial we came out in the black by \$360.78.

There were no reports by judges of handlers or dogs and no protests by handlers against any judge.

Our next trial is on November 11, 1990 so get those dogs in training now.

LISA BLACKWELL, TRIAL SECRETARY

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CLASS PASSES

BEGINNERS LEVEL

5.8.90  
 Mary-Ann Anderson - Mischief  
 Tammy Beckingham - Cobi  
 Sue Cameron - Zach  
 Tammy Dalton - Jaxson  
 Sandra Doughty - Zac  
 Graham McKeegan - Tammi  
 Rose Van Eykelenborg- Allie

2.9.90

Deidre Carmichael - Tasha  
 Kylie Day - Caesar  
 Lara Gore - Zoe  
 Glenn Harvey - Polly  
 Milton Nankervis - Sam

9.9.90

Alda Bennett - Jess  
 Rachael Burgess - Max  
 John Dodd - Rusty  
 Trev Jenkin - Bruce  
 Alan Kaaden - Jo  
 Jeremy Kaaden - Jock  
 Mandy McMahon - Sharkey

BASIC OBEDIENCE

5.8.90  
 Ron Eden - Zara  
 2.9.90  
 Kath Devlin - Sheba  
 Nora McDonald - Bouncer

Congratulations to all those handlers and their dogs, teamwork did it!

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DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

On Saturday, September 15, eight members of the Display team went through their paces at Leopold Arts and Crafts Fair. The weather was kind to us, we had an enthusiastic audience and the team performed extremely well - my congratulations to all who made the trip.

As we have got several displays coming up in the next few weeks and also a couple of tentative bookings in the near future, I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of their commitment to the team and the necessity of attending practise sessions regularly so they learn new routines and the changes being implemented for future displays.

My sincere thanks to everyone for their support.

DESMA DICKESON  
DISPLAY TEAM MANAGER

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ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 1990

GEEBONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.  
(Affiliated with the K.C.C.)

OPEN & ASSOCIATE REGISTERED OBEDIENCE TRIAL

To be held under the rules and regulations of the Kennel Control Council. A copy of which may be inspected at the office of the Trial Secretary.

TO BE HELD AT: BELMONT COMMON, BREAKWATER RD, BREAKWATER.  
Melway Ref. Map 228, C11.

SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1990

Entries to: The Trial Secretary,  
C/O 1 Casaceli Crt, Whittington, 3219  
Phone: (052)486208 After 7pm PLEASE!

<u>ENCOURAGEMENT:</u>	Mr. I.G. Scott Mr. B. Wilkinson
<u>NOVICE:</u>	Mr. N. Kay Mrs. M. Friars Mr. F. Valastro Mr. G. Hanson
<u>OPEN:</u>	Mr. F. Neeson Mrs. J. Pettet Miss. L. Vaughan Mr. T. Moore
<u>UTILITY:</u>	Mr. E. Howden Mrs. J. Holbrook Mr. K. Rankin
<u>ASSOCIATE ENCOURAGEMENT:</u>	Mr. I.G. Scott
<u>ASSOCIATE NOVICE:</u>	Mr. G. Harding
<u>ASSOCIATE OPEN:</u>	Mrs. M. Deakes
<u>ASSOCIATE UTILITY:</u>	Mrs. M. Ashman

ENCOURAGEMENT CLASS: For those handlers that have not competed in a Novice class, gained a C.D. with another dog or won encouragement class.  
The Committee reserves the right to divide classes and substitute Judges if entries are excessive.  
Residents of Victoria must be financial members of the K.C.C. to exhibit or Judge.  
Membership expires on the 30th November each year.

OPEN & UTILITY ENTRIES MUST SHOW HEIGHT AT SHOULDER IN MILLIMETRES.

ENTRY FEE: \$6.00 (includes K.C.C. surcharge)  
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH, THANK YOU.

*Receipts will be posted if a stamped self addressed envelope is enclosed.*

INSPECTION: 10.30am to 11.45am (Club instructors will be allowed upto 30 minutes after starting time. ONLY IF THE ENTRY FORM IS MARKED INSTRUCTOR. NO EXCEPTIONS.)

JUDGING: Commences at 12 NOON SHARP.

CATERING: CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.30AM.

- \* **FIRST PLACE** in each class will receive a trophy and sash.
- \* **SECOND AND THIRD PLACE** will receive a sash.
- \* **TROPHIES & SASHES:** No trophies may be issued to a non-qualifying award winning exhibit; however sashes may be awarded.

OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WALLAN & DISTRICTS O.D.C.	CLOSED	6.10.90
WARRINGAL O.D.C. INC.	CLOSED	7.10.90
KNOX O.D.C.	1.10.90	14.10.90
WERRIBEE O.D.C. INC.	6.10.90	20.10.90
ALTONA CIVIC O.D.C.	7.10.90	21.10.90
GISBORNE & DISTRICT O.D.C.	14.10.90	28.10.90
EASTERN SUBURBS O.D.C.	21.10.90	4.11.90
<u>GEEELONG O.D.C. INC.</u>	28.10.90	11.11.90
SHERBROOK O.D.C.	4.11.90	18.11.90
SOUTHERN O.D. TRAINING CLUB	10.11.90	24.11.90
GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.	11.11.90	25.11.90

AGILITY

SUNBURY & DISTRICT O.D.C.	12.10.90	27.10.90
SOUTHERN O.D. TRAINING CLUB	10.11.90	24.11.90

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CLUB CALENDAR

<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>	2.10.90	
DISPLAY TEAM	13.10.90	(CORIO VILLAGE)
DISPLAY TEAM	14.10.90	(HAINES PARK) 1.30PM
DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMENCES	28.10.90	
TWO WAY FUN DAY	4.11.90	
WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING		
RECOMMENCES	7.11.90	
WORKING BEE	10.11.90	
<u>GEEELONG OBEDIENCE TRIAL</u>	11.11.90	
GENERAL MEETING	4.12.90	

(MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT GENERAL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8PM, AND EVERYONE IS REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER.)

TRAIL TRAINING MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON GEEELONG CUP DAY, OCTOBER 24.

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ELAINE LONGSHAW  
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